

The Anderson Island Historical Society
AGENDA: January Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2026, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
In the Archival Building Library

CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM Quorum 7:01 PM

ADOPTION OF AGENDA APPROVED

Approved

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026 - Minutes APPROVED

Members Present: Rick Anderson (Archives), Bob Bedoll (President), Todd Billett (Treasurer), Virginia Cummings (Gift Shop), 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: None

President's Report – Bob Bedoll

- Treasurer & Operations & President search - Sally is making a list of potential board candidates.
- Reserve Study - Carol and Guy Bailey suggest preparing a reserve study to support long-term capital improvement grant applications (maintenance, etc.).
- Roof Repair Records – Ed will do some research
 - Coop 2 Roof- Branches caused holes; patches are not permanent. Half of the roof is 15 years old, but the other half is much older. Shingles are 25,000 + labor, estimated at \$50,000. What material looks comparable and lasts longer?
 - No strict historical requirements for the coops' roofs, as they are not on national or state registers; only the barn is.
 - New Roof Committee – Bob appoints Bob, Rick, Ed, and Jon, who will present findings at the March meeting.
- Electrical Usage – Of total, AB uses 1/2, Coop2 uses 1/3 (well, freezer, stove, use varies by season, along with cooling and heat), Coop 1 uses 1/6.
 - Usage monitoring will continue to clarify patterns; suggestions will be made to install timers or improve manual procedures for heating/cooling controls.
- 200th Anniversary Celebration – Discussion about what and how we can commemorate the Farm's anniversary in conjunction with the 250th US anniversary.
 - Ideas: America at 250 local history stories; community time capsule sealed for opening in 2076 or 2126; intergenerational craft events; comparing life in 1776 to 2026
 - Reenactors - TBA
 - Bob will send out ideas for review.
- Goals – Direction of 2025 vision; create reserve capital plan; roof assessment and replacement; maintain fiscal health; recruit more volunteers; plan for transitioning leadership.

Vice President/Ways & Means – Carol Paschal

- Gardens & Garden Market – Request for a plaque recognizing Cleat near the Pumpkin Patch visible from inside the garden. Ed makes wooden plaques. MOTION: Approve the installation of the plaque honoring Cleat Brodockei. plaque. APPROVED.
- Repairs needed - mice getting into greenhouse through louvers at the front. Transition in garden committee leadership is going smoothly; renewed emphasis on weed control and personal responsibility for plots.
- Insurance
 - Discussion of insurance coverage, contracts with recurring users (Island Arts, gym), and risks of hosting other groups
 - Clarified the difference between single-event contracts (reservation form) and ongoing group use (need for a separate contract)
 - Broker indicates umbrella insurance isn't available for nonprofits, but overall coverage is satisfactory
 - SAIL sign-in sheets – (1) SAIL provides its own sign-in sheet; they assume liability; (2) AIHS sign-in only but needs revisions. Guy and Carol will discuss with SAIL.
 - Outside group - Template from insurance company for liability issues for non-member clients (excluding private member clients). Registration is considered the contract for single events.
 - Burden for small group insurance
 - NPIP requires proof of coverage from small groups to be covered under AIHS.
 - If we waive our policy is not at risk, but NPIP may not cover.
 - The board can make an exception for a small community group but accepts the risk. Radio Club, Healthcare Advocates, Quality of Life. Option – discuss with the insurance company to see if they can waive; we can assume the risk. If not 501c3 we can sponsor. MOTION: AIHS will allow other 501c3 community organizations to meet in the library without requiring separate insurance policies. APPROVED
 - Goals - Find a successor (board liaison to AIHS insurance and garden); work with Todd on the 2027 budget; file 2025 tax return

