

ANDERSON ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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AIHS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2019

Preceding the opening of the meeting, Rick Anderson gave a dedication to Alma Ruth Laing. She was the last surviving member of The Johnson family who donated the farm to the AI Historical Society when her last uncle passed away in 1975. The family wish was that it was to be kept as a museum and a memorial to the Johnson's and other Island Pioneers. Rick gave a short eulogy about Alma Ruth and her life on the farm, then noted that there will be a memorial service for her at the Archival Building. The date will be announced once it is set.

- A welcome was given and the meeting was called to order by President Bob Bedoll
- Secretary Bobi Hughes verified the Quorum. (7)
- Since the minutes of 2018 were not available, there was no vote to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes.
- Reports from Officers and Directors followed.

TREASURER Todd Billett - A financial review and details was given with comparison of the 2019 budget and the projected 2020. It was broken down into categories. 2019 Income was \$44005.00 with Operating expense as \$32648.00. The Capitol Budget included \$209,742.00 in assets.

VICE PRESIDENT Carol Paschal -Carol was unable to attend. She, Todd and Kathy will be working with processes and procedures that are all inline with established rules for non-profit. She will also be reviewing our insurances.

PAST-PRESIDENT Ed Stephenson - As Past-President, Ed's job is to help transition the new President on the Board. A thank you to the Past-Presidents.

The Farm now has a streetlight so the parking area is lighted for Winter and evening activities.

The Archival Building now has beautiful landscaping with additional plantings added by Jane, Jeanne and crew. They are adding more to the back and side. We will see them flourish next Spring.

The standby generator has been placed so that "if" and "when" the power is out we will be able to have heat and lights in an emergency situation. The Archival Building will be a nice place for people to be inside and warm.

A new building called the Annex is necessary since we have too much "stuff" and need to protect items such as the tractor and maintenance equipment. (1)

Additionally, it will serve as a work area which will be out of the weather. Wayne researched and found a building to fit our needs. The solution is a metal prefab 40x60 building. The cost approximately of \$55,000 has been taken care of by generous donations from our members. The arrival is anticipated to be about November 22, 2019. It will be stored for the Winter and erected next Spring. The construction will be by our own volunteers just like the Archival Building and should take about 2-4 weeks. Estimated completion April 2020. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Wayne Wallace who will be coordinating the crew. Bring drills and lots of extra bits!

The 2020 goal is to maintain the Archival Building and keep it in the pristine condition it is in. Jon Fields has done an absolute marvelous job of keeping it in the condition it is in. We owe him a load of THANKS!!

PUBLIC INFORMATION Lynne Jacobsen - This job is to keep members informed by communicating and let them know what is going on at the Farm through e-mail, newsletters and some mailings. (We have tried to cut back on mailings due to the expense.) The Historical Society page in the Sounder is another tool to keep people updated on current events since it is published once a month.

A plaque and picture of Bernice Hundis was installed upstairs in the Farmhouse quilt area. It was dedicated in her memory listing some of her accomplishments as a board member. A silhouette of a black iron sewing machine embellishes the display and was donated by Dale and Sonja Hopkins.

The Newsletter is now set up for electronic delivery.

The Website is up and running.

Most outside signs have been completed and Lynne will continue to work with signage for the interiors of the buildings even though her term is complete.

The 6th annual Salmon Bake Poster winner will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Be sure to check the Historical Society website for information and Farm events coming up for 2020. www.andersonislandhs.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EVENTS - Jeanne McGoldrick:

Many events and activities were enjoyed this year including: Holiday Open House, Potlucks, Farm Days, Salmon & Rib Bake, Apple Squeeze, Art Show, Island Bands, Tacoma Concert Band, Daryl and the Diptones, Vivace Choir, Bell Choir, Steilacoom Historical Society Ladies Luncheon and weddings.

Discussion on pricing for the Cider was compared to other venues. We may have to increase prices. Steilacoom \$9; Trader Joe \$9; Whole Foods \$10. We were reminded that it takes about 10# of apples to make 1 gallon of cider! (2)

Island Arts will show the documentary Fire in Paradise. Date to be announced.

December 3 - Fire Department annual dinner

December 7 - Vivace Choir

December 8 - Bell Choir Concert

The calendar for 2020 already has events scheduled.

Bob Bedoll gave Jeanne a big THANKS for all she has done over the years!!

OPERATIONS & FACILITIES - Wayne Wallace

Bob gave a big THANKS to Wayne for his tireless work every Wednesday and the fact that he “makes things happen”!

2019 accomplishments:

Sawmill up and running

In the process of rebuilding the dynamite shed

New roof (s) Maintenance shed; Tent shed

New sewer line put in from Coop 2 to septic

New heat pump in the Farmhouse and Museum Store

Lights will be installed in the promenade area between Archival Building and gardens soon

Plans are to paint the Farmhouse and treat the outbuildings with Linseed oil.

