

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Meeting – June 30, 2012**

Riverview Beach Park  
Pennsville, New Jersey  
[www.njlhs.org](http://www.njlhs.org)

**President's Call to Order**

Vice President Anthony Albence called the meeting to order at 12:37 P.M. Brett Franks was on the premises, but needed to complete set-up with the caterer. Jim gave the fire / emergency plan for the location, "exit in any direction". Anthony then asked for all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes from Prior General Meetings**

Karen Owen submitted the minutes from the March 31, 2012 meeting at Ship Bottom, New Jersey. Cindy Mitzen made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Jim Cope. All were in favor and minutes approved.

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**Financial Updates**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Faith Giamboi presented her report as of June 28, 2012:

Operating Fund	\$ 6,892.43
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,881.73
Sandy Hook Fund	\$ 14,617.63
Preservation Funds	<u>\$ 20,875.63</u> (note: S/B \$20,875.62)
<u>Operating Account Total</u>	<u>\$ 46,267.42</u> (note: S/B \$46,267.41)
Preservation 13month CD	\$ 15,000.00
Sandy Hook 2yr. CD	\$ 15,000.00
Sandy Hook Donations	\$ 2,365.57 (money to be turned over to Sandy Hook as per MOA (contract) with the National Parks Service)
<b>Society Balance Total</b>	<b>\$ 78,632.99</b> (note: S/B \$78,632.98)

Faith reported that the bulk of the money is in one account with the addition of the 2 CDs and the donations account for Sandy Hook.

Many projects are coming up at the New Jersey Lights such as Finns Point and the Absecon Keepers Quarters Museum in Atlantic City.

Faith received an e-mail on the New Jersey Historical Societies and found that on July 14<sup>th</sup> our own Bob Gleason is giving a presentation on Lighthouses at the Somerset Historical Society. Faith praised Bob for his diligence in spreading the news about the New Jersey Lights. All were thankful and give Bob a round of applause.

**First Vice President – Anthony Albence**

**Publicity:**

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society is currently on 75 media outlets. We have more than 400 followers on Facebook and Twitter with at least 4 to 5 hits per week.

**Audit:**

The annual audit of the treasurer's books will be held today after the general membership meeting. Faith is doing a wonderful job and is very structured. The audit will consist of Chair - Anthony Albence, Board Member - Doreen Berson, and General Member - Sue Mazza. The meeting will be open and anyone else may join. The committee will review all transactions and then take one and follow it from beginning to end.

**Community Outreach:**

The 2012 season is well underway. Events to date included the Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair, Ocean Fun Days, and the Barnegat Bay Festival. Upcoming events are the Cohansey River Festival and the National Lighthouse Day at Hereford. Members are encouraged to participate and can find more information on the NJLHS website. Special thanks was given to Mary Catherine Kennedy for being the "back bone" for the committee, as well as, Catherine Clix, Marty Hudspeth, Sheila Hines, Kathy Lanzim, and Carol Winkie for their participation.

**Education Outreach / Speakers Bureau:**

Anthony also cited the Historical Society e-mail as did Faith in her report. He went on to say that there are many presentations throughout the year, but we only have three main presenters; Bill, Faith and Bob. Presentations are made to adults and children alike. Unfortunately, Bob Gleason is stepping down as coordinator of this committee and we are looking for someone to replace him. If anyone has any interest in possibly taking this role, please contact Anthony or any board member. There are many resources and tools available to speakers.

**Website:**

Howie mentioned that photos from last meeting's contest are on the table, please take yours today. Also, the website is going to be having some changes to the preservation and volunteer pages. The sites are under construction and will be up shortly.

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**Second Vice President – Rich Veit**

**Archives and/or Preservation:**

Brett joined the meeting at this point.

Rich was unable to attending the meeting since Eleanor was not feeling well.

The Preservation speaker scheduled for today had to cancel due to last night's inclement weather he is needed at his location. The Finns Point Lighthouse scheduled to be opened for climbing today is closed due to the excessive heat.

