

The Anderson Island Historical Society

March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Bob Bedoll at 7:00 p.m.

Verification of quorum (5) by Secretary, Dave Durette

Board Attendees

Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Dave Durette, Peggy Hodge, Jeannie and Dave McGoldrick, Carol Pascal, Ed Stephenson, Wayne Wallace, and Penne Wilson

Guest Attendees

Absent

Leslie Lamb, Gift Shop

Adoption of the Agenda March 9, 2022 — approved, as posted

Approval of February 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes — approved, per clarifications from Rick and Ed

Reports from Officers and Directors

President (Bob Bedoll)

Welcome.

- Rick Anderson provided an update regarding the budgeted (\$30,000) Bandstand improvements. Sutton worked on two preliminary designs that would increase the current stage size by about 50% (a steel-clad structure similar to the Annex building vs. a timber/glulam structure) and is doing cost estimates. The committee felt a 30 ft. x 64 ft. stage size was a bit too much. Dave McGoldrick provided additional feedback, but no specific proposal, with regard to an estimated 50 ft. x 35 ft. stage size (which would be about four times bigger than current stage). Dave recommends that the function of the Bandstand and its stage be reexamined. For example, is the primary function of a roofed stage to help protect the performers, but not the audience, from inclement weather? (maybe the Archival Building could be used instead as a possible backup location). Also, other possible uses for the Bandstand – weddings, gatherings, board meetings, share care, salmon bake to eat meals – but the proposed stage size (about 50% larger than the current stage) would only fit about eight, 6 ft.

tables on the stage (about 35 people). It was also recommended that acoustics be considered in the design of the updated Bandstand. Concern was expressed that the improvements should be deliberate to function(s) and not dictated by expense. Todd Billet did note that parking for large crowds/events is still a limiting factor. This additional feedback will be provided to the committee for further consideration before designs are finalized and improvements begin on the Bandstand.

- Greenhouse: the new greenhouse has been ordered and shipped to the farm. The wind rating for this structure is “OK”. The current plan is to not pour any concrete as a footing for the greenhouse. Gardeners are already planning for “lots of living stuff” to go into the greenhouse. The greenhouse will be located just west of tractor shed and storage buildings.
- Reminder: ALHFAM 2022 Conference. June 23rd-28th in Tacoma. AIHS has 2 presentations:
 1. Showing of The Johnson Farm Story
 2. Workshop on creating videos for small museums, Sunday, June 26th

Vice President (Carol Pascal)

Now is the time to work on insurance renewal. Paul Larson could be contacted to get a new estimate for the replacement cost of the Archival Building. We will look into fire/smoke/water damage insurance options. The Archival Building is currently insured for \$500,000. This amount is considered to be currently adequate. The annual insurance costs and about \$8,000 or about 25% of our annual operating budget.

Farm Days: planning is moving forward for this event. There will be food, but we don't know about the specific of the entertainment e.g., speaker(s), movie(s), kids' games, farm animals. The hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m. plant sale start for members). Possibly include more organizations on island so it's also a welcoming event for other organizations.

Garden Club: the first gathering of this new club met last night. There were 21 attendees and quite a bit of good discussion, in one large group.

Treasurer (Todd Billett)

Carol, Bob, Todd have been reviewing at accounting processes. We are trying to consolidate the number of bank accounts to only two. There are no actions needing consideration or approval by the Board until April, at the earliest.

Gift Shop (Virginia Cummings)

No new updates at this time.

Events (Bob Bedoll)

Event Fees should be re-evaluated. For example, we may want to charge an annual fee for janitorial services. This topic was tabled and will be discussed more in the future.

The Board supports doing a program and a potluck in April.

Thank you to Bob for creating an online, Event Booking page

Public Information (Penne Wilson)

Peter Puget Sign – Design for Salmon Bake – brought to AB on April 22nd
Call is out, in the Sounder, for photos for calendar. A “gmail” account was created for Photo Submissions (due April 30th).

The bulletin board at the General Store has been refreshed. It will now attract the attention of many islanders.

Possible improvements to signage at the Farm was discussed e.g., a master map, a kiosk by the giftshop. No specific proposal was presented at this time.

Education (Peggy Hodge)

The docent training in February was a success.

Operations and Maintenance (Wayne Wallace)

Wayne met with electrician(s) and provided detailed proposal to the Board for consideration, discussion, and approval. Two motions were made and unanimously approved **(1)** Tanner Electric installing new transformer for \$7,500 – not a exceed 10,000 and acceptance of Phase 1 for \$4,795, excluding any taxes **(2)** approve of a \$4,000 expenditure for the woodshop

Archive Building (Ed Stephenson)

Based on Pierce County guidance, MASK requirement signs will be removed this Saturday.

Archives and Acquisitions (Rick Anderson)

There have been some additional Heckman family acquisitions i.e., Hazel's novels/stories and a spinning wheel. Also, other donations include six quilts (one with a double wedding ring design for in farmhouse display), dolls, a carved wooden duck, and a painting by Loraine Phillips (needing conservation glass) now displayed in the McGoldrick Library in the Archival Building.

Meeting Adjourned @9:00 p.m.

