

The Anderson Island Historical Society

February 12, 2025

Archival Building Library

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM: verified.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Approved as Corrected.

Present: Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billet, Carol Paschal, Jim Battishill, Serena Frank, Lee Ann Whitaker, Sally Buchanan, Ed Stephenson, Virginia Cunningham

President's Report – *Bob Bedoll*

- ❖ Officer Replacement: Guy Bailey is no longer a candidate for President.
- ❖ Service Concern: Kevin has indicated he will no longer bake or cater on the island, which concerns our future events. Serena will work with him, hoping to work out his concerns.
- ❖ 50th Anniversary: Jon provided a logo for use in this year's publications. The board approved the choice with consensus. Jon was asked to produce some banners. Rick suggested a collage of historic events. Jim suggested a historical video loop on a monitor at events. Rick will work with Bob to gather data. Virginia has a book depicting the island quilts. Jon will ask Judy Whiteside if the island quilters could do a commemoration quilt.
- ❖ Electrical Monitors: Bob and Ed have discussed the need to understand our electrical power usage. Bob has installed monitors in Coop 1, Coop 2, and the archival building. The January bill was \$664. Usage can be monitored on my.eyedro.com and aihsfarm@gmail.com. Bob demonstrated the data as available on the web page. Coop 1 usage seems high and warrants some evaluation. For Coop 2, the new mini-split may provide a benefit.

Vice President/Ways & Means – *Carol Paschal*

- ❖ Gardens & Garden Market: We have most of the seeds for greenhouse planting for the Farm Day and other sales. Current work involves complex decisions for the planting dates to match events. Carol and Jim are trying to find a place for more flowers. They are considering outside space behind the greenhouse, using metal raised beds to add planting space.
- ❖ Tanner meeting: For the first time, the annual meeting will be held here, with more displays and fewer talking reports.
- ❖ Insurance: Carol inquired about the status of the repairs called for. Action: Bob will provide Jim with Lee Ann's fire extinguisher list. Approximately a dozen need disposal and replacement.
- ❖ Filter for upper gardens: Carol and Val will meet to plan.
- ❖ L & I, we need to capture volunteer hours and record them regularly. Two sheets to record, one for the Lois Scholl Room and one for the greenhouse/garden are available.

Treasurers Report – *Todd Billett*

- ❖ Last month's financials: As displayed. The monthly income was boosted by a \$3000.00 donation.
- ❖ 2025 Capital Budget

❖ Museum Store – *Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings*

- ❖ Financials: Virginia presented last year's profit and loss sheet. \$15,000 was submitted to AIHS at the end of 2024. Yearly profit is about \$3000 more, increasing a bit.
- ❖ Phone book: volunteers to help are declining, as are sales to Barbara Lake for the General Store. Consequently, Leslie and Virginia will continue to print and sell the 2024, and plan to work toward a phone book for early 2026.

Archives- *Rick Anderson*

- ❖ Volunteer: A newcomer named Rikki McGee walked in and offered to volunteer. She has a strong resume and will be a valuable volunteer.
- ❖ Victrola player: Evans Paschal has been working on this. Found a shop in Castle Rock to repair the player. Rick proposed an Edison cylinder player, a donation from Rick's parents, for a similar repair.
- ❖ Heritage Orchard: Several helpers are finding scion tips for grafting. Rick has identified 25 old orchards on the island for fruit. DNA testing will help to identify the varieties. One hundred posts and 400 ft. of fencing will be needed, priced at \$2500, which is what was approved.
- ❖ Archival Building Disaster Shelter: Ed has worked out a solution for providing emergency power to the AIHS well pump in the event of a widespread power outage and loss of Riviera water.
- ❖ 2025 Vision project with Lane Sample:
- ❖ Hazel Heckman Project update
- ❖ Farm implement signage project
- ❖ Archival report
- ❖ Displays Status. New Coop 2 Moonshine metal posters have replaced foam core and will last.
- ❖ 1895 maps are printed, awaiting framing for the gift shop.
- ❖ Tahoma movie: The film won an award for Special Projects from the Pierce County Heritage League. Bob and Lee Ann were honored at their annual meeting.

Community Services and Events – *Serena Frank*

- ❖ The plant sale on May 5 is the first fundraiser. Discussion about past practice of allowing priority to members in line concluded there is not enough benefit to pursue this. Serena has started recruiting food volunteers for the Salmon/rib bake. Ted Nussbaum will provide more kids' activities.
- ❖ New event: Tanner meeting 5/17
- ❖ 5/18 private wedding
- ❖ 6/28 Library program: reuse cloth tote to grow fresh produce
- ❖ 7/12 Library program: Africa showcase- Gansang Music and Dance
- ❖ ALCC Events and AIHS events: Some of our usual events have been scheduled at the ALCC, including an Island musicians' concert, curiosity workshop, and Island Arts film. Curiosity and discussion ensued. Bob reminded the Board that we are not in competition with ALCC; appropriate events can be in either spot.

Public Information –*Jon Field*

- ❖ Sounder inputs: Rick will provide additional information for the March presentation by tomorrow's deadline.
- ❖ Publicity: He talked to the restaurant about tabletop promotions.
- ❖ Membership: The past procedure for membership work was discussed. Dave Durette met with Todd about deceased lifetime members. Those names will be removed.

Education –*Lee Ann Whitaker*

- ❖ For the 50th Anniversary, Lee Ann suggested etching of the anniversary logo on items to sell.
- ❖ Volunteers: She talked to John Saatela about docents from the American Legion for Coop two display and the new saw museum display.
- ❖ Potluck programs: February Joy Ng – Creating your own story, March – the Brickyard by Karen Carter Schwendler, April- Anderson Island Health Advocates.
- ❖ Docent report: She will provide lock codes for new docents, and several new individuals are coming for training.
- ❖ Monday Share and Care: in Coop two

Operations and Facilities –*Jim Battishill*

- ❖ Orchard
- ❖ Coop 2 heat pump: The pumps are installed but will be operational after sealing cracks, windows, etc. There is a new door at the beginning of the AL exhibit. Insulating blinds will be ordered.
- ❖ Display walk-in gates are slow, childproof.
- ❖ Welcome sign: Very close, working on the bottom sign. Need a bit warmer weather to paint.
- ❖ Widening the garden sidewalk: A Spring project. Doug told Carol he could do this.
- ❖ Moss on the roof: Still watching; Rick will help as needed with Dale Gooding
- ❖ Sawmill exhibit: in the planning stage
- ❖ Parking lot: gravel has been spread and the entry is safer.

Archival Building Report - *Ed Stephenson*

Archival Building Status: kitchen cabinets' doors are a challenge.

Secretary's Report – *Sally Buchanan*

- ❖ Monthly Task List
- ❖ Spring Newsletter: Members were asked to brainstorm topics. Ideas include:
 - The fiftieth anniversary "This happened then"- Rick
 - The New Orchard Plan – Gus Comacho
 - A Heritage Orchard – Rick
 - An upgrade to Coop 2 – Jim and Sally with Melissa Anderson

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM

Rick will propose to the committee a disaster budget for Board approval and a way to raise funds for this project. \$1000 and above is capital expense.