

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – June 28, 2014
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Henry Hudson Regional School
1 Grand Tour
Highlands, New Jersey 07732

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M..

Jim Cope reviewed exits and then asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the March 2014 meeting held at the Riverview Inn in Pennsville, NJ. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy Mitzen and seconded by Rick Hodgman, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

Faith's report as of May 31, 2014 is as follows:

Operating Fund	\$ 58,573.24
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,031.73
Preservation Fund	<u>\$ 38,752.00</u>
Total Society Balance	\$ 99,357.00

Brett reviewed the new make-up of the Board of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society due to recent resignations. You will find each Board member title, name of person holding the position, and their list of responsibilities listed below with their reports.

First Vice President – Doreen Berson

New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison

Doreen reported that the Challenge shirts were ordered and should be available at certain lighthouses by the end of July.

The NJLHS will be designing and financing the souvenirs for 2014. (This is the 15th Anniversary of the Challenge.) The idea the managers had is a puzzle which Brett is working on. Brett has an idea for a 3 sided puzzle. One side will be a puzzle featuring a Paul Bradley drawing of Sandy Hook, another would be the NJLHS logo and the third would be the Greg DiNapoli drawing of all the lights of NJ. Another idea was a Lego type piece given at each location and when put together it would build Sandy Hook light. Brett feels the challenge needs to be "juiced up again". Souvenirs bring the people out and keep them returning.

Members at the meeting expressed concern that the puzzle should be something with a backing so the if the visitor did not complete the Challenge, there was still an underlying photo. We also have many copies of past souvenirs which will be sold at Finns Point. Matt Riley mentioned that many people who saw the miniatures of the lens and a map with the mini lights shown at the Sandy Hook Anniversary were very impressed and said that would be another good idea for the souvenir.

Rack cards for the Challenge are available. The design on the rack card is the same as will be on the Challenge shirt.

Volunteers will be needed and will be signing up at the September meeting. Rick Hodgeman expressed concern with the input of NJLHS at the Managers meetings. He was assured that the NJLHS would be in charge of the souvenirs and their being given away at the locations. All volunteers that day will be given a complete set of souvenir pieces along with a t-shirt (possibly Challenge shirt or other shirt).

Another idea was to have local school students draw pictures of the lights and display them during the Challenge weekend. The Challenge weekend in October is the largest profit and support weekend for the lights all year.

Publicity

Doreen reported that she is working with Anthony to move things over to her name.

Social Media

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Website

No report at this time.

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Preservation

Rich was unable to attend, but is still working on the Raffle and getting approval from the state of New Jersey. Hopefully, things will be ready for the September meeting.

Awards

Nothing at this time

Treasurer – Faith Giamboi

Trips

As of today fifty+ NJLHS members and friends are enjoying the last days of an eight day trip to Michigan and the western Great Lakes. Even now Mike Boucher is busy planning another Great Lakes trip for July of 2015. If you have never been to the Great Lakes, it is an experience you won't soon forget. Most people think of a lake as something similar to those found in New Jersey. The Great Lakes are huge, very deep and extremely dangerous in the best conditions. The weather can change quickly from a clear sunny day to a major

storm with 20 foot waves. Many lighthouses were built along the shores of all five Great Lakes. Some are still in active service today.

The proposed trip for a 3 day Hudson River trip in the fall of this year had to be postponed. NO lodging was available for mid-September through mid-October. Fall is the busiest time for that area. I will make reservations for a weekend in fall of 2015 once our September 2015 General Membership meeting date is confirmed. Some location will not take reservations more than a year in advance.

If anyone has an idea for a trip they would like to do, let Faith know. She can give you help in planning, if able. She can be reached at treasurer@njlhs.org.

Recording Secretary – Karen Owen

Liaison to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey

Karen reported that membership dues were sent in and she has not heard anything further.

Corresponding Secretary – Jayne Swoope

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Finance Committee

Jim Cope reported that all is good.

Historian

No report at this time

New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL) Liaison

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Karl Fahringer

Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee

Bob Gleason reported that there were 42 in attendance today (41 members and 1 guest).

