

**OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY  
(OBLHS) BOARD  
Twelfth Annual Meeting**

**June 2, 2007**

**Roanoke River Lighthouse and Maritime Museum  
206 W. Water Street  
Plymouth, North Carolina  
Host: Doward Jones**

**Board members who were present:**

Diana Chappell, Robert DaVia, Virginia Howell, Doward Jones, Richard Meissner, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Bill Padgett, and Bruce Roberts

**Board members who were absent:**

Sandra MacLean Clunies, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, Charlie Votaw, and Shirley Votaw

There were no ex-officio or honorary Board members in attendance.

(A complete list of Board members will be attached to this report.)

President Bett Padgett called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with thanks to Doward Jones for his creativity, hospitality, and sense of history.

The minutes of the 2006 Board meeting were approved.

- **Membership report from Robert DaVia:**  
There are 648 active members this year in comparison to 624 last year. Post cards are sent to people when their membership is overdue by a month. At present 180 members need to renew their membership; these people will receive a letter, membership form, and a return envelope. After an extended discussion concerning one membership due date, The Board decided to continue its present policy of membership renewal on the anniversary of membership.
- **Treasurer's report from Diana Chappell:**  
Balances in Cash Accounts as of April 30, 2007  
General Fund: \$24,984.35  
Bodie Island Fund: \$3,241.99  
CDs: 0  
Total Cash Accounts: \$28,226.34 in comparison to \$18, 483.35 last year.

Thanks to Doward Jones for donating the raffle tickets. He has volunteered to provide these again in 2007. Store sales profits were \$655.33.

(A complete OBLHS Treasurer's report is available upon request.)

- Fundraising report from Bruce Roberts
  - The Carolina Beer Company plans to remodel a bar in the Charlotte Airport around a lighthouse theme, using some of Bruce Roberts's pictures and a map wallpaper of the coast. They have agreed to sell some of The Society's items at a Kiosk and make a donation to The Society for these items. Firm details will be established soon. We need to decide what items we want to sell. Some items mentioned were caps, tee shirts, and lighthouse stress balls.
  - Food Lion "Shop and Share" MVP Program: Register your card each year on line at <https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/secure/RegisterMVPCards.asp>. If you have pop up blockers or just prefer registering over the phone, call 704-633-8250. You will need to know that The Outer Banks Lighthouse Society is registered in Morehead City, North Carolina, and you will need your MVP card numbers. This will allow your card to earn money for North Carolina Lighthouses during the remainder of 2007.
  - Robert DaVia reported that people can subscribe to *Our State: North Carolina* using the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society form and receive the magazine for \$24.95 for the year; \$5.00 will be donated to the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society. Each subscription includes the annual Lighthouse and Coastal issue that is published each May.
- Newsletter report from Cheryl Shelton-Roberts delivered by Bruce Roberts: The Board thanked Shelton-Roberts for her intelligent, well researched, and interesting articles. Three issues of the newsletter plus the December gift booklet were published this year. We have been printing 1500 copies at an approximate cost of \$1.00 per issue, mailing 650 issues, and giving the extras to the Bodie Island Lighthouse, North Carolina Museum of History, legislators in Raleigh, and the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.
  - We will advertise on the web site that for \$5.00 (including shipping and handling) one can receive a specific issue that might be of special interest or that may be missing from a collection.

- Special autographed issues will be available for \$7.50. These will be advertised on our website and in the newsletter.
    - ❖ Our founders, Bruce and Cheryl Roberts will autograph certain issues.
    - ❖ John Gaskill will autograph issues in which he is featured.
  - We may consider selling them at the airport.
  - Bill Padgett will investigate selling the newsletter in an electronic version.
- Marketing/Tourism report from Bett Padgett:
  - We look forward to the sale of Ralph Burroughs's Self Guided Auto Tour CD. The Society has been promised 50% of the profits from the CD. Members can learn more about the CD from page 13 of the most recent newsletter.
  - Gallo Wine featured the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society in Lowe's Foods resulting in a \$2,000 donation.
  - Diana Chappell, through her volunteer activities and the generous support of her employer (McKesson), received \$750.00 for The Society. Others are encouraged to check with their employers about similar programs. Bett Padgett will write a notice about this for the next newsletter.
  - **Chicamacomico:** The Society will be represented there on Labor Day and we will visit there during the October Event.
  - The Society has been represented well at events such as:
    - St. Augustine Lighthouse Festival
    - Kiwanis Clubs
    - NPR
    - Calvert Maritime Museum in Solomon's, Maryland
- Update on Coastal and River Lights:
  - **Currituck Beach Lighthouse** (The Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.) It reopened April 3 and will be open until late October with an adult climbing fee of \$7.00.
  - **Bodie Island Lighthouse**  
At the time of our meeting we were waiting on repairs to begin on the tower and the stairs. The grounds are open all year, and the base of the lighthouse will be open this summer. Visitors will

enjoy meeting with John Gaskill who grew up here as a keeper's son. Bring your favorite newsletter stories about John to have him autograph.

