

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF  
THE NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY, INC.  
AT TINICUM LIGHT, BILLINGSPOORT, NJ  
DECEMBER 3, 1994

The Quarterly Meeting of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society was called to order at 11:20 A.M. on Saturday, December 3, 1994 at the Billingsport Firehouse, Billingsport, N.J. by President Jack Granger.

Thanks were expressed to Harbour Lights of LaMesa, CA for donating a miniature of Sandy Hook Lighthouse, plus two sweatshirts and a calendar for our use/sale. Thanks to Bill Younger and Kim Andrews and Carol Finley.

Marge Ridolfi, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4,905.79. Profit on the ~~Norwalk~~ cruise was \$1,084.00. The Board has agreed to earmark this amount for use on future cruises which may not always be as financially successful as this one.

Joan Walton, Membership Chairperson reported approximately 500 members ~~enrolled~~, including affiliates. More every week; several new members at this meeting. President asked new members and those attending for the first time to stand and be recognized, welcomed. Membership forms did not go out with the fall Beam due to the change in name and logo. They are currently in press and will go out with a special mailing in January, with tickets and by-laws, when all are ready.

Debbie Megonigal, Chairman of the By-laws Revisions Committee, spoke of the two-year terms, eleven board members, quorum of six at board meetings. Standing Rules include an early new year meeting. Copies of revisions were distributed to the members present in lieu of reading and were moved to be part of the minutes. By-laws changes were distributed to the members and to be filed with changes noted and read into the record at the June and October meetings. Also reviewed were elections and terms of office. Section 4, Art. VI. The designation Chairman will be changed to read Chairperson. This issue was moved by Katie Moser and seconded by Yvonne Miller. There was a unanimous vote to adopt the new by-laws, as read and corrected. So moved.

Elections: President Jack Granger asked George Feirer to be Judge of Elections. He appointed two members to count the absentee ballots received. Elections were to continue after the count was completed.

Rosemary Dixon, CPA, asked for any newspaper articles concerning the Society in the last year or so for use in establishing credentials portfolio for our application to the Legalized Games of Chance licensing Bureau in Newark.

Carole DiNapoli, Activities Chairperson, announced plans for a cruise from Cape May or Wildwood in May to see Brandywine Shoals, Miah Maull, Fourteen-foot Bank, Delaware Harbor of Refuge, Delaware Breakwater; about 5 1/2 house' trip. More on this later.

Yvonne Miller, Programs, outlined the March 25th plans at Holly House, Cook/Rutgers Campus in New Brunswick, with Photography Contest finals and speaker George Scott on the lighthouses of Nova Scotia. Members should bring memorabilia and lunch. The business meeting is planned for 11 AM. Carl Nelson, Chairman, will accept entries in advance -- not at the meeting. George Scott will also serve as Judge. Following the program members will tour the Walton Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis on College Farm Road, a few minutes from the meeting site. Maps will be available and members are welcome to see the campus, gardens, livestock barns, etc. at their leisure. Guides will be available to explain the Remote Sensing equipment.

The June meeting will be held at Hereford Inlet Lighthouse with the Annual Picnic at Cape May County Park and Zoo nearby. The Museum will be open for members to see the 1st order lens from Cape May Lighthouse on display. The North Wildwood Eirehouse will be the meeting room, a few blocks south of the lighthouse.

The minutes of the October meeting were brought by Nancy Hackney. Kathy Hackney, Secretary, was unable to attend. These were circulated among the members and board.

President Jack Granger introduced Howard Worner, member and artist, who has donated a painting titled "Inlet of the Breakers" for our use in fundraising. The painting, 20" x 30", was displayed. Howard has assigned all rights of reproduction to the society. There was a discussion on the size and number of limited edition prints to be produced. Several of the artists' proofs and limited edition prints will be given as "second" prizes at the drawing. Several will be retained by the artist for his personal use. All members will have the opportunity to purchase the signed and numbered prints before they are offered to the public. Tickets for donations will be printed. It was suggested that 10,000 be printed rather than 5,000 as originally planned, realizing a greater profit. Members expressed great enthusiasm for the plan and the painting.

We need to wait for the ID number from Legalized Games of Chance before getting the local permit from Hereford Inlet (North Wildwood) where the drawing will be held at the June meeting. Winners must arrange to pick up the prizes with 30 days of drawing or new winners will be chosen. (1st alternates, etc.)

The President gave an engraved plaque for Service and Generosity to Howard Worner and the membership offered a standing ovation, to both Howard and Marian Worner.

Jack G. asked if members had enjoyed the article by our German postcard/penpal and would like to see another one in the Beam. All expressed interest and agreement for a second article.

Tom Laverty, Preservation Chairperson and new President reported that we await the disposition of Conover Beacon according to the attitude of Governor Whitman. Jack G. gave a brief report on Absecon Lighthouse progress. Al and Martha Brown and Yvonne Miller and Fred Thies had been present at the auction and wine and cheese reception at the Garden Pier in Atlantic City where Jack had shown lighthouse slides. Michael Henry, Architect, is doing a feasibility study. He will be invited to speak at one of our meetings.

Elections (continued): George Feirer, reported that 27 absentee ballots had been received. There were two write-ins but those voted for had already declined to serve so were discounted. Since the Secretary was not present Bill Geilfuss moved to appoint the Acting Secretary to cast the unanimous ballot, without objection, in favor of the slate presented at the October meeting. Joan W. Acting Secretary, cast the ballot and the slate was elected.

Jack Granger handed the gavel to Tom Laverty, the new President and commended the nominating committee and congratulated the new officers and directors. Commendations were presented to the outgoing board members for service. The new President presented a commendation to the outgoing President, in lieu of an engraved plaque which was not ready, and a handpainted T-shirt reading "First Order" showing a Fresnel lens on a blue background. Member Ruth Bales was commissioned to produce the shirt. The plaque will be presented at the next meeting.

Yvonne Miller won the 50/50 of \$55.00. Ways and Means Chairman Jack Thomson, announced that there were a few Barnegat Lighthouse Tree ornaments still available. New sweathirts and t-shirts with the new logo were sold at the meeting, along with books, etc. Flashing lighthouse pins also sold well.

Yvonne Miller introduced the speaker, Dan McFadden, former lighthouse keeper at Fourteen-foot Bank, who camcorded the lighthouses of Delaware Bay with pilot Fred Thies and "Co-pilot" Jack Granger, producing the video shown at this meeting to applause and cheers and guffaws from the membership!

Jim Gowdy gave a short explanation on Tinicum Light and gave out photocopies of information, much appreciated by the members. We thank the Coast Guard, Chief Ken Cropper, USCG, ANT, Philadelphia, and his men for opening the light for us today.

Debbie Megonigal moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections. Seconded by Herb Colt.

George Feirer moved to adjourn at 3:15 PM. Seconded by Fred Thies.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Walton, for Kathy Hackney