Our 2014 membership totals are 128 singles and 354 family members giving a total of 482 members.

Door Prize and 50/50

Karl was attending the Michigan trip and left items with Brett, but he forgot. So a 50/50 was held, along with a door prize of a Pacific Coast Lighthouses Screen Saver CD. (50/50 was won by Carol Winkie and the Door Prize by Karen Owen)

Holiday Auction

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey

Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau

Winnie reported that volunteers are always needed for the Speakers Bureau.

From January to June 2014, the Bureau has conducted 6 presentations. There are 4 planned for the next couple months.

Community Outreach Liaison

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Lauren Ward

Ways and Means

Lauren thanked her fiancé, Matt Riley, for carrying all the materials in today.

The BEAM

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Programs

Carol reported that the 2015 calendars are in. There was a video of the photos running prior to the meeting. Carol thanked Bellia's in Woodbury for assisting her in the publication of the calendar. She also thanked Greg DiNapoli for the cover art which include all 11 New Jersey lighthouses. Congratulations were given to the winners, who will receive a free calendar.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Lighthouse</u>	<u>Winner's Name</u>
January	Hereford	Bill McKelvey
February	Ship John	Bill McKelvey
March	Robins Reef	Mike Boucher
April	Cape May	Bill McKelvey
May	Great Beds	Bill McKelvey
June	Tinicum	Bob Rodgers
July	Sandy Hook	Mike Boucher
August	Statue of Liberty	Sue Mazza
September	Sea Girt	Mike Boucher
October	Statue of Liberty	Gene Goch
November	East Point	Bill McKelvey
December	Conover Beacon	Hugh Murphy

Carol reported that the March meeting was a success. Everything went well and the day was enjoyed by all in attendance. There were many activities; however the weather was not very cooperative.

The September meeting was to be at the Barnegat Fire House, but it has been pulled from us. We are open to suggestions of where to hold this and other meetings. If you have any ideas, please contact Carol.

Old & New Business

- **Sandy Hook Anniversary – Jim Cope**

Jim reported that there were over 300 visitors who toured the light during the June 14th celebration. Many government dignitaries were there along with encampments and corps. People were spread out all over that day

and no actual final number as tallied. The Highlands Post Office was there to post mark in honor of the occasion. We have caches' available for purchase from that day.

Doreen gave a big thanks to all who attended, especially Lauren and Matt for manning the NJLHS table.

- **Sandy Hook Funds – Brett Franks**

Brett reported that the society had set aside \$15,000.00 to use for the Sandy Hook Anniversary. We used \$1,700.00 for transportation, which is what Sandy Hook requested from us. The transportation was for a trolley to take guests from parking areas to the lighthouse. We still have approximately 13,000.00 left in the fund and would like to do something meaningful with it. One idea is to make a documentary film honoring Sandy Hook, its 250th Anniversary and the 350th Anniversary of New Jersey. Karen found someone who has experience making films and is interested in this project. His name and information was given to Brett. Another idea is to publish a book through a historical book company which contacted us on Sandy Hook to be part of their series. Brett will look into this further.

For the Good of the Society

- The society's mail goes to a Navesink Post Office box. Right now, the mail is not being picked up on a regular basis. It is requested that if you live locally and feel that you could get the mail on a regular basis and forward it to those who should see it, please let Brett know. The society will pay any expenses for forwarding the mail. This help wanted will also be put in the BEAM.
- Cullen Chambers, the Executive Director of Tybee Island Historical Society, passed away on January 20, 2014. He was 64 years old and had worked with lighthouses for over 40 year. He directed the restoration of the Key West Light Station, the St. Augustine Light Station and most recently the Tybee Island Light Station. He also assisted in the restoration of Lucy the Elephant located in Margate New Jersey. Cullen will surely be missed. Our condolences go out to his wife Christine and the entire family.

Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at 12:06 P.M.. A motion was made by Doreen Berson and seconded by Cindy Mitzen. All were in favor of adjournment.

Minutes submitted by:
Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS
