

**OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY (OBLHS)**  
**BOARD**  
**Tenth ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 22, 2005**

**Avon, North Carolina, at the home of Charlie and Shirley Votaw**

**Board members who were present:**

Judy Castleberry, Richard Meissner, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Betty Parrish, Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, Charlie Votaw, Shirley Votaw, and Brent Westwood

**Board members who were absent:**

Sandra MacLean Clunies, Doward Jones, John McPherson, and Shirin Pagels

There were no honorary Board members in attendance.

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

**Guests who were present:**

Robert Davia and Jessie Lee Dominique

President Bett Padgett called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. with thanks to the Votaws for their gracious hospitality, the beautiful scenery, and the delicious food.

The minutes of the 2004 Board meeting were approved as written.

- Membership Report from Betty Parrish: 655 but the rolls have not been purged this year. The rolls will be purged after the next newsletter. We had 199 renewal memberships and 170 new memberships this year in comparison to 330 renewals and 121 new memberships last year. This is the second year of membership decline.  
(The official report of all paid memberships and donations is available from the Membership Chair.)

**Memberships: \$7440**

**Donations: \$2255**

**Other: \$7440**

- Treasurer's Report from Bruce Roberts: Total assets as of April 30, 2005, are \$20,589. (A complete OBLHS Treasurer's report is available upon request.)
  - Bodie Island Fund CD: \$8,096
  - Cash (General Fund): \$12,493
  - The Hatteras CD was donated to help restore the Fresnel lens at the Graveyard of the Atlantic.
  - Sources of funds
    - Donations: \$7,813
    - Sale of Hatteras books and posters left over from 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Hatteras: \$2,828
    - Harbour Lights Ads: \$1,200
    - Retreat and Keeper's Weekend: \$11,003
    - Auction and Raffle: \$14,231
    - Store Sales: \$6,940
  
- Publications
  - Brent Westwood was thanked for designing the lovely certificates for members and charter members.
  - We discussed the lighthouse articles from papers, Cheryl-Shelton Roberts' lighthouse segment on WUNC "Our State", and Bruce Roberts' presentation on NPR.
  - We look forward to the sale of Ralph Burroughs' auto travel CD; more discussion about dissemination will follow in future e-mail messages.
  - Lighthouse News  
Cheryl Shelton-Roberts has edited 42 issues of the newsletter. The articles are well written and interesting as well as sporting an eye-catching and professional design.  
We will continue to print 2,000 copies of three issues each year with 16 pages each and 1½ pages of advertisement. The Fundraising Chair will procure the advertisements. For the time being, the issues will be mailed, but the membership will be asked in the next newsletter if they want to continue the expensive print version of the newsletter or if they want the less expensive electronic version. The concern, of course, is cost. Each issue costs approximately \$2500. This includes the editor's small stipend, the printing costs, and the mailing expenses. We appreciate Diana Chappell's supervising mailing of the newsletter. The Board is cognizant, however, that some of our members have no e-mail access and some wish to have paper copies of the newsletter for reference.
  - There is a great need for an educational package.
  
- Fundraising
  - October Event and Auction  
2004: October 21-23, 2004  
Successful although affected by hurricane

Tickets for raffle were printed and mailed late  
Auction needed more setup time. In the future, those in  
charge of the auction will focus on that function with little  
participation in the events preceding the auction.

2005: October 21-23, 2005

Raffle will be 4 beach get-away vacations at locations  
near a North Carolina Lighthouse. These will be taken some  
time in the off- season during the twelve months after the  
auction.

Tickets for the raffle will be printed earlier.

\$5.00 a ticket or 30 tickets for \$50.00

Proceeds will benefit the Bodie Island Lighthouse  
Fund.

- Perhaps we could have an auction with a minimum bid in each  
issue of the newsletter.
- The Keeper's Store, <http://www.outerbankslighthousesociety.org>,  
offers clothing, books, art, and photography for sale.
- Food Lion "Shop and Share" MVP Program  
Register your card each year on line at  
[http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/default.  
asp](http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/default.asp) and select "Re-link Your MVP Card." This will allow your  
card to earn money for North Carolina Lighthouses the rest of  
2005.
- U. S. Cellular will make a monetary donation to OBLHS for each  
cell phone donated. We hope to work with U. S. Cellular about  
sponsoring the back page of Lighthouse News.
- Special Events:  
October 21-23, 2004, at Cape Lookout was our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Keeper's Dinner and weekend events. 70-75 people  
attended. The interest in this event appears to be waning.  
April 29-May 1, 2005, was the spring retreat to Old Baldy and Oak  
Island. The participation increased from 35 in 2004 to 60  
in 2005. The mud was well worth seeing Price's Creek.  
(All participants in future spring events must join the  
OBLHS.)

- Update on Coastal Lights:

- **Currituck Beach Lighthouse** (The Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.) is  
being sued by the Currituck County Commissioners. The OBLHS  
continues its support of OBC.
- **Bodie Island Lighthouse** (BILH) was transferred from the U. S. Coast  
Guard to the National Park Service (NPS) on April 25, 2005.  
Nick Johnston, Fresnel lens expert, inspected the BILH lens on behalf of  
the OBLHS and stated with assurance that the lens can be stabilized.

