

New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting
September 21, 2002
West Cape May Fire Hall

President Tom Laverty called the meeting to order at 11:05am. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the June 29th meeting at the Ticunim Lighthouse were submitted for approval. Steve Martorano made a motion to accept as written. Bill Geilfuss seconded, the motion carried. Rich Siminko representing Cape May Lighthouse welcomed the society and announced free admission for members wearing their name tags at the lighthouse.

Treasures Report Debbie Megonigal

Total receipts since June \$23,745.63. Total Disbursements \$16,133.94. Checking's balance \$16,621.43. Preservation Fund is \$14,161.90, Memorial Fund is \$1,811.05 certificates of deposit \$10,755.84. Rich Veit moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Bill Volpe seconded, the membership approved.

Presidents Report

Tom thanked Rich and Elinor Veit, along with Jim Gale for organizing the set up this morning in Yvonne's absence. Yvonne hopes to arrive later. She is with Fred Theis a member of the society and dear friend who has had kidney surgery. Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery. Thank you to Michael and Cindy Mitzen, Martha Osburn-Henry, and Bob Gasecki, for filling in at hospitality. And Jay and Jayne Swope for their help at the ways and means table today.

Over at the Lewes Ferry Terminal on the Jersey side there is a lighthouse and Coast Guard exhibition set up by the Chesapeake Lighthouse society. There is also a 4th order lens on display. October 15th-17th there is a lens and lantern work shop in Buffalo NY, Al Smith will be attending for the society. The Delaware Bay Lights trip had about 100 members attending and was enjoyed by all. The next general meeting will be at Tuckerton Seaport on December 7th. The meeting will be on the second floor and there will be a holiday social to follow on the main floor. Please remember to bring a Christmas tree ornament with a lighthouse theme to donate to the Seaport.

Officer and Committee Reports

Mary Beth Doherty –reported membership at 357(x2) families 702, and 410 single, for a total of 1124. The sign in for today's meeting is 147. If you have not signed in please do so.

Rich and Elinor Veit – Sixty notices were sent out to newspapers, radio and television, announcing today's meeting. Over 300 items have also been released regarding the Lighthouse Challenge. Elinor reminded everyone taking pictures at the Challenge that she needs quality pictures with names and other pertinent information returned to her in a timely fashion. At Abescon Lighthouse the bids for the grounds work have been returned and this fall work should commence.

Rick Weber – NJLHS Challenge 2002

Rick thanked Doreen Lagatutta, his Assistant Coordinator. She has designed and arranged for all the printed materials. 5000 more brochures have been ordered to get us through the event. As Rich reported, press releases are out, and our ads have appeared in Lighthouse Digest and the Keepers Log. Bill and Al have completed the work on the souvenir cards and they are expected to be delivered shortly. Mike Grant has around 80 volunteers signed up. There will be a volunteer meeting September 28th at 10:00am at the Fire Station at Sandy Hook. One thousand T-shirts have been ordered.

Lighthouse artist Donna Elias has produced a special poster for this event that will be sold for the first time that weekend. Donna will be visiting at Abescon, Hereford and Cape May on Saturday, and Tuckerton, Twin Lights and Sandy Hook on Sunday to sign her posters.

Rosemary Dixon -brought to the attention of the membership the posters and prints of Inlet by the Breakers by Howard Worner. The prints are \$20.00 to members and all profit goes to the society.

Ray Vliet reported for the nominating committee. The following is the committee's recommendation: President Tom Laverty, 1st Vice President Yvonne Miller, 2nd Vice President Bill Volpe, Treasure Debby Megoonigal, Secretary Cindy Mitzen, Director Mary Beth Doherty, Director Elinor Veit. There were no recommendations from the floor. Brett Franks moved that the nominations be closed, Steve Martornao seconded, so moved.

Bill Volpe told members that the educational kits are still on sale this meeting. He also thanked members of the speaker's burear, Joe Kelly, Ray Vliet, Jack Slavin and Rich and Elinor Veit for all the time they have been putting in. Grace and Ken Schumacher are representing NJLHS at an outreach at the Little Red Lighthouse under the George Washington Bridge.

Under new business a plea went out for more volunteers at the Tuckerton Baymens Decoy Show where we will be doing an outreach. Katie Moser announced the categories for the T-shirt contest to be held directly after the meeting adjourns.

Katie Moser moved, Debbie Megoonigal seconded adjournment; business meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Mitzen, Recording Secretary

Winners of the T-shirt contest are: Best NJ T-shirt James Cope. Most unique Mary Jane Rupinski. Best of shoe Donna Bishop. Judges were Pat Muench, Ken Muench, Steve Martorano, Jack Slavin and Katie Moser.