

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting - September 25, 2010
Lewes, Delaware**

Call to Order

President Mary Beth Doherty called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M.. She thanked all for coming and led the membership in the pledge to the flag. Fire safety and building floor plan for the Lewes Presbyterian Church was gone over by Jim Cope.

Minutes From Prior Meeting

Secretary was not at the meeting. Members were encouraged to view minutes online.

Membership

George and Carol Naill reported that the society currently has 202 single members, 246 family members totaling 694 members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. For today's meeting there were 67 members present (quorum was met).

Newsletter - The Beam

Mike Boucher remarked on the Arizona story in the current issue of The Beam. Deadline for the December issue is October 9th. Stories are needed. It was encouraged to send detective/mystery stories.

Web Master

Howard Wright was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report where three points were highlighted:

- New web page, an Online Library, devoted to old books regarding lighthouses. Some pieces are novels and some informative. Read online or download to save on your pc. There are ten books now but have access to many more.
- 50 of the oldest copies of the beam are now online (August 1990 to December 2002).
- Still looking for Sheffield Island trip photos to put online. Apryl put out an e-mail but nothing was received as of September 19th. All in attendance commented how "AWESOME" the trip was.

Lighthouse Challenge Events

Doreen Berson was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report.

- This year's challenge is being organized and presented by the Lighthouse Managers of New Jersey assisted by the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. The dates are October 16th and 17th.
- A "Delaware Bay Lighthouse Adventure" boat trip is being held in conjunction with the Challenge. It is Friday, October 15th from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.. The cost is \$85.00 per person. For tickets call 609-884-5404.
- The souvenir this year is a handsome, tri-fold that will get stamped at each site for visit.
- Ludlam's Beach Lighthouse was torn down on Tuesday, September 21st. Therefore it will not be included in this year's Challenge, even though there is a space for the stamp in the souvenir.
- Challenge T-Shirts will be sold at the following sites:
 - Sandy Hook
 - Barnegat Lighthouse
 - Barnegat Light Museum
 - Tuckerton

- Absecon
- Hereford Inlet
- Cape May Lighthouse
- Tinicum
- The Challenge is still in need of volunteers (especially experienced ones) at some sites. The sites that need help the most are:
 - Sandy Hook
 - Twin Lights
 - Sea Girt
 - Barnegat Lighthouse
 - East Point
- If you are interested in volunteering, please call Doreen Berson at 732-202-7420 or e-mail her at dor0102@comcast.net. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message. We have promised the lighthouse managers that we would help with volunteers this year, so please help if you can. Thank you!
- Any questions about this year's Challenge, call Doreen.

Note: The Beam also has the contact information listed.

Mary Catherine Kennedy said she has a list if anyone was interested in seeing it.

Ways and Means

Carol Winkie reported that she has minimized items brought to the meetings. If you have an interest in an item, please let her know and she will bring it with her to the next meeting.

The new calendar is out and is \$12.00. Since the summer the Ways and Means Committee has dealt with Island Beach State Park, Hereford, Warren County Fair, and the Ocean County Decoy Show.

Anniversary shirts and glasses are for sale.

Remember: Pencil sharpeners are free with a purchase.

Items available include: wooden tree ornaments, pins, patches, pocket books, license plates and more. It is one stop shopping!

Carol is always looking for ideas of merchandise, any ideas or if you desire an item between now and the next meeting, e-mail Carol.

Nomination Committee

Joan Stumpf read the slate for 2011:

- Brett Franks, President
- Anthony Albence, First Vice President
- Rich Viet, Second Vice President
- Faith Giamboi, Treasurer
- Karen Stumpf-Owen, Recording Secretary
- Mary Beth Doherty, Director
- Carol Winkie, Director

This list will be posted in The Beam and voted on in December.

Audit Committee

Jim Cope reported that the committee met at Faith's house. Faith is doing a wonderful job as treasurer. Books balanced and all equal with bank statements. The Challenge account is closed, but will still hold a line item. Checks for this account were also saved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Cope read the Treasurer's Report in Faith's absence.

Treasury Report for September 25, 2010 (as of September 22, 2010):

- Operating Fund \$ 4,362.12 includes \$3,505.63 from Challenge Account
Does not include \$10,900.00 refund due
from Trolley Tours for cancelling trip
Does not include check from \$1,940.00 for
Society Insurance
- Memorial Fund \$ 4,621.23
 - Account total \$ 8,983.35 Adjusted balance \$17,943.35

Special thanks to Cindy Mitzen for donating the Wal-Mart Foundation check in the amount of \$250.00 (included in the balance).

- Sandy Hook Account \$ 31,826.38 Includes deposits and checks through
September 21, 2010
- Challenge Account \$ ---- Closed - balance transferred to Operating
Account as of August 18, 2010
- Preservation Account \$ 28,041.56 Includes interest for July and August 2010
- SOCIETY BALANCE \$ 68,851.29

Reminders:

- Use forms. Follow instructions on forms and have a signature of Committee Chair or Board Member responsible for event. You must also have original receipts, keep deposits to different accounts separate (i.e. Sandy Hook, Operating, Preservation). As much as possible, all moneys should be paid out of an NJLHS account. Personal funds can be used for small unexpected expenses (postage, small supplies) and hospitality.
- Deposits. Ask teller to validate all copies on the back, keep pink for your records. Use Chart of Accounts account number whenever possible. Contact Faith for help, if needed.

Trolley Tours check was questioned. It was stated that the check was never cashed. We are waiting for it to be returned.

