

# The Anderson Island Historical Society

November 14, 2020 annual meeting minutes

## **Zoom Meeting called to order**

by Bob Bedoll at 7:00pm

## **Verification of a Quorum**

by Secretary Paul Oppenheim

## **Attendees**

Todd Billett, Ed Stephenson, Jeanne McGoldrick, Rick Anderson, Penne Wilson, Bob Bedoll, Ed Stephenson, Wayne Wallace, Paul Oppenheim, Carol Pascal.

## **Absent**

Peggy Hodge (recipient of the 2020 President's Award)

## **Approval of Agenda - approved**

## **November 2019 annual meeting minutes – approved**

## **REPORTS**

### **President's Report (Bob Bedoll)**

The coronavirus pandemic created a challenging year on many levels for everybody. Social distancing became the norm in an attempt to deal with the spread of COVID 19. As such, the AIHS was limited to two pre-COVID potlucks. In addition, there were no summer events, and no summer gift shop.

This limited our fund raising to only the Garden Market & Plant Sale which brought in over \$4,000, and a limited gift shop presence. Normally, the income from the Salmon Bake and gift shop is about \$20,000. Unfortunately, the Salmon Bake could not occur and the Gift Shop had sharply reduced hours. There was a one-time donation of \$10,000 and a state grant of \$9300 which helped offset some of the losses. President Bedoll summarized that we are still in excellent financial condition.

President Bedoll mentioned the following accomplishments:

- The "Johnson Farm Movie" was a big success and continues to win awards;
- We were still able to carry out our primary missions of Preservation, and to a lesser extent - Presentation;
- We upgraded farm buildings and grounds, and started construction on a new storage facility;
- We added high-quality items to our collection;
- We revamped to Gift Shop point-of-sale system, making checkout faster for customers, and greatly improving our inventory control and book-keeping capabilities.

#### 2021 Goals

- Publish 2020 Annual Report;
- Move us in the direction of the 2025 Vision;
- Enhance the content and usefulness of the Archival Building;
- Improve the physical condition of farm buildings and complete the new 'annex';
- Reestablish our track record of great island community events;
- Maintain fiscal health

#### Treasurer Report (Todd Billet)

The 2020 budget had a total gross income of \$52,299 with an operating expense of (\$23,730) for a net operating income of \$28,569. Capital expense was (\$62,752). This yields a net income of (\$34,183). The total checking and saving account balances are \$18,893.30.

The projected 2021 budget is a total gross income of \$29,940 with an operating expense of (\$40,120) for a net income of (\$10,180). The capital expenses are projected to be (\$7,600). This yield a projected net income of (\$17,780).

#### Vice President's Report (Carol Pascal)

A new insurance policy with increased liability coverage to \$2 million was purchased. This policy is designed for non-profits and covers both board members and volunteers who are working on behalf of the Historical Society. The policy was reviewed by Kendall Lyman.

Carol worked with Todd Billett on developing the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

Carol also assumed a leadership roll in the management of the Museum Store. Kathy Bailey resigned from her management position after 14 years. The AIHS board acknowledged her outstanding service. The decision was made to purchase point of sale software. This required a physical inventory and barcoding of all store items. Virginia Cummings and Leslie Lamb took over as co-managers of the store.

#### 2021 Goals

- Review financial statement format and processes;
- Bring into compliance with established rules for non-profits;
- Document financial procedures and policies;
- Increased emphasis on island artists;
- Improved advertising and wareness;
- Find New Consignors/Volunteers.

#### Archive Building Report (Ed Stephenson)

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15 kW generator has been installed with an automatic transfer switch to turn on the unit in the event of a power failure. New lighting installed in the McGoldrick library. New island installed in the kitchen. A photo contest co-sponsored Island Arts and the AIHS was held and the 80 submissions were on display from September until the end of the year.

### **Public Information Report (Penne Wilson)**

Because of the pandemic, there has been less news, and more demand for cooperation with other Island Organizations. The following outlets have been used to get the word out about AIHS:

- Message board;
- Sounder;
- Facebook;
- Historical Society Web Page;
- Summer Newsletter;
- Fliers at General Store;
- Sandwich boards at the Store;
- Folding Signs.

A Photo Contest was co-sponsored by AIHS and Island Arts. There were 80 entries and they were hung on the walls of the Archive Building and displayed on the websites of both organizations.

