

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Meeting – December 10, 2011**

Wall Intermediate School

Wall, New Jersey

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President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. and welcomed all. Prior to the meeting hospitality was held at the Sea Girt Lighthouse and after the meeting will be our annual Holiday Social.

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 events were a bit different since it was the hopes that more would visit the area lighthouse.

Before the meeting got underway, Brett shared the "bad news" to all. The National Parks Service has pushed the New Jersey Lighthouse Society out of Sandy Hook. All NJLHS possessions have been moved to the storage unit. The Sandy Hook Shop generated a major part of the revenue of the Society, so without it, we will be a bit lean on funds and money is not on hand. We are looking at all of our outlays. Please keep this in mind as you hear what's going on. Brett then shared some "positive news" about the Supawna Meadows. The leadership has changed and has embraced the lighthouse. Painting and upgrades are taking place. The leadership there is looking at starting a possible shop there. Brett reminded all that when we started at Sandy Hook, we brought it back, now we are taking on a new challenge. We need to look at focusing our dedication in other areas. Discussed were the recent thefts at East Point and the proposed take over at Barnegat.

Jim Cope shared that as we were leaving Sandy Hook, after the day of packing the Society possessions, the Park Rangers said they were sorry to see us go. Brett then continued to thank all those who were able to come out to help on the Friday after Thanksgiving at the Light and Saturday at the storage unit. Names included Jim and Nancy Cope, Doreen Berson, Anthony Albence, Carol Winkie, and Rick and Karen Stumpf-Owen. Also a great thank you was given to Al Smith, Sue and Lois for their pre-packing, shelf removal, and organization.

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 June 25, 2011 meeting at Riverview Park in Pennsville, NJ along with the September 24, 2011 meeting at Wildwood High School in Wildwood, NJ. Katie Moser requested that on page 2 of the September minutes that the Hereford event be changed to "Hereford Maritime Festival". Cindy Mitzen made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Bill. All were in favor and minutes approved.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Faith Giamboi presented her report:

Operating Fund \$ 5,713.06

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Memorial Fund	\$ 4,631.73
Preservation Funds	<u>\$20,546.62</u>
Operating Account Total	\$30,891.41

Preservation 13month CD	\$15,000.00
Sandy Hook 2yr. CD	\$15,000.00
Sandy Hook Account	\$15,339.95
Sandy Hook Donations	\$ 2,365.57
Society Balance Total	\$78,596.93

Faith requested that all expenses for 2011 be submitted by January 15, 2012 and any deposits for 2011 be made by December 31, 2011.

Sandy Hook funds were questioned. The Donations account will be handed over to Sandy Hook, the other account will be used to pay for the storage unit and other charges. The CD is earmarked for the Anniversary Celebration in 2014. Right now the Board members are still looking for suggestions.

First Vice President – Anthony Albence
Publicity

The NJLHS is currently on 70 media outlets. This number is down due to budget cuts and position cuts in other organizations. Facebook and Twitter accounts are still growing. We have 370 followers on Facebook. As we update event information quickly, it is good to be part of one of the social media networks. If any other media outreach is known, please share with Anthony.

Community Outreach:

Anthony reported that the year was good. We are now looking forward to the 2012 season where the Spirit of the Jerseys will be back again along with other similar events that were attended in 2011. As registration forms for the events come in, Anthony is completing them and sending them back. He will publicize dates as they come. Continued give a-ways such as flashlights and crayons will be made available. We are also looking at doing something for National Lighthouse Day in August.

Education Outreach / Speakers Bureau:

Bob Gleason reported that Faith had recently gone to Lacy Township – Cedar Creek School second graders. Faith shared that the experience was rewarding to see the excitement in the young and older faces. As of right now, the only presenters we have are Faith, Bob, and Bill Volpe. There are already 4 activities scheduled for 2012. Members of the Society were encouraged to get involved.

Website:

Howie stated that the website was "still there".

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Archives:

Nothing at this time

Preservation:

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Doreen Berson

Membership:

Doreen reported that there are currently 241 (482*) Family Memberships and 185 Single Memberships purchased. *Family Memberships each count as 2 (no matter how many persons are in the family) for a Total Membership of 667.

For today's meeting there were a total of 65 member attendees with 5 guests. Quorum was met.

Hospitality:

Nothing new to report

New Jersey Lighthouse Liaison:

Doreen reported that the 2011 Challenge was a success. 500 people reported completion. Things are in preparation for the 2012 Challenge during the third weekend in October. Carol Winkie questioned the directions to the Ocean City NJ Life Saving Station. The directions were actually for Ocean City Maryland. Due to the error in directions, many participants could not find the location. Completion stickers were given to those who did not find that location but had gone to all others. Doreen reported that the directors were aware of the error and it will be corrected. It was suggested that a dry run be made to avoid errors in the future. Another question was did the directors think that it might be getting too big to attempt in one weekend? Rich Veit then questioned the completed souvenir packs for those who worked during the challenge. Doreen said that the directors have recently been given packs to distribute to their volunteers from that weekend. Doreen thanked all who volunteered their time that weekend for the challenge. The lighthouse directors could not have a successful challenge without the volunteers.

