

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Membership Meeting – September 21, 2013  
www.njlhs.org**

Henry Hudson Regional High School  
1 Grand Tour  
Highlands, New Jersey 07732

**President's Call to Order**

Vice President Anthony Albence called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M. due to the absence of the President Brett Franks. Brett was personally touched by the shooting on Monday at the Washington D.C. Naval Yard and is involved in the memorial services there.

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

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

Anthony asked for all to observe a moment of silence and/or reflection for those affected in the shootings in Washington D.C. tragedy.

**Minutes from Prior General Meetings**

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the June 29, 2013 meeting at the Paulsboro Sportsman's Club. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Cope and seconded by Rick Hodgman, all were in favor.

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**Financial Updates**

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

Operating Fund	\$ 20,576.36	
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	\$ 49,084.78	
Sandy Hook CD	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	matures 9/8/2013
Total Society Balance	\$ 64,084.78	

The Roma Bank CD and was rolled over into a 6 month CD on September 12, 2013. The full amount (principal and interest) was rolled over totaling \$15,422.53. The Sandy Hook Fund is money that was given as donations when we had the collection jar at Sandy Hook or when money was given to a volunteer at Sandy Hook. This money is not technically ours and is on hold until we hear who to send it to.

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**First Vice President – Anthony Albence**

**Publicity / Social Network**

Currently there are 650 likes on Facebook. The Facebook page not only has our information on it, but other communications. We use this page to post other lighthouse information and links to websites such as ours which supports our post.

**Outreach**

**Community**

Mary Catherine Kennedy said that outreach is one event at a time. She reminded members that you do not have to volunteer for all events. Pick an event that is near you or interests you and stay there for the day. This will really help the Society if we all work together.

Anthony requested if any member might consider working with him on coordinating these activities, with a goal that this member would be moving into the coordinator role for the Community Outreach, should speak to him.

**Educational**

Winnie McKelvey said that the Speakers Bureau has spoken to over 500 people so far this year and have received over \$800.00 in donations. She also thanked the Jacobsons for the cart which they donated.

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**Second Vice President – Rich Veit**

**Archives and / or Preservation:**

Rich was not in attendance. No report was given.

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**Board of Director - Doreen Berson**

**Membership**

Linda Gleason reported that today we had 53 members in attendance and 5 guests.

**Hospitality**

nothing reported

**Challenge**

Doreen reported that the Challenge preparation continues to run smoothly. There are already shirts (long and short sleeved), hats, pins and patches for sale. Volunteers are needed at Sandy Hook and Sea Girt. Please see Doreen if you can help. The Challenge is October 19-20, 2013.

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**Board of Director – Carol Winkie**

**Ways and Means**

Carol said that the Board is still looking for a Ways and Means chairperson. If no one is found, assistance with setting up and selling at the meetings is helpful. Many items are reduced for sale such as prior Challenge shirts, vests and more. There are also 2014 calendars for sale. Some calendars have been sold to the NJ Lighthouses that have requested them for a reduced rate. They will sell them at their own set price.

A second printing of the 2013 calendars was made due to the current volume of sales.

The June 2013 meeting sales totaled \$462.00.

### **Beam**

Carol reported that the deadline for the next issue of the BEAM is November 10, 2013. She reminded all that Lauren has a busy schedule and does not always have access to the software.

Lauren has extras of the current issue of the BEAM if needed.

Anthony remarked that Lauren is doing a great job and is carrying on a great tradition.

### **Programs**

Carol reported that the proposed agenda for the December 2013 meeting was 10:00 to 11:30 hospitality, tours, climbing and gift shop sales at Finns Point Lighthouse. 11:45 to 12:30 general membership meeting at a location to be announced in Pennsville, NJ and then 12:30 to 3:00 a Holiday Social with lunch provided.

The 2014 schedule is proposed for the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held near East Point. The June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be near Sandy Hook in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary earlier in June. The September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held at Tuckerton Seaport with the Preservation Raffle winners announced. Rounding off the year, the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is to be held near Absecon Lighthouse.

