

Approved, 6/28/2014

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – March 29, 2014
www.njlhs.org**

Riverview Inn
60 Main Street
Pennsville, New Jersey 08070

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M..

Jim Cope reviewed exits and then asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the September 21, 2013 meeting at the Henry Hudson Regional High School. (No meeting was held in December 2013 due to inclement weather.) Minutes were late in being passed out, so Brett gave members time to review before calling for a vote. Later in the meeting, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy Mitzen and seconded by Elinor Veit, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Faith's report as of February 28, 2014 is as follows:

Operating Fund	\$ 67,361.83	
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,006.73	
Sandy Hook Fund	\$ 2,365.57	– closing and being transferred into the Preservation Fund for use at Anniversary Celebration
Preservation Fund	\$ 22,307.33	
Finns Point Fund	\$ <u>578.79</u>	– closing and being transferred into the Operating Fund
Operating Account Total	\$ 94,620.25	
Sandy Hook CD	\$ <u>15,422.53</u>	matures 3/8/2014 – at which time will be closed and transferred into the Preservation Fund for use at Anniversary Celebration
Total Society Balance	\$110,042.78	

As of March 9, 2014, the Sandy Hook CD matured and was transferred into the Preservation Fund with the accrued interest of \$15.77. All funds are in one account divided into Funds. New totals are:

Operating Fund	\$ 67,940.62
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,006.73
Preservation Fund	<u>\$ 40,111.20</u>
Total Society Balance	\$110,058.55

Finance Committee

Jim Cope thanked those on the committee, especially Faith for her diligent work in balancing the budget that is presented today. The budget is balanced with a total income and total expenses equaling \$163,370.00. The heaviest expenses and deposits will be from our Michigan Trip. The budget only references three (3) funds, Operating, Preservation and Memorial. The committee recommends this balanced budget for approval. Brett gave time for members to look over the budget before asking for a vote. Later in the meeting a vote was taken. Alan Jacobson made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Doreen Berson. All members present were in favor.

First Vice President – Anthony Albence

Publicity / Social Network

Anthony was not able to attend the meeting.

Outreach

Community

Anthony was not able to attend the meeting.

Educational

Winnie McKelvey gave a report that the Speakers Bureau has gone to four (4) events and has one in the planning stage.

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Archives and / or Preservation:

No report at this time.

Board of Director - Doreen Berson

Membership

Bob Gleason reported that today we had 87 members (3 of which were children of Family Members) in attendance.

Membership for 2013/2014 stands at Single Membership 151 and Family Membership 394, bringing a Total Memberships to 545. This is the last month where we count 2013 members who have not paid for 2014. With that being said the numbers will change to 2014 only at 120 Single Memberships and 340 Family Memberships, bringing the total to 460 Memberships.

Hospitality

Bob continued to report that the donations collected at Hospitality at Finns Point totaled \$44.00. Donuts purchased today totaled \$49.00. Coffee was provided by the Friends of Supawna Meadows.

Doreen thanked Bob and the Friends of Supawna Meadows for their hospitality.

Challenge

Doreen reported that there is a brief 2013 Challenge video that she will try to get for our next meeting. The 2014 Challenge will be held on October 18 and 19. This will be the 15th Anniversary of the Challenge. The New Jersey Lighthouse Society has offered to assist with this year's Challenge and was asked to take care of souvenirs. With that being said, we are looking for ideas and members who would be interested in forming a committee. Please see Doreen if you are interested. Volunteers are also needed on the days of the Challenge. Rich Veit added that In the past few years, volunteers have not been given souvenirs or other mementoes for their time. Doreen stated that this year, that will change. The Society is looking to give each volunteer a set of the souvenir for the year and possibly a t-shirt, or a t-shirt at cost, from the Challenge. Volunteers should be honored for their time and commitment to the lighthouses. Brett stated that when we gave the Challenge over to the Lighthouse Managers, our ultimate idea was that they would take it over. This they have done! Our goal this year is to make the 15th Anniversary of the Challenge something special. He added that this will be a quality souvenir, and all New Jersey Lighthouse Society volunteers, during the Challenge, will receive a set of the souvenir (ideas so far are: puzzle pieces, wooden coins, or book marks).

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Ways and Means

Carol stated that there were many items on sale at the Gift Shop of the Friends of Supawna Meadows so we have a limited selection here today.

Beam

Carol reported that Lauren is doing a great job with the Beam. She will be around today taking pictures for the Beam. Carol also said that software was purchased for ease of publication between Lauren and the printers.

Programs

Carol reported that with the cancelation of the December meeting, we have a lot to get through today for our December 2013/ March 2014 meeting. Carol thanked Mike Boucher for the slide presentation.

She encouraged those who can to volunteer at Finns Point Lighthouse when they can. The Lighthouse will be opened once a month.

Our next meeting will possibly be in the Sandy Hook area. Possible location will be the Henry Hudson Regional School in Navesink. She is looking at having guided tours of Sandy Hook either before or after the meeting.

Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty

N.E.L.L. (New England Lighthouse Lovers) Liaison

no report at this time

Website

no report at this time

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

Raffle

Karl was unable to attend the meeting

Today, we are holding our Holiday Basket Raffle along with the usual 50/50.

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Finance Committee

See above

Historian

No report at this time

Faith

Trips

Faith reported a possible trip to the Hudson County area of New York around September 27, 2014. This would be a 3 day and 2 night bus trip. One day would be a boat trip with breakfast and lunch on board and stopping at four (4) Hudson Lights. Many in attendance seemed interested, so Brett encouraged Faith to get prices and availability. Faith said she'd put it together and post information on the website, in the Beam, and at the next meeting.

