

The Anderson Island Historical Society

May 8, 2024

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Bedoll at 7:01 PM

Board Attendees:

Rick Anderson, Jim Battishill, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Sally Buchanan, Jon Field, Serena Frank, Ed Stephenson, Lee Ann Whitaker

Guest: Glenn Robb

Verification of a Quorum: Sally Buchanan confirmed that we have a quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda: approved as displayed on screen.

Approval of March Minutes: The minutes were approved as sent.

Reports from Officers and Directors

President's Report: Bob Bedoll:

Bob will be on vacation for three weeks, starting Wed, May 15. Carol will be in charge, but Serena will chair the Salmon Bake meeting in June.

President's barbecue: Aug 4, the first Sunday in Aug is the annual barbecue at the Bedoll Salo residence, also celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Museum upgrade project:

- ❖ Maps photos were displayed at the kiosk of Coop 1 and in front of the farmhouse.
- ❖ The bandstand roof project is tabled.
- ❖ Tahoma project- aim for September potluck/lecture.
- ❖ Copier. Action: we will buy out the copier until it no longer works. A lease on a new machine would be \$1800 /year. It may be prudent to have the phone book printed commercially. Leslie needs the right number of books. Ed recommended we compare prices.
- ❖ The maps and posters are 11 x 17. This is an unusual size. Plastic signs printed by Noland Hoshino replaced some of what was done on our copier. 8.5 x 14 is the more common size.
- ❖ Statistics of copier usage were displayed.

Board members retiring: Carol, Bob, Rick, Ed, and Todd have each indicated a desire to retire after many years. No designated replacements have appeared. Rick will continue in Archives.

Vice President's Report: Carol Paschal

- ❖ Garden Market: Larry has resigned from the dual roles of CHB (replaced by Serena) and Garden Market Manager. Carol is working to find a replacement.
- ❖ Little Free Libraries: Glenn Robb is working with others to bring little free libraries to AI. He would like to place one here, near the gardens/gift shop. Greg Shuler built 13 for \$200 each. The discussion revealed a favorable response. To register with the 501 C-3 requires a one-time fee of \$50. Bob asked who the sponsor would be. Serena volunteered, suggesting that her husband could build a farm-building replica. Bob moved that the AIHS appoint Serena to provide and maintain a little free library. Rick seconded. The motion carried to produce and add a Little Free Library under Serena's management.
- ❖ Plant sale: 1000 from seed, another 1000 from cuttings. \$2652 total income.
- ❖ Insurance: Bill went from \$10K to 16K. The insurer asked about wrongful acts coverage from \$2 mil general liability and \$1 mil from wrongful acts.
- ❖ \$16K is about half of the operating expense. Needed by June 1. Rick offered to consult Steilacoom and Du Pont to seek other options. We have had several medical claims. Other than a new option, the only option is to reduce property insurance to cover just some buildings. Carol will email Rick with further information. Carol and Rick will find a solution by the end of the month.

Archives: Rick Anderson:

- ❖ Juneteenth: For the last two years, Glenn Robb and Rick have been on the planning committee. With no clear show of interest from others, the board agreed to withdraw.
- ❖ Implement display: Rick is working on signage for the implement display, hoping to be in place by the Salmon/Rib bake.
- ❖ Antenna: Rick was approached by Aarron Reynolds about emergency preparedness use by the archival building. The radio group asked about putting a Yagi antenna on the roof of the archival building. Not likely a cost to AIHS. Bob requested more information about what is involved. Members agreed to the importance of learning more details.
- ❖ Archival donation as part of a family trip to the island on May 19th. Marci Cammon, Bob Cammon's niece will bring a historic family table for display.
- ❖ Spirit of '76 Reenactors: Arild is in Montreal. Serena, Jim, and Rick agree the reenactment would be down near the barn. Camping near house, parking at AB, reenactment below, near the barn.
- ❖ Movie production company: Bob and Rick met some time ago with movie producers. Recently they approached Rick about McNeil Island, Anderson, and

Ketron Islands. The company is asking to come to the island on June 19th. Rick suggested that what would be of interest is to feature the work party.

- ❖ Insulation: Quotes for insulating the attic ceiling of Coop 2 with blow-in and sloping roof. R49, fiberglass. Bob asked what had been allocated. \$2500 for a heat pump. Removing and replacing insulation underneath Coop 2 is not necessary.
- ❖ Military Display: Andy Knutson, Ray Mohr, Jim Cook, Rick and Bob met. The American Legion (AL) desires to upgrade exhibit space. Rick suggested upgrading all of Coop 2 with insulation and heat pumps and increasing 6' more display space. Bob asked Rick and Jim to return to the Board with a proposal to upgrade Coop 2, to clarify the proposal. Rick wants board approval for the insulation now. AL discussion led to the cost-sharing of upgrading Coop 2. A heat pump, window insulation, etc. is needed.
- ❖ **Rick moved to increase the capital budget, with a line item to insulate Coop 2 in the amount of \$ 5500.00 with Insulation for Less be accepted. Jim seconded the motion.** Rick will require AL to help finance the Coop 2 upgrades. **Motion was approved.**

Financial Report: Todd Billett As recorded.

