

The Anderson Island Historical Society

November 13, 2021 annual meeting minutes

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, Peggy Hodge

Absent

Approval of Agenda - approved

November 2020 annual meeting minutes – approved

REPORTS

President's Report (Bob Bedoll)

- We continued to be challenged by COVID concerns;
- We cancelled all potlucks due to COVID concerns;
- We were able to hold all our outdoor events, including Farm Day, the Salmon Bake, and the Apple Squeeze, which were very successful as events and fund raisers, raising over \$30K;
- We are in excellent financial shape and will continue to invest in our future through maintenance and capital improvements;
- We were able to carry out our primary missions of Preservation and Presentation;
- We upgraded farm buildings and grounds, and finished our new storage facility.
- We were able to keep the gift shop open all year.

2022 Goals

- Restart monthly potlucks and programs;
- Continue our tradition of great community events;
- Move us in the direction of the 2025 Vision;
- Enhance the content and usefulness of the Archival Building;
- Upgrade the bandstand, the annex, and the gardens;
- Maintain fiscal health

Treasurer Report (Todd Billet)

The 2020 budget had a total gross income of \$45,190 with an operating expense of \$38,686 for a net operating income of \$28,569. Capital expense was (\$62,752). This yields a net income of \$6,504. The total checking and saving account balances are \$186,216.

The projected 2022 budget is a total gross income of \$52,050 with an operating expense of \$46,200 for a net income of \$5850. The capital expenses are projected to be \$56,200. This yield a projected net income of (-\$50,350).

Vice President's Report (Carol Pascal)

Insurance review

- Asked Kendall Lyman to review adequacy of policy;
- Invited Insurance Risk Manager to tour grounds;
- Modified liability language in event policies and garden contract

Accounting review

- Set up new filing system for accounting records;
- Formed audit committee;
- Verified financial statements accurate;
- Reviewed processes;
- Working to implement all recommendations from internal audit.

Plant sale

Worked with plant sale team to grow more plants, increase revenue

Museum store

Continued to support accounting and credit card processing functions

2022 goals

Insurance

Get new valuation for Archival Building

Financial

- Perform another internal audit – annual event;
- Ensure documentation of all accounting procedures for AIHS and Museum Store;
- Form Investment Committee - review investment strategy for AIHS

Plant Sale and Gardens

- Work with gardeners to further improve revenue from plant sales;
- Assist in setting up educational opportunities for gardeners;

- Work on establishing greenhouse and plant growing facilities for education and plant sales

Gift Shop (Leslie Lamb and Virginia Cummings)

2021 Accomplishments

- open the entire year and returned to normal hours
- new Quickbooks
- inventory control system and Point of Sale
- added 7 new island consignors including: a potter, artist, woodworker, fused glass, wood magnets maker, and fabric crafter.

2022 Goals

- new lighting in the gift shop
- improve advertising/awareness/marketing
- place banner at ferry dock on fence
- add signage at upper driveway
- continue to cultivate island artists/highlight consignors each month
- train appropriate volunteers to open and close shop
- paint the outside windows with bright flowers
- attend a gift show for buying additional inventory (probably out of state)

Archive Building Report (Ed Stephenson)

- Continued routine maintenance of the building and accessories
- Installed drapes on the stage
- Installed a timer for the large Air Handler
- Purchased a professional piano keyboard for services and concerts
- Continued landscape enhancements
- Assured the building was prepared for planned events
- Hosted over 100 scheduled meetings, events and services in the building

Public Information Report (Penne Wilson)

Multiple Avenues of Advertisement

- Use of message board;
- Sounder;
- Facebook: Anderson Island Historical Society;
- Historical Society Web Page;

- Fall Newsletter;
- Fliers at General Store;
- Folding Signs;
- Event Signs

Cooperative Events

- Photo Contest supported by Island Arts;
- Publicized on Websites of Both Organizations;
- Facebook; Sounder; Sandwich Boards and Registration Fliers at General Store;
- Winning Photos hung in Archival Building with Public Viewing;
- Winning Photos on both websites (AIHS and Island Arts) 80 Entries

Community Services and Events (Jeanne McGoldrick)

- Plant Sale, Farm Day, and Garden Market raised over \$8000;
- Major Events were the Salmon Bake, Silent Action and Apple Squeeze;
- Concerts (May, July, August)

2022 Goals – restart monthly potlucks and programs.

Operations and Maintenance Report (Wayne Wallace)

2021 Accomplishments

- Finished the Salmon Bake Shed
- New roof on Bathrooms
- Moved John Deere bailer into Storage Shed for display
- Repaired Dragon – new hydraulic cylinder
- Redesigned storage area in Cold Room Shed
- Installed new windows in Coop 2
- repaired windows in Farmhouse
- BEAVER ISSUE!

