

NJ Lighthouse Society, Inc.
December 7, 1996
Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Laverty at 11:15 a.m.

Joan Walton made motion to approve minutes of the September meeting as distributed. Debbie Megonigal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Debbie Megonigal reported a bank balance as of today of \$4,447.36 and a savings account balance of \$4,648.28. George Feirer moved the report be accepted. Bill Geilfuss seconded; motion carried.

George Feirer was appointed the election judge, and Mary Doherty and Dixie Amento to the tellers committee.

The President introduced Terry O'Leary and Mike Mangum of Tuckerton Seaport. Mike is the chief naturalist for the parks. Tom presented a second check of \$500 to them.

Tom stated we are trying an informal route for the 1997 photo contest. Al Smith will run the contest and members will be judges. Members may submit two photos only. They do not have to be mounted or matted. We would like to get people involved in submitting photos and hope people will not submit a photo which previously won. Tom has entry forms today for the photo contest.

Tom discussed meeting format change and asked attendees to comment. Bill Geilfuss suggested members could give presentation or one meeting could be set aside where many members could give presentations. Yvonne Miller is looking for members to give slide presentations; call her. Carolyn Ortiz, a Long Island member, said she gives 30-45 minute presentations. We have a projection system from Jack Thomson's estate; perhaps we could view everyone's slides as we enter a meeting. Those present agreed they want to do this at the next meeting. Katie Moser suggested we have a limited time for members slides.

Joan Walton, Membership, reported we have one new member today, Carolyn Ortiz, from Long Island.

Kim Ruth will look into getting our Society on the Internet.

Yvonne Miller, Programs, reported. The March 15 meeting will be at Barnegat Light Volunteer Fire Company. She is working on having the Light open and perhaps the museum. Howard Worner has a mural at the USCG and she's working on having that open. The June 28 meeting will be at Liberty State Park in the railroad terminal and it will be our annual picnic. Ms. Kintervater will give a history of the maritime industry. For the September 20 meeting the Board is considering a boat ride to Delaware Bay lights from Cape May with a luncheon and presentation on boat. Members present were in agreement. Katherine Von Ahnen stated the crew of Cape May Light would be happy to support above event.

It was stated that Brandywine Shoal has been repainted.

Tom Laverty said Board will look at boats and decide on a boat for September at the January board meeting.

The December meeting will be planned at a later date.

Carole DiNapoli said the Hudson River boat trip is rescheduled for May 3 to see three lights--Esopus, Saugerties, and Rondout.

Tom mentioned a bus trip to Little Red Lighthouse in October. Members present indicated interest.

Director Steve Martorano has jackets for ordering today. They are \$35 and \$50 and half of the price must be given to him at the time of order.

Joan Walton said the Society has limited edition prints of Barnegat Light by Howard Worner for sale.

Preservation: Tom Lavery reported a successful day at Sandy Hook Light on October 27. The Society has 35 volunteers in its corps now.

Publicity co-chairman Richard Veit stated that Absecon Light is behind its May target date. They have over \$1 million for first phase of restoration. Sara Cureton and Tom Lavery discussed our providing tour guides in future. Co-chairman Eleanor Veit said we got some information in the Lighthouse Digest. She said the Press was to be here today, but they didn't show.

Bill Geilfus stated that having a web site on Internet would give us publicity.

Tom passed around a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer for preservation committee.

George Feirer, elections judge, reported there were 56 absentee ballots. The slate of officers was elected unanimously. George moved the secretary cast the ballot. Bill Geilfus seconded. Motion carried.

George Feirer said he will have a 4-hour slide presentation and talk on the Mayan civilization and the Yucatan in his Corbin City home on the second Saturday in January at 2 p.m. Those interested were invited to sign up today.

Katherine Von Ahnen reported that Mike Cosmo is the new manager at Cape May Light. Katherine gives program at schools; the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC) has taken over the program and calls it "The Beacon." She brought copies of the Beacon program today. There is a new program called Stairway to the Stars at nighttime for \$10; you get on the trolley at Washington Mall.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

At 1 p.m. Terry O'Leary began his presentation on Tuckerton Seaport. Mike Mangum then spoke about the Lifesaving Service.

The Baymen's Festival in Tuckerton will be this summer and is \$20.

Terry O'Leary stated he can help us with press coverage; he writes a column which goes to a few newspapers. He said he wants to publish a booklet on Tucker's Island. He said we can help them with providing tour guides in the future and in obtaining a Fresnel lens.

Our 50-50 winner received \$94.


Nancy Matthews
Recording Secretary