

N.J. LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY
MINUTES, 10/1/94 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by President Jack Granger.

Jack Granger thanked Skip Cole for his help in securing the facilities for the meeting. He introduced members Carol and Dave Kramer from Lorain, Ohio. Dave is Historian of the Loraine Breakwater Light and has video tapes of the preservation work, as well as memorabilia and picture postcards of the light free of charge.

Members attending for the first time were asked to stand and be recognized. Also recognized were the Pa. family whose son was the moving force in their joining the society.

Contact has been made with the Intrepid Museum aircraft carrier in Manhattan - air/sea museum, two lightships - the Nantucket and Frying Pan, and mystery (white) are part of the exhibit.

Commander Burhoe, Coast Guard, is to be thanked for opening the light for us today.

Tom Laverty explained the procedure to be followed in touring Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Tom Hoffman, Historian, will give a short background talk on the light. Those signed up will be in groups of 4, led by guides Tom, Mary, and Cary. The tour is about 20 minutes. The museum is also open.

Jack Granger showed the flashing small lighthouse pins for sale at \$5.00 each, plus shipping and handling. He guarantees delivery. Interested members should sign up and pay. Pins will be mailed by Jack.

Yvonne Miller outlined plans for December elections meeting and program at Tinicum Range Light, Billingsport Rd., Paulsboro. Directions in Beam. Absentee ballots for those who cannot attend. Speaker will be Dan McFadden, who was Keeper of 14 Foot Bank Lighthouse.

Joan Walton reported on the ballots counted by two members at large at the August Board meeting (Nancy Hackney and Harry Megonigal). At that counting there were 212 agree and 10 disagree with changing the name of the society. Since then there have been three more ballots received to disassociate ourselves from the National Society. We are now the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

President Jack Granger stated that he would always be a member of USLHS and others should certainly retain their membership or join if they wished.

Jack Thomson was commended for his Ways and Means efforts at Boat Shows and Heritage Festivals - sold \$1,000.00 in merchandise.

Since the Treasurer was away Jack Granger gave the report (see attached): June 25 - \$5,900; Income - \$2,300; Expenses - \$3,600; Balance October 1 - \$4,600.

We have made the down payment of \$1,500 for the cruise (but all the checks have not been deposited). Norwalk cruise: Carole DiNapoli unable to attend today. So far 93 reservations have been received for the 10/15/94 cruise on the Belle Island.

Fred Theis moved and Colesar seconded approval of the Treasurers' report. Copies of the previous meeting were distributed instead of being read aloud in the interest of saving time. They were also approved.

Jack Granger explained that member Rosemary Dixon CPA, is handling our application for tax exempt status and name change. She is out of town today but the by laws changes are essential to our obtaining tax free status.

Jack Granger reported on progress with Absecon Lighthouse renovations. Inlet Public/Private Association will raise 1.5 M\$. President Felicia Groudin is connected with the Casino Control Commission. Michael Henry of Watson and Henry, the firm that handled the work on Cape May Lighthouse and Barnegat Lighthouse was present at the opening ceremony. Also attending were Councilmen, Freeholders and the Mayor of Atlantic City. Al and Martha Brown, Jack Granger, Fred Theis, Yvonne Miller witnessed the opening of the door, removing barrier boards at 4:30 pm on Friday, September 23rd. This was followed by an art auction fund raiser and wine and cheese party Garden Pier, Atlantic City. Jack participated with Lighthouse slides. Director Ted Panayotoff and wife Jo were recognized for their devotion to the society. They will be moving soon but will remain members as actively as possible. Ted and Jo expressed their appreciation to the membership and hope that members will visit them in their new home.

Complimentary copies of the Lighthouse Digest were offered to the members. All were accepted.

Betty Smith was thanked for her hospitality table.

Program Chairman Yvonne Miller introduced Harlan Hamilton who spoke on Lights and Legends of Long Island Sound. Hamilton also autographed copies of his book purchased by members.

Jack Granger thanked the speaker and announced the break for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 pm.

Katherine Von Ahnen was introduced to the members. She is leading a group called Friends of Cape May Light. Those interested should see Katherine after the meeting.

Jack Granger then spoke to the Membership about the cooperative efforts of all the members and how much had been accomplished during his tenure as President over the first 4½ years. He announced his decision not to run again and thanked his board of Directors and Officers for all their ideas and work. He emphasized the need for new members to keep the organization vital and productive. He stated that he felt the new slate of officers and Directors was the best possible choice of people to carry on the work of the organization.

Chairman of the Nominating committee Herb Colt presented the slate: President - Tom Laverty; 1st Vice President - Jack Thomson; 2nd Vice President - Yvonne Miller; Treasurer - Deborah Megonigal; Secretary - Nancy Matthews; Directors - Bill Gately, Annette Colt, Jack Granger, Dick Phillips (Fred Theis declined to run again, George Feirers term will end in Dec. - he wishes to remain historian, Kim Ruth will remain editor of the beam but does not wish to be Vice President or director). There will be a 5th director and a corresponding secretary next year. Jack Granger asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None offered. Nominations were declared closed.

Debby Megonigal, chairwoman of the by-laws committee, explained the amendments to the by laws. Moved to adopt the amendments, read into the record by virtue of distribution of copies to members. A voice vote as taken. Bill Geilfuss asked for a counter vote by show of hands. This was done with 38 in favor nad 1 opposed. Motion carried. Amendments adopted.

The proposed revised by laws were then declared read into the record by virtue of distribution of copies to the members as they signed in at registration. This procedure constituted the first required readings October 1, 1994. Discussion followed. Changes were suggested in the terms of office for Executive Board Officers to 2 years. These were voted on, passed and so noted. Members were asked to note these changes on their copies.

Steve Martorano moved to approve the changes. Al Smith seconded. 38 were in favor, 3 opposed. Second reading, December 3 meeting (a corrections page will be included in the Beam sent out before the Dec. meeting).

The 50/50 was won by Bill Burket (not present at the drawing - \$45 prize will be sent to him).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Walton for Kathy Hackney