2022 Goals

- Continue ongoing efforts to defeat Beaver
- Power to Annex
- Build Woodshop in Annex
- Addition of pallet racks into Annex
- Joel Janzen Memorial
- Composting project
- Erect greenhouse
- Bandstand expansion project

Our last Work Party of this year will be December 15th.
We will start the 2022 Work Parties on January 5th.

Thank-You again to all Work Party members.

Archive Annex Building Report (Rick Anderson)

The Annex added 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 and materials

Archives (Rick Anderson)

- Won Heritage League of Pierce County award for film, “The Johnson Farm Story,” produced by John Larsen, Edited by Bob Bedoll, script by Rick Anderson.
- Completed film “The Anderson Island Story” by Bob Bedoll
- Completed Archival Annex Building by a team of expert volunteers led by Bob Bedoll.
- Continued Upgrade of Johnson Farm House by Karen Stephens
- Met with Reg Bailey and assessed implements displayed outside the barn
- Continued Reorganization of Coop 2 by Melissa Anderson.
- Set up display of John Luhr Still.
- Military Display expansion by Ray Mohr
- Restoration of Ed Falkenberg’s sculpture “Seals” by Rick Stockstad

Donations

- Lois Scholl Doll and Mink Coat donated by Dixie and Bob Van Buskirk (Lois’ nephew)
- Antique Manure spreader donated by Michael Herkert (need to transport to farm)
- Lois Scholl quilt donated by Kay Vorhees.

2021 Goals

- Scan Photo Collection – Many historic photographs are stored in cardboard boxes.
- Curate Entire Collection & Enter in Past Perfect – Technically savvy volunteers needed!
- Continue assessment of artifacts stored in Coop II, including radios and typewriters, create signage for displays.
- Curate and make signs for artifacts stored in and outside the barn.
- New Display Cases – Fill several new display cases. Displays honoring Alma Ruth Laing and Lois Scholl are contemplated.
- Continue Reorganization of Displays in Farm House.

Education Report (Peggy Hodge)

Docents - AIHS docents are guides for the Johnson Farm.

- Twenty docents currently
- Annual docent meeting
- Farmhouse and Archival Building hours

Potlucks and Programs – 2022

- January – Peter Puget
- February – The Anderson Island Story movie

Thanks to the 2021 Docents

- Terry Albertson;
- Arild Barrett;
- Bruce and Sally Buchanan;
- Ellen Cool;
- Virginia Cummings;
- Irene Freed;
- Jane Groppenberger;
- Peggy Hodge;
- Ann Ingham;
- Sheryle Jaschke;
- Leslie Lamb;
- Iris Mohr;J
- Jerry and Linda Simonsen;
- Karen Stephens;
- Rick and Barbie Stockstad;
- Susan Smith;
- Lee Ann Whitaker;
- Penne Wilson

2022 Goals

- Continue to increase the number of trained AIHS Docents
- Offer several 2022 Spring/Summer Docent training sessions
- Schedule Docents April – October, 2022
- Encourage individual and group tour groups at Johnson Farm
- Generate additional grade-appropriate curriculum for local and mainland students
- Continue the edit of new content for the new Docent Handbook
- Locate and invite qualified speakers for Potluck Programs, 2022
- Keep information flowing to AIHS website, AI app, Sounder, & Docents
- Maintain AIHS Library collection for research; process donations meeting AIHS Mission

New Business

Lora Barrett was elected as the new Events Director

Dave Durette was elected as the new Secretary

Jeanne McGoldrick honored as Event Director Emeritus

Jeanne McGoldrick

- Jeanne McGoldrick is stepping down from the AIHS board after almost 20 years of service.
- Jeanne was AIHS president from 2005-2007.
- She has been the Event Director for the last 14 years, since 2008, and has coordinated every Salmon Bake.
- She received the President's Award in 2009.
- Jeanne and Jane Groppenberger were the Archival Building landscape designers (and implementers).

President's Award 2021

Sutton and Karen Stephens

- Sutton served as AIHS Present in 2014.
- Sutton led the refurbishment and recertification of the Barn in 2017-2018
- Sutton led the rebuild of the 'Salmon Bake Shed' this year.
- Sutton is leading the design of the Bandstand enhancements.
- Karen oversees the potlucks.
- Karen is the curator of the farmhouse.