### **Community Services and Events (Jeanne McGoldrick)**

- Dec. 2019 Christmas open house;
- Dec. 2019 Vivace Choir Concert;
- Dec. 2019 Bell Ringers Concert;
- Dec. 2019 New Year's Eve party;
- January Potluck: "The Johnson Farm Story" movie;
- February Art Show (Island Arts);
- February Potluck: Lane Sample – the History of the Nisqually Fort;
- 'Leap Year' Blues Band concert;
- Plant Sale & Garden Market raised over \$3000, thanks to Jane Groppenberger and her team;
- October Apple Squeeze.

2021 Goals – Return to 'Normal' as soon as soon as possible

### **Operations and Maintenance Report (Wayne Wallace)**

- Built 6 new gardens;
- Upgraded fence around existing gardens;
- Finished reroofing the sheds;
- Started the rebuild of the salmon-bake shed.

## Goals for 2021

- Finish rebuilding the Salmon-Bake Shed;
- Finish the Annex Building;
- Build the woodshop in the Annex Building;
- Erect privacy fence along north boundary;
- Re-engineer the Storage Shed to allow a wide bay to display the John Deere bailer;

Our last Work Party of this year will be December 16, We will start the 2021 Work Parties on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank-You again to all Work Party members.

The Annex will add 2400 sq. ft. of covered area for:

- Facilities for a wood shop, equipment repair area;
- Storage for Historical Collection objects;
- Storage for Farm tools and equipment
- Building kit purchased with funds from the archival building fund

## Archive Annex Building Report (Rick Anderson)

Archive Annex timeline - Permitting began in early 2019. Kit Delivery in November 2019. Foundation in Summer 2020. Erection began in October 2020 with an all-volunteer crew. 3 half-days/week. Completion in spring 2021 (about 4 - 5 months flow-time).

A work party consisting of Rick Anderson, Jim Battishill, Bob Bedoll, Paul Dugger and Chuck Hinds have been working three mornings per week erecting the superstructure of the new Annex Building. Bob has been sending weekly updates. Completion of the structure by the end of January is weather dependent. There are no liquidated damages in the contract.

## Archives (Rick Anderson)

- Completed Film, "The Johnson Farm Story";
- Continued Restoration of Tahoma Wheel House;
- Continued Upgrade of Johnson Farm House;
- Continued Reorganization of Coop II;
- Military Display;
- Scanning of Photographs.

## Donations

- Blizzard Corn Chopper *Randy Rosalee*;
- Monarch Wood Range *Louisa Peck*;
- Ainsworth Surveying Transit *Paul Dugger*;
- Woodworking Tools *Dennis & Kathy Gardner*.

## 2021 Goals

- Scan Photo Collection
- Curate Entire Collection & Enter in Past Perfect
- New Display Cases
- Continue Reorganization of Displays in Farm House
- Set up Still
- New Movie “The Anderson Island Story”

## Education Report (Peggy Hodge)

- **Docents** - *AIHS docents are guides for the Johnson Farm.*
  - Total docents currently – 18 plus 3 Museum store consigners
  - February docent meeting
  - March Training for new docents-cancelled
  - AIHS website – “Docent” – Qualifications, Roles, Responsibilities, Benefits
  - August 2020 – October 31 - Thanksgiving – Archival Building Museum
- **Potlucks and Programs**
  - January – Premier of “The Johnson Farm Story” (available on AIHS site & YouTube)
  - February – Ft. Nisqually
  - Content variety

## 2021 Goals

### Docents

- Planning for January, February, March – Archival Building Museum Open;
- Spring – Farm House;
- New Docent training;
- Begin edit of Docent Handbook;
- Pursue creating simple 1900 era clothing for young visitors.

### Potlucks and Programs

- Farm Day
- Field Trips

## New Business

### Election of Officers and Directors

- PRESIDENT – 2 year term. The board nominates Bob Bedoll, incumbent.
- VICE PRESIDENT – 2 year term The board nominates Carol Pascal, incumbent.
- OPERATIONS Director – 4 year term. The board nominates Wayne Wallace, incumbent.

- ARCHIVES Director – 4 year term. The board nominates Rick Anderson, incumbent.
- EDUCATION Director – 4 year term. The board nominates Peggy Hodge, incumbent.

Additional nominations were solicited. By unanimous decision, using Zoom voting, all incumbents were sentenced to another term.

## **Vision 2025**

### **ORGANIZATION**

The AIHS is a vibrant organization dedicated to the history of Anderson Island.

A significant percentage of the Island population belongs to the organization (and many of them are under fifty).

### **FACILITIES**

### **COLLECTION**

An extensive and ever-growing collection of island artifacts and chronicles

### **COMMUNITY**

The AIHS actively engages and nurtures the Anderson Island Community

## **President's Award 2020**

Peggy Hodge was recognized for her outstanding service and achievements fo the AIHS and to Anderson Island.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.