

The Anderson Island Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM: The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billet, Sally Buchanan, Jon Field, Carol Paschal, Ed Stephenson, Serena Frank, LeeAnn Whitaker

ABSENT: Jim Battishill

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: As displayed on the screen.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Minutes were approved with one clarification related to membership. Any new members paying dues starting in September will also be given next year's membership.

President's Report – *Bob Bedoll*

- ❖ Cold Room Report: A new machine is installed and is expected to last two or more decades. The final bill has not been received.
- ❖ Starlink & phone report: The system has proven quite reliable. Gift Shop managers are happier with Starlink for handling financial transactions and the internet is no longer on Century Link. Phone service is due to be transferred to Star Link tomorrow. The office and conference room phones are connected to Star Link now. The gift shop may not be fully active until next week. The cost saving is significant.
- ❖ Vision 2025 Museum upgrade project (with Rick)
- ❖ Tahoma Video project (with Lee Ann) report with Lee Ann is due to be presented at the November Film Festival. About 35" long, it features interviews with many islanders and is considered award-worthy by Rick.
- ❖ Archival Building Disaster Center project will be reported on by Rick.

Vice President/Ways & Means – *Carol Paschal*

- ❖ Gardens & Garden Market. Carol will need help with tents this Saturday while the Red Dragon is in place. Jon will provide. The last Market will be the end of September.
- ❖ Accessible Gardens: Carol approved one gardener's request, which produced an installation of metal container gardens in one garden.
- ❖ The Tax Bill is nearly prepared. This is not a requirement for a 501C3 organization, but it is useful and shows our financial accountability.
- ❖ No movement yet on water problems; Carol is hopeful that after the Apple Squeeze, time will be made available to address this issue for the gardens.

- ❖ Insurance: Those Issues are resolved.

Treasurers Report – *Todd Billett*

- ❖ **Last month's financials:** Profit and Loss tables were displayed on the screen. All figures are within expectations.
- ❖ **2025 Budget:** The projected 2024 income of \$72,600 has proved realistic based on current income and expectations; the numbers will be the same. Expenses related to the insurance premium may be more,
- ❖ **Copier Lease:** the copier is expected to cost less. The company has stopped billing for the expired lease, but Todd has not heard from them.
- ❖ Bob reminded the board members that each director is responsible for reviewing that section's budget and bringing changes/concerns to Todd before the board meeting in October. Bob mentioned that Jim is likely to see the most significant increases. Ed mentioned additional tents.
- ❖ **2025 Capital expense:** Todd asked for input. The security system (cameras) is one.

Museum Store – No report

Community Services and Events – *Serena Frank*

- ❖ Report on previous and upcoming events:
- ❖ Concerts
- ❖ Apple Squeeze- Date is set for September 21. Procedures and assumptions were discussed in preparation.

Public Information –*Jon Field*

- ❖ Apple Squeeze 9/21, potluck, garden market
- ❖ Souder inputs
- ❖ Publicity

Membership: 261 members for 2024 (186 paid, 75 life),

Web site

Ed – Archival Bldg. The music bells and associated things have been moved to the AICF church storage. Bob is donating a smaller 50" TV for smaller events.

Education –*Lee Ann Whitaker*

Potluck programs:

- ❖ September 28 Brad Biggerstaff will discuss the Island water supply.
- ❖ October presenter is John Dodge on the big Columbus Day storm from 1962.

- ❖ None in November or December
- ❖ February 22, is Joy Ng on historic importance of writing one's own story.
- ❖ March , Rick suggested historian Karen Carter

Bob reminded Lee Ann of the Tahoma movie for any open space.

Serena recommended John Ullis who just returned from a 3-month trip to Latvia.

LeeAnn pointed out a problem with children yesterday who accidentally drew lines on the wall while holding the handrail. Bob suggested she talk to Jim.

Docent report: no new docents

Operations and Facilities – *Jim Battishill*

- ❖ (In Jim's absence, the members shared information to the extent that they could)
- ❖ Orchard is thriving, due to improved watering and Val and Paul's improved filter system.
- ❖ Display walk-in gates. (Tim Brown is doing this project, and they bring much to the appearance of the exhibits.)
- ❖ Widening the garden sidewalk (Carol spoke with Doug Emerick and Jim about a new design and plan).
- ❖ Friday 9/27, an insurance agent will be here. Carol will include Jim in a review of the site.
- ❖ Lois Scholl heat pump, (discussion continues between Rick and the American Legion)
- ❖ Moss on AB Roof. (Rick shared that Dale Goodin will do a baking soda preparation, for much less money).

Archival Building Report - *Ed Stephenson*

Archives- *Rick Anderson*

- ❖ McGoldrick Library Art Gallery of special island artists will include Lynne Jacobsen's recently donated painting, "From the Farmhouse."
- ❖ Karen Carter-Schwendler is a relatively new islander with PhD in musicology. She is working on the history of the Anderson Island brickyard and is willing to speak of that at a potluck. Tentatively March 22 was scheduled for this.
- ❖ Archival Building Disaster Plan: Aaron Reynolds is the Division Chief tasked with developing an island Disaster Response plan. Rick and Bob have met with him about using the archival bldg. to shelter disaster victims. Bob has assigned Rick the leadership of a committee to create a plan. Bob, Ed, Jon and Serena will serve on the ad hoc committee. Several other island organizations are also involved.
- ❖ Heat Pump for Coop 2: American Legion has agreed to a plan where AIHS is responsible for the wiring and AL will do the installation. Rick's son-in-law recommended a unit displayed on the screen, costing \$5500.00 with three wall units to be installed in the Lois Scholl Room, and two other rooms of Coop 2.

Discussion: Question re: proportion of work and expense of \$2500 was approved for just the Lois Scholl Room. This will benefit the Coop 2 Domestic and Maritime displays as well as the AL. **Ed moved** that we increase the Capital budget amount to \$8,000, for installing the heat pump (heating and cooling for the entire building). **Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- ❖ Hazel Heckman's *Blackjack Country*, a record of her childhood, is nearly ready for publication.
- ❖ No progress to report on other projects.

Secretary's Report – Sally Buchanan

Newsletter ideas: historic Welcome sign restoration, garden market, highlighting a special item, i.e., the photo albums, the apple squeeze. Sally and Jon have discussed these, and Jon agreed to provide photos. Jen Connely is ready to provide graphics art assistance. A November publication is the goal.

Serena suggested sharing the newsletter with the FB community page to generate interest in our farm and activities.

The Monthly Task List was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM

Rick shared that he saw Jane in town and she is doing well.

Photo contest: Last year pictures have disappeared. This year we are not certain about the pictures. Val should be asked to protect them.

A plan for the Disaster preparedness mtg will be Wednesdays at 10:00.

Rick and Melissa have many apples and may contribute to the apple squeeze.