

The Anderson Island Historical Society

April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Bob Bedoll at 7:02 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, and Wayne Wallace

Guest Attendees

Sutton Stephens

Absent

Leslie Lamb, Gift Shop (provided Dave D. with an update)

Penne Wilson, Education (provided Bob with an update)

Adoption of the Agenda April 13, 2022 — approved, as posted

Approval of March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes — approved (with one, corrected typo)

Reports from Officers and Directors

Welcome - Special Items

Greenhouse Update: the new greenhouse is mostly assembled (shell is complete). Plants can and will move in soon. We've spent about \$9,200 of \$20,000 so far (not including the cost for the 5/8th minus gravel). Additional items such as electrical power, water access, operational fans, and louvers will be installed (need heat mats for the shelves). Thank you to all who brought this new resource to life.

Bandstand (budgeted for \$30,000) Update: the advisory committee has not met. There remains hope for a visit by the Tacoma concert band to discuss their needs. There are still two designs: Design 1 is slightly larger than we have now. Design 2 is about 30 x 54 but the committee thinks that is too big for the current space adjacent to Coop 2, may be beyond the amount budgeted, and may not accommodate to Tacoma concert band. The committee is leaning toward recommending Design 1. The committee will meet soon to make a formal recommendation/proposal to the Board in the future.

Dave McGoldrick has spoken to the director of the Tacoma Concert band. The director has some concerns but noted that the Johnson Farm is the band's favorite venue. There are multiple concerns with Design 1 (1) it doesn't cover the audience during inclement weather (2) limited small gathering purposes despite rainy weather (e.g., salmon bake) (3) about 600 sq. ft. would only fit about a maximum of six tables/chairs for events (e.g., weddings) (4) some large bands would be partially covered. Additionally, the functional purpose of a cover over that stage was questioned. Design 1 will likely create acoustical issues for performers. We shouldn't design a stage just for the Tacoma Concert Band as other groups need a much larger stage (1,700 sq. ft.) than is in Design 1. Unfortunately, the Archival Building is not acoustically designed for musical events.

Generally, the benefits of designing a dedicated, on-island structure for Arts/Performance Arts events was recognized and discussed. A larger project could involve multiple stake holders on the island (e.g., Johnson Farm, Island Arts, Parks & Recreation District). Other islands in the Sound have their own Arts/Performance Arts building. Carol noted that the Archival Building is a good facility for some art shows.

President (Bob Bedoll)

- John's salary could be better defined. Bob will reach out to John to get his thoughts/ideas. This topic will be discussed further at a future Board meeting.
- Event Reservation Form – will skip this topic for now but will talk about it later
- Garden Committee – Carol Pascal will chair a garden committee for the greenhouse, gardens, and garden market. The committee members are Val Oppenheim, Sue Huseby, and Jane Groppenberger.
- We should send a thank you to Grays Lumber from A.I.H.S. – thanks for their support and great service!

Vice President (Carol Pascal)

- In process of renewing our insurance for the year. Nothing additional then we had last year – except Annex and Greenhouse – she would like to know if we need insurance for the greenhouse? Don't add greenhouse...agreed to not add to the insurance
- Audit – Carol proposed an annual audit committee process – but delay that for 2022 – not necessary this year
- Farm Day: the movie will be "*Kiss the Ground – The Solution is Right Under Our Feet.*" Peggy is planning for 6 docents. The food will include chili and hot dogs.

Jeannie recruited a gifted baker who is going to do cinnamon rolls (breakfast and lunch). Some great volunteers for the kids' activities have been identified. Possible music is TBD. We'll need about 10 tables for other A.I. organizations. Can Wayne order the new tents? We are planning to check membership status at the gate – how best to accomplish that task?

Treasurer (Todd Billet)

The Profit & Loss numbers, from March 2022, were presented to the Board.

Events (Bob Bedoll)

Peggy and Karen will continue to coordinate the Potluck events. There's currently no coordinator for the Apple Squeeze.

Upcoming Events:

April 26: No Program.

April 30: AIFF program on Ukraine. 4:30pm. Speakers and Film.

May 07: Early Plant Sale 9-10 a.m. (members); 10 start (public) (Carol, Jeanne, Sue S.)

May 21: Peter Puget Memorial Dedication (Rick A.)

May 28: Farm Day & Island Band Concert (Carol, Jeanne, Sue S. - John L for Music)

June 19: Juneteenth. Tentative. (Rick A)

July 02: Salmon & Rib Bake & Silent Auction. (Bob)

Gift Shop (Virginia Cummings)

The gift shop is now open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. Also, there will be outdoor Gift Shop sales in conjunction with both Plant Sales (May 7th and 28th).

Public Information (Penne Wilson)

- Peter Puget Sign (May 2022)
- Event & Potluck Publicity will include multiple methods (e.g., Sounder, Facebook, AI Community, AIHS website, A.I. App, Reader Boards, Email AIHS members).
- Membership Update from Jerry Simonsen.
 - 189 members for 2022 (114 paid, 75 life)
 - 222 members for 2021 (146 paid, 76 life)
 - 198 members for 2020 (110 paid, 88 life)

Education (Peggy Hodge)

Good news – another docent trained! There are now 24 total docents. There will likely be another docent training with another 3 more possible docents. There is a hopeful goal of 30 docents by summer.

Possible Presentations for Fall/Winter (1) Belen will do the first one (may feature birds/whales) (2) Underwater Puget Sound Rover (3) David Williams (author) (4) Upper Skagit Tribe (5) Medicine Creek

Operations and Maintenance (Wayne Wallace)

The current transformer capacity is @104% of the capacity (as a peak). Possible solutions are being looked into.

Archive Building (Ed Stephenson)

We need to replace the lights for the American flag outside. The last lights lasted about 5-6 years.

There are new cabinets in the kitchen. They are installed and usable – thank you, John Larson

Efforts continue to identify items that could/should be put into longer-term storage.

Archives and Acquisitions (Rick Anderson)

New Acquisitions include (1) 200 antique jars/bottles (dist. all over the farm) (2) a quilting frame from Vivian Frazier (3) a few tools and horse collars

Examining box 5 and box 12 from Hazel. There are numerous works that could/should be published in the future.

Antique apple project: 60 apple seedlings are two years away from being graphed. The question was asked - will the antique orchard be at the farm?

Peter Puget – Historical Society and the Parks and Recreation Board sponsored a painting contest – to put out at Jacob's point – winner chosen by Penne, Rick A., and Glenn Robb)

There is a planning meeting to discuss possible Juneteenth events on April 22nd. Bob and Rick will attend that meeting. Rick A. motioned that the AIHS can co-sponsor and potentially host a Juneteenth celebration event @Johnson Farm. The motioned was seconded and passed unanimously.

Can/should we shorten the bookcases on south wall of the library in the Archival Building, by about 3 ft., to leave room for additional paintings on the wall?

Meeting Adjourned @9:19 p.m.

