

**THE NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING – MARCH 26, 2022**

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With a quorum being met, the meeting was called to order by President Winkie at 10:06 am.

**PRESIDENT:** Carol Winkie (Beam Editor, Publicity) Carol welcomed the twenty-nine members to the ZOOM Meeting. The meeting began with a welcome back to Doreen Berson, as our newest member of the Board of Directors. Doreen was a long-standing member of the Society Board and applied for the vacant position when a previous member did not run for reelection in December 2021. Doreen was voted by the Board and elected unanimously at a Special meeting on March 19, 2022. Doreen's term is for two years ending in December 2023.

Carol thanked Kathleen Eustace, our First Vice-President, for enabling the ZOOM meeting to take place and emailing members the Minutes and Treasurers' Report available to all attendees. Kathleen would also count the members votes when voting would occur.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Donna Bishop (Hospitality) Carol asked if the members had any questions on the minutes from the December 11, 2021, General Membership Meeting. Since there were no questions or changes to the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Gucheck and seconded by Loretta Wilkins. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Membership.

**TREASURY REPORT FOR NJLHS AS OF 12-31-2021:**

Carol stated that Faith Giamboi, has resigned her position as Treasurer but has agreed to stay on until the position is filled and help train a new Treasurer.

**TREASURER:** Faith Giamboi discussed the Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2021, Operating Fund: \$5,249.55, Memorial Fund: \$2,983.87, Preservation Fund: \$17,116.46, Operating Account Total: \$25,349.88, Trip Account: \$7,451.15, Society Balance: \$32,801.03. Faith indicated on the Treasury Report that Membership dues for 2022 that were received prior to 2022 were deposited in October and November 2021. Bob Rodgers, Second Vice-President, commented that the Mastoris luncheon in December 2021 was paid completely by the membership and that some members paid for the luncheon in September 2021 which accounted for the different amounts reflected in the Treasurers' Report.

Faith informed the members that the \$5,000 anonymous donation received last year was moved in January 2022 from the Preservation Fund in a newly created Reserve Fund. Also, the trip account in the amount of \$7,451.15 was closed in February 2022 and also placed into the new Reserve Fund. These Reserve Fund Accounts will be used when needed for the Preservation and Protection of Lighthouses in New Jersey, other States or as directed by the Board.

A motion to approve the Treasurers' Report was made by John Bishop, seconded by Bob Rodgers and approved unanimously by the Membership.

**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:** Bob Rodgers (Budget & Finance, Audit, Membership Dues) Bob met with the Budget Committee in February 2022. The years 2019, 2020, 2021 were used as a blueprint to form the NJLHS budget for 2022. Bob discussed the Income and Expense Reports for 2022 with the membership and how the projected and balanced budget was achieved for 2022.

Carol asked for a motion to approve the budget, which was made by Doreen Berson, seconded by Joe Guchek and approved unanimously by the Membership.

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:** Kathleen Eustace (Beam Design, ZOOM, Trip, Photo Contest, Social Media) As the designer of The Beam, Kathleen stated that the March 2022 issue was printed with a color front and back cover and the rest of the issue in black and white. This printing change was a savings of \$52.45 for the issue, from a total cost of \$709.54 to \$657.09. Kathleen asked for articles for The Beam to be submitted by May 7<sup>th</sup> for the June publication at: [beam@njlhs.org](mailto:beam@njlhs.org). All photos submitted for publication in The Beam should indicate the name of the photographer. Kathleen also discussed that the photo contest for 2022 will be held virtually online with photos submissions from July 1st through July 22nd at: [PhotoContestChair@NJLHS.org](mailto:PhotoContestChair@NJLHS.org). Voting will take place from August 1st through August 12th. Photo Contest rules are listed in the March 2022 Beam issue and will be posted on the website when the photo contest takes place.

Kathleen indicated that, with the help of Doreen Berson, Kathleen is the Administrator on Social Media and now has access to Facebook. Doreen will serve as backup to Kathleen. Kathleen is posting information of the NJLHS Facebook page and hopes to set up other Social Media sites in the future.

In the March Beam, Kathleen posted trips offered by the National Lighthouse Museum and other scheduled events for 2022. Since the closing of Mastoris, where our December meeting and luncheon was held over the last several years, Kathleen is asking for any recommendations for other possible locations for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting location. Faith indicated that she and Carol visited the Red Lion Diner on Route 206 & 70, Southampton Township, NJ, and it could be considered a possible location.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Kathy Lanzim (Community Outreach) Kathy has been sending sympathy cards and get well wishes to members. Kathy also receives mail from people seeking information or have questions about lighthouses which she forwards to the appropriate person. Kathy stated that Community Outreach has two events planned for 2022: Point Pleasant Earth Day Celebration on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Ocean Fun Days in May at Island Beach State Park on Saturday and Sandy Hook on Sunday. If anyone is interested on volunteering at any of these events to contact Kathy at: [communityoutreach@njlhs.org](mailto:communityoutreach@njlhs.org).

Kathy indicated that the December meeting/luncheon had been attended by fifty-three paid members. Five paid members were unable to attend the meeting. There were a total 43 gift baskets donated with a total of \$484 received. Kathy also mentioned if members are interested in purchasing any of the "Inlet of the Breakers" prints to send a check to the PO Box in the amount of \$26.65 (25.00 plus tax.) The print can be picked up at the June meeting in Toms River, NJ.