It was found that the insulation in the Lois Scholl building attic was not installed. (The insulation was discovered and will be put in)

3 windows are ready to be installed in Coop 2

Work is being done to improve the Nature Trail.

A THANKS to all volunteers.

ARCHIVES DIRECTOR - Rick Anderson This is all about Archives, Collections & and Artifacts: to grow and care for them.

A new Douglas heat pump was installed in the Farmhouse.

LeeAnn Whitaker has adopted the restoration of the Tahoma (ferry) pilothouse exterior. She is researching the history prior to restoring the interior and recruited help.

We lost our “star” curator who moved to Texas, Kat. A number of people have stepped up: Karen Stephens for the Farmhouse continuing the memory of the Johnson’s and Pioneers of the Island. She has also thoroughly cleaned and brought order to the collections there.

Melissa Anderson has taken on Coop 2 and has cleaned as well as weeded out items that are superfluous or inappropriate. The west end of the display area is being devoted to a domestic exhibit which portrays home life as it was for Islanders circa 1880’s-1950’s.

Ray Mohr has been working on the American Legion Display - Coop 2.

Kathy Baily & Leslie Lamb have upgrading and rearranged displays in the (3) Museum Store/Coop 1.

A clock from the Old School House was restored to working condition and established in the charming Wide Awake Hollow museum in the end of Coop 1.

There is also a new Post Office exhibit in progress. Coop 2

A portion of the building will be restored the way it was back in the days when there were 2000 chickens!

A maritime exhibit is also being evaluated.

Dick Throm and Liane Heckman continue to curate the logging museum. The building itself needs some attention because the dust is coming down from the attic.

Beau Barclay has served as curator of the McGoldrick Library sorting out and cataloging all the books and art projects. This year Beau served as our first ever intern. He has lived most of the year on the Island with family. He is now enrolled as a history major at Liberty University. Among Beau's contributions are scanning of all 43 or 44 years worth of the photo contest pictures!!

He has researched alternatives for scanning important bound documents such as Island Memoir and collections of the Island Gazette Newsletter. Beau is retiring from intern duties and we hope to maintain our connection with him and his family. We look forward to the day when they move back to the Island.

A few new display cases were filled in the Archival Building and new poster added honoring Bessie Cammon.

Liane Heckman continues to be Dean of Acquisitions. Some of the highlights: Antique John Deere grain drill on indefinite loan from Dick and Wendy Shaw. It is possibly the same one we have a picture of being operated by Rudy Johnson back in the 40's.

We received an outdoor sculpture of 2 seals made by beloved Island artist Ed Faulkenberg and painstakingly restored by Island resident Rick Stockstad. It is now displayed in the new courtyard (west).

1948 Electrolux vacuum complete with every attachment offered. Gifted by Terry and Michal Sleight.

Antique typewriter and classic telephone from Bobi Hughes

Several aboriginal artifacts were found on Anderson Island and donated by the Rick Anderson Family.

Many more items were acquired but may not be useful in the long term.

A few items were deaccessioned including the big doll house that was located on the 2nd floor of the Farmhouse. It was returned with our thanks to the original donor family.

Also, the Gem car had served its purpose.

Finally, the movie project "The Johnson Farm Story" with John Larsen as the producer & director; Bob Bedoll & Walt Melewski as editors plus a team of (4)

researchers and actors is in its final stage of completion. It's a good bet it will be complete in time for its world premier at the January 2020 potluck. The back story of the film required many hours of archival film, picture documentation of the immigration of the Johnson Family and the development of the farm and establishment of the museum. This resource will be available in the future for researchers that wish to study these subjects in greater detail.

2020 Goals

More of the same!!

Finish the movie.

Bring more exhibits into Stephenson Hall.

Fill up display cases and acquire anything else that suits our needs or fits into our collections.

THANKS to all the devoted curators, docents, donors and Beau.

Bob Bedoll - THANKS to Rick. He has brought a boost of energy to the whole archival area. It shows in all the added detail and quality of the exhibits in the buildings.

EDUCATION - Peggy Hodge

Education includes Membership, Islanders, Visitors and enhancement of what we already have.

Organize speakers for the 5 potlucks

Recruit, train and schedule docents

Number of visitors to the Farm from Farm Days to Apple Squeeze=over 500!

Many docents were in attendance to the meeting. They are critical people who help visitors, adults and children to understand the treasure we have here.

We have had special events (2) for children and (2) for adults.

One group gave a nice donation.

2020 Goals

Organize an activity for elementary students.

More docents

Membership area on the website

What a docent does? (website) responsibilities, qualifications, benefits (1st year dues are waived and tax free purchases at the Museum store for the 1st year).

Every month we have commitments for 16 docent coverage. (we have 20)...

That's why we need more!

We will try another survey and review handbooks .

Target more signage on the Island so people know where we are.

Try some additions to Farm Days: butter making, music from turn of the century, basket weaving, use of tools from the 1900's, candle making and children's games.

