

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society
General Membership Meeting – September 20, 2014
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Surf City Volunteer Fire Company #1
713 Long Beach Blvd.
Surf City, NJ 08008

President's Call to Order

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:19 A.M..

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

Carol reviewed the aspects of today's program. She reminded those who submitted photos from the photo contests and had not pick up their photos yet, they were located at a table for pick up. She also directed attendees to a slide show of pictures from 1954-1957 and post cards. Also at the table will be Elinor Veit's History of Lighthouse Challenges. Today's speaker will be Karen Larson from the Barnegat Light Museum.

Minutes from Prior General Meetings

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the June 28, 2014 meeting held at the Henry Hudson Regional School, NJ. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rick Hodgman and seconded by Cindy Mitzen, all were in favor.

Financial Updates

Treasurer's Report:

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

Operating Fund	\$ 26,833.73
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,031.73
Preservation Fund	<u>\$ 38,316.00</u>
Total Society Balance	\$ 67,181.46

Preservation is looking to use money towards local lights. This past month money was sent to Absecon Lighthouse for a furniture purchase.

A question arose as to what happened to the balance from last meetings totals (\$99,357.00). Faith shared that the balance decreased since all final payouts were made as to the Michigan trip.

First Vice President – Doreen Berson

Doreen was unable to attend today's meeting, but sent a report to be read.

New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison

As you know, this is the 15th Anniversary of the Lighthouse Challenge in New Jersey. Our society has gotten more involved this year by funding the souvenirs and providing free t-shirts to all volunteers. Some sites, such as East Point, can only be open at 8:00A.M. on Saturday and Sunday if they have more volunteers. This is where you, the membership, can help out. We have many members who are experienced Challenge volunteers and many who have never volunteered, but would like to get involved. So far, the lighthouses that need help are East Point, Sea Girt and Sandy Hook. If you can help out, please sign up today, including your t-shirt size. T-shirts are given to volunteers who volunteer at least 5 hours. Please consider volunteering. Volunteers from the lighthouses will also be receiving a shirts if they meet the criteria.

Souvenirs are an original idea of Brett Frank's. It will be "Lighthouse Challenge, the Game". When you finish, you will have a complete game that can be played. There are even New Jersey Devil cards for night climbs. A full set of the souvenir will be given to all volunteers, as well.

Publicity / Social Media / Website

Doreen said that starting next month she will have more time to dedicate to Publicity and Website. She is hoping to expand our presence on FaceBook and talk to Howie about sprucing up the website.

Second Vice President – Rich Veit

Preservation

Rich shared that the Wickies, a group for leaning lenses, will be working on cleaning lenses at both the Barnegat and Cape May museums.

He also expressed concerns over East Point with their need for \$600,000.00 to repair for flooding repairs. The government is not helping. The light needs over one million dollars to stabilize the light. We need to see what can be done. Brett saw this on the news, and will be in contact with East Point to find out more information. Membership will be kept abreast on any news.

Awards

Nothing at this time

Treasurer – Faith Giamboi

Trips

The NJLHS trip to Michigan was a great success. Everyone seemed to have a good time. They covered a lot of territory and saw lots of lighthouses as well as some very historical locations.

Bill Ladell, on behalf of those who went to both Oregon and Michigan, wanted to thank Mike and Judy for going above and beyond the call of duty!

Mike is planning another Great Lakes trip for July 10-19, 2015. See the Beam for more details.

The proposed trip for a 3 day Hudson River trip is still a possibility. The boat trip will be all day Saturday, leaving from Hudson heading south to Kingston. We would be able to stop and go inside each light along the way. Breakfast and lunch is served on the boat. Attendees were asked if there was interest, and many raised their hands. They were also asked about car pooling, rather than hiring a bus. Those who were interested also stated that they would be willing to drive / car pool and no bus would be needed. Another day trip being considered for 2015 is Long Island Sound / Liberty State Park. This trip would be from 9 to 3 on a Saturday.

Looking in advance to 2016, trips may include a 3-day Cape Cod by boat trip and a 69 light, one hotel week long trip to Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.)

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 shared that she was the quarterly news letter and receives monthly e-mails from this society. She stated that if anyone would like her to forward these e-mails, just let her know.

There is a membership meeting on November 1st, but Karen is unable to attend. Cindy Mitzen volunteered to go in her place.

Membership dues are now due. Faith was given information and will take care of this issue. (Dues are November 1 to October 31 each year.)

Corresponding Secretary – Jayne Swoope

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Jim Cope

Jim was unable to attend the meeting. No report was forwarded.

Finance Committee

Nothing at this time

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 70 in attendance today (66 members, 1 new member, and 3 guests). He also thanked attendees for donating \$70.10 for hospitality.

Membership will add the list of Lighthouses to the Beam list, so that all lighthouse in New Jersey will receive the Beam as well.

Door Prize and 50/50

nothing at this time

Holiday Auction

Karl thanked all for donations for the December Meeting Basket Auction.

Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey

Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau

Winnie reported that volunteers are always needed for the Speakers Bureau. From January to September 2014, the Bureau has conducted 15 presentations.

Community Outreach Liaison

Nothing at this time

Board of Director – Lauren Ward

Ways and Means

Lauren said the shopping table is open and come visit when you can.

The BEAM

Lauren is looking for Challenge Stories for the December issue of the Beam. Please send them to her via e-mail, address in the Beam.

Board of Director – Carol Winkie

Programs

****Because of a prior event, Karen Larson and friend (presenting antique decoys) came to make her presentation at this time. Remember, the Barnegat Museum is open September to June on the weekends and July and August they are opened daily.**

*****Lunch break was at this time.**

Due to the low turnout at the June meeting due to the trip, Carol recognized the 2015 photo contest / calendar winners:

Month	Lighthouse	Winner's Name
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

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September	Sea Girt	Mike Boucher
October	Statue of Liberty	Gene Goch
November	East Point	Bill McKelvey
December	Conover Beacon	Hugh Murphy

Carol is looking for a location in Atlantic City for the December meeting which will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Please check the website for details.

Old & New Business

Nominations:

This year several positions are up for election. There will be two vacant positions since both Rich Veit (2nd Vice President) and Carol Winkie (Board of Director) are resigning after the year is over.

For the Good of the Society

Reminder: Finns Point, Tincum, and East Point are all open on the 3rd weekend of each month.

Adjournment

The business meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 P.M.. A motion was made by Mike Boucher and seconded by Karl Fahringer. All were in favor of adjournment.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS
