

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Meeting – September 24, 2011**

Wildwood High School

Wildwood, NJ

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**President's Call to Order**

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. and welcomed all. Due to the long travel distance for some members, the start time was pushed back one hour to noon with hospitality beginning at 11:00 A.M. It was also discussed to possibly change the September meeting to later in October. Brett asked that the members bear with the Board as changes are being considered. He thanked all in attendance for their turnout.

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.

Today's speaker is Mr. Hugh McCauley, a preservation architect who has been involved with both Hereford and Ludlum Beach lights. Hereford Light will be opened after the meeting. Please go and check out the character and class of the light as they are bringing the old style, original architecture, back.

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.

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**Minutes from Prior General Meetings**

Karen Owen submitted the minutes from the June 25, 2011 meeting at Riverview Park in Pennsville, NJ. Jim Cope made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Rich Veit, but there was no quorum at the meeting and the vote went no further.

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

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**Financial Updates**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Faith Giamboi presented her report:

Operating Fund \$ 21,380.82

Preservation Funds \$ -20,546.62 <These monies are being removed to be put into a separate Preservation account.

Remaining Operating Fund \$ 834.20

Memorial Fund \$ 4,631.73

Operating Account Total \$ 5,465.93

Sandy Hook Account \$ 9,127.19

Sandy Hook 2yr. CD \$ 15,000.00

Sandy Hook Donations \$ 2,301.88

Preservation Account \$ 15,000.00 <to be put into a 13 month CD

**Society Balance Total \$ 67,441.62**

Faith continued by stating that funds are down and we need to do some aggressive recruiting to bring the funds up.

**First Vice President – Anthony Albence**

**Publicity**

The NJLHS is currently on 76 to 77 media outlets. Facebook and Twitter accounts are still growing. Special thanks were given to Laura and Doreen (the prior Challenge Chairpersons) for the original media list. Having that list made this very easy to continue.

**Community Outreach:**

Mary Catherine Kennedy is currently at the Tuckerton Decoy weekend. There is also an event on Columbus Day at the Lobster House in Cape May. Since our last meeting, the outreach team went to the Hereford Maritime Festival in July. This was a nice event. Special thanks were given to a couple in Florida who donated a brand new Ship John Shoal Lighthouse model to the Society for our use. Faith has sent a tax deductible receipt to the couple.

**Education Outreach / Speakers Bureau:**

Bob Gleason reported that as of today, the Educational Outreach and Speakers Bureau have gone to 9 activity events for 2011 reaching 317 people (197 adults and 120 children). There are already 4 activities scheduled for 2012.

**Website:**

Reminder: The website has the most up to date information for the society. Don't forget to check it out! Rich Veit expressed concern for those members who do not have internet access.

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**Second Vice President – Rich Veit**

**Archives:**

Nothing at this time

**Preservation:**

Since the earthquake in late August, Absecon has called on engineers to come out and check the lighthouse and the first order Fresnel lens. It was stated that the lens jingled like a chandelier. The State of New Jersey is also going to be sending someone out to Absecon, Barnegat, and Cape May to check for structural damage.

A reminder was given to those who work with the lighthouses in the state that the Society has grant money available.

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**Board of Director – Doreen Berson**

**Membership:**

Linda Gleason reported that there are currently 221 (442\*) Family Memberships and 182 Single Memberships purchased. \*Family Memberships each count as 2 (no matter how many persons are in the family) for a Total Membership of 624.

For today's meeting there were a total of 39 member attendees with 1 new member and 0 guests.

**Hospitality:**

George Naill passed away earlier in the month. This is a great loss to the Society. Please keep Carol in your thoughts and prayers. A memorial service is being scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Jersey Lighthouse Liaison:**

Date to remember: the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey for October 15-16, 2011. Volunteers are needed at Sandy Hook for tours. All else is going well! Have a good time!

**Board of Director – Carol Winkie**

**Ways & Means:**

Carol reported that at the last meeting in Pennsville the Society sold \$248.00 of goods. At Hereford Maritime Festival in July a donation of \$5.00 was given by a person attending the event. No Ways and Means table at that event due to Carol's personal vacation. Purchases in September, so far, total \$33.00.