Mike Boucher reported that the 2014 Michigan Trip is sold out and those who plan to attend should look for their "food selection sheets" a few weeks later due to a hold up for a restaurant menu change.

Mike then presented a 2015 trip leaving the Chicago area and going around the area for 9 days. The trip would include a tour almost 50 lighthouses, museums, tours, and more. The drive will total over 650 miles and 4 states. This trip will be planned for the week after 4th of July, 2015. Information will be posted when it comes available. Mike is looking to have prices together by the September 2014 edition of the Beam.

Old & New Business and For the Good of the Society

Sandy Hook's Anniversary is June 11th, 2014. There will be a celebration of the 250 years on June 14th with actors, the U.S. Lighthouse Society speakers, and other special events. The New Jersey Lighthouse Society has money set aside for any ideas we may have. Volunteers are needed and Doreen is the lead for this committee, so if you have any suggestions, please speak to her. What should we or could we do? What needs to be added? We need to support the lighthouse. Jim Cope said that we were turned down for a special stamp request by the U. S. Postal Service. We are hoping to have a commemorative post mark / cancellation from the Highlands Post Office that day. Jim is looking into getting an envelope with a special cachet for this extraordinary day. It is his hope that the Post Office will set up a special station and provide the cancellations on the 14th.

For the Good of the Society

Brett asked members to keep Marty Hudspeth in their thoughts and prayers, her daughter passed away on March 28th.

Delaware Bay Lighthouse tours are being conducted out of Fortescue, NJ. These cruises are held at sunset on July 12th and 20th and August 9th and 24th. If interested, see Bill Volpe.

Nominations

The nominations for the 2014-2015 ballot were reviewed:

Jayne Swope, Corresponding Secretary

Doreen Berson, Karl Fahringer and Jim Cope for Board of Directors.

With no other nominations submitted, the floor was closed. Since no office was opposed, the nominees are elected by unanimous consent or "acclamation". Congratulations!

Awards and Dedications

Rich Veit presented a special plaque to Mary Catherine Kennedy for her longtime volunteerism. This is a Service Award that is hopefully going to be given on an annual basis to members. The plaque was specially designed by Elinor Veit. Mary Catherine was speechless. She said that on April 3rd she was also being honored with the Ocean County Historical Award in Barnegat. Brett said that Mary Catherine is the cornerstone of Community Outreach. She has shared the New Jersey Lighthouse Society with more people and is a strong and guiding light herself. THANK YOU MARY CATHERINE KENNEDY!

Brett then had a special dedication from the Society in memory of George Naill to the Finns Point Lighthouse/ Friends of Supawna Meadows. [John Ade built a cabinet to hold the Fresnel lens and shelving for the other lighthouse keepers' pieces.](#) Today we are dedicating those pieces in memory of our dear member George. Carol, George's wife, and Jessica Hein, George's daughter, were in attendance, along with Marion and David Howarth from the Friends group. A name plate was given for the display. George loved the light and wanted to save the lens, so we are doing this in his memory.

Brett continued by saying that the Memorial Fund is for things like this. If any member has an idea for using Memorial Fund money, please see Brett or any other Board member. We need to be open and thoughtful with this fund.

2014 Photo Contest Winners

Name	Category	Title
Eugene Goch	night	Statue of Liberty
Bill McKelvey	night	Hereford
Kathleen Eustace	night	Barnegat Relighting
Mike Boucher	night	Hereford Inlet
Linda Swearingen	night	Reflecting Light – Hereford
Bill McKelvey	night	Barnegat

Name (continued)	Category	Title
Bill McKelvey	tall tower	Cape May
Linda Swearingen	tall tower	Day is Done – Sandy Hook
Jane Rodgers	tall tower	Contrasting the Light – Sandy Hook
Mike Boucher	tall tower	Sandy Hook
Ann Solaequi	tall tower	Sandy Hook in Spring
Robert Rodgers	tall tower	Old Barney
Faith Giamboi	tall tower	Old Barney
Bill McKelvey	integrated	East Point
Judy Boucher	integrated	Hereford and Boat
Kathleen Eustace	integrated	Sea Girt
Karl Fahringer	integrated	East Point
Mike Boucher	integrated	Sea Girt
Bill McKelvey	integrated	Sea Girt
Susan Mazza	skeletal	Statue of Liberty
Kathleen Eustace	skeletal	Tinicum at Sunset
Hugh Murphy, Jr.	skeletal	Conover Beacon
Marilyn Dunning	skeletal	Finns Point, Sun, and Flag
Robert J. Rodgers	skeletal	Tinicum Light
Kathleen Eustace	skeletal	Statue of Liberty
Bill McKelvey	water bound	Great Beds
Howard Wright	water bound	Brandywine Watching
Bill McKelvey	water bound	Ship John Shoal
Mike Boucher	water bound	Ship John Shoal
Mike Boucher	water bound	Robbins Reef
Kathleen Eustace	water bound	Ship John Shoal

These photos will be taken to the next Board of Directors meeting where selections for the 2015 calendar will be made. Each photo needs to be sent to Brett Franks as a digital copy. Brett will be in contact with specifics. Congratulations to all!

Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at 2:40P.M.. A motion was made by Susan Mazza and seconded by Carol Winkie. All were in favor of adjournment.

Minutes submitted by:
Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS
