

**OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE
SOCIETY BOARD
Seventh ANNUAL MEETING**

May 24, 2002

MANTEO Library Conference Room

Board Members Who Were Present:

John McPherson, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Betty Parrish, Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton Roberts, Charlie Votaw, Shirley Votaw

Board Members Who Were Absent:

Ralph Burroughs, Lloyd Childers, Charlene Wiles-Perry, and Sandra McLean Clunies

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

President John McPherson called the seventh annual meeting of the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society board to order at 1:15 p.m.

The minutes of the 2001 board meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

- Resignation:
Jack McCombs has resigned from the board, but will continue to help with Bodie Island projects, such as helping to get Bodie Island listed on the National Register.
- Homecoming Final Report:
The event was a huge success and even made a profit, at least \$14,000, and possibly more. The expenses were \$110,000.
We will reduce the wholesale price of the *Hatteras Keepers Oral and Family Histories* book from \$10.00 to \$5.00, give at least 40 copies of this book to the Dare County schools, and will sell the remaining 1,000 posters for \$1.00 each.
Because of the death of Lynn Jennette, Charlie Votaw, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, and Bruce Roberts compiled the final report.
The Dare County Tourist Bureau and the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau donated \$10,000 for the cause.
- Bicentennial of the Hatteras Light:

This special event next year will be marked with a poster designed by Glenn Eure. The poster will be sold through the state of North Carolina magazine.

- **Travel and Tourism:**
Discussion concerned proposed lighthouse tours sponsored by OBLHS, including a southern trip to include Oak Island, Bald Head and Fort Fisher with a northern swing to include Cape Lookout and Ocracoke.
- **Membership report:**
There are 801 members, both family and individuals.
(About 100 of these haven't paid their memberships.)
Between June 2001 and May 2002 we have 173 new memberships and 399 renewed memberships.
Since there are 733 e-mail messages about memberships each year, OBLHS voted to pay \$300.00 on Betty Parrish's Internet bill.
- **Newsletter:**
We print 3,000 of the spring and winter issues and 5,000 of the summer issue. Perhaps we should expand the summer issue.
Even though the National Park Service doesn't want any advertisements on materials that they distribute, we allow Harbour Lights to donate \$300 for the back page of each issue, because the company includes educational information in its promotions.

Perhaps Ralph Burroughs can find a grant to pay for the printing of the newsletter.

The OBLHS pays the newsletter editor \$500.00 for each of three issues a year. For now on, we will also pay the editor's Internet service provider \$44.00 a month for six months.

40,000 pamphlets, *North Carolina Lighthouses*, have been printed and are being distributed.
- **Joint Dinner Report:**
On September 20-22, 2002, the OBLHS will join the Chesapeake Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society for a Grand Joint Event in Portsmouth, Virginia. Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts and Bett Padgett of OBLHS will be part of the program on Saturday and Bill Younger of Harbor Lights will be the banquet speaker. Attendees will be able to visit Cape Henry, Cape Charles, Thimble Shoals, Old Point Comfort, and Newport News Middle Ground.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
Charlene Wiles-Perry will be paid \$100 honorarium for her work with the OBLHS website.

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| Society CD's | |
| OBLHS CD | \$2,826 |
| Bodie Island Fund CD | \$2,082 |
| Hatteras Fund CD | \$2,822 |
| Society Savings Accounts | |
| Bodie Island Fund | \$2,139 |
| Hatteras Fund | \$4,201 |
| Checking account | \$7,209 |
| Check from Dare County | |
| Tourist Bureau | \$10,000 |
| Total Society Funds | \$31,279 |

- Lighthouse Updates:

Currituck Lighthouse has been declared as “excess property” by the US Coast Guard. This fall the General Services Administration will decide whether the Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc. or the Festival Heritage Commission will own the light. The OBC has a ten year lease on the Keepers’ House. The OBLHS supports the OBC in this effort.

Cheryl Shelton-Roberts will write letters that we will approve before sending to our representatives and Senators in support of the OBC.

Bodie Light’s lead abatement procedure is complete in the base of the lighthouse and a laser survey to establish the precise measurements of the light will be the next step.

The OBLHS voted to support the purchase of six drawings and documents related to the 1859 Bodie Light. We will spend up to \$5,000 with the following stipulations:

1. We need to authenticate the material
2. We must assure that the material will be available for public display.
3. Copies must be made that can be published by the OBLHS.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse stairs will be repaired over the summer and early fall. The work should be finished by early October 2002.

Cape Lookout Lighthouse is owned by the US Coast Guard. Communication and cooperation is needed between to US Coast Guard and the National Park Service to approve the environmental assessment work that should be completed.

Bald Head Lighthouse will be painted one color (returning to its original color) by the Old Baldy Foundation.

New Business:

- Rick Polad of Niles, Illinois, was elected to the board.
- Officer Election -- All officers were elected unanimously.

President: Cheryl Shelton-Roberts
 Chair of the Board: John McPherson
 Vice President for Membership: Betty Parrish
 Vice President for Public Relations: No elected person since
 other officers have assumed this responsibility
 Vice President for Marketing: Bett Padgett
 Director of Fund Raising and Fund Raising Publicity: "Vacant at present"
 Secretary: Mabry and Jim O'Donnell
 Treasurer: Bruce Roberts
 Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Shelton Roberts
 Director of Grant Writing: Ralph Burroughs
 Coast Guard Liaison: Rick Polad

- Society Awards:

President's Awards:

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| 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 American | 2001 |
| Lynn Jennette | 2001 |
| Charlie Votaw | 2002 |
| Shirley Votaw | 2002 |
| Bruce Roberts | 2002 |
| Jack McCombs | 2002 |

Founders Award:

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| Senator Marc Basnight | 1997 |
| Bill Younger | 1998 |
| Bill and Betty Parrish: | 1999 |
| Governor James Hunt | 2000 |
| Tim Harrison | 2001 |

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Cape Hatteras Award:

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| 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 to be noted in minutes for 2003 |

Bodie Island Award:

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| Cullen Chambers | 1997 |
| John McPherson | 1998 |
| RAI Associates | 1999 |
| Lloyd Childers | 2000 |
| Patty Lockamy | 2001 |
| John Gaskill | 2002 |

Currituck Award:

New award in 2002

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| Lloyd Childers | 2002 |
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• **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Society will be the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in 2003 at the home of Charlie and Shirley Votaw at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned and the OBLHS Board went to dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Secretaries

James H. O'Donnell, Ph.D.