The Fish and Wildlife memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the Friends of the Supawna Meadows group is still with the Friends group. We will be a sub-contract of that group.

The light (Finns Point) is looking to be opened one weekend a month. They would like all things complete and ready for the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge in October. They are hoping to have volunteers for a store and docents for climbing. Please continue to check the website for details. Finns Point will be receiving memorial funds for the proper housing of artifacts and a lens.

The Twin Lights Museum project is still in the works where they are refurbishing a light saving house and preserving a 5<sup>th</sup> order lens and range.

Absecon light is getting a big push due to the Revel Casino opening. The light will have a walkway directly to the boardwalk / ocean. The museum is going to replicate the keeper's house from the high point of the 1920 – 1930s.

Cindy then added that we, the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, are members of the League of Historical Societies. They have meetings throughout the year and share information and activities. We won first place for our publication of a journal – The Beam. Howie will post the certificate on the web.

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**Board of Director – Doreen Berson**

**Membership:**

Doreen and Bob Gleason reported that there are currently 189(378\*) Family Memberships and 150 Single Memberships purchased. \*Family Memberships each count as 2 (no matter how many persons are in the family) for a Total Membership of 528. For today's meeting there were a total of 65 member attendees with 2 guests. Quorum was met.

Note: New Membership Brochures have been printed and are available.

**New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison:**

Doreen reported that the 2012 Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey is scheduled for October 20-21, 2012. Rack cards are available. T-shirts will be available for early distribution. If you are interested in volunteering this year, you need to contact the lighthouse manager. Sandy Hook is looking for volunteers for the greeting table and tour guides.

Hereford is having a Maritime Festival on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and celebrating Lighthouse Day on August 7<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday. She encouraged those who could to please come out and support these lighthouses.

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**Board of Director – Carol Winkie**

**Ways & Means:**

Carol thanked Lauren and Doreen for the Beam and the meeting flyer that was sent. Through the use of Carol's Society credit card, the flyer printing and mailing for two meetings totaling \$639.24 were paid for.

She then reported on a good time held by all at the Barnegat Day. At that time, 723 Barnegat Lighthouse postcards were donated to the Friends of Barnegat Light.

Year to date income for Ways and Means has been \$473 and from the Sandy Hook merchandise \$385. Expenses for Ways and Means total \$576 and for Sandy Hook \$828 for storage units (\$96 and \$138 monthly respectively).

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**Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty** (absent)

**N.E.L.L. (New England Lighthouse Lovers) Liaison:** No report at this time.

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**Board of Director – Karl Fahringer**

Nothing at this time

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**Board of Director – Jim Cope**

**Historian:** nothing at this time

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**Old & New Business and For the Good of the Society:**

**THE BEAM:**

Lauren said she is having fun working with the Beam. She is in need of articles and photos. Please send to [beam@njlhs.org](mailto:beam@njlhs.org). Thank you!

**Trips:**

38 New Jersey Lighthouse Society Members attended the Cape Charles Trip on May 19th. Due to the tropical storm, no boat trip was available. Plan "X" went into effect and the bus was re-routed to Cape Henry Light– both old and new. The Old Plantation Light replica which is in a community golf course was original to the architecture, It was AMAZING! All in all, the trip worked out very well!

Our next trip will hopefully be a Haunted Tour of Absecon, Hereford and Cape May Lights sometime in October or November 2012. Continue to check the Beam and website for details. The trip will run from the late afternoon into evening. Brett is checking with the speaker for available dates.

2013 Oregon Coast trip is now in the planning stages.

**Adjournment:**

Today, we are able to partake in a lunch for \$5.00 (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, drinks and cookies) and listen to live music. When the band breaks, we will have the 50/50 and prize table numbers called.

Adjournment from the general meeting was called at 1:20 P.M. by Doreen and seconded by Nancy. All were in favor of this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen J. Stumpf-Owen  
Recording Secretary