

Approved - June 27, 2015

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Membership Meeting – March 28, 2015  
www.njlhs.org**

VFW Edison Post 3117  
55 National Road  
Edison, New Jersey 08817

**President's Call to Order**

President Brett Franks called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M..

\*Prior to the meeting being started, a VFW member reviewed exits, bathroom locations and spoke about lunch orders (\$5.00 advance orders for 2 hotdogs, beans, chips and a drink).

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

Brett took a moment to remember member and friend, Rich Veit. Rich passed away in January due to health reasons. Rich was a long time member and a supporter of rewarding special members who go above and beyond for the Society. We would like to continue this, and are looking for someone to fill Rich's position to nominate members to the Board. If anyone is interested, please speak to a Board member (anyone wearing a red name tag). To fill this position you should have been a member of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society for an extended period of time.

For today's meeting there will be no Ways and Means sale table due to a family emergency, Lauren could not be with us. If you are in need of anything, please e-mail Lauren your desire and she will mail it to you. Her address is in the Beam or on the website. Carol does have 2015 calendars for sale, ½ price - \$6.00.

**Minutes from Prior General Meetings**

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the December 13, 2014 meeting at Upland School Complex in Atlantic City, NJ. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rick Hodgeman and seconded by Judy Boucher, all were in favor.

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**Financial Updates**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Faith's report as of:

	December 12, 2014	February 28, 2015
Operating Fund	39,806.37	59,033.97
Memorial Fund	1,455.77	1,455.77
Preservation Fund	34,566.50	34,285.27
<b>Total Society Balance</b>	<b>75,828.64</b>	<b>94,775.01</b>

Faith reported that there were a few major transactions (over \$100.00) between the two reports. They were trip deposits totaling \$16,287.00, membership deposits and donations totaling \$4,564.00 and forth quarter sales from Finns Point totaling \$1,020.00. Payouts for the trip will begin soon which will be a major flocculation between now and the June trip.

Since Jim was unable to attend, Faith gave the budget report. She highlighted and discussed several line items. All attendees had the chance to review the budget. Cindy Mitzen made a motion to accept the budget. Rick Hodgeman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the 2015 Budget was accepted.

Outstanding business needed to be conducted before continuing the meeting. The slate of nominations for the two year terms was open. Nominations included:

President	Brett Franks
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Doreen Berson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Carol Winkie
Treasurer	Faith Giamboi
Recording Secretary	Karen Owen
Board of Directors (2)	Lauren Ward Eugene Goch

Being no further nominations, the slate was closed, motion by Judy Boucher and seconded by Marty Hudsbeth and all accepted. Being no opposed positions, the secretary will cast the lone ballot. Congratulations to the newly elected officers.

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### **First Vice President – Doreen Berson**

#### **New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison**

Challenge souvenirs are available for those who volunteered, please see Doreen. There are many left. There is a quilt raffle. The quilt has all 15 years of Challenge t-shirts in it. The cost is \$5 per ticket and the drawing will be held at the end of October. Doreen will have tickets at the next meeting.

#### **Publicity / Social Media / Website**

Doreen said that Howie is sprucing up the website. Howie added that he is always looking for pictures from members to add to the my favorites page. If you have gone on a lighthouse trip and would like to submit photos to our web site, please send them to the webmaster.

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**Brett Franks reported:**

**Preservation**

Some artwork that was in storage is being updated with museum quality frames and will be on loan to Finns Point for display. We have other artwork that we can also update and have for loan to other facilities (libraries, schools, etc.) in order to get our name out into the community and encourage membership.

**Awards**

A thank you letter was received from Bill Volpe for the award presented at the December 2014 meeting.

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**Second Vice President – Carol Winkie**

**Programs**

Upcoming meetings are June 27<sup>th</sup> in the East Point / Maurice Township area with a speaker of their own, September 26<sup>th</sup> in Cape May at the West Cape May Fire House possibly, and December 12<sup>th</sup> at Mastori's Restaurant in the Bordentown area at the intersections of Routes 130 and 206, menu to follow.

Today's presentation will be on the 225<sup>th</sup> birthday of the U. S. Coast Guard presented by Carol Winkie. We have a cake and a pictorial handout for a celebration after lunch. Judy Boucher then reminded all to vote during lunch for the photo contest. The pictures, bins and voting papers are all color coordinated. The top four in each category will be taken to the Board for final selection for the 2016 calendar.

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**Treasurer – Faith Giamboi**

**Trips**

Mike Boucher reported that 49 members are going to be attending the Western Lake Michigan trip. Hotels and boats are booked. Restaurants and lighthouse are being contacted to make final arrangements. Those attending should begin to expect e-mails from Mike on a regular basis.

New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL) is planning a boat trip for May 2016 to Cape Cod. Also in November 2016, a trip to Las Vegas with tours of Lake Havasu (Arizona and California) to see replica lights is being planned.

The 2016 NJLHS trip will be to Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada. The trip will be in late August or September, the end of their vacation season.

Brett noted that the end of June will bring the tall ships up the Delaware River. A trip was thought about, but our meeting is that weekend and may cause a conflict. He is also looking at a day trip to Fire Island in the fall as a possible trip.

