

Draft Minutes – Pending Final Approval

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting – December 4, 2010
Twin Lights of Navesink Lighthouse
2 Light House Road
Highlands, NJ 07732-1812
<http://www.njlhs.org/>**

President's Call to Order

President Mary Beth Doherty called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. The fire safety briefing was provided by Jim Cope. Mary Beth mentioned that this would be her last meeting as NJLHS President but noted that she looked forward to continuing to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Mary Beth acknowledged the efforts of Cindy Mitzen and many others as a furnace failure at the Sandy Hook Chapel forced the meeting to be moved to Twin Lights at the very last minute. The patience, understanding and good humor of the membership as we moved to our new site was appreciated.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Bob Gleason submitted the minutes from the June 26th meeting at Liberty State Park. There being no changes noted, Tom Laverty made a motion to accept the minutes. Anthony Albence seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Bob then submitted the minutes for the September 25th meeting in Lewes, Delaware. Since Bob was not able to attend the September meeting, the Lewes minutes were prepared by Karen Stumpf-Owen, the 2011 nominee for Recording Secretary. After noting one spelling correction (spelling of Joe Guchek's last name) Cindy Mitzen made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill Geilfuss seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Review of the Day's Agenda: Cindy Mitzen explained the schedule for the day's events. Following the business meeting and lunch, Linda Dianto will provide a presentation from the Friends of the National Lighthouse Museum & Waterfront on Staten Island, NY. Following Linda's presentation members are encouraged to join for the annual Holiday Social being held at the Sandy Hook Keepers House.

Newsletter - THE BEAM - Mike Boucher

Mike thanked the members and explained that he had received a number of great articles for the November BEAM and that he did not need to write any article(s) to fill space. He already has some articles for the next edition. The deadline for the March BEAM will be January 23rd so please get articles to him by that date. He welcomed any suggestions for changes as well as stories of lighthouse trips.

Membership – Membership totals for December were 209 Single, 251 Family for a total of 711 Members. A significant number of new members have joined following the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey event. George Naill announced that attendance at the meeting totaled 87 including two guests. The 2011 membership renewal efforts are underway with forms being handed out at the sign-in table. Forms will be mailed to all members not attending today's meeting.

Website –Howard Wright

A link to an on-line library of thirteen lighthouse books is now on the NJLHS website. Howie encouraged members to check out the books (view on-line or download & read at your leisure). The popularity of the website is continuing to grow. To date there have been about 24,700 hits. The most popular pages are: #1 Favorite Photos, #2 New Jersey Lights and #3 Challenge Page.

Lighthouse Challenge Events – Doreen Berson

- **New Jersey** - Final numbers are still being assembled, but the New Jersey Lighthouse Managers were very happy with the preliminary results from this year's Challenge. The collectable item, while basic, was very well received. Due to an illnesses in each of their families, neither Laura nor Doreen were actually able to participate in the 2010 Challenge. However, the groundwork they helped

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prepare paid off. Jean Muchanic, Executive Director - Absecon Lighthouse representing the Lighthouse Managers, sent the NJLHS President a letter recognizing Doreen Berson and Laura Portée for their assistance in transitioning the event from NJLHS to the Lighthouse Managers. The Managers will be holding the 2011 Challenge on the third weekend in October. The NJ Lighthouse Society will continue to fill a supporting role assisting the Lighthouse Managers - particularly through the support of volunteers on Challenge weekend.

- Maryland - Paula & Lauren Liebrecht mentioned that there will be a 2011 Maryland Lighthouse Challenge during the third weekend in September.

Ways & Means – Carol Winkie

- Ways & Means offered a reduced number of items at the meeting due to limited space and restrictions associated with selling on State property. 20th Anniversary Wine Glasses and 2011 NJ Lighthouse Calendars will be available at the Social in the Keepers House.
- Carol is looking for volunteer "consultants" who would be willing to act as e-mail buddies to provide ideas and feedback on potential new items. If you are interested please contact her via e-mail at waysandmeans@njlhs.org.

Nominating Committee Report & 2011 Elections – Mary Beth

- Since Nominating Committee Chair Betty Smith was setting up the Social at the Keepers House, Nominating Committee Member Joan Stumpf presented the recommended slate of candidates:
 - Brett Franks - President
 - Anthony Albence - 1st Vice President
 - Rich Veit - 2nd Vice President
 - Faith Giamboi - Treasurer
 - Karen Stumpf-Owen - Recording Secretary
 - Mary Beth Doherty - Director
 - Carol Winkie - Director
- President Mary Beth Doherty asked for and Tom Laverty made a motion to accept the slate of candidates as presented by the Nominating Committee. Rick Hodgman seconded the nomination. The slate of candidates was approved unanimously by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Faith Giamboi

Treasury figures for December 4, 2010 General Meeting are as follows:

Operating Accounts	
Operating Account	\$8,883.04
Memorial Fund	<u>4,621.23</u>
Total Operating & Memorial Accounts	13,504.27
Sandy Hook Account	34,590.13 (Does not include November deposits)
Challenge Account (closed)	0.00
Preservation Account	<u>28,042.72</u>
Society Balance	\$76,137.12

Anyone making a deposit should request that the bank teller validate all three deposit forms which will help minimize confusion.

Jim Cope, Finance Committee Chair asked that anyone with outstanding 2010s bill be closed out quickly prior to December 31, 2010.

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1st Vice President's Report –Brett Franks

Preservation

- Ludlum Lighthouse was demolished earlier this Fall and the Friends of Ludlum Lighthouse organization has been disestablished. As a result of the disbanding and in accordance with their by-laws, Friends of Ludlum have given checks to: Delaware Bay Lighthouse Keepers & Friends (\$3,000), NJ Lighthouse Society (\$3,000), Hereford Lighthouse (\$4,500).
 - Brett intends to discuss re-forming a "Re-Build Ludlum" organization rather than a complete disbanding of all efforts to preserve Ludlam.
 - The \$3,000 check was provided to Treasurer Faith Giamboi for deposit.
 - The 50/50 and basket raffle will take place at the holiday social event.
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Sandy Hook Report – No Update (Al Smith was at Keepers House preparing for Holiday Social)

- Mary Beth acknowledged the significant number of volunteer hours being recorded by NJLHS members out at Sandy Hook.
 - Please support the Gift Shop at the Keepers House when you are at the Holiday Social.
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2nd Vice President Report - Cindy Mitzen

Trips – Cindy Mitzen for Apryl Roach (professional commitment/conflict could not attend)

- May 21 - Delaware River Boat Trip (about 50 participants needed)
- June (date TBD) - Long Island Sound Cruise
- Aug 6-7 Return to Sheffield Island.
- Oct 22-30 Southeastern Coast Lighthouse Tour (NC, SC, and GA).
- 2012 - Possible Bruce Coast, Ontario, tour.

Programs

- A new approach for 2011 Programs to be discussed and dates confirmed during a special planning session scheduled by 2011 President Brett Franks on Saturday, December 11th at Twin Rivers Library. The date & location of the March General Membership meeting will be posted on the website and details provided in the BEAM.

Publicity & Community Outreach – Anthony Albence

- We are up to 280 Friends on Face Book. Please "friend" us.
- Twitter - all Face Book updates are automatically "tweeted" on Twitter
- Currently using 55 outlets to get out NJLHS information
- NJ History Fair will be back in 2011 - this time in Allaire State Park (instead of Washington Crossing)
- Anthony recognized Amy & Alan Mertz for their wonderful efforts coordinating all staffing at the week-long Warren County Farmers Fair.
- Anthony also recognized Mary Catherine Kennedy as the "backbone" of NJLHS' Community Outreach efforts.
- Since Anthony is moving up to 1st VP, we are looking for someone interested in helping out with Community Outreach.
- Mary Beth reminded members to keep their eyes open for any outreach opportunities that would be good for NJLHS participation.

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Education Outreach / Speakers Bureau – Bob Gleason

- Year to date Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau has reached 181 Students and 137 Adults for a total of 318 people.
- There are two more 2010 speaking engagements; estimated numbers 40 adults and 100 students.
- Bill Volpe, working with Mike Boucher, is in the process of finalizing a Children's Lighthouse Activity Book. The goal of the book is to spur children/student's interest in lighthouses. (Sort of a long range growth plan for NJLHS.) The plan is to have the book published prior to year end.
- Any members interested in sharing their love of lighthouses through the Speaker's Bureau should contact Bob Gleason.

Hospitality - George Naill

While the coffee and donuts are appreciated by the members, George pointed out the importance of people donating money to help support the hospitality. Today's hospitality cost \$131 but as of 11:45AM only \$30 had been placed in the donation box. (Note: as of the end of the meeting there was approximately \$100.00 in the donation box.)

Photo Contest - Judy Boucher

- NJLHS Photographers & Photographs were featured at the Monmouth Beach Cultural Center October 13-30, 2010. The 2010 NJLHS Photo Contest winners were on display Wednesday to Saturday, 10AM - 2PM and provided some good publicity for the Society.
- Judy reminded members that the March meeting will feature the photo contest.
- Please see Judy if you have not already picked up your 2010 photo entry.

Mary Beth asked for any additional old business.

New Business

Tom Lavery provided a brief overview of Twin Lights museum & gift shop so that members could visit during lunch.

Bill Schneider provided an update on the St. Augustine Lighthouse Organization.

There being no further Business Mary Beth asked for, and Doreen Berson made, a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Volpe and assed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert E. Gleason
Recording Secretary