

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – June 29, 2013
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Paulsboro Sportsman's Club
32 Riverview Avenue
Paulsboro, New Jersey

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.. He welcomed those in attendance. Attendance was low due to the recent NJLHS Trip to Oregon and the upcoming July 4th holiday.

Jim Cope reviewed exits from the room along with restroom locations.

Brett then asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brett continued by giving an agenda for the day. Lunch is on your own here on the premises of the Sportsman's Club, Photo Contest winners will be announced and the NJLHS Calendar for 2014 will be available for purchase. Afterwards, we will go to the Tinicum Lighthouse for the memorial presentation.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the March 23, 2013 meeting at Wall Township Intermediate School. A correction is needed for the name of Michele Newhouse on page 3. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy Mltzen and seconded by Jim Cope, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Faith's report as of May 31, 2013 is as follows:

Operating Fund	\$ 33,716.69	
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,006.73	
Sandy Hook Fund	\$ 2,365.57	
Preservation Fund	\$ 23,557.33	
Finns Point Fund	<u>\$ 578.79</u>	
Operating Account Total	\$ 62,225.11	
Sandy Hook CD	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	matures 9/20/2013
Total Society Balance	\$ 77,225.11	

Finn's Point was given \$2,400.00 to refurbish the railing on the outer deck of the lantern room. It was asked what the State of New Jersey put in? At this time, the State of New Jersey is not in control of the light. The Fish and Wildlife is and they told the Friends of the Light that if the rail was not fixed, no one would be allowed to climb. The original idea was a full jumper's cage, but it was decided to just add 18 inches to make the rail 4 to 4.5 feet high. This satisfied the Fish and

Wildlife directors and climbing is allowed. The museum area still needs more display cases and items.

The Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation was sent a donation, thanks to Karl for bringing it to the attention of the Preservation chairperson, Rich Veit. In return, the foundation sent a letter of thanks and two key chains which were given to Karl and Rich.

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society has the ability to help legitimate organizations with limited funding to keep the lights open and working. We would like to assist to keep things going.

First Vice President – Anthony Albence

Due to Anthony's absence, his report from the recent BEAM was read by Karen. Highlighted were:

Publicity / Social Network

Facebook and Twitter accounts are being updated and maintained. There are approximately 575 "likes" on Facebook. The media list remains at approximately 60 outlets. Anthony will continue to utilize these venues to promote meetings and activities.

Outreach

Community

Outreach is underway with the recent events of Point Pleasant Borough Earth Day Festival, Spirit of the Jersey's State History Fair and the Barnegat Bay Festival. Volunteers are needed for our upcoming events. Please check the website for details. Mary Catherine Kennedy highlighted the upcoming events at Hereford in July, the Beach Plum Festival in July, and the Tuckerton Festival in September. She continued by stating that next year she may not be able to continue all she does. She will be 85 and feels it is time to have others step in.

Educational

Winnie McKelvey was unable to be at the meeting, but Bob said that Winnie is doing a GREAT job! She was able to sign up some new speakers. Lauren has expressed interest along with the Jacobson's.

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Archives and / or Preservation:

Rich is currently working on creating an outreach video. Lauren has experience in this venture and will be assisting Rich in getting started.

The annual Raffle is a concern due to limited membership. A decision will be made by the next General Membership Meeting as per a Raffle for the future.

Board of Director - Doreen Berson

Membership

Bob Gleason gave the membership report: today we have 37 members and 1 guest. For the 2013 membership drive we have 138 single memberships and 181 family memberships (counts as 2 people) totaling 500 members.

Hospitality

Linda and Bob thanked all for their donations for the coffee and donuts purchased. They spent \$84.00 and have received \$50.00 in donations.

Challenge

Doreen reported that at the monthly Challenge meetings they spoke about advertising they need to do this summer. They have money from the NJ Travel and Tourism Grant to spend. They have applied form the grant for 2014 as well. The 2013 Challenge shirts are ready for sale. They will be sold at some locations from now through the Challenge weekend. Short sleeved and long sleeved are available. *Marc will be selling some at Tinicum Lighthouse this afternoon. Hats and pins will also be sold. Doreen has plenty of rack cards the members can take and distribute. If anyone has interest in volunteering at the Challenge, please call the local Lighthouse Manager or see Doreen.

