

OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY (OBLHS) BOARD

Nineteenth Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Home of Richard Meissner on Harkers Island, North Carolina

Board members who were present:

Diana Chappell, Nicole DaVia, Robert DaVia, John Havel, Virginia Howell, Gayle Kersey, Richard Meissner, Judy Moon, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Bruce Roberts, and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts

Board members who were absent:

Bill Padgett

No ex-officio or honorary Board members attended.

OBLHS member in attendance:

Kelly Waller

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society Board of Directors followed all of the guidelines of a celebratory meeting:

1. Meet in beautiful surroundings
2. Share news and mention all successes of the organization and individuals throughout the history of the organization
3. Provide a scrumptious feast
4. Congratulate members on their achievements and the achievements of the organization
5. Invite suggestions
6. Plan for the future
7. Celebrate, honor, and appreciate the leaders

At 10:30 a.m. The meeting started fashionably tardy with apologies from the secretaries, because of their inability to understand the difference in interstate speed and two-lane island speed.

President Bett Padgett began by singing her tenth song for The Board, "Always in our Hearts", with self-accompaniment on the guitar. The Circle of Stones with the names of the Hatteras Keepers will never be broken apart. She then called The Board meeting to order.

Roll was taken and Gayle Kersey moved and Bob DaVia second to approve the minutes of the 2013 meeting as presented; this passed with a unanimous decision.

A list of Board members with their home addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers circulated among those present. (A copy of this list will be attached to the minutes.) The secretaries send (via e-mail) updated versions of this document each time there is a change.

- The Nominating Committee Chair, Mabry O'Donnell, presented the committee's choice of Kelly Waller for Board membership. Kelly was elected by a unanimous vote.
- Membership report from Robert (Bob) DaVia:
 - A. Active Members:
 - 2009---470
 - 2010---354
 - 2011---449
 - 2012---429
 - 2013---370
 - 2014---389**
 - B. Lifetime Members: **9** (These are available for only \$500 each. There are no background checks or additional paperwork required.)
 - Wendy Brewer
 - Jack Goodwin
 - John Howard, Jr.
 - Gayle Keresey
 - Lauren Liebrecht
 - Paula Liebrecht
 - Richard Meissner
 - Judy Rosson
 - Rebecca Taylor
 1. In the newsletter we will congratulate all of our life members and perhaps share a picture of them.
 2. The membership committee will consider the method and frequency appropriate for contacting those people who fail to renew.
 - C. We will change the form on line in order for us to know the source for new memberships.
 - D. We will change the on-line membership form to allow us to know a person's origin of interest in OBLHS.
- Fundraising Report from Bruce Roberts:
 - A. We received the following donations in support of the Bodie Lighthouse Keepers' Weekend.

1. \$5,000 from the Outer Banks Community Foundation for printing of *Bodie Island Keepers: Oral Family Histories*,
 2. \$4,000 from Dare County Convention and Visitors Bureau,
 3. \$1,000 from Wells Fargo for printing of the Bodie Island Lighthouse Keepers' Family Charts.
- B. Lively discussion ensued concerning creative fundraising including:
1. Promoting OBLHS as the beneficiary in wills or insurance policies
 2. Year-long raffle—perhaps for beach house vacation
 3. Behind the scenes tour/stays of a lighthouse (perhaps we can ask Doward Jones to procure Plymouth for this purpose)
 4. Partnership with Texas Tower at Frying Pan Shoals
 5. We have established our Amazon Smiles.com account and we have announced it on Facebook; we will mention it on our website and in the newsletter. A participant will see at the top of the order page *Supporting: Outer Banks Lighthouse Society, Inc.*
 6. Provide check-off box for member donations in the *Lighthouse News*
 7. Virginia Howell will contact Duplin Winery about having OBLHS as the beneficiary of a specific item or a specific amount for a day.
 8. Consult Julian “Bubba” Rawl of the Preston Development Co. about support for an event.
- Treasurer’s report from Diana Chappell:
 - A. The Certificate of Deposit that will mature in June at Vantage South will be moved, because of Vantage South’s lack of support.
 - B. BOLD expenses exceeded our income by \$18,500, but our financial records are in excellent condition.
(Future sales of the BOLD book are expected to produce an additional \$15,000, which would bring the net expenses to \$3,500.)
 1. The raffle was more profitable this year.
 2. Our balance as of April 30, 2014

General Fund	\$23,365.77
Bodie Island Fund	Closed
PayPal	\$400.10
CD’s	\$10,388.35
BOLD Fund	<u>\$870.71</u>
Total	\$35,024.93

(A complete OBLHS Treasurer’s report is available upon request.)
 - *OBLHS Newsletter* report from Cheryl Shelton-Roberts:

