

The Anderson Island Historical Society Board of Directors meeting July 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Bedoll, at 7:05 p.m.
Verification of quorum (5) – confirmed 10 Board members.

Attendees: Members and Directors

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

Guests - Leslie Lamb, and Virginia Cummings

Adoption of the Agenda: approved as displayed on screen.

Approval of Minutes from June and the special meeting. Approved as corrected.

Reports from Officers and Directors

President Bob Bedoll

- ❖ President's barbecue is Aug 4. All volunteers are invited, with family members.
- ❖ Partitions in exhibits to control visitors will allow us to open more of the farm without additional docent attendance.
- ❖ Bandstand: Bob will meet with Jani Hitchens, from Pierce Co Council, to consult with her and the staff about the roof of the bandstand. Discussion surrounded ways to name the stage to fit requirements. The original permit states the AB is a warehouse, which is a precedent for naming the stage differently.
- ❖ Copier: Todd said the copier lease has expired, but no one from the company has mentioned removing it, or a purchase requirement.
- ❖ Salmon Rib Bake: The screen displayed statistics. The food cost still fits within the goal to price food at twice its cost. Two-thirds of the annual budget is covered by this event and our cost has increased significantly.
- ❖ Increased patronage would benefit from having an additional 1:30 ferry. Jani Hitchens may provide help.

Vice President Carol Paschal

- ❖ Garden Market
 - The three coordinators of the market are doing a great job.
 - No financial report from the market this time.
- ❖ Insurance: Carol asked the agent to return the two buildings that had been removed from the policy.

- ❖ Volunteer hours: we need to be diligent about recording work hours, especially for the Salmon/Rib bake. Carol was asked to contact Rick Warter about the volunteer hours. We used to pay 6.5 cents per hour for insurance. But it will also be very useful for writing grants to have that data. Bob summarized the number of volunteers per lead for the event, which is 130, which explains why we must charge volunteers for their meals.
- ❖ Gardens: A “Wine and Weed” event next Thurs. evening will help clean garden borders and provide required volunteer hours.
- ❖ Gardeners are required to volunteer six hours; some used the Salmon/Rib bake hours.

Archives: Rick Anderson

- ❖ Jesse Hart Wright and Hazel Heckman co-authored a book: One More Hostage. Ralph has edited 140 pages of their book.
- ❖ Signs for outdoor implements. Text and pictures are being produced; the goal is to be completed by the Apple Squeeze.
- ❖ An island map from 1889 with all property owners was found and will be reproduced for the gift shop to sell.

Treasurer: Todd Billet

- ❖ Financials were reported as seen on the chart.
- ❖ Garden market budget is due this month. **Action:** Carol and Todd need to identify the taxable amount and that will be given to Virginia Cummings to record per gift shop.
- ❖ Administrative: Insurance premium. During recent weed trimming, rocks at the foundation of the annex were thrown, causing two windows to be broken in another volunteer’s vehicle. We covered the expense. Discussion surrounded developing a guideline around reimbursement for similar situations. A previous example was discussed. In this case, the damage was the outcome of a farm assignment. The board agreed no further action should be taken.
- ❖ A lock for the farmhouse kitchen door needs to be replaced.
- ❖ Ed reminded members that annual budgeted expenses that are exceeded require board approval.
- ❖ **Motion to approve financial report:** Carol moved, and Rick seconded her motion to approve the financials for the second quarter of 2024. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gift Shop: Leslie and Virginia

- ❖ Financial report: Virginia was not able to print a financial report due to the lack of a printer.
- ❖ Profit and loss from May were reviewed by Bob with Virginia.
- ❖ Internet problems: the loss of internet signal during the Salmon/Rib bake is a significant problem.

- ❖ **Motion:** Rick moved, and Carol seconded that we purchase Star Link to replace Century Tel, assuming it passes the test of the signal. The motion passed unanimously. Issues regarding equipment storage will be discussed.

Education: Lee Ann Whitaker:

- ❖ Docents: One new docent is being trained.
- ❖ Lectures: Brad Biggerstaff has committed and will be promoted for the September potluck. John Dodge is the October lecture and is the last potluck of the year.
- ❖ Docent picnic: The annual picnic was today.
- ❖ Donations: At the Salmon Rib bake, 43 people came, but no donations were received in the farmhouse box. Lee Ann observed multiple contributors to Kit Bender playing music on the porch. Visibility may be an issue. Bob directed the solution to Lee Ann and Mary.

Publicity: Jon Field

- ❖ For the Salmon/Rib bake, Jon updated the FB presale notice three times per day. Lots of advertising for the auction. Three email blasts.
- ❖ Awning: Regarding his caretaker function, Jon wants an awning over the side door to protect mats etc. Jon is authorized to find one on Amazon ideally like the annex awning and confirm with Ed for suitability. Rick observed the deterioration of caulk on the Archival Building.

Membership: Per Dave Durette, AIHS membership is 255.

Events: Serena Frank:

- ❖ American Legion Picnic: Wayne will work with the American Legion to set up for that picnic.
- ❖ Two more concerts are set. The last concert involved food and much garbage. Bob and Serena will discuss this with Sue Anderson from Island Arts. Jim reminded members that per the contract, the facility is to be returned to its original condition. Bob will clarify and update the public web page.
- ❖ Apple Squeeze: Bob cautioned that we need to find plastic jugs soon. Last year was a problem due to late effort. Uline jugs cost \$1. Ea.

Facilities and Operations: Jim Battishill

- ❖ The Wood shop is coming together with Dennis Gardner's help. Several important tool and wood donations from one party have provided significant benefit to the wood shop.
- ❖ Sidewalk: Jim suggested removing wood chips and replacing with 5/8 minus gravel to avoid cost and difficulty of removing and replacing sidewalks.

- ❖ Farmhouse projects are ongoing. Partitions are being built.
- ❖ The welcome sign has been picked up, and rebuilding has started.
- ❖ Another garden filter is pending.
- ❖ No smoking signs were purchased and mounted.
- ❖ Slats on gift shop railing have been requested but need more research.
- ❖ Mini split installation in Lois Scholl Room is in discussion between Rick and the American Legion.
- ❖ Steps have been installed on the side of the bandstand, allowing for future handrail.

Archival Building: Ed Stephenson

- ❖ Lights are out on the gas pumps display.
- ❖ Drinking fountain continues to be troubled.

Secretary: Sally Buchanan

The task Spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted: Sally Buchanan