

# **The Anderson Island Historical Society Board of Directors meeting August 14, 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, Virginia Cummings, Paul Oppenheim

**Adoption of the Agenda:** approved as displayed on screen.

**Approval of Minutes** from July and the special meeting. Approved as presented.

## **Reports from Officers and Directors**

### **President Bob Bedoll**

- ❖ Cold Room Problem- The current unit is broken and would be very expensive to fix. Paul Oppenheim presented a slide show with elements of the current equipment and two quotes. Expected expense is \$10,000-20,000 to correct the problems. Paul's research for new equipment as follows:

- Sunset Air is \$14,000 plus tax.
- RUI is \$18,684 plus tax.
- Five Star Mechanical- poor or no response
- Sound Refrigeration-poor or no response
- Self-contained unit: Cooler Depot
- Options:
- Service call \$1-2000
- Sunset Air \$14,800 plus tax (two weeks' time to install)
- RUI \$18,684
- Cooler Depot \$2,856 or \$4,170 plus \$300 shipping (ship to Fife in seven days). We install. No follow-up service available. Toxic coolant must be removed by us as part of demolition. Other problems noted by Paul.
- Find alternative cooler for approximately 3500 pounds apples

Discussion involved urgency of timing to protect apples for the Apple Squeeze, and cost/benefits of the choices.

Action: An ad hoc committee of Bob, Jim, Paul, Ed, and Jim will meet Thursday to commit to a plan.

Ed Moved and Carol seconded that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for the committee to decide and commit to a choice for a cooler. The motion

was unanimously approved. Bob questioned, "What risk to the Apple Squeeze are we willing to accept if we don't act now?"

- ❖ Starlink –Approved at last month's meeting, the receiver was installed and the function was approved by the gift shop directors. Century link was disconnected Monday. Phone service is still with CL, but other options are being considered.
- ❖ Vision 2025 Museum upgrade project (with Rick)
- ❖ Tahoma Video project (with LeeAnn)
- ❖ Policy 2024-26 on damage to volunteer's personal property. Rick moved and Todd seconded to accept the policy as written. Discussion addressed damage to other persons or equipment. Carol pointed out insurance may help. Policy was approved by the board.

#### **Vice President/Ways and Means- Carol Paschal**

- ❖ Low water pressure in the greenhouse- As consequence of watering in the gardens. We don't know maximum flow rates in upper versus lower gardens. 1" line to last garden. Options include assigning a schedule of different gardens. Bob suggested next work party to spend time working on this.
- ❖ Garden Market: The new management is working well. The use of the Square system for billing supports needed tax information.
- ❖ Insurance: If we have different levels of deductible from 5-10-15-25, we would save less the higher we go. Carol believes if we don't have insurance on the Archival Building, the many supporters/volunteers would not choose to support another. Electrical or Arson-caused fire is conceivable. Bob believes it would be irresponsible to not insure our most valuable asset. Carol moved to restore insurance for annex and AB with current deductible of \$5,000. Sally seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Ed suggested a need for policy for use of the office/kitchen, based on recent occurrences of smoke alarms.
- ❖ (for future consideration) Expansion of gardens. Currently, 16 people on the waiting list. Carol believes an expansion should follow solving of water problems. Discussion re: pros and cons resulted in agreement to not add more gardens at this time. LeeAnn relayed a request from a disabled patron to add accessible gardens. Carol will research.

#### **Archives: Rick Anderson-**

- ❖ Victrola in the Farmhouse: A visit from Hazel Heckman's niece involved ...? The (Brunswick) player, has had a broken arm. Rick found and purchased a new arm, but the turntable doesn't work. He and ? will continue to ...
- ❖ Model Ts: Bob asked Dave Hummel for info in order to make signs

#### **Treasurer: Todd Billet-**

- ❖ Copier. Nothing new to report.

- ❖ Profit and Loss chart was presented. July brought in \$27,000. Balance sheet was reviewed. Todd recommended purchase of a CD. Key Bank requires a second signature. Total assets: \$220,000.

**Gift Shop: Leslie and Virginia:** July Profit and Loss \$8,390 YTD \$24,000.  
Consignment fees reduced to Net income \$1,968. \$5,971.67.

**Education: Lee Ann Whitaker:**

- ❖ No new docents.
- ❖ Will confirm process for October with Brad Biggerstaff

**Public Information: Jon Field:**

- ❖ Routine Announcements: FaceBook, posters,
- ❖ An awning for the back door: He will talk to Ed.
- ❖ Lighting replacement for the store display; Jon will discuss with Rosemary Zellmer.

**Membership:** 262 members. Need only 8 to get to goal. Next month new members get free membership for 2025.

**Community Services and Events: Serena Frank:**

- ❖ Garbage is much better managed.
- ❖ Daryl and the Diptones. Barbie and Nancy Fitzgerald will talk about parking with Serena. VIP will provide food for their volunteers. Kevin will sell food as usual.
- ❖ Apple Squeeze: She and Bob are prepared for the Apple Squeeze. She is working toward jugs acquisition.
- ❖ Octoberfest: Island Arts did last year at the Community Club; it will be here this year.

**Facilities and Operations: Jim Battishill**

- ❖ Wood shop in Annex. Close but not completed.
- ❖ Widen sidewalk. Bark down is helping, but Jim prefers permanence of 5/8 minus. Carol questioned complete concrete walkway. Several concerns have prevented that solution. Carol will bring insurance consultant back to advise. Bob delegated Jim and Carol to review and recommend a solution.
- ❖ AI Welcome Sign should be done by the Apple Squeeze. Rick asked for a date change on the lower part of the sign.
- ❖ Well filter – Val will design a system
- ❖ No Smoking signs may need to be replaced
- ❖ Slats on theme gift shop ramp must be delayed until a less busy time.
- ❖ Mini split in Lois Scholl room. Rick is working with American Legion. Ed asked about using the American Legion volunteers in lieu of money toward that.
- ❖ Handicapped parking sign will be cleaned and repainted by Rick and Todd
- ❖ Moss on the roof: the quote was too high (\$800). School house has been treated successfully with baking soda. Rick will talk to Dale from the Park Board.

**Archival Building: Ed Stephenson**

Aarron Reynolds and Rick will talk with Ed and Bob re: use of the AB for use in a disaster.

**Secretary: Sally Buchanan**

The task Spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed.

P.S. Serena: a group of vintage car drivers on 9/18 will be touring the island. Leslie will open the gift shop.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted: Sally Buchanan