- A. Our newsletter editor, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, continues to delight and inform an appreciative audience with her choice of article topics, stunning photographs, and timely announcements.
 - B. We printed (printer in Chesapeake, Virginia)
 1. 1500 copies of the first issue at an approximate cost of \$1,551.00.
 2. 1000 copies of the second issue at an approximate cost of \$1,100.00.
 - C. We may wish to consider reducing the number of copies printed to 500 in the future. For now, however, we will save printing and distribution costs by
 1. Asking members to receive their newsletters on our members' site or by e-mail.
 2. Publishing *The Lighthouse Update* on the website, Facebook and the two full issues of *Lighthouse News*. The website and Facebook will be continually updated.
 3. The secretaries ask that next year we talk about the feasibility of sending a mass e-mail with updates.
 - D. John Havel volunteered to recreate our current "pasted up" newsletter into an entirely digital InDesign-based template that would be completely constructed on the computer and submitted digitally to the printer.
 - E. We will group the former newsletters into *Best of The Lighthouse News*.
- Marketing/Tourism/Press report from Bett Padgett :
 - A. We shipped 12,825 brochures this year to the Welcome Centers and to ferries. We would have shipped 15,000 if we had had them.
The four year comparative rate of distribution is:
22,000 in 2013 18,900 in 2012 17,400 in 2011 13,050 in 2010
 - B. The Board voted to accept Ralph Burrough's offer to store and ship brochures for one year to various Welcome Centers throughout North Carolina and other areas upon request, although he no longer has access to free printing. In return he has been using our logo.
 - C. The Society was mentioned in a variety of publications including
 1. *The Keeper's Log* of United States Lighthouse Society
 2. *Island Free Press*
 3. *Raleigh News and Observer*
 - D. The Society has been represented at occasions including

1. OSHER Institute of Life Long Learning Wilmington (Women on Wednesday)
2. Canterbury School Greensboro
3. Clayton Elementary School
4. Meetings with NPS
5. Hatteras Island Ocean Center
6. Chicamacomico LSS Heroes' Day
7. Edenton Music and Water Festival
8. OBXMas

E. Publications where we were mentioned:

1. Associated Press (Circle of Stones)
2. *Lighthouse Digest*
3. *Our State*
4. *The News & Observer* in Raleigh, NC
5. *Island Free Press* (Hatteras and Ocracoke Island News)
6. *Virginia Pilot* (Hampton Roads, VA)
7. *National Geographic*

F. Television Appearance:

1. WRAL-TV in Raleigh, NC

G. Musical Performance:

1. Bett Padgett gave a concert on March 1, 2014, and donated the money to OBLHS.

- Gayle Keresey, Education Chair reported:

- A. An interesting, complete, and entertaining educational packet including background information and suggested classroom activities on North Carolina Lighthouses as well as the Bodie Island Lighthouse Scavenger Hunt (with beautiful/educational pictures) is available for all who wish to learn and enjoy about our lighthouse heritage.
- B. The Lighthouse Educational Packet on our website, <http://www.outerbankslighthousesociety.org/kids-education.html>, has been updated.
- C. Discussed having a centralized PowerPoint package that people throughout the state would be trained to use.
 1. Kid's Version
 2. Adult Version
- D. Gayle is working on the Cape Hatteras scavenger hunt that will be available on the website.

- E. Gayle has volunteered to index the *Lighthouse News* which will make it easier for more to read, study, and research.
- The Keepers' Store report from Judy Moon indicates great activity.
 - A. Keepers' Weekend Sales: \$1,193.00
 - Other Store Sales/Flyers: \$125.10
 - Total Store Sales: \$1,319.10
 - Total Sales Captured with Square: \$4,839.00 (Our fees were \$74.00.)
(Auction, BOLD, Membership, Raffle, and Store)
 - Total Inventory on Hand: \$6,609.00
 - B. In the future we may link the Square store to the website.
 - A scrumptious repast, provided by our host Richard Meissner and Board members, included homemade pimento cheese, shrimp and sauce, assorted breads, mayonnaise and mustard, sliced ham, tomatoes, lettuce, artichoke dip, pickles, black eyed pea salad, crackers, pound cake with strawberries and whipped cream, candy, orangeade, mint tea, and coffee.
 - Website administrator: Virginia Howell
 - A. Virginia believes that all links have been updated and are correct.
 - B. There has been a problem with the Internet and the server. She, therefore, may change our web host, and she will let us know.
 - C. We discussed Mail Chimp, mass mailing service, and its possible assistance.
 - D. The website administrator and the store keeper will work on one price for each item that will include price of item, shipping, and handling.
 - E. Virginia will work with the store keeper in order to add photos of store items available for purchase on line.
 - Bob DaVia, Media Manager, reported that since 2011 when he established our new Facebook account www.facebook.com/#!/groups/oblhs/ and our Twitter account @OBLHS, our presence on Social Networking has grown appreciably.
 - A. As of Friday, May 16, 2014, we have 325 "Members" on the Facebook page, and 41 "Followers" on Twitter.

