

The Anderson Island Historical Society
AGENDA: January Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
In the Archival Building Library

CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM TIME?

ADOPTION OF AGENDA APPROVED

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2026 ,Minutes **APPROVED?**

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

Member(s) Absent: Rikki McGee (Secretary)

President's Report – Bob Bedoll

- **Capital Gain Campaign.** Guy was identified as the right person to lead a long-term capital plan based on facility maintenance needs. There's hope Guy could eventually take over as president
- **250th US Anniversary.** Sarah (self-described ambassador; DAR member) proposed engagement ideas.
 - Constitution booklets: suggest buying inexpensive bulk copies (e.g., 25 for approximately \$23) and either selling for \$1 or giving away via the gift shop (possibly bundled with purchases); Sarah will talk to Leslie.
 - Fall programs (Sept/Oct/Nov): Sarah can connect the group with reenactors/educators (e.g., George Washington interpreter, taverns of the 1770s program, Mary Otis Warren program) and also offer a colonial "greatest hits of the 1770s" music program.

- Salmon Bake tie-in (July 4): brainstormed ideas included porch-based education/music (more “drop-in” friendly than stage talks), historic food tastings, and a possible Paul Revere ride-through (Jeannie/other riders mentioned).
- Farming Day tie-in: idea to incorporate Constitution-based scavenger hunt prompts; also floated a “mini naturalization test” (noting potential sensitivity).
- The reenactor group (Errol Barrett): This group is unlikely to return due to low turnout last year and the approximately \$400 in costs.
- Other island activity: American Legion exploring a community tile mural on a Conex box; noted overall 250th effort is grassroots with no real budget/funding; state contact mentioned (Lorraine Ralston).

Vice President/Ways & Means – Carol Paschal

- **Garden.**
 - Ongoing friction with a few gardeners refusing to sign the updated policy, requiring that the contract must be signed before payment; refusal means losing the plot.
 - Concerns were raised about critical behavior toward coordinators/volunteers (yelling/swearing), which could drive volunteers away.
 - The waiting list remains healthy (down to 14 from 24), enabling expectations to be enforced.
- **Insurance.** Discussion of needing (for some groups) coverage related to abusive/harassment/child safety scenarios; suggested coverage amount mentioned as \$1M. Island Arts may be the key group to coordinate this with (they list the organization on their contract and share the same insurer). Carol will talk with Laura Barrett.
- **Fire extinguishers.** The insurer requested an annual certified inspection; the group noted that the inspection cost (approximately \$25 each) is nearly the cost of replacement. No final decision yet, but it remains on the task list, and the group may try to challenge/argue the requirement. Clarify the approach to insurer requests for annual fire extinguisher inspections (challenge requirement vs. comply).

Museum Store – Virginia Cummings, Leslie Lamb

- **Phone book.** Moved from a single person's machine to a website-accessible database; only users with admin privileges can edit; ~660 residential entries.

Archives- Rick Anderson

- **Heritage Orchard.** Work progressing (fence/gates/holes; planting underway).
- **American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Course.** Rikki is taking an online course, *Basics of Archives*, from March 23 to May 24
- **Community Social.** Rick's 80th birthday reminder of a Saturday night party event with mixer/dinner/quiz and music/dancing.

Treasurer's Report – Todd Billett

- **February financial highlights.** \$1,241.94 income vs. \$4,767 expenses. Total: \$201,891
- **Membership and contributions.** \$44 contributions plus 23 new memberships (\$460).
- **Garden Membership.** 16 gardeners paid a total of \$640.
- **Archival Building Account.** \$887.02 expenditures, including new hot water heater and lighting project materials.
- **Equipment repairs.** Trailer deck replacement and used pump for orchard sprayer (pump alone \$500+); discussion about whether to categorize under orchard vs equipment.
- **Electricity Bill.** February tends to be most expensive (up to ~\$700); recent bill already trending lower.
- **Debit/credit card.** The bank discussed a "commercial card" with per-card limits, no annual fee, and QuickBooks integration. A decision was made to postpone implementation until the new treasurer transition.
- **Treasurer transition.** Plan to discuss transition with Todd and Carrie, who are expected at the April 8 board meeting.

