

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting – June 25, 2011**

Riverview Park
Pennsville, NJ
www.njlhs.org

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:26 A.M. and welcomed all. Today meeting is a Picnic Social. There is a lunch (\$5.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members to participate) provided by Acton's Pig Roasting and Catering. After the meeting, lunch will be served buffet style and a band will play some old seafaring songs. Trips to Marcus Hook Light (stickers are available for passport books if needed) will be provided and Finns Point is open today as well.

Note: Finns Point is now under new management and they seem to understand and appreciate the light. They are hoping to have the keeper's house open soon and hopefully work in partnership with the society.

Please don't forget to visit the Door Prize, 50/50 and Ways and Means tables today. Brett then asked for all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Cope then gave an "In Case of Emergency" speech for fire safety. "In case of fire, RUN! In case of tsunami, go away from the river."

Reminder: since there are no program chair persons, things get together fast. The website is the most up-to-date information and should be checked frequently.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen submitted the minutes from the March 26, 2011 meeting at Audubon Park Community Center in Audubon Park, NJ. There was one correction of Anthony Albence's name on the top of page 5 other than that no other corrections, deletions or changes were to be made. Al Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. Marybeth Dougherty seconded the motion and they were passed unanimously.

Note: Jayne Swope, the corresponding secretary, is still under the weather and should be kept in our thoughts.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Faith Giamboi presented her report as of June 22, 2011:

<i>Operating Fund</i>	\$ 40,243.10	
<i>Memorial Fund</i>	<u>\$ 4,221.73</u>	
<i>Operating Account Total</i>	\$ 44,464.83	
<i>Sandy Hook Account</i>	\$ 30,677.55	
<i>Sandy Hook Donations</i>	<u>\$ 2,307.85</u>	<new account 5/13/2011 for the donations from the lighthouse
<i>Sandy Hood Total</i>	\$ 32,985.40	
<i>Preservation Account</i>	<u>\$ 30,774.51</u>	<\$5,000.00 transferred into operating on 5/13/2011 for a CD
Society Balance Total	\$108,224.74	

**First Vice President – Anthony Albence
Publicity**

The NJLHS is currently on 75 to 80 media outlets including Facebook and Twitter and still growing. We currently have 330 friends on Facebook, a social media network. We continue to publish updates on meetings, etc. on these media outlets.

Community Outreach:

The Community Outreach began with the return of the Spirit of the Jerseys at Allaire State Park on May 5, 2011, continued with Barnegat Bay Festival Day on June 5, 2011, and then was to head to the Treasurers of the South Branch Watershed at Red Mill in Clinton on June 12, 2011 but that was cancelled due to the weather. Upcoming events include the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Maritime Festival on July 16 and 17, 2011.

We need to replenish the supply of local lighthouse brochures. These can be dropped off at outreaches or at future General Membership Meetings or mailed to Anthony. Outreach giveaways also need to be reordered. Crayons will be reordered and possibly something other than the mini-flashlights.

We are exploring the purchase of a DVD player for use at these outreaches.

Education Outreach / Speakers Bureau:

Faith reported that she presented to Cedar Creek Schools to 101 of their 2nd graders in 3 sessions. It was tied in with the school's Ocean Week. Students were glued to the presentation.

Website:

Reminder that the website has the most up to date information for the society, Howie updates it on a regular basis. Don't forget to check it out!

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Archives:

It was reported that archive materials have been moved to storage, however we still need to get materials from Sandy Hook.

Preservation:

The committee is working on paperwork for lighthouses to submit for application to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

Rich also reminded us that volunteers are needed at the New Jersey lighthouses.

Board of Director – Doreen Berson

Membership:

Bob Gleason reported that there are currently 215 Family Memberships and 178 Single Memberships purchased. Family Memberships each count as 2 (no matter how many persons are in the family) for a Total Membership of 608.

For today's meeting there were a total of 62 attendees with 4 guests.

Hospitality:

A thank you was given to all for the donations to the Hospitality Fund from George.

New Jersey Lighthouse Liaison:

Date to remember: the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey for October 15-16, 2011.

Volunteers are needed; those interested should contact the lighthouse manager.

Rack cards are available and information is on the web. Design artwork by Donna Elias has been donated for the t-shirt and stamps/folder souvenir.

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Ways & Means:

Carol and Brett shared designs that are being worked on for a new embroidered shirt. A quick vote was taken to see if more members in attendance would prefer a t-shirt or polo shirt. Polo shirt was the winning vote by the more than 9/10 of the members. The Ways and Means committee is looking for new ideas and vendors are working with them. Also in the talk were possible "hoodies" or fleece shirts. The New Jersey Lighthouse Society logo is the logo. The committee is just looking to crisp it up a bit. Other thoughts for shirts included the "ABC Lights – The real first family of the Jersey shore".