<i>Social Media</i>	<i>2014³</i>	<i>2013²</i>	<i>2012¹</i>
FACEBOOK	325	201	141
TWITTER	41	17	32

¹ As of May 16, 2012

² As of May 16, 2013

³ As of May 16, 2014

- B. Bob and Virginia will post a link on Facebook for OBLHS and a link on the website for Facebook in order for everyone to link to our Accomplishments page.
- Grant Committee Chair, Mabry O'Donnell, asked that all Board members remind school groups about the Students' Lighthouse travel grants that are available. (See website for specific information.) Two awards were made this year.
 - A. Clayton Elementary School received a grant and a user extension, which will allow the students until January 30, 2015 to use the 2014 Lighthouse Travel Grant.
 - B. The Old Baldy Foundation received a grant to host fourth grade students from Southport Elementary School on April 10, 2014. Previously, they hosted Town Creek Elementary School fourth grade students and Southport Christian School students from three grades. The Board members read the report and enjoyed the pictures.
 - C. There were no special projects grant applications.
 - D. The committee continues to remind grant recipients of the necessity to credit the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society for its largesse, and to teach the students through information available on the web site about lighthouses and the OBLHS.
 - Richard Meissner asked about our storing of OBLHS archives. The Outer Banks History Center already houses some of our items, and this, therefore, is our choice for depositing our records. Richard will collect items and start putting them at the History Center to protect them and to provide materials for researchers.
 - The By-Laws do not have to be registered with North Carolina, but the official address has been changed from Kill Devil Hills to Morehead City, North Carolina.
 - The Bodie Island Lighthouse Descendants' Homecoming report was presented by Diana Chappell and Cheryl-Shelton Roberts. The report of an incredibly successful project will be attached to these minutes. The Board appreciates everything that Diana and Cheryl did for The Bodie Island Lighthouse Descendants, for our country's history, and for all of us who attended.

- The Board voted unanimously to send checks to Diana Chappell in the amount of \$300.00 (to reimburse her for her room during the Bodie Island Descendants Homecoming event) and to Cheryl Roberts in the amount of \$2,821.00. This amount for Cheryl was based on 3,136 miles @ a rate of \$.56 per mile, \$564.85 for lodging, and a budget item of \$500.00 for the research used in writing *Bodie Island Keepers: Oral and Family Histories*. As co-chairs of the incredibly successful event, this is the least that The Society can do to say, “Thank you.”
- President Bett Padgett delivered a meaningful, moving, and motivational valedictory message in which she recapped the activities and achievements of The Outer Banks Lighthouse Society during her administration.
- The Nominating Committee (Richard Meissner, Jim O’Donnell, and Mabry O’Donnell)
 - A. Nominated and unanimously elected by The Board to continue to serve The Society are the following:

▪ President	Diana Chappell (2 year term 2014-2016)
▪ Vice President	Richard Meissner (2 year term 2014-2016)
▪ Secretary(ies)	Jim and Mabry O’Donnell (1 year term)
▪ Treasurer	Robert DaVia (1 year term)
▪ Fundraising Chair	No Designated Chair: Robert DaVia, Virginia Howell, Bruce Roberts, and Cheryl Roberts will work as a Fundraising Committee
▪ Membership Chair	Judy Moon (1 year term)
▪ Special Events Chair	Bett Padgett (1 year term)
▪ Web Administrator	Virginia Howell (1 year term)
▪ Media Manager	Bob DaVia (1 year term)
▪ Store Keeper	Kelly Waller (1 year term)

President Diana Chappell continued with the meeting.

New Business

- Society Awards: *Note*--Awards will be given only when appropriate. The awards are expensive, but they are an excellent means for showing appreciation to those who have upheld the values of The Society.