**DIRECTOR:** Loretta Wilkins (Hospitality, 50/50) Loretta stated that the Society received a total \$176 from the 50/50. Bob Gleason was thanked for donating his winnings back to the Society. President Winkie also thanked members who worked on the December luncheon meeting.

**DIRECTOR:** Doreen Berson (Membership, Website design) The newly appointed Membership Chairperson reported, the current renewed membership totals for 2022 include: 60 single membership, 86 family memberships (times 2, which equals 172) for a total of 232 members. Included in the total are 4 Student and 4 Lifetime Memberships.

Doreen would like to establish a Membership Committee to work on ways to increase membership. Doreen stated updating the website and promoting student memberships would be helpful to attract new members to the Society. Also promote the lifetime membership as an option to retain membership.

**DIRECTOR:** Apryl Roach (Constitution/By-Laws Revision) Apryl reported that the Board Members met on ZOOM on March 19<sup>th</sup>, to review and recommend updates to the NJLHS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS. Apryl thanked John Bishop for his working of the Committee and Doreen for her support on reviewing the updates. There were twenty-one items to discuss, and since not all items could be completed in the allotted two-hour meeting, an additional ZOOM meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. After which the Board will present their review at a General Membership Meeting.

**DIRECTOR:** John Bishop (Audit, Constitution/By-Laws Revision) John is planning the next Audit Committee meeting to examine the Treasurers' records for the fiscal year 2021. He will reach out to various members to request their participation. Bob Rodgers stated at the December meeting that the audits for 2019 and 2020 was completed. Carol Winkie asked if copies of the checks were signed with two signatures. Two copies of the checks were received with two signatures. Faith has been inquiring about the other check for two signatures and will contact the Bank again on the status of the check.

John stated that the audits for 2019 and 2020 were in good order and may be considered completed. Carol asked for a motion to the membership to approve the audits. Apryl made a motion to approve the completion of the 2019 and 2020 audits with a second from Bob Gleason. The vote was unanimous.

Carol indicated that Ann Solaequi will temporarily help and answer questions for Ways & Means at: [waysandmeans@njlhs.org](mailto:waysandmeans@njlhs.org)

Carol indicated that to contact the Historian, individuals may send questions to Kathy Lanzim at: [njlhs@njlhs.org](mailto:njlhs@njlhs.org)

Carol has a few 2022 calendars available for sale, which Kathy will have available at Community Outreach locations.

**DIRECTOR:** Alan Jacobson (Preservation, Educational Outreach with Marilyn Dunning) Alan could not attend the meeting but emailed his report on Preservation to Carol Winkie. Carol stated on the report that in November of 2019, the Board approved a \$2,000 grant to Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse for an exterior fence. For several administrative reasons, the project was never undertaken and completed.

Marc Kamp at Tinicum is requesting the grant again as the project is moving forward. Alan notified Marc that the Board would reconsider the project and request at the next regular Board meeting.

Continuing with Alan's report, Carol mentioned that in the Fall of 2021, the Board authorized the sale of the Howard Worner prints to retail stores. Alan reached out to stores on Long Beach Island. As of this date, one store has placed an order. Proceeds from these sales will be allocated equally between Preservation and General income. Members can also purchase the print from Ways and Means.

It was noted that National Lighthouse Day, August 7<sup>th</sup>, falls on a Sunday this year. Alan will be reaching out to various lighthouse managers to see if any lighthouses would need volunteers from NJLHS. Signup sheets will be available at the June General Membership Meeting.

Since Alan and Marilyn could not attend today's meeting, Carol presented their report on Educational Outreach to the Membership. There were three presentations in 2021, with 109 participants and donations from the presentations totaled \$460. All events booked for January and February 2022 were postponed due to a combination of COVID and weather related. There remain seven presentations for 2022. There are two events booked for April and five new requests scheduled for May through August. The events are scheduled at public libraries in Lavallette, Old Bridge, Waretown, and Woodbridge. Alan and Marilyn will continue to monitor any change in restrictions and make decisions accordingly with each event coordinator as dates approach.

The radio interview that Marilyn was going to participate in has been postponed until a later date and may coincide with National Lighthouse Day on August 7th or during the Lighthouse Challenge weekend dates of October 15th and 16th 2022.

Before the meeting concluded, Bob Rodgers asked about the Finns Point Lighthouse fence. Carol stated that Finns Point completed the new fence project last year.

Linda Swearingen asked if the NJLHS calendar could consist of twelve different members having their photo appear in the calendar for each of the twelve months. Carol said that the Board would consider and review the recommendation at a Board Meeting.

**March 26, 2022 – NJLHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ZOOM ATTENDEES:**

Carol Winkie	John Bishop	Bob Gleason
Doreen Berson	Donna Bishop	Linda Gleason
Carol Guchek	Alfred King, III	Ann Solaequi
Joe Guchek	Kathleen Eustace	Karen Stanley
Bill Volpe	Faith Giamboi	John Stanley, Jr.
Ann Volpe	Loretta Wilkins	Taylor Stanley
Mike McGowan	Apryl Roach	John Stanley, III
William Ladell	Kathy Lanzim	Grace Stanley
Mark Dameika	Bob Rodgers	Linda Swearingen
Paula Dameika	Nan Rodgers	

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am after a motion by Apryl Roach and seconded by Joe Guchek. All were in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Donna Bishop, Recording Secretary, NJLHS

Minutes were approved at the General Membership Meeting held on June 25, 2022