

- **The Anderson Island Historical Society**
June 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Bedoll, at 7:03 PM
Verification of quorum (5) – confirmed 9 Board members.

Board Attendees:

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

Absent:

Virginia Cummings, Leslie Lamb, Sally Buchanan

Guest: Arild Barrett

Adoption of the Agenda: approved as displayed on screen.

Approval of May Minutes: Deferred, as well as the emergency meeting minutes, until July.

Reports from Officers and Directors

President Bob Bedoll

- ❖ Bob reminded everyone that the annual president's barbecue will be held on Sunday, Aug. 4.
- ❖ In continuing progress on Vision 2025, a new map of the museum campus was installed in front of the farmhouse. The map also serves the purpose of restricting parking in that location.
- ❖ Bob and Lee Ann are still working on The Tahoma video.
- ❖ The decision regarding the copier is still pending. The board has authorized Todd to choose the best alternative.

Vice President Carol Paschal (email is islandflowers@att.net)

- ❖ Carol reported that the second plant sale had been a success.
- ❖ The Garden Market will start this weekend on Saturday. Susie Cunningham, Agnes Rogers, and Jane Evans will share the coordination of the market.
- ❖ An Income Tax extension will allow until Oct.15 to file our income tax reports.
- ❖ Weeds are becoming a problem in the graveled area behind the Archival Building. Grass will be planted there this fall. Potted plants will be placed on top. Of the septic tank lids.
- ❖ Carol is still renegotiating our insurance premium. Since there is some resistance to the plan to drop fire insurance on the Archival Building and annex, this option has not been finalized yet.

Archives Report: Rick Anderson

- ❖ Arild Barrett gave a recap of Living History Days, which took place at the Farm on June 8 & 9. There were 18 participants, including The Spirit of '76 and HM Chatham members. 159 visitors were recorded, including 111 island residents, and probably many more who were not recorded. Participants were very pleased with the setting and the support from the Historical Society (especially Jon Field) and the Fire Department. The group would like to return in the future, especially to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, which will occur July 4, 2026. The Board agreed that the group would be welcome. Their suggestion to combine Living History Days with the Salmon/Rib was met with some skepticism, but everyone was encouraged to give the idea some thought.
- ❖ Rick reported that progress on the Heckman project was continuing, as well as signage for the farm implements on display outside the barn.
- ❖ A film crew was expected on Wednesday, June 19, and notice was served that they would like to take a video of the work party.

Treasurer: Todd Billet

Todd gave a recap of Farm Day and the plant sales. The financial report is recorded.

Gift Shop: Leslie and Virginia

No report

Education: Lee Ann Whitaker:

Five new docents have joined. Locking up after shifts will be emphasized.

Publicity: Jon Field

- ❖ Jon reported that he had revamped the signboards for the salmon bake table cards. Table cards will be furnished to the Lakeshore Restaurant.
- ❖ Items for the July Souder are due in a few days.
- ❖ Jon commented on the need to communicate with off-islanders regarding the salmon bake and other events. He has been trying to get the ticket office on the Steilacoom Dock to post information. He will continue to send out email blasts to members.

Events: Serena Frank

- ❖ Serena mentioned the need to move the compost pile located near the outdoor stage.
- ❖ Salmon/Rib Bake planning is in progress and on track. A list of servers is needed. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 19.
- ❖ The Veterans Picnic is scheduled for July 20. Serena needs keys. Bob Bedoll will make copies for her.
- ❖ Tanner will be pruning and chipping on the island next year. We will request a few loads of their wood chips.

Facilities and Operations: Jim Battishill

- ❖ The woodworking shop is nearly complete.
- ❖ Instead of widening the sidewalk between the gardens, the border level was raised by adding chips.
- ❖ No progress was reported on Farmhouse projects.
- ❖ The welcome sign will be a winter project.
- ❖ The well filter replacement is done.
- ❖ The insulation project in Coop II is complete.
- ❖ Options for installing mini-split heat pump equipment in Coop II in conjunction with The American Legion are being explored. The likelihood is that we will be able to manage the installation jointly if we can furnish the wiring.

Archival Building: Ed Stephenson

- ❖ Regarding complaints about the stairs outside the North door, a ramp is not feasible. Persons having difficulty negotiating the steps are encouraged to go around and use the ramp to the West.
- ❖ The drinking fountain is malfunctioning.
- ❖ The lights in the middle of the Carlson Store display are failing. Rick will contact Mark Zelmer about replacing them.
- ❖ Jon mentioned the need for an awning over the North door of the Archival Building.

Secretary: Sally Buchanan: Sally was absent and the task list was unavailable.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Recorded by Rick Anderson, Transcribed by Sally Buchanan