

Minutes of meeting of New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
held at Tuckerton on June 24, 2000.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Laverty at 11:10 a. m. Tom called for approval of the minutes. There was one correction which was an addition of \$9,000 to the preservation fund. Minutes were approved.

Tom welcomed Patricia Schuster and Joel Mott from the Seaport and presented them with a \$1000 donation from NJLHS.

Debbie Megonigal gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Receipts	\$12,550.84	Preservation	\$17,664.86
Disbursements	\$17,664.86	Memorial	\$ 1,425.00
General	\$18,140.47		

Tom stated that the raffle was instrumental in raising funds for Preservation Fund and thanked everyone who bought chances.

Ray Vliet made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Cindy Mitzen seconded. Motion was carried.

Tom Laverty gave a report on Sandy Hook Lighthouse opening which is now open to the public and stated we will be having our meeting there in September. He also gave a report on the National Lighthouse Museum and stated he had raffle chances to sell.

Rick Weber gave a report on the New Jersey Lighthouse Weekend to be held October 14 and 15. He now has the brochures and will be sending them out to all the lighthouses participating and to the New Jersey Department of Tourism. He thanked Judy McCann and her employer for their generosity for helping us get the brochures. Bill Volpe has been working on the lighthouse stickers and they will be given out at each lighthouse. We will be entering the name of every person who visits (not sure of number) lighthouses that weekend for a drawing for a prize from all the participating lighthouses. We will be sending a certificate to all the people who visit ALL the lighthouses. Volunteers are needed to man our booths at each lighthouse. See Rick or Mike Grant if you wish to volunteer. He stated New Jersey Department of Tourism has been very supportive of our project and have offered help to apply for a grant and given us a list of tour operators who have asked for information so that we can send brochures for them. Press release has been prepared and we hope to get some coverage in the Lighthouse Digest. Members have been talking up the event in other states and around the New Jersey lighthouses and we have been getting alot of response. If anyone knows of any place we can distribute our brochures, get in touch with him.

Tom Laverty said this event will give NJLHS some high profile and hopefully alot of people will take opportunity to visit the lighthouses and collect the stickers.

Yvonne Miller spoke about what is available here today including a \$6 buffet for our members and other food available at Skeeters. We will have coffee, cake and watermelon. The Seaport has opened up their area to us and she said don't forget to put the name tag on as that is your ticket to the Seaport. Our September meeting will be at Sandy Hook and our December 2 meeting will be in the Cape May area.

Carol DiNapoli went over the Prince Edward Island trip which is now full. She will meeting with all going after the meeting. She is planning a Chesapeake trip on October 28. More details to follow.

Mary Beth Doherty stated that we had 226 in attendance and that we have 317 single memberships and 278 family for a total of 873. If you want a name tag they are \$4 which must be paid in advance.

Tom Laverty appointed a nomination committee for December's elections. He appointed Joan Walton as chairperson and Ray and Ilse Vliet and Barry and Joan Woods as members.

Steve Martorano spoke about donations to New Jersey Lighthouse Society from a sale of ways and means.

Al Smith asked for volunteers for Sandy Hook and if we don't get more volunteer hours, the lighthouse will have to be closed for part of July, August and September. He also stated that volunteers are needed at Absecon, Tuckerton, East Point and any outreach that we do.

Al Smith gave out certificates to the winners of March's photo contest and congratulated the winners.

Eleanor Viet asked for names of newspapers, magazines or radio/tv stations she might send announcement about Lighthouse 2000, pick up a postcard with her name on the front and give her information on the back. She also has a petition for a stamp for George Mead and wanted members to sign it. Rich Viet gave a report on Absecon and advised that it was free on July 8 to all lighthouse volunteers. They are giving classes to the 4th grade classes about lighthouses. Negotiations with the insurance on Absecon is still being held up in court.

Tom Laverty said that a task force has been formed to help Kim with the Beam and Yvonne gave a report. Mary Beth will take over maintaining membership list and Joe Goocheck volunteered to be an assistant editor. Kim, Mary Beth and Joe will coordinate the circulation. In the meantime, we are looking at alternatives to the circulation problem.

Yvonne Miller said that we will do outreach at Old Lafayette Village on July 2 and at East Point Lighthouse on August 5 and if anyone can help out please call Rick Weber for Old Lafayette or Debbie and/or Harry Megonigal for East Point.

Yvonne Miller introduced Joe Manna from the Seaport restaurant who explained the buffet.

Tom Laverty welcomed **Gloria** Pollard who left Massachusetts at 1:10 a. m. this morning to attend our meeting.

Betty Smith asked for help from people who lived around where our meetings are being held with setting up the coffee pot by 9:30 a. m. If we can not get volunteers we may have to forego hospitality.

Cindy Mitzen moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a. m. Motion was seconded and carried.

Al Smith held the annual raffle which was drawn by members of the NJLHS Board. The winners were:

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| 1. Bill Geilfuss, III | 6. Margaret Soltis |
| 2. Jan Williams       | 7. Henry Doherty   |
| 3. Rick Weber         | 8. C. Erb          |
| 4. Marilyn Ryland     | 9. Sandra Freez    |
| 5. Joan & Paul Murtha | 10. Debbie Keyek   |

1st winner of the 50/50 was Al Smith. He won \$221.

Next meeting September 16 at Sandy Hook.

Betty Jean Smith  
Corresponding Secretary