An overview of the events and income was than given by Carol. This included that in January eight calendars were purchased and a total deposit was made for \$96.00. In February, six calendars and a map were purchased, along with Rutgers paying for cookbook II, which totaled \$83.00 for a deposit. In March, a storage unit for NJLHS was purchased in Bellmawr at Extra Space Storage. March's deposits totaled \$720.00, however \$363.00 of that went towards the Preservation Fund for the Silent Auction. Carol wanted to see the comparison to the March 2010 deposit of only \$245.00 total sales. In May, the total sales from the Spirit of the Jerseys Fair were \$151.00. A special "thank you" was given to Marty Hudspeth, Sheila Hines, Lynn Groff and Loretta Wilkins for their help and to Mary Catherine Kennedy for her smiling assistance at this event. In June, the total sales from Barnegat Bay Day were \$103.00. "Thanks" was given to Kathy Lanzam for her help at this event.

2012 Lighthouse Calendars have arrived and are \$12.00 each. See the Ways and Means table or contact Carol if interested.

Any comments are appreciated and should be e-mailed to Ways and Means.

Note: Carol received the South Jersey Magazine at her home. The issue "Best of the Shore" included nothing on lighthouse. She is suggesting that we send letter to the magazine about the wonderful New Jersey Lights. She plans to write a letter soon.

Sandy Hook Shop: No report at this time.

Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty

Bylaws and Constitution:

Jim, Doreen, Carol, Anthony and Mary Beth met on April 2, 2011 to review the current Bylaws and Constitution. Copies of the proposed updated document have been posted on the website and are posted at the meeting for all to see. If you have concerns, please e-mail Brett and he will let Mary Beth know. Comments will be entertained at the June and September General Membership Meetings with voting for approval to be done at the December Meeting.

N.E.L.L. (New England Lighthouse Lovers) Liaison: No report at this time.

Board of Director – Mike Boucher

THE BEAM:

Unfortunately, there was a mix-up with this issue of the BEAM. Hopefully all members in good standing have received this issue by the meeting date. It is a light issue due to lack of material to put into the publication. If you have anything that can be added to the next issue the deadline is July 22. We are looking forward to some stories from the recent trips to Alaska and Washington State.

Today's trip to Marcus Hook includes a bus ride from the park. Marcus Hook is a rear range light, not the red light you see from the Delaware Memorial Bridge. A temporary tower was erected in 1915 and the present tower was built in 1920. This tower consists of

9 layers of cement. The keeper's house was just sold and has been beautifully restored. Stickers for this site are available to put in your passports or other memory books, see the sign in table.

*Note: Photo Contest pictures and ribbons are available for pick up. See Mike today.

Trips: (report by Apryl Roach)

Delaware River Trip scheduled for May 21st at 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. out of Fortescue, NJ on the Bonanza was amazing! 77 miles and 12 hours of fun! Thanks to all who joined the trip and to Mike Boucher for the detailed handout guide.

Sheffield Island Trip is in progress and all deposits are due on June 30, 2011 with the remaining balance due no later than July 15, 2011.

The Southern East Coast Lighthouse Tour for October 2011 has been confirmed and will depart on Saturday, October 22nd and returning October 30th. Seats are still available and can be purchased by contacting Apryl. Reminder to all those attending to watch for e-mail updates and to let Apryl know if there are any dietary needs or special accommodations that needs to be considered during travel. Travel insurance can be purchased through Trolley Inc. if desired, contact Apryl immediately for forms and details. A final reminder was given to keep up with the remaining payment schedule. A 2012 trip in progress is a Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour for the area of Ontario, north of Toronto. "Stretching from Point Clark in the south to Tobermory in the north, the Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour features 15 distinctive lighthouses and marine heritage sites along the shores of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay for you to explore." Addition information will be shared as we make progress with our research and planning. A possibility of having attendees drive to Toronto instead of busing from New Jersey was mentioned. 2012 trips schedule will be available at the fall General Meeting which will include a variety of trips for all.

Reminder: trip deposits and any additional payments thereafter are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled. There are certain circumstances which maybe considered by the Board when necessary for consideration when and if applicable.

Board of Director – Jim Cope (nothing to report at this time)

Sandy Hook Stamp:

Historian (with Bouchers):

New Business

Comments or Questions:

Mary Catherine questioned if there were camcorders at the tops of lighthouses like on Barnegat. The answer was YES!

Someone else asked if anyone has heard any more from the Staten Island Lighthouse Museum? Nothing has been heard. The member than stated that they heard there was an open house held at the location on June 14, 2011. This was unadvertised to any of the members in attendance.

Adjournment:

Bill Schneider made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Doreen. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 12:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen J. Stumpf-Owen

Recording Secretary