Some items have been reduced...vests are now \$20.00 from \$30.00 and purses are now \$35.00 from \$45.00.

Thanks to all who have made purchases!

The proposed logo change (cleaned up version) will be on a zip-up hoodies or micro fleece at the meeting in December. Price will be \$25 to \$30.

**Sandy Hook Shop:** No report at this time.

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**Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty**

**Bylaws and Constitution:**

Since there was not quorum, concerns were if voting could still take place in December. Brett will be looking into this matter. Since the document has been on the website Mary Beth is hoping for adoption in December.

Bob Gleason thanked the committee for a job well done!

Since there was no quorum, it is the Society's hopes that the BEAM and website can cover all bases. Again concerns were expressed for those who do not have access to the web. It was stated that members who do not have web access could go to the local public library. A question than arose, what if the member is home bound? Since membership is going to be due soon, maybe that is a question to add to the membership letter > do you have an e-mail address you would like the society to use? And do you have internet access?

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

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**Board of Director – Mike Boucher** (absent from meeting)

**THE BEAM:**

Nothing at this time

**Trips:** (report given by Brett from Mike and Apryl Roach)

Sheffield Island trip went well. South East Coast trip is on and final payment is due by September 30, 2011.

A 2012 trip in progress is a Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour for the area of Ontario, north of Toronto. Check the website for more information. Signups will begin in June of 2012. 2012 trips itinerary will be available at the December General Meeting.

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**Board of Director – Jim Cope**

**Budget Committee**

January is right around the corner. Those who are responsible for line items on the budget need to start getting 2012 materials ready for submission to Jim for the 2012 budget.

**Sandy Hook Stamp**

Jim sent a letter to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee expressing support for the issuance of a stamp commemorating the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. The United States Postal Service and the committee have criteria for eligibility of subjects for

commemoration. One of the criteria is that the issuance of stamp treating the same subject cannot be issued within 50 years. Sandy Hook Lighthouse was on a stamp on April 26, 1990. This being the case, our request could not be honored. The Stamp Development Manager did suggest a few options. One was the Postal Service's pictorial cancellation service, which requires an application process to the local post office. Another option is to use personalized postage which can be obtained from private vendors. Someone needs to pick this up in about a year's time to prepare for the date of June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Note: Usually special postmarks / cancelations are up to 30 days after the event if you are unable to attend. This is something to think of and keep in mind as the date grows closer.

**Historian (with Bouchers):** nothing at this time

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### **New Business**

#### **Carol Ann Cook**

As seen in the BEAM, the step project with the Carol Ann Cook memorial plaque has been laid at Tinicum Light. Her family has sent a letter to the Society stating that they were awestruck.

#### **Nomination Committee**

Betty Smith sent a report that the 3 directors whose terms are up at the end of the year are still interested in running for the position. Those are Jim Cope, Doreen Berson, and Mike Boucher. Jayne's position is open for 2012 as well. Brett reported she is doing better and will remain in that position. Due to no quorum, a motion was made by Mary Beth and seconded by Anthony, but the vote did not count.

#### **Comments or Questions:**

Finns Point Lighthouse has a new manager to the Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. They are trying to promote the meadows and lighthouse with a 15 year plan. We need to let them know of our preservation grants to upgrade the light.

#### **Web Bonus**

Haunted Light Night Trip event is possibly going to happen during the Halloween holiday season. This will be a fun event with night climbs hopeful. A central parking location will be in Cape May Court House with a bus trip to Absecon, Hereford and Cape May Lights with lighthouse lore between each on the bus. Keep your eye on the web for further details. Probably the first Friday night in November is when the event will take place.

Participants will receive the New Jersey Devil on top of the lighthouse shirt, new graphic logo. Cost for the event will be \$50.00 or less. We know times are tough.

#### **Adjournment:**

Events for the rest of the afternoon include lunch in the cafeteria, then to the auditorium for the presentation from Mr. McCauley, then back to the cafeteria for raffle and drawings and finally to Hereford Lighthouse for those interested. Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen J. Stumpf-Owen  
Recording Secretary