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Ways & Means:

Carol reported that at the last meeting in Wildwood the credit card machine broken. Due to the closing of Sandy Hook's shop, their credit card machine will now be used for the Society. Sandy Hook merchandise will be sold through Ways and Means at the Society events as well as on line. Today we have hoodies, sweatshirts and vests for \$20.00. Newly logoed merchandise purchases have been put on hold due to the Sandy Hook materials.

Sandy Hook Shop: CLOSED

Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty

Bylaws and Constitution:

The proposed Constitution and By Laws were available on line and at the meeting for all to read. Cindy Mitzen made a motion to accept the Constitution and By Laws, seconded by Carl. All were in favor of this motion and the document was passed and accepted.

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

Board of Director – Mike Boucher

THE BEAM:

The current issue is Mike's last. He needs a break. The Beam is becoming the "Mike Boucher Newsletter" and Mike feels that others need to become involved. Mike was thanked for his time with the Beam and we are all sorry to see him step down.

Trips:

Apryl thanked all for the 2011 season. The return to Sheffield Island in August and the Southern East Coast Tour in October were successful. She thanked all for the support given to her. Pictures are up on the website from the tour for those interested. Brett thanked Apryl for keeping it together. Nancy Cope also thanked Apryl for a good trip. She quoted the bus driver from the tour > "You don't understand, my people are serious!" We are all serious about lighthouses and the tour was worth it. 2012 Trips will be discussed later in the meeting.

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Budget Committee

Jim reminded all that bills and deposits for 2011 need to be taken care of as soon as possible so the books can be closed.

In January 2012, the committee will be meeting to prepare the 2012 budget for the Society. Please get any requests to Jim as soon as possible.

Historian (with Bouchers): nothing at this time

New Business

Thank You!

Brett thanked all who work to make our meetings successful. All were encouraged to take a more active participation. As heard we are still in need of a programs director to organize and bring together each meeting and now we will need to recruit a new Beam editor. There is more than enough work to go around.

Nomination Committee

Since there were not opposed positions for the 2012 Board of Director openings, the secretary has cast the ballot for all positions. Congratulations to all!

NJ Lighthouse Society Board of Directors

Officers, Directors & Terms

Position	Incumbent	2 Year Term Expires
President	Brett Franks	December 2012
1st Vice President	Anthony Albence	December 2012
2nd Vice President	Rich Veit	December 2012
Treasurer	Faith Giamboi	December 2012
Corresponding Secretary	Jayne Swope	December 2013
Recording Secretary	Karen Stumpf-Owen	December 2012
Director	Doreen Berson	December 2013
Director	Mike Boucher	December 2013
Director	Jim Cope	December 2013
Director	Mary Beth Doherty	December 2012
Director	Carol Winkie	December 2012

Prepared by Karen Stumpf-Owen, Recording Secretary, 12/10/2011

Upcoming Meeting News:

March 2012 Art Contest will host original creations by the members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. There will still be a photo contest where each member is able to submit 2 original, current photos in the following categories: black and white, night time, or color. The Master's category is only for those who won first place from the past

two years and only one photo can be submitted by these members. We will be adding an "other medium" category for those who have created paintings, needlepoint, sculptures, wood projects, or other artistic medium projects lighthouse related. The "other medium" category can have up to 2 submissions from each member. March 2013 Calendar Contest will be a photo contest for New Jersey Lighthouses only. The categories will be seasons (Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring). Winning photos will be included in a 2014 calendar put out by the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. All photos must be current, so start snapping! Photos must be in the landscape layout. (Landscape layout means that long side of the 8x10 photo is the top and bottom.)

Trips:

2012 Trips were listed in the current issue of the Beam, mid May to Virginia and September/October to the Bruce Coast of Ontario. Concerns were expressed by Sheila that trips were not leaving from a New Jersey location, but meeting at the location. Apryl added that it was the Board's decision due to monitory concerns. Brett added that if it was the membership decision to run the trip from New Jersey that was something that the Board would take into consideration. With the concerns financially, we need true commitments with structured payments prior to the payments made to the locations. Apryl suggested that travelers use the individual trip insurance that the tour provider should offer. Brett continued by saying that due to financial constraints, the Board was looking at the cheaper cost to all. We need to work together in these times. Give and take might be in order for the next few months until we see where things are going.

Adjournment:

Nancy questioned if the Society has a sound system and if It could be used for the meetings. Brett said that the sound system was put in storage and he will look for it. Events for the rest of the afternoon include a Holiday Social. Happy Holidays to all! Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M. Motion to adjourn was made by Katie Moser and seconded by Jim Cope. All were in favor of this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen J. Stumpf-Owen
Recording Secretary