

NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JUNE 26, 2021
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Winding River Park
 Picnic Area-1
 Toms River, New Jersey

President – Carol Winkie

President’s Call to Order - President Winkie convened the meeting at 11:09 a.m. with thirty-two members present and one guest. Carol led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members commented that the Winding River Park outside location was a good choice for our first membership meeting in over a year. Lighthouse challenge brochures were given out to the membership.

Carol asked if Donna Bishop would accept the position of Recording Secretary and Donna agreed. To fill Donna’s former role as a Director, Carol asked John Bishop to fill the open Director’s position, which he accepted. Carol inquired if the members reviewed the minutes from the Zoom membership meeting on March 27, 2021. There being no questions or suggested changes, a motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Faith Giamboi

TREASURY REPORT FOR NJLHS GM 06-26-2021

	<u>As of December 31, 2020</u>	<u>As of March 31, 2021</u>
Operating Fund	\$ 9,198.52	\$ 9,293.95
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,878.87	\$ 2,878.87
Preservation Fund	\$ 11,562.46	\$ 11,562.46
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Operating Acct. Total	\$ 23,639.85	\$ 23,735.28
TRIP ACCOUNT	\$ 7,051.15	\$ 7,051.15
Society Balance	\$ 30,691.00	\$ 30,786.43

Faith indicated that \$3,090 in membership dues and donations for 2021 were deposited in December 2020. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded, and unanimously approved by the membership.

Second Vice President – Bob Rodgers

Bob provided a report on the NJLHS Budget for 2021. Bob indicated that the budget for 2021 was developed in February 2020 before the pandemic was fully realized. The year 2019 was a

good year with Outreach bringing in \$2,000. Unfortunately, since 2020 did not produce extra income, the Society is operating at a \$2,000 loss each year. However, the \$2,000 in the trip account is available to the Operating Fund to cover deficits. Based on Kathy Lanzim's research, the last membership dues increase was in 2004. Since membership totals have dropped, an increase in membership dues for 2022 was approved at the NJLHS Zoom membership meeting on March 27, 2021. Single membership dues will be \$30 per year and family membership dues will increase to \$35 annually starting in 2022.

First Vice President – Kathleen Eustace

Since Kathleen was unable to attend the membership meeting, Carol provided Kathleen's report. There are no trips currently planned mostly due to covid restrictions.

Regarding the 2021 photo contest, submissions will be accepted from July 1st to July 20th, with voting from July 25th through August 13th.

The Beam issue number for June 2021 should be 122 instead of 121. September Beam articles are due by July 25th. Carol informed the members that Lauren Ward is no longer available to work on the Beam. Kathleen will continue as Beam Designer. Carol also stated that the December 11th, 2021, membership meeting at Mastoris Restaurant is currently limited to seventy people, and the total cost for the luncheon will be fully paid by each attendee.

Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Lanzim

Kathy stated that there were 171 renewed memberships for 2021 and 35 members have not renewed. Kathy would wait until July 1st for any more renewals.

Kathy currently has two possible outdoor Outreach locations for 2021: Beach Plum Festival at Island Beach State Park and Decoy Festival at Tuckerton. Sign-up sheets were available for members at the meeting to volunteer. Kathy presented a print titled "Inlet of the Breakers" of Barnegat Lighthouse by the late artist Howard Worner. The NJLHS received a large quantity of prints which could be sold to raise funds for the Society.

Director – Apryl Roach

Apryl could not attend the membership meeting. Carol reported that Apryl is reviewing NJLHS Constitution/Bylaws with Director John Bishop.

Director – Alan Jacobson

Alan spoke about the fence replacement project at the Tinicum Rear Range Light. When the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office gives approval for the new fence, the NJLHS will be donating \$2,000 from the Preservation Fund for this project. The Society will then consider other lighthouses requesting grants.

Alan also mentioned that National Lighthouse Day, August 7th, this year is on a Saturday. He reached out to New Jersey lighthouse societies to determine if they were participating and needed any volunteers from our Society. Several lighthouses requested volunteers and there were sign-up sheets available if any members wanted to participate at the various locations.

Educational Outreach – Marilyn Dunning (Alan Jacobson – co-chair)

Marilyn indicated that there was one presentation in January 2020. There were twenty other live lectures scheduled that could not be presented during last year. There are no plans for zoom presentations. There is a live presentation scheduled this November at the New Jersey Maritime Museum. Marilyn solicited volunteers to present future outreaches.

Archivist – Marilyn Dunning

Marilyn is backing up electronically and archiving historical documents for the Society. Marilyn is going through the storage unit to see which items could be donated or used in some other capacity.

Director – Ann Solaequi

Ann (Ways & Means) did sell several items which were mailed to the buyers. Mailing items is expensive and if anyone would like to purchase items, Ann is available to take orders. Ann hopes to sell items in person at future meetings.

Director – Loretta Wilkins

Loretta was unable to sell any 50-50 at the meeting due to Winding River Park restrictions. Loretta will assist Donna Bishop with hospitality at future membership meetings.

Recording Secretary – Donna Bishop

Donna (Hospitality) did provide decorations at the meeting with a patriotic theme. Members were encouraged to take home the table decorations if they chose to do so.

Old Business

None

New Business

Members spoke about the new lighthouse postage stamp series that will be issued August 7th, which is National Lighthouse Day. Carol suggested that Jim Cope write an article about these mid-Atlantic lighthouse stamps for the September Beam.

Member Judy Boucher spoke about the need to attract new members to the Society. Members spoke about what different ideas could be done to increase Society membership and obtain new members. Carol suggested a committee be formed to recommend extra membership advantages. The membership ability to go on lighthouse tours was a valuable benefit and hopefully the Society can offer trips again. Any suggestions can be sent online to speakersbureau@NJLHS.org.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Donna Bishop, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

Minutes were approved at the General Membership Meeting on September 18, 2021.