Education –*Lee Ann Whitaker*

- **Docents.** No new docents yet; plan to build on-call volunteers and do one-on-one training when schedules allow.
- **Potluck and Program.** March 28 program scheduled with Patty Mannie on the history of the Tacoma Narrows Bridges.
- **Film note.** “The Wilde Girls” (2025 release) was filmed on the island and is streaming on Amazon Prime.

Public Information – *Jon Field*

- **Publicity.**
 - Arrangement to use a store-owned sign board for advertising; plan to upgrade the sign backing using inexpensive 4x8” plastic sheets.
 - Send membership renewal emails with direct links to non-renewed members this week.
 - Publish official announcements for the April 4 Easter egg hunt (website/social + Sounder by deadline).
- **Membership count.** Currently 196 (down from 328). Non-renewed members will receive an email with direct renewal links.

Community Services and Events – *Serena Frank*

- **Tanner event planning.** The schedule is from 11 AM – 2 PM, with short talks at noon and 1 PM. Food truck idea dropped. Mexican catering planned. event window possible outside tents/picnic tables/kids’ games. Doug is to bring animals.
- **Easter Egg Hunt.** Scheduled for April 4. Trayna Wiggins is managing eggs; Jeff Gillette has the bunny suit. A request was made for an official post and a Sounder announcement.
- **Summer Concerts.** Eight concerts planned across three venues. The venues are coordinating so bands understand expectations/compensation.
- **Salmon Bake.** Meetings start in April. Need clarity on key roles early to avoid last-minute gaps (like salmon-serving last year).

Operations and Facilities – Bob Acting

- **February electricity use.** Coop 1 about one-sixth (about 16%), Coop 2 about one-third (about 32%), and the archival building about half (about 50%). Farmhouse electricity is not currently monitored; the group noted it has one heat pump, but may be poorly insulated (attic insulated; walls/windows likely not). Consider adding monitoring for farmhouse electricity use to confirm actual consumption.
- **Lighting project.** All parts acquired; trenching/wiring planned when weather improves (Joe Miles to help wire; trenching with backhoe; conduit under sidewalk is a tricky section).
- **Water leak.** Water leak stopped but needs a permanent roof solution; generator hooked up; pruning ongoing; Phil is working on the sawmill; mini-split filters cleaned.
- **Coop 2 Roof.** The roof committee did not meet last month due to a setback; the plan is to convene it this coming month. Glenn is researching alternative materials for the Coop 2 roof.
 - Barn roof/shakes context: barn redo was in 2007; shakes may have a 20–25 year lifespan, making replacement a looming major expense.
 - Grant funding helped with the barn previously; the group hopes to pursue grants again, as the roof work could deplete reserves.

Archival Building Report - Ed Stephenson

- **Septic.** pumping scheduled next Wednesday, March 18, at 9:00 AM. Septic contractor's name corrected to Gary. Enough people should be present to direct access/parking/hose routing.

Secretary's Report – Rikki McGee

[Sent via email on March 9]

- **Archives Community Quilt Binders.** These are now in the library bookshelves in the Humanities section.
- **Task List.** A draft revised task list that includes a column for who completed a task. Due to space limitations, I used initials to indicate who did what. I am not sure these are correct, and it may not work, just an idea.

- **Meeting Minutes.** Now organized by date in the Library horizontal file cabinet
- **Newsletter.** I downloaded and reviewed all of the newsletters. NOTE: The links from the AIHS home pull-down Newsletter menu are broken. The Documents page has functioning links. I'm consulting Sally and Jen Guo on content, resources, and putting the document together.
 - Target publication date - late April, May?
 - Photos – whom to ask?

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNED ?:

Rikki McGee, Secretary