

**New Jersey Lighthouse Society**  
**General Membership Meeting – September 15, 2018**  
**www.njlhs.org**

Surf City Volunteer Fire Company  
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Surf City, New Jersey 08008-5254

**President's Call to Order**

President Brett Franks convened the meeting at 11:29 AM. He led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed safety information.

Brett shared with the membership that long-time member Al Smith was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. He asked that we all keep Al in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Minutes from Prior General Meeting**

Recording Secretary Bob Gleason had the June 16<sup>th</sup> minutes printed but forgot to bring them to the meeting. The June and September general meeting minutes will be reviewed at the December meeting.

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**Financial Updates - Treasurer's Report:**

Faith reported:

	as of August 31, 2018
Operating Fund	\$7,504.32
Memorial Fund	2,065.77
Preservation Fund	17,510.48
<b>Operating Account Total</b>	<b>\$27,080.57</b>
Trip Account Balance	7,059.15
<b>Total ALL Society Accounts</b>	<b>\$34,139.72</b>

Major expenses since June include 2017 tax preparation and the production/printing of brochures, 2019 calendars and THE BEAM.

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**First Vice President & Programs – Carol Winkie**

National Lighthouse Day was celebrated in August. 147 students participated in the program and 145 visitors took part in the T-Shirt raffle. Visitors came from many states as well as Canada, India and the United Kingdom. The final T-Shirt winners came from Amherst, NY, Erie, PA, Lake Bluff, Illinois, Pennsville, NJ, Cape May, NJ, Kendall Park, NJ, Warminster, PA, Robbinsville, NJ, and Jenkintown, PA.

The December meeting will again take place in Mastoris. This year reservations are \$15 per person and need to be paid to Treasurer, Faith Giamboi.

Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey rack cards and brochures are available and can be requested from Carol. Hereford Inlet is not an official stop in the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey. Challenge T-Shirts will be decorated with a picture of this year's gift (lighthouse playing cards). Carol reviewed the rules for the 2019 Challenge. Tinicum, Cape May and Absecon will be the only lights open for climbing this year.

If you have not already done so, please pick up your 2018 Photo Contest entries from Carol.

Today's Program will cover Barnegat Lighthouse and be presented by Charlotte Banks, President of the Friends of Barnegat Light.

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**Second Vice President & Financial Chairman – Gene Goch**

Nothing to report.

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**Corresponding Secretary & Community Outreach – Kathy Lanzim**

Kathy reviewed the year's Outreach season, which has been challenging because of all the wet weather. The final 2018 event will be the Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show, September 29-30<sup>th</sup> at Tuckerton

Seaport. Volunteers are still needed for Saturday. We will be under a tent, so weather should not be an issue! Anyone interested please see Kathy.

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#### **Membership – Bob Gleason**

Membership stands at 103 Individual members and 128 Family memberships for a paid 2018 membership of 369. 2019 Membership Dues will be collected at the December membership meeting. There are forty-four members attending today's meeting. A quorum requirement of 25 was met.

Membership has received many membership requests filled out on the new NJLHS brochure distributed beginning on National Lighthouse Day.

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#### **Ways & Means – Ann Solaequi**

Check out the growing variety of lighthouse items available at Ways and Means' Special Five Dollar Table.

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#### **Board Director – Kathleen Eustace**

Looking for trip ideas and preparing for 2019 Photo Contest.

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#### **Board Director, Educational Outreach – Bob Rodgers**

Since the June meeting, there have been five Educational Outreach programs presented, with 140 attendees and with \$250 in donations. Year to date there have been nine presentations to 289 attendees with donations totaling \$578. Many thanks to Marilyn Dunning and Alan Jacobson who have two more presentations scheduled for September. Every Society Member can help by spreading the word and encouraging referral requests. Please contact Bob if you are interested in being a presenter.

Bob reviewed the 2019 Photo Contest categories. Photos will be sorted alphabetically by name (as identified by the photographer) into one of five categories. Cat 1: A thru C, Cat 2: D thru H, Cat 3: I thru O, Cat 4: P thru R and Cat 5: S thru Z. A photo can only be entered in one category.

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#### **Board Director – Apryl Roach**

Volunteers are being solicited to either chair or be a member of the 2019 Nominating Committee. Anyone interested in participating should please see Apryl after today's meeting.

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#### **New Business**

The Society needs volunteers in a few key areas like, Membership and Coordinating the Annual Basket Raffle.

#### Basket Raffle Initiative

Accepting a suggestion from Judy Boucher, society members are encouraged to assemble a complete basket to bring with them to the December meeting. More comprehensive instructions will be provided on the website and in the December BEAM. (Following the meeting, Judy Boucher and Kathy Lanzim agreed to coordinate this initiative.)

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#### **Old Business**

None to report.

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#### **Adjournment**

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Bob Gleason, Recording Secretary, NJLHS