

# **The Anderson Island Historical Society Board of Directors meeting December 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

## **MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT**

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Bedoll, at 7:02 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

**Adoption of the Agenda:** approved as displayed on screen, with additional Antique Orchard report from Rick, and a mold concern from Ed.

**Approval of Minutes** from October: Approved with corrections

## **Reports from Officers and Directors**

### **President Bob Bedoll:**

- ❖ Officers and Directors for 2025 – No new officers have been identified to start in January.
  - Todd will continue to serve while we look for his replacement.
  - Guy Bailey is considered to step in as vice president and then pick up the presidency. It is intended that Carol will assume a new board position, perhaps related to the gardens.
- ❖ Vision 2025 Museum Upgrade – 2025 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AIHS. Bob led a discussion about ways to celebrate that, including a tagline with each publication and a separate event or combined recognition with other events.
- ❖ The Tahoma Project- This film received wide acclaim at the film festival. Additional editing has been completed, and the film will be shown at the January potluck. Board members voiced their pride in Bob and Lee Ann's work.
- ❖ Starlink –The new internet has good speed but somewhat variable availability. Bob will change the password to preserve a smaller use of bandwidth. He, Serena, and the gift shop will receive the voicemails. Voice mail is being considered for the office phone, as well.
- ❖ Cold Room policy: Bob provided Kevin with a tutorial about the use of the Cold Room. It is to be set at 36-39 degrees and not changed.

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

- ❖ Insurance review: Compliance with the recommendations of the safety consultant, Michael Johnson, has been addressed. The first aid kit in the farmhouse will be replaced by Bob. The lower and upper gardens should also have a first aid kit, but placement is a problem due to no weather-proofing.

- ❖ Certification of the fire extinguishers would cost \$10 or \$14 per extinguisher. We would need to take all of them to either Gig Harbor or Puyallup for the work. It is likely better to buy new extinguishers and donate ours to the AIFD for training. Bob will pursue a solution. LeeAnn and Jim will identify those needing replacement or certification.
- ❖ Replace the deck and stairs behind the Lois Scholl Room in Coop 2. Ongoing project.
- ❖ Garden Market: Carol will send an updated gardeners' contract to members for their approval before sending it out with renewals.

**Treasurer: Todd Billet-**

- ❖ The profit and Loss chart and the balance sheet were displayed and discussed. Another \$1000 anonymous donation was received.
- ❖ The 2025 Capital Budget items were discussed in October, but no money was allocated to those or approved. Todd and Jim will meet to prepare a budget for approval.

**Archives: Rick Anderson-**

- ❖ Disaster Plan: After the presentation by Scott James, Rick has considered a shelter plan differently. It is better to have neighbors provide lodging those in need and have the Archival Building used as a field hospital. This idea has not yet been presented to Rick's committee.
- ❖ The Hazel Heckman project is ongoing.
- ❖ The Antique Orchard: A plan for this new orchard was presented on a map slide for the best location. Jim pointed out that donnage (concrete, metal, and other debris from the building) has been used as fill under one possible location. Rick and Jim will mark out the best location. Jim recommended the orchard be named "Heritage" Orchard.

**Gift Shop:** Bob mentioned Virginia and Leslie (not present) and their steadfast commitment, working each weekend without pay. Discussion about ways to recognize them included a financial gift, which Carol pointed out would interfere with our tax policy.

- ❖ **Community Services and Events: Serena Frank**
- ❖ Nisqually Land Trust: Serena has been approached by Natalie Bates; help from AIHS is desired to manage the property they hold between Oro Bay and Eckenstam-Johnson roads. In discussion, members concluded this may be better managed by the AI Parks department. Serena will approach a Parks Department director.
- ❖ Spring Concert: Serena announced that the Concert will be held at the American Legion Community Center in 2025.
- ❖ The Winter Art Show will be held February 15-16, 2025.

**Public Information: Jon Field:**

- ❖ Publicity: Jon is hampered by not having enough or correct details when he publishes information about events: **Action**: Bob, Serena and Jon will meet to establish protocol for new reservations.
- ❖ Correct emails: Some members have not been receiving emails, which was brought to light with a newsletter published in emails. Jon states about 20 have been returned as non-deliverable. Bob demonstrated the renewal online form and the option for members to change or correct information.

**Membership**: Bob Bedoll- Membership has reached 277, which is an all-time record.

**Archival Building: Ed Stephenson:**

- ❖ Holiday Décor- Beula Robb was recognized to the Board for her faithful and attractive holiday decorations. Noteworthy is that she uses her own money for all of it.
- ❖ Mold concerns- Ed and his son Tom have allergies to mold with significant symptoms. While in the AB, they both experience this. **Discussion**: Jim suggested possible sources, the venting (as the air handler is used inconsistently), and the filters. Possibilities for investigation are step one. Rick offered to identify companies and pursue mitigation options.
- ❖ Roof moss- Despite the treatment on the North side of the Archival building roof, there is no improvement. Rick will discuss with the worker who treated it.

**Secretary: Sally Buchanan**

- ❖ Newsletter- Sally thanked the members and acknowledged others who provided such good content for the Fall newsletter, and commended Jen Guo Connelly for her formatting help.
- ❖ Volunteer recruitment: Sally suggested a winter event with food to recruit volunteers, sharing the purpose and benefit of our work and volunteers' part in our work. The discussion recognizes how many we have now, including newcomers, and that personal contact is the best way. Sally further stated her concern that we need new officer candidates.
- ❖ Task list: Bob presented a slide for review. This is a light month, but we need to rename the top item Sales Tax Return, and add an x added to January, April, July and October.

**Director of Facilities and Operations: Jim Battishill**

- ❖ Farmhouse: A right-hand rail was added to the porch stairs.
- ❖ The Welcome sign restoration is coming along well. The last part to be completed is the hanging smaller sign with dates.
- ❖ The Mini Split project in Coop 2 is well on its way. The American Legion members are working hard on the installation; AIHS volunteers have placed the condenser on the pad and will be responsible for the electrical wiring.

The meeting was concluded at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Sally Buchanan

