

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society  
General Membership Meeting – September 26, 2015  
www.njlhs.org**

West Cape May Fire Company  
732 Broadway  
West Cape May, New Jersey 08204

**President's Call to Order**

Vice President Doreen Berson called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.. President Brett Franks was unable to attend.

Jim Cope mapped out the facilities and exits. The flag salute was then recited by all. Carol reviewed the day's events which will include a presentation from the Educational Outreach. Ways and Means has a table. There is a door prize so be sure to get your ticket. Raffle and 50/50 tickets are available and numbers will be pulled after the presentation. Also there are still donuts and coffee left for a donation.

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**Minutes from Prior General Meetings**

Karen Owen, recording secretary, submitted the minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting at Maurice River Township Elementary School. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy Mitzen and seconded by Marty Hudspeth, all were in favor.

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**Financial Updates**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Faith reported:

	as of August 31, 2015
Operating Fund	29,102.70
Memorial Fund	1,655.77
Preservation Fund	31,650.22
<b>Total Society Balance</b>	<b>\$ 62,408.69</b>

Many checks were written between last meeting and this meeting due to the recent Michigan trip. All checks for the trip were paid in August. Income since last meeting was \$19,840.00, but expenses totaled \$49,990.55.

A \$500.00 check was written to Absecon Lighthouse in memory of Rich Veit. Faith has received a thank you from Jean from the lighthouse hoping to find something special for them to do with the money as well as from Elinor his wife.

Faith asked if anyone had questions. Joan Stumpf asked how much profit we make on trips? Faith shared that we have made close to \$9,000.00 on the last trip. There was a concern that this was too much, but the board is looking into make a donation to the

National Lighthouse Society along with other donations to lighthouses and the New Jersey Challenge.

Also, Doreen shared that Brett is thinking about National Lighthouse Day on August 7, 2016. This day will be on a Saturday, so we are looking for something special to do to celebrate our New Jersey Lighthouses. Faith shared that August and the shore may not be the place many would like to go on the weekend.

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**First Vice President – Doreen Berson**

**New Jersey Lighthouse Managers Liaison**

Doreen went to the monthly meeting this month. They have things under control. They are going to be selling t-shirts (short sleeved green and long sleeved black) as well as challenge pins and a yearly pin. There are still Quilt Raffle tickets available – photo is in the Beam. The drawing is October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Doreen is not recruiting volunteers this year. If you are interested, check out the challenge website to find the link directly to the lighthouse and let them know you are interested in volunteering.

**Publicity / Social Media / Website**

Doreen said that Howie wanted her to thank Mike and Judy Boucher and Bill McKelvey for the pictures from the Michigan Trip. They are uploaded and available for viewing on the website. THANK YOU!

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**Second Vice President – Carol Winkie**

**Programs**

Carol discussed the Photo Contest and Calendar. It was decided by all in attendance that there should be the calendar categories (New Jersey Lights plus current year's NJLHS sponsored trip) and then a separate 'non calendar' category. Maybe of those outside of New Jersey and /or previous year's NJLHS trips. Karl shared that maybe a past champions or masters category may be good as well. If anyone has ideas please speak to a board member before their meeting in November.

2016 calendars are for sale. See Carol at the Ways and Means table.

Carol thanked Gail Robinson for her presentation last meeting on the commerce of Maurice River and keeping the lighthouse authentic.

Jim has the remaining Sandy Hook covers have been reduced to \$1.00. This information is up on the website.

December meeting is at Mastoris in Bordentown, New Jersey at the intersection of 130 and 206. A luncheon is included. Mike will be giving a presentation on the 2015 trips. Many attendees shared that the food is GREAT! Members are asked to reserve their seat with a \$5.00 fee. Reservations can be made and paid for today or any time prior to the meeting. Jim shared that on Route 130 on the left side there is a mast from the Stone Horse Lightship. Also in the Boro of Allentown there is the grave of William A.

Newell, the governor of New Jersey from 1857-1860. He also served three-terms in the US House of Representatives. He is best known for, the Newell Act, which created the United States Life-Saving Service which ultimately merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the United States Coast Guard in 1915.

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### **Treasurer – Faith Giamboi**

#### **Trips**

Faith reported that the trip to western Michigan in July was a success. Everyone she spoke to said they had a great time. There are lots of photos on the website and in this current issue of the Beam. Faith is still looking for ideas for a 1 to 3 day trip. Anyone with an idea should let Faith, or any board member know.

Some members would be interested in a trip to the National Lighthouse Museum in Staten Island, or even a meeting at the site. Cindy Mitzen said she will be the contact person for that and help make arrangements. She will work with Carol. Also mentioned was a boat trip sponsored by the National Lighthouse Museum on October 17<sup>th</sup> (New Jersey Challenge weekend) up the Hudson.