Bodie Island Life-Saving and Coast Guard Station are being prepared for relocation to the grounds of the lighthouse. Completion of the project is scheduled for mid-October.

- **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**  
The lighthouse has opened for the season with climbing fees of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. The Dare County Visitors Bureau is opening the Hatteras Weather Station as a welcome center. The Weather Station is located in Hatteras Village just off Highway 12.
- **Ocracoke Light**  
During the summer of 2006 the Ocracoke Light received a new coat of paint. Although the light was out for a while, the generator malfunction has been repaired.
- **Cape Lookout Lighthouse**  
July 4, 2006, a new visitor center opened that makes Cape Lookout Lighthouse even more appealing. The Keepers' Quarters Museum is open to the public.
- **Bald Head Lighthouse**  
Grant money was applied to update bathrooms and establish an exhibit, "Whale Oil to Electricity". A Wrecks Log Book was donated and transcribed for display.
- **Oak Island Light**  
Tours are now being offered to second level, but no further because of switch backs and ladders.
- **Roanoke River Lighthouse**  
Our host for the meeting shared the exciting news about this lighthouse reproduction that The Board toured and enjoyed. The view from the upper walkway should not be missed. Using the theme "Gateway to the Outer Banks", all of the advertising and billboards will focus on children and education as the volunteers prepare for the September 15 dedication. The Board enjoyed a picnic in the lighthouse with historic surroundings and delicious food.
- **Roanoke Marshes Light**

Renovations are underway, and the volunteers hope to find a bell appropriate to the facility.

- **Price's Creek Light**

The light is privately owned by Archer Daniels Midland and there are no restoration plans.

- Board Officers serving one year terms elected by acclamation:
  - Secretary(ies) Jim and Mabry O'Donnell
  - Treasurer Diana Chappell
  - Fundraising Chair Bruce Roberts
  - Membership Chair Robert DaVia
  - Special Events Chair Bett Padgett
- The President (Bett Padgett) and Vice President (Cheryl Shelton-Roberts) were elected for a two year term in 2006.
- Society Awards: *Note*--Awards will be given only when appropriate.

**President's Awards:**

Betty Parrish	1997
Bill Parrish	1998
Betty Shelton	1998
John Gaskill	1998
Tom Yocum	1998
Connie Jones, Bodie Island	1999
Tim Harrison	2000
Bett Padgett	2000
LERC (maker of Coastal Cubs)	2000
Sandy Clunies	2000
Rick Polad	2001
Henry and Chris Gonzales	2001
Roy's Folks (Roy Ackland & David Weatherly)	2001
John Howard	2001
Bank of America	2001
Lynn Jennette	2001
Charlie Votaw	2002
Shirley Votaw	2002
Bruce Roberts	2002
Jack McCombs	2002
Sandy Seimans	2003
Richard Meissner	2003
Ralph Burroughs	2003
Judy Castleberry	2004
Nancy D' Andrade	2004

Nick Johnston	2004
Brent Westwood	2004
Diana Chappell	2005
Lana Beth Deese	2005
Virginia Chadwick Howell	2005
Ross Tracy	2005
Larry Belli (former Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore)	2006
The Dare County Tourist Board	2006
Julia Hollenbeck	2006
Cheryl Shelton-Roberts	2006
Bill Schneider	2006
Robert DaVia	2007
Ed and Judy Rosson	2007
Doward Jones	2007
James Charlet and Linda Mallory	2007
Rick and Teresa Ward	2007

**Founders Award:**

Senator Marc Basnight	1997
Bill Younger	1998
Bill and Betty Parrish	1999
Governor James Hunt	2000
Tim Harrison	2001
Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.	2002
Jim and Mabry O'Donnell	2003
Kim Younger Andrews	2004
Bruce and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts	2005
Ralph Burroughs	2006
Bett Padgett	2007

**Cape Hatteras Award:**

Russell Berry	1997
Dr. Ellis Cowling	1998
National Park Service Cape Hatteras Seashore, Outer Banks Group	1999
Joe Jakubik of International Chimney	2000
Charlie and Shirley Votaw	2001
Glenn Eure	2002
Bett Padgett	2003
Kevin Duffus	2004
Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum	2005
Lynn and Windsor Jacques	2006
None	2007

