

Approved, March 28, 2015

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – December 13, 2014
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Uptown School Complex – Cafeteria
323 Madison Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.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 20, 2014 meeting held at the Surf City Volunteer Fire Company #1, Surf City, NJ. Two corrections were discussed: on page 2 there was a name misspelled (Bill Ladell) and on page 3 the minutes should have read Cape Cod (not Code). Being no other corrections, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Bill Volpe and seconded by Jim Cope, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Faith's report as of November 30, 2014 is as follows:

Operating Fund	\$ 39,806.37
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,455.77
Preservation Fund	<u>\$ 34,566.50</u>
Total Society Balance	\$ 75,828.64

Mike has begun making deposits for the 2015 trip in July totaling over \$15,000.00. A withdrawal was made from Preservation for \$3,900.00 for the artwork for the Challenge.

A payment was made for the Beam – quarterly- of \$1,300.00.

First Vice President – Doreen Berson

New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison

This year's Challenge was a success. Thanks to all for the good job! Doreen did make an apology since the Delaware Bay group was not included in the game. With some quick thinking and resources (donation from The Golden Nugget Casino), dice were found and that was what this group handed out. There are still some of the volunteer

shirts for sale through Ways and Means. Thank you, Brett, for the t-shirt design and the design and production of the souvenirs.

Al Smith added that East Point had 1,400 visitors for the Challenge.

Publicity / Social Media / Website

Doreen said that Howie is looking for some photos from trips to put on the website.

Please forward any to Howie at webmaster@njlhs.org.

Doreen is looking to expand the FaceBook outreach.

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

(This report was given at the end of reports, before new business.)

Preservation

Rich said that he has heard that East Point will be receiving a \$400,000.00 conservation bonus to save the horseshoe crabs who's eggs are eaten by the migrating Red Dot birds.

Rich thanked his wife, Elinor, for the donation of her books.

He also said the 4 Wickies cleaned the Barnegat lens and a donation was received.

For Sandy Hook's Anniversary and the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge (15th

Anniversary) each event was set \$15,000 in the 2014 budget. Sandy Hook only spent

\$1,500.00 on transportation from the lots to the light (only thing requested) and the

Challenge only spent \$7,000 for souvenirs and shirts. The remaining money is being

looked at to fund getting art work of lights and waterfowl reframed to museum quality

and hung in Finns Point. Also we are looking at moving some other archives and stored

items out for circulation. This will use less space in the storage unit and possibly reduce

our bill.

Awards

Last year we honored Mary Catherine Kennedy. This year we'd like to recognize Mr. Bill

Volpe for his never say "NO" attitude and active service for over 20 years. He promotes

lighthouses to people, something we should all do. Thank you very much, Bill!

Bill said he is "floored" by the recognition. He said that the Society is near and dear to

his heart. He shared that in December of 1994, Ann gave Bill a gift of membership.

Since then the Society had "took over life in some respect". He always worked closely

with and was dedicated to the education outreach. He said he is happy to see it

continue. "It is in good hands and I am comfortable with those who are dedicated to

the group", Bill said. Bill then remembered an encounter a number of years ago in

Milltown, New Jersey where he met a girl, who in a thank you letter shared how happy

she was to hear about "the women who kept the lights on. It showed the boys girls can

do anything they can". Bill said you meet remarkable people along the way, not only at

the speaking engagements but in the Society as well. Brett asked Bill how many he has

spoken to over the years. Bill's response was over 7,000 people from seniors to young

children. Brett thanked both Bill and Rich for their many years of service. Rich will be stepping down as Vice President for 2015.

Treasurer – Faith Giamboi

Trips

Mike Boucher reported the western Lake Michigan trip had 58 total available seats, there are only 6 seats left. The hotels have been worked out. Restaurants have been chosen, but not contacted for final meal plan yet. Boats for day trips are all reserved. Mike will send out reminders on the first of each month for payments. All payments must be made by June 1st.

Judy and Mike just returned from a Holland Harbor, Michigan trip. Pictures are available, if interested.

2016 trip will be to Prince Edward Island. This trip will be from one hotel.

Note: The U.S. Lighthouse Society trip will be to Iceland.

Recording Secretary – Karen Owen

Liaison to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

Nothing at this time

Corresponding Secretary – Jayne Swoope

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Finance Committee

Finance committee is moving along well, Jim reported. He reminded all that any outstanding bills need to be in within 10 days to close out the books for 2014.

The 2015 budget needs to be completed soon. If you have anything that needs to be submitted to the budget for 2015, please see Jim.

Historian

Cancelled covers from the Sandy Hook Anniversary are available for \$2.00 as stated in the Beam. Jim is getting web requests from all over the nation.

New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL) Liaison

NELL held their annual meeting at Avery Point, University of Connecticut – marine research. On Saturday morning they had their meeting and in the afternoon they went to the New London Ledge Lighthouse. On Sunday, a trip to Block Island was taken. NELL had a preservation fund raiser which raised over \$40,000.00 for the light.

