

The Anderson Island Historical Society

March 12, 2025

Archival Building Library

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER: 6:59 PM & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM: verified.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Approved as Corrected.

Present: Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billet, Carol Paschal, Jim Battishill, Serena Frank, Lee Ann Whitaker, Sally Buchanan, Ed Stephenson, Virginia Cunningham

President's Report – *Bob Bedoll*

- ❖ Officer Replacements: Still looking. Bob questioned members for ideas for his and Todd's position.
- ❖ Electrical usage tracking: Bob demonstrated this on a chart. He has identified a heater in the man cave and turned it off. Coop 2 now uses much less power. The heat pump in the farmhouse and the refrigerator and freezer in the cold storage may contribute some, but we have a significant improvement in electrical use.
- ❖ 50th Anniversary Celebration: Bob suggests a specific member celebration on the Saturday after July 15. (19) including a meal or dessert offering. A program would review the history of AIHS. Ed suggested a catered, not potluck, meal on Friday or Saturday. No decision or action.

Vice President/Ways & Means – *Carol Paschal*.

- ❖ Insurance: Time for renewal.
- ❖ Fire extinguishers needed have been identified. Bob will send a list to Jim, who will order asap. Discussion included a review of the cost and recertification of future units that will expire.
- ❖ Deck and stairs behind Coop 2.
- ❖ Gardens: Seeds are being planted. Bob created an app with a plant QR code. Volunteers with Android phones can track as plants are sold. This provides a distinct advantage in user information and counting plants.
- ❖ The first sale is on May 3.
- ❖ Model T may be in the parade. Carol will discuss this with the insurance agent.

Treasurers Report – *Todd Billett*

- ❖ Last month's financials: Profit and Loss As displayed.
- ❖ Parking project: Budgeted \$10,000 but the cost was \$7,000.
- ❖ Balance sheet: The total Archival Building fund for this year is, therefore, \$55,163.
 - ❖ Museum Store
 - ❖ Financials: Absent Leslie and Virginia, Bob reported: The Gift Shop provided \$1400 in sales this year, even though they are not open yet. Our co-directors are always willing to open the store out of season upon request.

Archives- *Rick Anderson*

- ❖ Brunswick cylinder player: after years of searching, Rick and Evans Paschal found a source in Castle Rock to fix the motor. Rick sent the Edison Cylinder Record player down for repair. He demonstrated the instrument and can obtain the missing trumpet for about \$100.
- ❖ Heritage Orchard: Rick went to Burnt Ridge Nursery in Onalaska last Thursday with apple scion wood. They will graft five each of the 17 varieties. Twenty-six old orchards have been identified on the island. He hopes to have 25 varieties with four trees of each. To meet expenses, Rick suggested a fund-raiser to include personal recognition for donors who contribute \$100.

Community Services and Events – *Serena Frank*

- ❖ Farm Day:
 - All major players are in place except the food line volunteers.
 - Chili will be both vegetarian and meat. Serena will cook the vegetarian. Angel, manager at Lakeshore Restaurant, will cook the meat chili and will help with price and signage.
 - Ten organizations want a space. Ted Nussbaum will do kids' activities.
 - Curiosity Coop and AI Prepares.
 - Tole painting: Rick's sister and niece are available to demonstrate.
 - Native American crafts. Weaving with cedar bark is one of the main indigenous crafts. Rick will talk to his friend from the Nisqually tribe about demonstrating.
 - Sarah Palmer will sell baked goods.
- ❖ Salmon/Rib bake.
- ❖ Rick Warter will do the ribs and Bruce Rogers the Salmon.
- ❖ Music will be piped in this year. Planning begins in April.

Public Information –*Jon Field*

- ❖ Working on posters for the Brickyard lecture. Rick will send a photo of the workers in front of the brickyard.
- ❖ The sounder article is going in tomorrow. Serena will contribute an article.
- ❖ Quilt: Judy Whiteside will be approached about doing a commemorative anniversary quilt.

Education –*Lee Ann Whitaker*

- ❖ April, Health Care advocates.
- ❖ March 22, Jacobs Point Brickyard, Karen Carter
- ❖ Docents: Starting in April, docents will be on call. The American Legion is excited about Coop 2, recruiting docents, and the saw museum.
- ❖ Training sessions and manuals are in progress.
- ❖ For the 50th Anniversary, Lee Ann suggested etching the anniversary logo on items to sell.
- ❖ Volunteers: Lee Ann talked to John Saatela about docents from the American Legion for Coop two display and the new Saw Museum display.
- ❖ Potluck programs: February Joy Ng – Creating your own story, March – the Brickyard by Karen Carter Schwendler, April- Anderson Island Health Advocates.
- ❖ Docent report: She will provide lock codes for new docents, and several new individuals are coming for training.
- ❖ Monday Share and Care: in Coop two

Operations and Facilities – *Jim Battishill*

- ❖ Orchard

- ❖ Coop 2 heat pump: Completed except for loose ends. Windows need glazing. Pipes will be raised from the floor. The heating/cooling pumps are installed but will be operational after sealing cracks, windows, etc. There is a new door at the beginning of the AL exhibit. Insulating blinds will be ordered.
- ❖ Display walk-in gates are slow to be completed due to a volunteer shortage; they will be childproof.
- ❖ Welcome sign: Nearly complete.
- ❖ Widening the garden sidewalk: Carol reports Doug can begin within two weeks. She will remind him. The road to the lower gardens has been regraded with new gravel.

Archival Building Report - *Ed Stephenson*

- ❖ Thanks to Jim for upgrading the parking lot.
- ❖ A Septic pump-out is overdue by six years.
- ❖ Four smoke detectors in the AB need replacement.
- ❖ Archival Building Status: Our well will likely need to provide water to the Archival Building during an island-wide emergency. Ed has designed a system for providing emergency power to our well.
- ❖ The Emergency exit sign light needs maintenance attention.
- ❖ Ed suggested we take a new board photo every June.
- ❖ Air: Bob set up an air quality monitor that turns yellow or red when the AB is crowded.

Secretary's Report – *Sally Buchanan*

- ❖ Monthly Task List: The AB AED should be inspected. Sally will take action and report.
- ❖ Spring Newsletter: Members were asked to brainstorm topics. Articles are to be submitted by April 15 to Sally for formatting by Jen Guo and editing. In addition to the President's report, ideas include:
 - The fiftieth anniversary "This happened then"- Rick
 - The New Orchard Plan – Gus Comacho
 - Spotlight on the Gift Shop - Sally
 - A Heritage Orchard – Rick
 - An upgrade to Coop 2 – Jim and Sally with Melissa Anderson

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM

Jim suggested that the Sani cans next to the restrooms be eliminated. Discussion:

- They have not been used in about seven years and are an eyesore.
- In a disaster scenario, they may be needed.
- Rick will ask Dale Goodin if they can be useful in the parks.
- Members are to consider and address again next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49