**Bodie Island Award:**

Cullen Chambers	1997
John McPherson	1998
RAI Associates	1999
Lloyd Childers	2000
Patty Lockamy	2001
John Gaskill	2002
Doris and Dave Reed	2003
Paula and Lauren Liebrecht	2004
Nick Johnston	2005
Representative David Price	2006
Doug Stover	2007

**Currituck Award:**

Lloyd Childers	2002
Outer Banks Conservationists	2003
John Wilson	2004
Melody Leckie	2005
Meghan Agresto and Luis Garcia	2006
Pat Riley	2007

**Cape Lookout**

Bob Vogel	2004
Richard Meissner	2005
Margaret Gilliken	2006
None	2007

**Old Baldy**

Jane Kerr Oakley	2004
Ann Mills	2005
None	2006
Kim Gotshall	2007

**Oak Island**

Town of Caswell Beach	2005
Friends of Oak Island Lighthouse	2006
None	2007

**Ocracoke**

Paula and Lauren Liebrecht	2006
Jane Morgan	2006
None	2007

The awards are expensive, but they are an excellent means for showing appreciation to those who have upheld the values of The Society.

## New Business

- **Newsletter:**  
The Board asked Cheryl Roberts to continue as Editor of *Lighthouse News*. In order to provide research assistance, The Board approved an Editorial Research Grant of up to \$2,500 for Cheryl Roberts. She will continue to be remunerated at \$750.00 per newsletter. Two issues of the *Lighthouse News* will be published each year. *Lighthouse Updates* will be printed two times per year with information gathered by Bett Padgett assisted by Robert DaVia.
  
- **Keepers' Store:** The Board voted to continue the Keepers' Store and to use Pay Pal. We will add the travel CD to the store and auction items that are slow movers. Perhaps we should order hats, ceramic mugs, plastic stadium mugs, and polo shirts (not black). As a special item we will have screen printed heavy tee shirts with the logo on the sleeve and one of Bruce Roberts's pictures on the front.  
  
Doward Jones will print *The Lighthouse Update* to be published by August 15. Included in this issue will be a listing of the items on sale in the Keepers' Store. He will publish another issue by September 15 which will include information about Plymouth and The Keepers' Dinner.
  
- Virginia Howell, Doward Jones, Robert DaVia, and Richard Meissner will design the school contest for tee shirt art work. The contest will be coordinated through our web site and the winner will receive a prize and his/her art work will be featured on The Society's tee shirt.
  
- The Board decided that the membership levels would remain the same.
  
- There are 2,000 lighthouse brochures remaining and the following people will deliver them to North Carolina Welcome Centers.
  - Doward Jones: Elizabeth City and Roanoke Rapids
  - Richard Meissner: Morehead City
  - Bett Padgett: I-95 sites
  - Ralph Burroughs: Outer Banks Welcome Center
  
- **Raffle and Auction for 2007**
  - Give items to Bruce Roberts for the auction.
  - Ed and Judy Rawson will donate their house for a week
  - White Doe Inn in Manteo will give us a half price lodging
  - Doward Jones will give Diana Chappell 7500 raffle tickets by August 1. We will send 10 tickets (\$2.00 a piece) to each of our OBLHS members.



- The Board discussed its participation in partnership with the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for restoring the Bodie Island Lighthouse Lens. There appears to be a discrepancy concerning the amount of money that will be needed for the project. The Board supports the venture and volunteers to help choose the lampist and it will consider donating money in the future.
- The Roanoke River Lighthouse Museum seeks designs appropriate to illustrate The Gateway to The Outer Banks. These pictures and scripts will be transferred to sailcloth and placed in the museum.
- Bill Padgett will spearhead the Kid's Calendar Contest. This is part of our continuing desire to provide more website information about lighthouses for teachers to use in classrooms. We hope to devise more games. There exists on the market a lighthouse monopoly game. The Board wishes to gather items for a traveling footlocker for education, much as Cape Lookout supplies a footlocker for educational purposes.
- The Society donated \$100.00 to the Washington County Water Ways Commission in appreciation for the work accomplished by Doward Jones.
- Next Meeting: Saturday, May 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at Raleigh, North Carolina with hosts Bett and Bill Padgett.
- With appreciation to Doward Jones and The Roanoke River Lighthouse volunteers for housing our meeting, catering delicious food, and guiding us through the exciting displays in Plymouth, North Carolina, The Board meeting concluded.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. with a standing ovation for our president, Bett Padgett, and mementos distributed among The Board.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.