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**Recording Secretary – Karen Owen**

**Liaison to the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey**

Karen and her mother, Joan Stumpf, were able to attend the winter meeting of the League on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Medford. The general business meeting was followed by a lunch and tours of the Cross Keys One-Room School House, Peacock Cemetery, Kirby Mill and the Still Educational Center at the Bunning House in memory of Dr. James Still, "the black doctor of the pines" were available.

Since the New Jersey Lighthouse Society (NJLHS) is a member of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey (LHSNJ), all NJLHS members are members of LHSNJ and are invited to all meetings and functions. The Spring meeting of LHSNJ is to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 1:00 at The Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum in Rahway. The cost is \$25.00 per person which includes the meeting, lunch and tours. Information can be found on their website ([www.lhsnj.org](http://www.lhsnj.org)) or by contacting Karen. Their fall meeting is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at Mount Tabor in Morris Plains, NJ.

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**Corresponding Secretary – Jayne Swoope**

unable to attend / no reports

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**Board of Director – Jim Cope**

unable to attend / no reports

**Finance Committee**

see treasurer's report

**Historian**

**New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL) Liaison**

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**Board of Director – Karl Fahringer**

**Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee**

Bob Gleason reported that there were 66 attendees today (64 members and 2 guests). 2015 membership numbers are down. There are 113 single memberships and 308 family memberships (counted as 2) totaling 421 members. At this time last year we had 507 members.

**Door Prize and 50/50**

The door prize, a bottle of wine, tickets were given out at the member sign-in table. (At the conclusion of the day, the ticket was drawn. The number called belonged to Karl so he suggested another be called. The second ticket called belonged to Judy Boucher. Congratulations Judy!)

50/50 tickets will sold throughout the day and the number will be called at the end of the meeting / presentation. (At the conclusion of the day, the ticket was drawn. Congratulations to Anita Norris for winning \$82.00.)

Gift Prize table will have tickets available throughout the day and numbers will be called at the conclusion of the day. (At the conclusion of the day, 12 ticket numbers were called. Congratulations to all the winners!)

### **Holiday Auction**

At the December 2014 meeting, the gift basket auction was a success. Some positives were the puzzle basket, Italian foods basket, wine baskets, and the rum and coke. Baskets that did not go over well were the golf baskets and beer baskets. Karl is looking for ideas for December 2015. So far he has a few food baskets in the works from members. Someone suggested a lottery basket with scratch-off tickets. Another person suggested WaWa or other gas gift cards. Karl requested that if anyone has any ideas to please see him.

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### **Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey**

#### **Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau**

Winnie reported that there is now a power point presentation and diorama for speakers to use. The Bureau is looking for groups to speak to. If you know of a place, Winnie even has recommendations, please let her know.

Judy suggested that maybe the Bureau could present their presentation to the general membership at an upcoming meeting to show members what is expected. This is a good idea and a note will be added to the calendar for programs.

#### **Community Outreach Liaison**

Nothing at this time

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### **Board of Director – Lauren Ward**

unable to attend / no reports

#### **Ways and Means**

Assistance may be needed with hauling and shop keeping. If interested, please see a red name tagged Board member.

#### **The BEAM**

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### **Board of Director – Gene Goch**

nothing at this time

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### **Old & New Business**

nothing at this time

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### **For the Good of the Society**

As stated earlier, all Executive Board members are now wearing red name tags. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or just want to talk, please see one of us.

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### **Adjournment**

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 P.M. after a motion by Bill Volpe, seconded by Cindy Mitzen, and all were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

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Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

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Photo Contest Winners by vote of the General Membership and are now in the running for a place in the NJLHS 2016 calendar are:

**North Lights**

4 <sup>th</sup> place	Rick Hodgeman / Little Red Light	(14 votes)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Bill McKelvey / Sandy Hook	(17 votes)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Robert Rodgers / Twin Lights	(27 votes)
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Carol Goch / Statue of Liberty	(28 votes)

**Central Lights**

4 <sup>th</sup> place	Karl Fahringer / Barnegat	(17 votes)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Robert Rodgers / Absecon	(18 votes)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Kathleen Eustace / Tuckerton	(23 votes)
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Bill McKelvey / Barnegat	(38 votes)

**Water Bound Lights**

4 <sup>th</sup> place	Kathleen Eustace/Barnegat Lightship	(25 votes)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Bill McKelvey / Ship John Shoal	(28 votes)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Karl Fahringer / Brandywine Shoal	(31 votes)
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Anita Norris / Ship John Shoal	(41 votes)

**Southern Lights**

4 <sup>th</sup> place	Linda Swearingen / Finns Point	(13 votes)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Bill McKelvey / Cape May	(22 votes)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Gregory DiNapoli / Cape May	(30 votes)
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Denise McGloan / East Point	(34 votes)

**NJLHS Trip Pictures**

4 <sup>th</sup> place	Eugene Goch / Round Island	(22 votes)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Bill McKelvey / Whitefish Point	(25 votes)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Karl Fahringer / Old Mackinac Point	(27 votes)
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Karl Fahringer / Marblehead Light	(43 votes)

Thank you all for participating and congratulations to all the winners!