

The Anderson Island Historical Society
AGENDA: December Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
In the Archival Building Library

CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM 7:04 PM

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - APPROVED

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2025, Minutes APPROVED with the following corrections:

- Correct "Witaker" to "Whitaker"
- Add Ed Stephenson to the attending

Members Present

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

Absent: Leslie Lamb and Virginia Cummings (Gift Shop), Sally Buchanan (Secretary)

President's Report – Bob Bedoll

- Introduction of Rikki McGee, Secretary-Elect. Former academic who moved to AI in November of 2024. She values objectivity in her role as secretary.
- Updates
 - Six new signs were installed in Coop 2 and are organized by subject.
 - There is updated wording on the Event Online Reservation Form.
 - Ed has investigated options for a bandstand cover and will work with Bob for a proposal.

Vice President/Ways & Means – Carol Paschal

- Garden and Garden Market Updates.
 - Val Oppenheim is the new garden leader. There are 22 people on the waiting list for plots. Discussion on plot allocations, water limits, and potential garden expansion. Ideas included adding gardens, a new pump or water tanks, and reviewing time limits for plot holders.
 - First aid kits to be installed inside the bathroom below the gift shop for gardener access.
 - There is a need for more gravel on the north walkway, which Bob will add to the work list. Gravel is already on the worklist for the front of the building.
 - Assign Paul or find a volunteer to repair the greenhouse table after the fence project is completed.

- Community Garden Contracts. Discussion on “hold harmless” legal language, first/third person phrasing, and participant certification of understanding. Contract APPROVED, pending clarification by legal expert Guy Bailey. Carol will follow up.
- Possible Expansion of Garden Plots. Discussion on plot allocations, water limits, and potential garden expansion. Ideas included adding gardens, a new pump or water tanks, and reviewing time limits for plot holders. Currently, the well produces 20 gallons per minute. Ed suggests filling 10- to 20,000-gallon tanks at night to use during the day. Night water is being used for the current orchard landscape. However, it is unclear if the night water could cover all needs

Archives Report – Rick Anderson

1. Inventorying/ Cataloguing status. Rikki has started scanning archival materials.
2. Apple Heritage Project Orchard is progressing. Fencing in progress; substantial growth of grafted apple trees reported; 3'- 7' height in nine months. If possible, extra trees will be sold at the plant sale.
3. Hazel Stories and Correspondence editing. Rick and Ralph Philbrook have been editing 2 books. Serena can help with merging versions. Considering publication, such as Amazon, self-publication, or other small presses. Small but interested potential readers.
4. Projects underway. The chicken roost is to be relocated to Coop 2, which will require the relocation of existing items.

Treasurer Report – Todd Billett

- November contributions. Highlighted was a \$1,000 donation and strong membership dues; total contributions were just under \$1,500.
- Refund. \$850 for a canceled wedding due to ferry maintenance.
- Major expenditures.
 - Heritage Orchard fence \$2,649
 - Sawmill project \$3,300
 - Archival building improvements, including display lighting.
- Total bank balance. Just under \$200,000 after expenses.
- Operating funds \$197,797

Museum Store – Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings (not present; reported by Bob Bedoll)

- Financials. November = \$4,800. Year-to-date= \$17,029
- Increased marketing online. Particularly with Facebook, which attributes an increase in sales and visits.
- Online phonebook. Can now be updated by multiple people.
- Discussion about expanding merchandise to new categories

Education – Lee Ann Whitaker

- Potluck Programs for 2026. Mary (who is traveling a lot this month) decorated the inside of the house, but it is not actively open. Rick and Lee Ann will discuss how it might be open for visitors in December. Rick has scheduled the Nisqually Tribe for the January potluck. If they

cannot attend, we will show a movie with an introduction by John Larson. Other possible topics include Dale Crook's new book and a presentation by Karen Haas.

- Docent Report. Lost a few volunteers.
- On-call volunteers. The lack of volunteers means that Lee Ann has been filling in on weekends. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old
- Proposed policy change. Require additional insurance or a background check for those who work with children. Discussion about minimum age and supervision for docents.

Public Information – Jon Field

- Membership. 335 members for 2025 (260 annual paid, 75 life memberships).
- Event and potluck publicity.
 - A variety of strategies are used to promote these events, including posters, reader boards, Souder Info, email, and Facebook. Jon would like suggestions on which Facebook Groups to target.
 - AI Community and Campfire. Get Community approved.
 - Souder Inputs. Please share your thoughts on what should be included with Jon.
- Operations and Policy
 - 2008-1 AIHS Library Loan Policy. Existing version merged with changes. Changes APPROVED.
 - Insurance waivers. Waivers need to be required for specific events. There are different risks, or a lack thereof, associated with various types of activities. For example, blood pressure measurement activities differ from liability for private events. AIHS events are covered by insurance, but not by renters or other sponsors, unless the organization has a reciprocal agreement. Proposal for AIHS debit/credit card. This can streamline purchases and reduce reimbursement burden. Pros (convenience) and cons (risk, oversight) debated; officers-only access recommended, possibly for online purchases only. Scenarios to be developed for the next meeting by Bob, Carol, and Todd.
 - Tracking building access. We need to update the list of everyone with a door code to ensure accuracy and currency.
 - Leveling of the front parking lot. This is on the task list.
 - Lack of hot water in the bathrooms. Jon will figure out the best solution.

Community Service and Events - Serena Frank

- Report on previous and upcoming events
 - 9/20 Apple Squeeze. 12/10 per gallon, Discussion about multi-gallon discount and/or a member discount
 - 9/27 Nisqually Land Trust.
 - 10/25 Dick Throm's Reflections on WWII.
 - 11/15 Annual Meeting.
 - 12/7 Holiday open house.
 - Island Arts: No Oktoberfest, or 11/15 Film Noir.
- January 2026 rentals. Carol Pascal has a reservation for January 3. Rick has an event in March.

- Updating the online reservation system. When canceling events in the calendar documents, they are deleted from the calendar but not the database, and vice versa. New Policy: When reservations are accepted, they will not appear on the calendar until Serena approves them. Serena is working on streamlining the process of adding and canceling events.

Operations and Facilities - *Bob Bedoll (acting)*

- Work List updates. See the shared list.
 - The trailer for plant debris is being rebuilt.
 - Check all buildings to determine the required stain for any.
 - Water needs for gardens. Carol is addressing.
 - Restroom faucets. Jon is handling

Archival Building Report - *Jon Field and Ed Stepehnson*

- Buildings Status. Discussion on resurfacing and treating exterior buildings, with barn re-added to maintenance plan.
- Exterior Lights for stairs at walks. Discussion on walkway and step lighting for the north end of the building: pole lights favored over solar walk lights for durability and safety, especially for older members. Plan to install three robust pole lamps and step lights.
- Cover for bandstand. Because Pierce County won't approve a permanent structure., We are seeking temporary/non-permanent cover. See photos. Bob and Ed will be working on this.

Secretary's Report - *Sall Buchanon (not present)*

- Possible new computer for the secretary's use. Rikki will use her personal MacBook Air.
- Fall Newsletter.
- Review of Monthly Task List.

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