Mike then shared the proposed 2016 trip to Prince Edward Island in Canada. He has flyers for the event. The dates are September 10 to 17, 2016. There is only 1 hotel. 47 of the 62 lighthouses will be seen, others are on private land. Judy and Mike are going in May to scope the area out and may be able to get access to a few more. To get to the location, it will be a 853 mile trip from Newark, NJ. The cost will be around \$3,000 to \$3,300 per person. A lobster dinner cruise will be the only boat trip. The December 2015 issue of the Beam will have all the information about this trip along with prices. Remember, a passport is needed to go on this trip. Mike then shared some happenings and bloopers from the Michigan 2015 trip.

Mike continued that a Cape Cod trip which was thought to be with NELL will not be happening. Instead, the weekend before Memorial Day and after Mothers' Day will be a one day trip to see some lights. This will not be an overnight trip and will only include 8 to 9 lighthouses.

Mike would like to propose a future trip to happen in March to New Orleans and down the Mississippi River. This will be a 4 to 5 day trip. Mike had already planned this trip for the U. S. Lighthouse Society and would like to do it with the New Jersey society. Many said they would be interested.

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### **Recording Secretary – Karen Owen**

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

Karen reminded all that since they are members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society they are also members of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. Their next meeting is in November at Mount Tabor. For more information please see their website:

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www.lhsnj.org. Karen is unable to attend this meeting due to the NJLHS Board Meeting on the same day.

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**Corresponding Secretary – Jayne Swoope**

unable to attend / no reports

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**Board of Director – Jim Cope**

**Finance Committee**

Nothing at this time

**Historian**

Jim stated that if anyone is interested in becoming the society historian to please see him or any board member.

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

Nothing at this time

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**Board of Director – Karl Fahringer**

Karl shared that there is a correction to the Beam. On page 7, the picture is not from Tricia Fahringer, but Tricia P. Karl just sent the picture into the web.

**Liaison to the Membership and Hospitality Committee**

Bob Gleason reported that there were 42 attendees today with 1 guest.

2015 membership numbers are down. There are 118 single memberships and 166 family memberships (counts as 2) totaling 450 members.

He reminded all that dues for 2016 will be collected at the December meeting or via mail. Prices will remain the same - \$20 for single and \$25 for family.

**Door Prize and 50/50**

The door prize is a bottle of wine with a lighthouse ornament.

The raffle table is full of nice prizes. Tickets will be available until after lunch.

**Holiday Auction**

Karl said that he is still looking for basket donations for the December meeting. He stated that the golf basket did not go over well and the beer baskets did so, so. He said that there will be ethnic food baskets from China and Mexico (with tequila) thanks to Mike and Judy Boucher, as well as Russia (with vodka) from Cindy Mitzen. Karl said that donations are much appreciated and thanked those who have already donated. Karl has a request for donations letter if anyone is interested in soliciting for donations. He gave examples of Dunkin Donuts, WaWa, Quick Check, or other state wide restaurants or establishments. He did say that he is looking to have a lottery basket with scratch off tickets. Anyone who is willing to donate a ticket or more can bring them the day of the meeting.

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**Board of Director – Winnie McKelvey**

**Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau**

Winnie reported that things are moving along. The Bureau has spoken to over 400 people so far this year. They will be giving the presentation today.

**Community Outreach Liaison**

Nothing at this time

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**Board of Director – Lauren Ward**

unable to attend / no reports

**Ways and Means**

Ann Solaequi has taken over the Ways and Means. She reported that there are many items on sale. She would like to see a shift out of the older items so new items can be purchased. She is looking for new items and is gladly taking suggestions. Ann was thanked for taking on this duty.

**The BEAM**

Deadline for the next issue is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**Board of Director – Gene Goch**

Nothing at this time.

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**Nominations and Elections**

Three Board of Directors positions and the corresponding secretary position is up for re-election. A committee including Joan Stumpf and Cheryl Stumpf will create a slate for elections at our next meeting.

**Old & New Business**

- National Lighthouse Day in August 2016 – spoke about earlier
  - Chesapeake Bay has five new stamps. If interested, see [cheslights.org](http://cheslights.org). The Maryland Challenge was last weekend.
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**For the Good of the Society**

Raffle, door prize, and 50/50 will be called after the presentation.

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**Adjournment**

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M. after a motion by Alan Jacobson, seconded by Loretta Wlikins, and all were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Owen, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

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**Dates of General Membership Meetings**

December 12, 2015

March 19, 2016

June 25, 2016

September 24, 2016

December 10, 2016

## **Presentation**

Alan Jacobson, Marilyn Dunning and Bob Gleason presented an engaging power point which they use in their Educational Outreach / Speakers Bureau talks. The title was "Educational Outreach Program: Goals and How You Can Help". They encouraged all to think of places or groups they could go to give their presentation so the work of the society and the lighthouses stay alive.

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## **Winners**

Congratulations to the following for winning a prize at the Raffle Table:

- Winnie McKelvey
- Donna Bishop
- Shelia Hines (2)
- Judy Boucher (2)
- Cindy Mitzen (2)
- Nancy Cope
- Patty Ade
- Kathleen Eustace
- Kathy Lanzim

Congratulations to Marilyn Dunning, the winner of the door prize.

Congratulations to Cindy Mitzen, the winner of the 50/50. (amount unknown)