As last year, one large basket will be up for raffle to those who complete the entire Challenge by the Lighthouse Managers.

Doreen also noted that the recent episode of the Bachelorette TV show featured Absecon Lighthouse with a dinner at the Keeper's house before the Bachelorette climbed the light with the young man and ditched him. The episode is currently on OnDemand.

Many lighthouses need your help. They are hurting financially. They need people to come out and purchase something at their gift shops. Please stop at local lights and help out. Remember, East Point, Finns Point and Tinicum are all open the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Ways and Means

Carol said that there have been some website sales and there are a few things out for sale today. If you don't see what you want, let Carol know and she will mail you what you are looking for.

Carol reminded those in attendance that she can no longer lift and finds it difficult to keep up with the demands of the Ways and Means position. The NJLHS is currently looking for a new coordinator for this committee. Anyone interested should know that storage can be at your home or at another location if the current location is not local for you. This is a great money maker for the society.

Beam

Carol thanked Lauren for all she is doing with the BEAM. "Great job!" Lauren shared that she has received an e-mail from the Delaware Bay Lighthouse Keepers and Friends saying that their July 13th Delaware River Cruise is cancelled due to tide concerns.

Programs

Marc Kemp welcomed all to Paulsboro and Tinicum. He restated that shirts, hats and buttons for the upcoming Challenge are available for sale at the light. The

memorial for Carol Cook will be viewed this afternoon at the light (steps and monument plaque). The light will also be open for climbing to those interested. Carol stated that the September 21st meeting will be in the north area possibly near the Twin Lights and the December 14th meeting will be in the south area possibly near the Finns Point Light.

Board of Director – Mary Beth Doherty

N.E.L.L. (New England Lighthouse Lovers) Liaison

Mary Beth was not present - no report at this time

Website

Howie reported that he is always looking for pictures to put up on the “My Favorite Lighthouse” page. He has added links to HD videos on river preservation which are well worth the time to watch. If you have anything you'd like to share, please forward to webmaster@NJLHS.org.

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

Karl reminded that the annual December Basket Raffle always needs help. Items, baskets or complete baskets are always appreciated. The Wine / Door Prize Raffle will continue since there has been interest.

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Finance Committee

All is going along well.

Historian

no report at this time

Faith

Trips

In the current issue of the BEAM you will find a 2014 trip to Michigan. Mike Boucher will be running this trip (he did the Oregon trip 2013). Those who were on the Oregon Trip, and able to attend this meeting, said that there were many who expressed interested in this Michigan trip.

Other ideas for day or weekend trips are appreciated. Let's put something together.

Old & New Business and For the Good of the Society

Memorial Donations

Brett took this time to share with those present the following:

- Donation money received in memory or honor of Debbie and Harry Megonigal was used to purchase a bench and plaque at Tucker's Island.
- Donations in memory of Carol Ann Cook were used to purchase steps and a monument plaque at Tinicum.

- Donations of the collection of Jack Slavin were used in part as a presentation to the Sayerville School. A plaque is still needed at this location.
- Donations in memory of George Naill were used to make a case for the Fresnel Lens by John Ade. GREAT JOB! THANK YOU! A plaque is still needed at this location. We are making strides to create a better, more interesting display at Finns Point. A donation plaque is also needed at this location on the newly installed rail extension which allows climbing.
- In the future, we will try to publish in the BEAM who, why and when we get donations and where that money goes. We will also put updates on the website. Recognition is needed to keep other funds coming in.

Please let the Board know what might be needed at your local light. We are always looking for something to remember and share when funds come available.

Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at 12:01. A motion was made by Doreen and seconded by Bob. All were in favor of adjournment. Lunch is on own and then the photo winners will be announced and the 2014 NJLHS calendar revealed, , 50/50 and gift raffle will close out the time in the Sportsman's Club today. Don't forget to go to the Tinicum Lighthouse for the memorial presentation and climb.

Minutes submitted by:
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