The 2014 Photo Contest will continue with the New Jersey Lighthouses and will be presented in a 2015 calendar. There are five (5) categories this year: lights at night, skeletal lights (including the Statue of Liberty), tall towers, water bound, and house with an integrated light. Members may contribute 2 photos per each category. Lighthouses must be from New Jersey, the Delaware Bay/River, or the Raritan Bay. Photos may be in either landscape or portrait orientation, and original with no enhancements or photo shop. Judy Boucher will be the chairperson for this event. Semifinalists will be chosen by the general membership in attendance at the March 2014 meeting with the Board making the final calendar choice. If your photo is chosen as a semifinalist, you must provide a digital file to Howie. Photos should be 300dpi (dots per inch) photo resolution or better. This will enable a better quality photo for the calendar. A sixth category for display only (not judged or put in the calendar) will be of photos taken on the June 2013 Oregon trip.

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### **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 pictures from the Oregon trip are up with a thank you to Mike and Karl. He also said that we are only using about 20% of our space, so we have tons left. He encouraged all members who have lighthouse photos to

share them with the public through our site. Please send photos via e-mail to the webmaster with a one line description. Howie will post these photos in the “My Favorites” subpage.

Anthony thanked Howie and remarked that our site is a great reference post.

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**Board of Director – Karl Fahringer**

**Raffle**

Karl reported that he and Ann are working hard on the baskets for the December Social. He also thanked those members who have donated items and will be donating baskets. A complete list will be given in December.

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**Board of Director – Jim Cope**

**Finance Committee**

No report at this time. We still have money!

**Historian**

No report at this time

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**Faith**

**Trips**

Faith reported that we are still in need of a few small day/weekend trips, if anyone has any ideas. She then turned the microphone over to Mike Boucher to discuss the next “big” trip.

Mike stated that the trip planned for 2014 will be to Michigan. Tickets are selling fast. The bus can hold up to 56 and there are already 40 seats accounted for. The trip must have at least 50 attending to run. The trip is out of Detroit for 8 days from June 21-29, 2014. Details for the trip can be found in the BEAM, online or through Mike. No passports are needed, but photo identification for non-passport related situations is necessary. Mike is looking forward to a unique trip with some specialty food items. Menu selection sheets will be given to those on the trip through e-mail for planning and ease at restaurants. Remember a release must be signed and sent to Faith for the Society for emergency contacts. You must be a member of the NJLHS for 2013 and 2014 in order to attend. Check will be deposited monthly and all must be paid by May 2014. Mike also recapped the Oregon trip saying that the weather was not cooperative, but all had a good time.

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**Old & New Business and For the Good of the Society**

Today agenda includes a speaker at 1:00 from the Twin Lights. After the speaker, we can walk/ride to the twin lights for a tour and question/answer session with the speaker in the south auditorium at the light. The raffle will be called after lunch, prior to the speaker. Lunch is on your own. And remember that the Ways and Means table and the Raffle table are open.

Jim spoke about the Wandering Wickies, a group of NJLHS members which help the Lighthouses with cleaning of their lenses. A few weeks ago a 10 person

group went to Cape May and cleaned that light which took 1.5 hours. If you are interested in assisting this group, please contact Rich Viet. Other lenses to possibly be cleaning before the Challenge are Barnegat, Sandy Hook and the Coast Guard Station in Cape May (where they have been cleaning the lens with Windex – a big NO-NO!).

### **Nominations**

The floor was then opened for the nominations for the 2014-2015 ballot. The following positions are open:

- Corresponding Secretary
- 3 Board Positions

The current holders of those positions are interested in continuing. They are Jayne Swope, Corresponding Secretary and Doreen Berson, Karl Fahringer and Jim Cope for Board of Directors. The floor will remain open until the next meeting were at which time the floor will be closed and a vote cast.

### **Adjournment**

The business meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.. A motion was made by Jim Cope and seconded by Carol Winkie. All were in favor of adjournment.

Minutes submitted by:  
Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

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