Questions concerning donations received during Challenge. Any donations collected at the Challenge goes directly to the lighthouse or museum. We are only assisting. We have already donated funds for brochures. We do not expect anything back.

Bill Volpe questioned interest earning accounts. He stated that at TD, savings earns 0.1 of 1% where other banks maybe 1.2%. Are other investments being considered? He was answered by Jim Cope who said that the Preservation account has a CD but it matured and nothing was done further with the account. Bill continued to question the monitoring of the accounts so we get the best interest. Why is one account receiving no interest? He was told that for that account we are not charged for deposits or withdrawals. It was then suggested that maybe a minimum amount should be kept in an operating account and the rest put where it can earn interest.

First Vice President's Report

Preservation

Brett Franks reported Ludlam Beach Lighthouse was torn down after a long failed political battle. In the end, politics and changes in New Jersey Historical Commission were the downfall. We need to think about the ones we still have such as:

- East Point - needs money for rehabilitation
- Finns Point - held by the US Fish and Wildlife Services at the Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
- Sandy Hook - Federal concerns with the Parks Services and changes due to money being tight.

Moving forward:

- Third order Fresnel lens at Tuckerton needs prisms, stabilization, and maintenance.
- Absecon Lighthouse Museum needs money to upgrade.

Ludlam photos are online. They will be maintaining funds for possible replica. Brett will address this further as he hears information.

Sandy Hook

Tour guides are still needed. Interested volunteers should call Al Smith. Tom Laverty reported there is no change at Sandy Hook.

Second Vice President's Report

Programs

Cindy Mitzen reported that the December 4, 2010 meeting will be at Sandy Hook in the chapel. Sandy Hook's 250th Anniversary is coming up. It is the oldest active light in the USA. We should be proud of Sandy Hook! We have done a lot for it, be proud! We should also keep in mind the treasure of Finn's Point.

Community Outreach

Anthony Albence was unable to attend the meeting. He is staffing the Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show outreach at Tuckerton. Cindy Mitzen read his report.

- Many thanks to Alan and Amy Mertz for coordinating the Warren County Farmers Fair weeklong outreach.
- Many thanks to Mary Catherine Kennedy for her tireless dedication to Community Outreach
- Community Outreach had many summer events and all went smoothly. Noted was a new event this summer: Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Maritime Festival. Things went well, it was a light turnout but not bad for a first time event.
- Community Outreach will wrap up the season on Sunday, October 10th at the Ocean Fun Days in Cape May.

Publicity

Anthony Albence's report was read by Cindy Mitzen.

- The June meeting information was sent to over 50 media outlets.
- Meeting and other information has been posted on Facebook, where 219 people "like" NJLHS.
- Our exposure on Facebook and Twitter continues to grow.

Trips

Apryl was not able to attend the meeting. Cindy Mitzen read her report.

- Upcoming trips are listed in The Beam.
- Highlighted were:
 - May 21, 2011 > Delaware River Boat Trip
 - June (?) > Long Island Sound Cruise
 - August 6, 2011 > return to Sheffield Island (clambake only)
 - August 6-7, 2011 > Sheffield Island and "Hidden Lighthouse Treasures" weekend package
 - October 22-30, 2011 > Southeastern Coast Lighthouse Tour (a \$100.00 deposit for this trip is due on November 15, 2010)
 - Bruce Coast Lighthouse trip to the Great Lakes and Canadian Lighthouses is possible.
- As reported earlier, prior trips have had much success. Thank you Apryl!

Special Report Maritime Heritage Conference

Cindy Mitzen reported that this conference takes place every three years. The conference was in Baltimore, Maryland last week and she was able to attend. She started the conference on the SS John W. Brum and then took part in the Lighthouse Tract. They discussed Lightship #83 in California, Florida's Challenge, Northwest Seaport in Seattle, Washington, Montauk Point Erosion Control and Split Rock restoration (in the past they used baking soda, but now have found that dry ice works better). The F. Ross Holland Award was given to Candace Clifford, Thomas Tag and Bob Trapani (Seven Foot Knoll). These are prestigious lighthouse awards. Linda Dianto was also in attendance. She is interested in getting the National Lighthouse Museum Initiative board and friends group back together (Staten Island, NY). Big names are behind her (Ralph Eshelman and Michael Vagel to name a few).

Today's Program

Mary Beth Doherty reported that Wayne Kirklin will be our speaker after lunch. He has a film, talk and then there will be time to tour the Overfalls Lightship.

New Business

- Joe Guchek suggested possibly lowering the quorum number since we were very close for this meeting. Mary Beth and Brett both said that they will be addressing this in upcoming By Laws Committee meetings. This takes time and they are hoping to get something in the works for 2011.
- "Thank You" to the Outreach Committee for their attendance at the Howell Library by Carl.
- A report was given on the Absecon Lighthouse deck. It will be started on October 1, 2010 and will be done in Mahogany and then a composite will be used for railing. They will not be closing, just rerouting for entry.
- March and June meeting locations for 2011 was questioned. We are looking for a program person, so no meetings have been scheduled yet.
- Bill Volpe expressed confidence in Bob Gleason for Speakers Bureau Chairperson, see article in the current edition of The Beam.
- Judy Boucher reported that the Photo Contest winning photos will be displayed in Monmouth Beach Cultural Center from October 13 to 31, 2010. All photos will be returned to owners at the December meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 P.M. for lunch.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Karen Stumpf-Owen
Substitute Recording Secretary