

AIHS 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2022

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7pm on 11/12/22 by Bob Bedoll.

Present were: Bob Bedoll (president), Carol Pascal (vice president), Todd Billett (Secretary), Penne Wilson (Public Information), Rick Anderson (Archives), Leslie Lamb and Virginia Cummings (gift shop). Absent were: Wayne Wallace, Peggy Hodge, Ed Stephenson, and Dave Durrett.

Bob verified that a quorum was present.

Minutes for the 2021 meeting were approved.

Bob Bedoll, President:

Facilities: Our facilities have become a focal point for community events and classes.

Events/Classes: almost 250 classes and events this year, including 150 recurring classes/events, plus almost 100 unique events. (in conjunction with Island Arts)

Membership: 266 members, a new record.

Salmon Bake Meals: served over 700 salmon & rib meals, the most ever.

Silent Auction: raised over \$15,000, the most ever.

Visitors: 1,238, the most ever.

Fundraising Events: Farm Day, Salmon Bake, Apple Squeeze, raised over \$30K, a new record.

Events: Added a new annual event: Juneteenth (in conjunction with Island Arts)

Financial: Over \$180K in reserve, and we'll continue to invest in our future through maintenance and capital improvements.

Facilities: upgraded the farm buildings, grounds, new storage facility. Added New Greenhouse.

Displays: upgraded our displays and collections.

Visitor Engagement: We keep the gift shop open every weekend from April, and the farmhouse and archival building open and staffed every weekend this summer.

Videos: We produced a new documentary, "The Anderson Island Story", shown here and the AIFF, and upgraded our video on-line presence to 27 videos and 22 3-minute shorts.

2023 Goal

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 and all the museum buildings.

Upgrade the bandstand, the annex, and the gardens.

Maintain fiscal health

Todd Billett: 2022 Financial report:

Total Gross Income: 50,975.

Total Operating Expenses: 42,322.

Net Operating Income: 8,635

Capital Expenses: 19250

Net Income: -10,615.

Balance Sheet Checking and Savings: 181,000.

The 2023 budget was presented:

Total Gross Income: 59,090
Total Operating Expenses: 54,260
Net Operating Income: 4,830
Capital Expenses: 57,500

2023 Capital Budget:

Pallet Racks: 1,200
Composting Station: 2,000
Greenhouse: 9,100
Multipurpose Covered Facility: 30,000
Cold Room Compressor: 4,000
Well Pump Backup: 2,000
Security System Upgrade: 3,000
Arch Bldg Sound/Video: 5,000
Antique Apple Project: 1,200
Total: 57,500

Carol Paschal, Vice President:

Insurance was renegotiated for 2022.

Budget was prepared for 2022.

Tax return was filed for 2021.

Gardening related activities

Greenhouse: Val Oppenheim

Garden Market: Maureen Takaoka

Market garden to supply the market: Sue Salo

Community Gardens:

Sue Huseby resignation

4 new Garden Coordinators:

Kathy Gadbois, Sofia Sabeti, Larry Gramling, Jimmy Ng

Ornamental Landscaping:

Laurie Opsal, Jane Groppenberger, Jeanne McGoldrick

Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings: Gift Shop:

2022 Accomplishments

Added 5 new local and NW consignors including art trinket shells, candles, laser printed items, pressed recycled glass, pottery.

Cleared out old inventory by having outdoor, & clearance sales & prizes for the kids' scavenger hunt this summer.

Donated high quality items to the silent auction.

Hung a gift shop banner at the ferry landing. Survey says it has been very helpful bringing people

in

Discovered new NW artist works to carry in the shop by attending art shows in the area.

2023 Goals

Have new lights installed in the gift shop and school room area.

Rebuild the reader board at Nelson's corner.

Get help with the AI phonebook Goal is to have the phonebook ready for sale April 1, 2023.

Train one or two consignor/volunteers to open and close on their own to give us a break some weekends.

Attend a gift show out of state.

Ed Stephenson, Part president and Archival Building Manager. (Report given by Bob)

Continued routine maintenance of the building

Continued landscape enhancements

With help of our custodian Jon Field, assured the building was prepared for planned events

Hosted almost 200 scheduled meetings, events and services.

2023 goals:

Relocate stage speakers and screen for more accessible program viewing

Add repeater monitors and speakers half-way back on the walls for better viewing of programs.

Community Service and Events – Bob Bedoll (acting)

4 major community & fund-raising events:

Plant Sale, Farm Day, Salmon Bake, Apple Squeeze raised over \$30,000.

Salmon Bake served over 700 meals The Silent Action raised over \$15,000. Thanks Jill

Aschendorf, Eillen Laskowski

The Farm and Archival Building hosted almost 250 classes and events:

5 Concerts with AIA and Island Arts (May, June, July, August)

AI Film Festival (with Island Arts)

Recurring classes and club meetings

One wedding and several private events

New online event reservation system has recorded over 100 reservations

2023 Goals – Add an Event Director, and keep up the good work.

Penne Wilson, Public Information:

Collaborative and Hosted Events

Photo Contest

Musical Concerts

Writing Workshop

Community Memorials

Juneteenth

Potlucks and Presentations

Peter Puget landing reenactment and art contest

Display of gingerbread houses at Holiday Open House

Traditional AIHS events: Farm Day, Plant Sales, Garden Market, Annual Salmon and Rib Bake and Silent

Auction, Apple Squeeze
Gift Shop and Museum Hours

Multiple uses of Advertisement

Use of message board at Yoman and the General Store
Sounder
Facebook (AIHS, Meanwhile, and Community pages)
Historical Society Web Page
Summer/Fall Newsletter emailed to all AIHS Members
Fliers at General Store and Farm Bulletin Boards
Sandwich boards at General Store and Yoman
Increased use of signage at the farm and all existing signs labeled and organized.
Signs on road from ferry landing and at the landing

Wayne Wallace, Operations and Facilities: (Presented by Bob)

Beaver – we installed a drainpipe that, if it works as we expect, will allow the Beaver to build all the dam he wants with no problems for our dam/pond.
Power to Annex – Yes, we finally did!
Build the Woodshop – The structure will be done by this year's end.
Install pallet racks into the Annex – Moved to 2023.
Build Joel Janzen Memorial – Done by the Garden team.
Composting Project – Tabled for now.
Build greenhouse – Bob and his crew did a great job! We also installed a security fence around greenhouse area.
Bandstand expansion – Tabled for now.

GOALS for 2023

Continue Beaver harassment – we plan on installing a trail camera to view this varmint engineer.
Also continue to monitor any dam building and remove all extra building material.
Move and set up all tools into Woodshop.
Install pallet racks into Annex.
Move all equipment and extra building supplies into Annex and organize.
Install new lights into Museum Store.
New cooling unit into cold room.
Paint/stain Coop's.
Replace brakes on Farmall.

No work-party on Nov 23.
Our last Work Party of this year will be December 15th.
We will start the 2023 Work Parties on January 4th.
Thank-You again to all Work Party volunteers.

Rick Anderson, Archives Director:

Established gallery of island artists in McGoldrick Library.
5 paintings, several sculptures, past Salmon Bake Posters.

New Portrait of Lois Scholl.

Peter Puget interpretative site (with AI PRD).

Antique Orchard Project. DNA testing of 16 old trees Establishment of an orchard of 100 trees

Acquisitions:

Hazel Heckman Collection: 10 boxes, 160 unpublished short stories, 5 Novels, Several plays, Correspondence.

Old Spinning Wheel

Island Crank Phone

Billy Hansen paintings

Manure spreader

Antique Manure spreader

Repatriated Acorn Grinder to Tubatulabal tribe in CA

Bettymae Anderson Quilts.

Peggy Hodge, Education Report (Presented by Maureen Harlow)

Docents:

Total docents 2022 – 26

Docent meetings – 2. Trainings – Spring – 2

Farmhouse and Archival Bldg. hours/weekend

Volunteer hours – 453 hours Apr- Oct

Farm day – Farm Scavenger Hunt (Ted N.)

Apple Squeeze – “I Spy” game – (Lee Ann W.)

OPEN Flags -5

April to October visitors – 1,238 (881). August -318

Field trips – 2 – AI Elem Fall/Spring

AIHS website/ “Docent” tab/ Docent info. Next Training March and April

Potlucks and Programs – 2022

September – Rockfish of the Southern Salish Sea

October – Birds of Johnson Farm – Video Online

January – Riviera and Island Water

February – Maritime WA National Heritage Area

March – Wild Foods Foraging

2023 Goals

Continue to recruit, train, and schedule docents for the Johnson Farm.

Provide docents for visitors, visitor groups, field trips, and AIHS events.

Open buildings on weekends and events, as security & interest allows

Continue to edit the Docent Handbook, adding historical information.

Revisit the Johnson Farm signage plan; install and maintain

Locate and invite qualified, engaging, and appropriate speakers for yearly potlucks.

Keep information flowing to the AIHS website, Sounder, AI app, Docent Team, & tours.

New Business: Election of Officers and Directors

President – 2 year term. The board nominates Bob Bedoll (but this is the last time)

Vice-President – 2 year term. The board nominates Carol Pascal.

Events Director – 4 year term, 3 years remaining.. The board nominates Wendy Lessard.

Operations Director – 4 year term. The board nominates Wayne Wallace to continue.

A vote of the membership was taken. All officers and directors were elected unanimously.

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.

Thank You Sue Huesby

Sue Huseby is stepping down as Community Gardens Coordinator after 15 years of service.

When Sue started there were 22 gardens. Now there are 40 gardens (& 12 gardeners waiting)

Sue helped establish and prepare all of the gardens and worked with each of over 120 gardeners throughout the past 15 years.

Sue and her husband Bill have made invaluable contributions to AIHS and the AI community.

President's Award.

The President's Award for 2022 was given to Jim Battishill, for years of exemplary service in support of AIHS and the farm.

Minutes submitted 11/10/2023 by Bob Bedoll.