Archives- Rick Anderson

- Nisqually Canoe Visit – Canoers will not stay on AI. The Anderson family board did not approve. May revisit. Tribe may come by for a short visit, with 1,500-2,500 participants. Pierce County is concerned about wetlands.
- Donation of tribal baskets – Rick will share the process at a later date.
- Archival report – Rikki will begin cataloging and organizing archives; need to store, label, and sort through them.
- Archival Building Disaster Center – Well water can run through the generator. A couple with a hose is in the hen house. Carols notes there was a budget for a backup well. Not sure where it is.
- Hazel Heckman Project update - Serena will help format.
- Orchard update – Bob and Paul Oppenheim put up the gates, which are functional. Rick will pick up trees sometime in March. Michael Dolan's agreement with the nursery graft rootstock. 85 trees x 28 X 40. Starts provided for the plant sales.
- Efforts to declutter collection, determine what to keep, and manage storage (including gardening books and quilt documentation)
- March 14 - Rick's birthday celebration.

Treasurer's Report – Todd Billett

- Last month's financials - Assets - \$207,498.78. About \$50,000 is budgeted for the Coop 2 roof.
- Updates
 - Need to pump the septic, which has never been pumped. Doug has a contractor. Ed will mark the area and set up.
 - Outdoor electrical lights are complete except for the installation of the lights
 - Todd purchased gas and diesel from the store before it closed. Store account covered gas.
- AIHS debit card discussion – Todd will investigate and present at the March meeting.
- Goals – secure fiscal tracking; work with Carol on budget and taxes.

Museum Store – Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings

- Financials January 31, 2025, through January 31, 2026. Gift shop annual sales are about \$52,000, net income ~\$5,900 after all expenses, and \$12,000 donated to AIHS.
- Goals - complete and release phone book; conduct calendar photo search; caulk and paint windows; seek new consigners; attend gift show in Tigard, OR.

Education –Lee Ann Whitaker

- New docents – possibly two or three.
- Potlucks
 - February - Hanford McCloud, who is the Skipper of the Nisqually Tribe's Canoe team
 - March – TBA, possibly Tacoma Narrows Bridge
 - April – TBA
- Goals - recruit and train docents; identify speakers.

Public Information –Jon Field

- *Souder News* - submit by March 13th
- Publicity - posters, reader books, souder info, email, Facebook
- Membership - 169 members for 2026 (94 paid, 75 Life). Jon will send out a reminder email.
- Goals - Monthly *Souder* article; create signs, posts, and communication; maintain and build a membership base

Community Services and Events – Serena Frank

- Tanner Annual Meeting – TBD, Carol is planning
- Farm Day 5/23
- Line Dancing 6/6/25
- Summer concerts 8/8
- Salmon Bake Volunteer dinner 7/3
- Salon Bake 7/4
- No Rules Concert 7/11
- Blues Concert
- Goals- support events; update major event schedule; monitor event schedule and approve; recruit volunteers; coordinate/communicate with other orgs; assist with private member events as required.

Operations and Facilities – Bob Bedoll, Acting

- Current priorities - Heritage orchard and sawmill
- Work list maintained and shared- orchard fences, water leak repair, mounting first aid kits, spraying orchard (pump broke), trailer floor repair, well generator hookup, and new garden faucets.
- Discussion of maintenance for propane tank (cleaning, camouflaging with bushes or lattice), mini-split filter cleaning, and exit sign battery replacement.

Archival Building Report - Ed Stephenson

- Archival Building- waiting on faucet/hot water tank install pending volunteer's health; exterior lighting issue under investigation.
- Goals - Add ducts in the stove in the office.

Secretary's Report – Rikki McGee

- Clearly label quilt binders and add to the library.
- Goals- newsletter, organize meeting materials, reformat task list.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM

- Jon - 40 gallons of frozen apple cider is available, with some half gallons.
- Jon – Request to buy a new phone in the kitchen. APPROVED
- Rick – Rikki will purchase new archive binders and get reimbursed.
- Roof Committee – Conduct assessment of all roofs.

ADJOURNED: -- 9:02 PM

Rikki McGee, Secretary