Upcoming events for NELL include Lighthouse and Hot Chocolate in Portland, Maine in January. You must be a member in good standing to attend. NELL supports and preserves all New England Lights.

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee

Bob Gleason reported that there were 56 in attendance today. Membership has a total of 495 members for 2014.

Door Prize and 50/50

nothing at this time

Holiday Auction

Karl thanked all for donations for the basket auction. He told the attendees that some tickets are \$1.00 and some are \$3.00. Brett thanked Karl, Ann (Fahringer), Gene (Goch) and Carol (Goch) for all their preparation and hard work.

Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey

Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau

Winnie reported that volunteers are always needed for the Speakers Bureau. From January to December 2014, the Bureau has spoken to over 450 people and has been given donations totaling over \$1,000. She also said that the outreach is always looking for new places to go, if you have any ideas see Winnie. Thank you.

Community Outreach Liaison

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Lauren Ward

Ways and Means

Carol reported that there was \$290.00 income from the last meeting. There is nothing new, but hopefully by March 2015 we will have new stuff with the new logo and anniversary on it.

The BEAM

Lauren is always looking for suggestions for the BEAM. Please contact her with your ideas.

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Programs

Carol shared that for today's program there will be a desert table with a sheet cake which says HAPPY ANNIVERSARY. This year we have celebrated several milestones; Sandy Hook, New Jersey, the Challenge and most of all the 25th anniversary of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

Carol has also provided several mini rose bushes as door prizes for today's meeting. At lunch, a slide show of the Michigan trip will be playing for those interested. "Thanks" was given to Karl for his tremendous job on the gift baskets.

Carol said if anyone had any ideas for future programs to please e-mail her at programchair@njlhs.org.

Old & New Business

Nominations:

Mike Boucher presented the slate of officers for the 2015 -2016 term. He will read the list now and again in March before voting in March. Any other nomination will be accepted (nominations from another person or for one's self).

President	Brett Franks
1 st Vice President	Doreen Berson
2 nd Vice President	Carol Winkie
Treasurer	Faith Giamboi
Recording Secretary	Karen Owen
Board of Directors	Lauren Ward
	Eugene Goch

Lens from Miah Maull Shoal

Brett reported that he was contacted by the Coast Guard from Cleveland, Ohio. They will be taking the lens out of Miah Maull and they are wondering if we would like it. He was told that East Point did not want the lens since it was a 500mm barrel lens and not a Fresnel.

Al Smith was concerned at this report. He said that East Point would like the lens but not until the lighthouse is up and running. Again a mention of the conservation grant was made. This is positive news from East Point.

Memorial Project

Absecon purchased new wicker furniture with a grant from the Society. A plaque will be made and placed near the furniture stating that it is there as a grant from the memorial fund of the NJLHS.

2014 Photo Contest

Judy Boucher had key chains made for those who have pictures in the 2015 calendar. It is one key chain per winner with stars for each photo in the calendar. This was a charity donation. Winners are below.

Month	Lighthouse	Winner's Name
January	Hereford	Bill McKelvey
February	Ship John	Bill McKelvey
March	Robins Reef	Mike Boucher
April	Cape May	Bill McKelvey
May	Great Beds	Bill McKelvey

June	Tinicum	Bob Rodgers
July	Sandy Hook	Mike Boucher
August	Statue of Liberty	Sue Mazza
September	Sea Girt	Mike Boucher
October	Statue of Liberty	Gene Goch
November	East Point	Bill McKelvey
December	Conover Beacon	Hugh Murphy

For the Good of the Society

At 12:53 the meeting was placed on hold as attendees ate their lunch, visited the desert table, put numbers in the basket auction, fellowshipped, and watched the presentation of the Michigan Trip slides.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:40. Bob Gleason and Carol Winkie drew 9 door prize tickets (1 bottle of wine and 8 mini rose bushes). A 50/50 ticket was drawn for \$60.00. There were 21 \$1.00 baskets in the auction which were received by members. The \$3.00 tickets went along with 10 baskets or gift cards. Following are the items and the names of the winners.

Basket / Gift Card	Winners Name
\$50 Longhorn Gift Card	Jim Cope
Prints	Kate Moser
\$50 Quaker Steak and Lube	Rick Owen
Golf Cruise Golf Framingdale	Al Smith
\$50 Joe's Crab Shack	Linda Gleason
\$40 Longhorn	Mike Boucher
Danberry Mint Lighthouse Collection	Dixie Amento
Door Knocker	Kay Hutchins
Adolpho Watches (2)	Alex Blake
Quilt (Mildred Plant)	Donna Bishop

***Congratulations to all the winners!**

Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at 2:19 P.M.. A motion was made by Al Smith and seconded by Dave Bishop. All were in favor of adjournment.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

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