

The Anderson Island Historical Society  
AGENDA: January Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
In the Archival Building Library

**CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM 7:02 PM**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA APPROVED**

**APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 10, 2025 - Minutes APPROVED

**Members Present:** Rick Anderson (Archives), Bob Bedoll (President), Todd Billett (Treasurer), Jon Field (Public Information), Serena Frank (Events), Rikki McGee (Secretary), Carol Pascal (Vice-President), Ed Stephenson (Past President and Archival Building Manager), Leslie Lamb (Gift Shop Lee Ann Whitaker (Education).

**Member Absent:** Virginia Cummings (Gift Store)

**President's Report – *Bob Bedoll***

- Annual Goals -The 2025 goals will be discussed at the February meeting as the basis for finalizing the 2026 goals.
- Bandstand cover – Discussion about using a shade from <http://willygoat.com>. However, the 12-foot pole height is not sufficient to achieve the required 2 feet of depth. Ed and others to review design and materials.
- AIHS debit or credit card –adds convenience to avoid reimbursement, an immediate record of what it is for, and when
  - Pros: Adds convenience; avoids reimbursement time and effort; provides an immediate record of expenditures and when they are made
  - Cons: Adds risk to AIHS if misused; if there is an error, it would be difficult to get money back; card numbers can be stolen; anyone can order anything without prior notice; debit card fraud appears to be increasing.
  - Suggestions: Users should be restricted; a credit card would offer greater fraud protection and security; it may be possible that the bank has strategies to limit or control spending.
  - Action: Todd will check with the bank to determine if they offer card options.

**Vice President/Ways & Means – *Carol Paschal***

- Gardens & Garden Market Planning Committee – Val Cummings has taken over for Carol. There is a need for more compost. Carol will continue to be a liaison for the garden group and the Board.

- Insurance – The AHIS agent believes that \$1 million coverage for sexual abuse claims is adequate. Discussion of whether insurance coverage should be included in event contracts, even though most events do not include many, if any, children.
- Share and Care(501 2C) – They should have insurance, and AIHS liability coverage should cover their events. Their limited funding comes from supporting churches and other organizations. Judy Olson and a small group have solicited funds. Discussion about AIHS sponsoring the group, which adds little more risk for AIHS, solves the problem of their lack of insurance. MOTION to adopt shared and care as our sponsored events. APPROVED unanimously.

#### **Museum Store – Penne Wilson**

- Financials - \$12000 for the year.
- Phone book – Needs to be formatted for print. Request for accuracy reviewers. Bob will fix the eight missing pages. Photos are scanned on Margaret’s computer. Administrators have permission to update the online phonebook.

#### **Archives- Rick Anderson**

- Annual Nisqually Tribe Canoe Journey – The tribe has asked to camp on Anderson Island. He was approached by Nisqually tribal leader Hanford McCloud, a descendant of John McCloud, who worked for the Hudson Bay Company.
  - There will be 80 canoes and 960 people.
  - They will be on the island on July 3, and they may be camping on Rick’s property.
  - While the tribe has four or five chefs who prepare food during the journey, Rick proposes recruiting local organizations to help with dinner in the evening and to host a brunch the next morning. We may organize cooking equipment if necessary.
  - The event has not been approved by Pierce County as an event and given the camping area is a designated wetland.
- Land Acknowledgement - Rick Anderson wrote and presented the Nisqually land acknowledgment. There was a suggestion to add to the displays. MOTION to adopt the acknowledgement and use at appropriate events. APPROVED unanimously.
- Coop1 – There is a collection of baskets that have been identified as made by local tribes, and a proposal to offer these to the tribes. MOTION to invite tribes to see and possibly take baskets. APPROVED unanimously.
- Heritage Orchard – Fifty-five apple tree stakes are to be secured in March. Most will be inside the new fencing; some will be outside.
- Garden water well – Passed fit for drinking.

### **Treasurer's Report – Todd Billett**

- December financials-Influx of money through memberships, gift shop holiday activity, and end-of-year donations.
- AIHS's total annual income was \$86,325, and expenses were \$57,831, resulting in a net income of \$28,494 for the year.
- Depreciation calculations for the year are still pending; Carol and Todd are to finalize them for next month.

### **Education –Lee Ann Whitaker**

- Potluck programs for 2026
  - January - Hanford McCloud is speaking and spending the night on the island.
  - February - Johnson Farm Story film. John Larson will introduce, and John and Rick will talk about making the movie.
  - March – TBA. Possibly a speaker discussing geographical feature names.
  - April – There is usually no potluck.

### **Public Information –Jon Field**

- Event and potluck publicity - posters, reader board, sounder report, email, and Facebook
- Membership – Memberships have declined.
  - 2026: 138 (63 paid, 75 life)
  - 2025: 335 (260 paid, 75 life)
- Salmon bake – Suggested scheduling for Friday, July 3, because sales are down on dates when Saturday is July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Other Items-
  - Milk Tower Banner is still up
  - Sounder inputs request

### **Community Services and Events – Serena Frank**

- Upcoming events
  - Tanner Annual Meeting TBA 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - May 24 - Farm Day (day)
  - May 23 - Island Bands Spring Concert (evening)
  - June 6 - Line Dancing
  - July 3 - Salmon Bake volunteer dinner; need a coordinator.
  - July 4 - Salmon Bake
- July 11 - Island Arts Concert by *No Rules*
- July 25 - Islands Blues Concert
- August 8 - Island Bands Summer Concert fundraiser
- August 9 - Dorothy Waltz's surprise birthday party organized by Kevin Waltz
- August 18 – Island Arts Americana Show
- September 19 - Apple Squeeze

- Kit Bender may put together a band performance for September.

### **Operations and Facilities – Bob Acting**

- Completed
  - Fixed garden trailer floors (1/14/26).
  - Emergency well power generator hookup (1/13/26).
  - Replaced garden faucets and hydrant valve (1/3/26).
  - Sign stands for Coop 2 (12/14/25).
- In work
  - Orchard garden gate
  - Sawmill
  - Pruning in colder weather
  - AB women’s restroom
  - Caulk Coop 2
  - AB walkway design and location

### **Archival Building Report - Ed Stephenson**

- Women’s restroom faucets – Both faucets are cold. The fix is an on-demand heater, but the electrical component requires attic rewiring, which is challenging and expensive.
- Needs: Request for weatherstripping and light maintenance to improve parking and energy efficiency.

### **Secretary’s Report – Rikki McGee**

- Task list reviewed: The Operations director role remains vacant, but Wednesday work sessions continue, with visible progress on the garden trailer, water systems, infrastructure maintenance, and ongoing upgrades (e.g., fencing, signage, restrooms, lighting).
- Board members and volunteers are encouraged to submit new task suggestions.

### **NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM**

- Request for information - Carol discussed an article she is writing about the garden and market. She needs historical stories and photographs.
- Parking lot light – Ed reminds folks to turn it on before and off after evening events. The switch is near the window that overlooks the lot.

**ADJOURNED: 8:47 PM**

Rikki McGee, Secretary