Thanksgiving the Farm will be open Fri & Sat (10-2pm), Sun (12-2pm) (5)

Next year potluck subjects:

Marine biologist

Research on Puget Sound Waters

Historical Interpreter

Look at an "Overlooked Tacoma Museum"

Something special from the Washington State History Museum

Bob Bedoll - THANKS Peggy for a great job as well as the volunteers help.

MUSEUM STORE Kathy Bailey - the museum supports the Farm with approximately \$8000 year.

In the past, the 500 people that came through the Farm would have been turned away since the gift shop couldn't have handled it all. It's not the gift shop's job because they don't have the training that the docents have. She appreciates Peggy and the docents.

This is the 5th year that the gift shop has been the largest contributor and #1 support of the the Farm budget at \$8000. We do a lot of work but we also have a lot of fun. We need to thank lots of people but especially consigners who bring in beautiful things. The customers give compliments and now linger longer since the new heat pump was installed.

There is a great group of volunteer staff, better every year. Leslie Lamb and Virginia Cummings confirm that "shopping for the shop" is exhausting. Long days and negotiations!

The yearly Christmas ornament has become very costly so a new approach is being tried. MAKE and TAKE. Islanders make one for the store and another to take home. They are available to make at Share & Care OR the Gift Shop. It is also a contest with 3 different levels of awards: paint, craft or staff.

Winners will be announced December 1. One prize will be a gift certificate to the shop. Others to be determined.

Andreas has already made his at Share & Care. A Snowflake. Esther Stark has made several.

We need consigners and volunteers.

2020 Goals

To let people know the store exists and where it is.

To confirm the weekend open times for Saturday and Sunday.

We need to have more consigners and volunteers to fill the gaps.

We need 1 volunteer for the 2020 phone book who has experience in the advertising field. We would love to have help.

THANKS for the support.

Bob Bedoll - THANKS to Kathy

PRESIDENT Bob Bedoll

This was another successful year for the AIHS!

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22 policies were reviewed and updated.

The Archival Building was established as the Museum/Visitor Center for the Farm.

Many Island events were held in the new Archival Building in addition to the ones sponsored by AIHS.

There is excellent fiscal performance and health of the organization with continued strong membership and member participation. As Todd pointed out we have over \$200,000 in assets.

2020 GOALS:

Move us in the direction of the 2025 Vision.

Enhance the content and usefulness of the Archival Building.

Improve the physical condition of the farm buildings and add the new "annex" so all things exposed to the elements can be put under cover and worked on to improve them.

Continue our record of great Island events

Maintain fiscal health.

OUR MISSION: Preservation, Presentation, Community

- The year was reviewed and the 2025 Vision was stated.
- New Business: Election of Officers and Directors: nominee's as follow:
 - Vice-President - Carol Paschal
 - Secretary - Paul Oppenheim
 - Public Information - Penne Wilson
- Request was made for other nominations from the floor. None. All in favor of the nominations. Voice Vote . all AYE
- January 2020 will begin the new term (2 years)
- New business: Bruce Buchanan questioned policy on religious symbol items being sold in the museum store. He was told that it would have to be presented to the board for clarification and vote.
- Business meeting closed.

- Poster contest theme was Summer at the Farm. A ballot vote was taken. The winner was a watercolor by entry #4 Lynne Jacobsen.
- President's award was presented to Dave and Lynne Jacobsen. Lynne served for 10 years of service on the board and Dave as a Past-President and "Resident" electrician! Both adding many more contributions and service to AIHS!
- Announcements of coming events are posted on the website.
- Membership renewal reminder to sign up on the website anytime! The membership will be good through 2020.
- Upcoming events are: Holiday open house on December 1;
Vivace Choir December 7; Bell Concert December 8;
- Johnson Farm Film - January Potluck.
- The gift shop will be open Saturday's and Sunday through December 22 and
- Thanksgiving weekend: 10-4pm Friday & Saturday; Sunday 12-4pm
- There will be an appreciation Luncheon for volunteers on December 11. (7)

- Dick Throm did an outstanding job of sourcing raffle prizes. Raffle winners were Hinds', Anderson's, Wallace's, Todd Billett, Penne Wilson, Heather Rankos, Beau Barclay and Irene Freed.

OFFICERS

Bob Bedoll- President

Ed Stephenson -Past President

Carol Paschal- Vice-President

Bobi Hughes - Secretary

Todd Billett - Treasurer

MUSEUM STORE - Kathy Bailey, Leslie Lamb

COMMITTEE CHAIR & TASK MANAGERS

Liane Heckman - Acquisitions

Jane Groppenberger - Landscaping

Dick Throm - Special Projects

DIRECTORS

Rick Anderson - Archives

Peggy Hodge - Education

Lynne Jacobsen- Public Information

Jeanne McGoldrick - Events & Community Service

Wayne Wallace - Operations & Facilities

Sutton Stephens - Emeritus

Sue Huseby - Gardens

Marsha Howells - Food