March Financials were reviewed as recorded.

Copier: To decide about the copier, as the lease is due, members reviewed options.

- To continue to use the one we have, which is five years old, is not an option. Xerox will not continue the lease.
- We can start a new lease on a new copier for \$160 including toner.

Discussion: If we buy a new one, it is only considered viable for four years, and parts would not be available. This lease expires in June.

Last year we paid \$2,700 for 23,840 copies (11c/copy)

Bob believes we are paying more than appropriate for our organization.

Carol moved that we get a new copier and continue service with the Xerox copier company. Bob seconded it. Further discussion examined the two-year gap between the service available and the end of a lease. Currently, we pay \$9600 for five years, plus toner. Ed volunteered to do research before the next meeting. the motion was tabled.

Action: Ed will chair an ad hoc committee, with Bob and Todd, to meet and decide before the next meeting (two weeks) to decide on a course of action.

Gift Shop: Leslie Lamb or Virginia: no report

Education: Lee Ann Whitaker:

Lectures:

- ❖ No lecture in May due to Farm Day.
- ❖ John Dodge, author of a book about the Columbus Day storm in 1962, confirmed a lecture for Oct 26, 2024

Docent Training: docents are on call until June. Based on limited volunteers, it was suggested to have docents on call or use just one on Sundays.

Publicity: Jon Field

- ❖ The sounder article is ready.
- ❖ Posters are popular and requested.
- ❖ Email blasts will be started.
- ❖ Reader Board is maintained.
- ❖ Salmon/Rib Bake Posters is finalized.

Events: Serena Frank

Farm Day.

- ❖ Rick and Barbie Stockstad will do a scavenger hunt. Luke and Erica Atzert will help kids plant and take seeds. Other participants include the American Legion Auxiliary, Share and Care. Health Advocates. Island Arts, and the Radio Club. Each group has a canopy. Doug Emerick will bring animals. No demonstrations are scheduled. Kit Bender will do the music. Sheryl will do food management. Kevin needs food transport service. He will provide cinnamon rolls, and both vegetarian and meat chili.

Juneteenth: It has been decided to do no event for Juneteenth.

Salmon and Rib Bake: The meetings are going well.

Facilities and Operations: Jim Battishill

- ❖ Garden Gates and pruning are complete. The Welcome sign was stalled with the loss of delivery of the lumber for the bandstand roof.
- ❖ Widening the sidewalks is a problem due to the lack of volunteers.
- ❖ Garden Filters are in place with Paul Oppenheim.

Secretary: Sally Buchanan

Task Spreadsheet: Sally reviewed scheduled tasks with the members responsible.:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted: Sally Buchanan, Secretary

Emergency meeting for insurance premium payment May 29, 2024.
Called to order by Carol Paschal at 11:27 AM
Sally: quorum is present

Attending: Rick Anderson, Jim Battishill, Todd Billett, Sally Buchanan, Jon Field, Carol Paschal, Ed Stephenson, Serena Frank, and Lee Ann Whitaker.

Carol explained a great increase in premium costs and provided a list of each building's premium. Rick met Jerry Rice who would like to become our agent, and has visited the farm. Kendel Lyman, with a very strong insurance background, has consulted and reviewed Jerry's company in Bothell. Kendel advised we remain with Brown and Brown who has all the capabilities and she also believes our non-profit status is best served with our existing provider. We need six months' notice to change away from this company and we cannot take money back out of the pool. Carol recommends we continue with Brown and Brown. We may choose to remove one or more buildings from the policy. A grant was used to build the Archival Building. The customary obligation in grants is to insure the building. We don't know that clause. Originally the premium was quoted for \$16K and can drop to \$13K if we reduce from 2M to 1M for illegal acts. A total of \$4 coverage is for liability and illegal acts, such as discrimination, and sexual behavior. \$3K additional (???)

Rick suggested that next year we approach Jerry and Brown and Brown to seek other coverage options. We may also consider turning over the farm to the parks department.

Serena questioned: can we insure just the contents of AB?

Rick moved that we renew the policy and drop coverage for the annex (storage and wood shop) and AB, saving \$4142. Ed seconded.

Further discussion considered the value of building contents, especially for consignors in the gift shop.

Carol moved to amend the motion, seconded by Rick, to revisit the grant terms for the AB coverage with the Dept of Commerce. Motion was approved unanimously.

Carol called for the question on the original motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Members agreed we must work to be observant of other liabilities within our properties. Discussion ensued re: our need to protect actively against illegal acts and liability. Sally recommended a policy for background checks on any volunteers working with children at the farm.

On another note, the sidewalk replacement was discussed. Rick suggested George Berz' stepson, Daniel Rice, and John Asche for removal of the concrete. We also discussed the additional sidewalk along the gardens as an additional hazard. The Board will discuss these issues at the June meeting.

Serena shared a positive experience about the vets with PTSD. Who came with service dogs from the mainland. The Farm Day experience was very peaceful and positive for them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25.