- **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse** opened for the season on March 25, 2005, and will close on October 10, 2005. Part of the Hatteras lens from the 1854 lighthouse at Cape Hatteras has been restored with the \$5,000 donated by OBLHS. There are more interpretative programs being offered.
- **Cape Lookout Lighthouse** was painted with paint donated by Lowe's and a paint company. The OBLHS Board thanks Bruce and Cheryl Roberts for their efforts in this regard. Hard working volunteers are eligible to be chosen to work and stay overnight in the 1873 keeper's keepers' quarters.
- **Bald Head Lighthouse:** There will be a fundraising venture in the future headed up by Old Baldy volunteers for the Old Baldy Foundation.
- **Oak Island Light:**  
Oak Island Lighthouse has been transferred from the U. S. Coast Guard to the town of Caswell Beach. The OBLHS is a founding member of The Friends of Oak Island.
- **Ocracoke Light:** The tower is not open to the public but the grounds remain open year-round. National Park Service volunteers live in the keepers' quarters and offer the opportunity to enter and look up the 1823 stairs.
- **Roanoke River Lighthouse:** This reproduction is owned by the town of Plymouth.
- **Roanoke Marshes Light:** This reproduction light owned by the town of Manteo houses a 4<sup>th</sup> order Fresnel lens from the Coast Guard. The light needs a curator.
- **Price's Creek Light:** This is the only river light in **the its** original position.
- The Society was represented at the following occasions:
  - Roanoke Marshes Light Dedication
  - Cape Cod Maritime Weekend
  - St. Augustine Lighthouse Festival
  - National Lighthouse Conference in Newport, Rhode Island
  - CAHA Long Range Interpretive Plan Meeting
  - Core Sound Waterfowl Festival
  - Oak Island transfer
- The Board approved rental of a 5x5x10 storage space at a cost of \$51.00 a month plus insurance to be used for storage of Keeper's Store merchandise.

- The Board approved opening an account at the UPS store in Midlothian, Virginia.
- Board Membership
  - The next issue of the newsletter will list the three people who have been nominated for Board membership.
    - Diana Chappell
    - Robert DaVia
    - Virginia Chadwick Howell
  - Officers of the OBLHS will assume responsibility in October at the Annual Members' Meeting. No fewer than 8 and no more than 15 people will be elected to the Board.
  - Retiring from the Board are John McPherson and Betty Parrish and Brent Westwood (finalize this with Bett).
- **Officers:**
  - President: Bett Padgett
  - Vice President: Judy Castleberry

The following people were nominated for office:

  - Secretaries: Mabry and Jim O'Donnell
  - Treasurer: Bruce Roberts
  - Membership **Chair**: Shirin Pagels
  - Marketing and Special Events Chair: Bett Padgett
  - Fund Raising **Chair**: Judy Castleberry
  - Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Shelton-Roberts (am I an officer, not sure!)
- President Padgett appointed a special committee (BIRC) to work with Philip A. Francis, Jr., Acting Superintendent of Bodie Island Lighthouse, concerning fund raising to restore the Bodie Island lens.
  - Judy Castleberry, Chair
  - Bett Padgett
  - Cheryl Shelton-Roberts
  - Robert DaVia
- Dues have not changed since 1998. The new scale will be:
  - Students 18 and under: \$10.00
  - Individual membership: \$25.00
  - Family membership: \$35.00
  - Lifetime membership: \$50.00
- The Board will have special sympathy cards printed to use in time of need.

- October 21-23, 2005, is the weekend of the Annual Keeper's dinner, meeting, and entertaining activities in the Hatteras/Manteo area. The guest speaker at the dinner will be author, Ray Jones.
- Website: These discussions will be on-going.
  - The Board will ask the NCOB website <http://www.outerbanks.com/lighthouse-society> to allow us to have a link to our <http://www.outerbankslighthousesociety.org> site.
  - The Board will ask Ross Tracy of the .org site to assist with prompt updates to the site.
- Future Projects:
  - Celebration upon lens restoration at Bodie Island Lighthouse
  - 2009: Cape Lookout Lighthouse will be 150 years old.
- Betty Parrish, the indefatigable lighthouse enthusiast, membership chair, and devoted friend will be missed from the Board. Although there is no way to thank her for her daily work on behalf of OBLHS, she will be presented a lifetime membership in the Society.
- 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

**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	2004
Judy Castleberry	2005

**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

**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

<b>Currituck Award:</b>	<b>New award in 2002</b>
Lloyd Childers	2002
Outer Banks Conservationists	2003
John Wilson	2004
Melody Leckie	2005
<b>Cape Lookout</b>	<b>New award in 2004</b>
Bob Vogel	2004
Richard Meissner	2005
<b>Old Baldy</b>	<b>New award in 2004</b>
Jane Kerr Oakley	2004
Ann Mills	2005
<b>Oak Island</b>	<b>New award in 2005</b>
Judy and Gary Studer	2005

The awards are expensive, but they are an excellent means for showing appreciation to those who have upheld the values of the society. Special auction receipts will provide the needed funds.

- The Votaws were thanked for their continuing support and hospitality.
- Next Meeting: Saturday, June 3, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at Harker's Island, North Carolina.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.