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 Semans	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 Molloy	2007
Doug Stover	2007
Rick and Teresa Ward	2007
Ann Mills	2008
Washington County Waterways Commission	2008
Courtney Whisler	2008
Nicole DaVia	2009
Judy Moon	2009
Gary and Judy Studer	2009

Janice Thomas	2009
Kelly Waller	2009
Marjorie and Dallas Spruill	2010
Judy Basnett	2011
Laddie Crisp, Jr.	2011
Rebecca Taylor	2012
Archer Daniels Midland	2013
Cyndy Holda	2013
Bob and Kathy Paisley	2014
Clayton Elementary School Fourth Grade Team	2014
Barbara Basnight Rawl	2014

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
Rick Hardesty	2008
Diana Chappell	2009
Rick and Theresa Ward	2010
Doug Stover	2013
John Havel	2014

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
None	2008

Jinx Caylor	2010
Audrey Conner	2010
John Havel	2012
Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr.	2014

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
Sandy Semans	2007
Lighthouse Lampists	2010
Bill Padgett	2011
Lighthouse Lampshop	2013
United Builders LLC	2013
Diana Chappell	2014
Sandy Clunies	2014 (Received the honor although she declined the physical award.)
Bruce Roberts	2014
Cheryl-Shelton Roberts	2014

Currituck Award:

Lloyd Childers	2002
Outer Banks Conservationists	2003
John Wilson	2004
Melody Leckie	2005
Meghan Agresto and Luis Garcia	2006
Pat Riley	2007
Connie Wirtz	2008
Ed Cox	2009
William Parker	2009
Bob Rahnes	2011
Tracy Norris	2012

Cape Lookout Award:

Bob Vogel	2004
Richard Meissner	2005
Margaret Gilliken	2006
None	2007
None	2008

Sandy Clunies	2009 (Received the honor although she declined the physical award.)
Kay Hagan	2011

Old Baldy Award:

Jane Kerr Oakley	2004
Ann Mills	2005
None	2006
Marilyn Ridgeway	2007
Kim Gottshall	2008
Chris Webb	2009

Oak Island Award:

Town of Caswell Beach	2005
Friends of Oak Island Lighthouse	2006
None	2007
None	2008
Tom Kitchings	2011
Bob Ahlers	2012
E. Gifford Stack	2014

Ocracoke Award:

Paula and Lauren Liebrecht	2006
Jane Morgan	2006

Roanoke River Lighthouse Award:

Edenton Historical Commission	2011
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- Dedication of Circle of Stones is planned for the Keepers' weekend in October.
- Bett will procure the information concerning John Gaskill's Tour of Lighthouse video at the Bodie Island Lighthouse Visitor's Center.
- Richard Meissner will contact Doward Jones in order to ascertain the helpfulness and desirability of a display at the Roanoke River Lighthouse and Maritime Museum in Plymouth. Perhaps a display similar to the magnificent one designed and installed by John Havel at the Hatteras Island Ocean Center could be used.
- The Board wishes to encourage all OBLHS members and interested parties to give presentations for school groups, clubs, and organizations.
- Bett discussed our Keepers' Weekend, October 10-12, 2014. Some of the exciting possibilities for the weekend include:

- A. Beach Apparatus Drill at Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station and self-guided tour of the station.
 - B. Tour of Beacon Place and Hatteras Island Ocean Center
 - C. Tour of former and new sites for the Circle of Stones as well as the Hatteras Lighthouse
 - D. The Graveyard of the Atlantic features an original Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Fresnel lens and houses many artifacts recovered from area shipwrecks.
 - E. Presentations by Kevin Duffus, author of *The Lost Light, a Civil War Mystery*, and our own Board member, John Havel, will share many of his own historic photographs as his talks about the 144-year history of the Cape Hatters Lighthouse and shares little-known facts about the 1878 lighthouse.
 - F. A few items may be presented in the auction. These will include, but not limited to
 1. Richard Meissner will donate his huge replica of Cape Lookout for the Society to auction at our October event. John Havel volunteered to make any repairs that might be needed.
 2. Canvas print
 3. Life membership in OBLHS
 4. BOLD memorabilia raffle
 5. Collage poster of Hatteras pictures
 6. Statue of Hatteras
 7. Baskets
 - G. Good food, good friends, and beautiful sites will be enjoyed as we celebrate 20 years of the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society.
- John Havel discussed some of the specifics concerning our Hatteras Island Ocean Center display.
 1. Expenses totaled \$532.00 (\$241.00 for brochures and \$100.00 for pictures) with nothing for John's creativity and time.
 2. We decided to discuss any cleaning assistance for Beacon Place next year. The vote this year, however, was No. We have donated so much to this endeavor and our understanding included the managers taking responsibility of the building.
 - How do we say thank you to our Founders, Bruce Roberts and Cheryl-Shelton Roberts? How do we say thank you to our OBLHS President for the last ten years?
 1. Perhaps these will help:
 - a. Thanks
 - b. We owe you
 - c. Much Obligated
 - d. Shout Out
 - e. Merci

- f. Dankie
- g. Danke
- h. Kiitos
- i. Tak
- j. Xie Xie
- k. Toda
- l. Sukria
- m. Grazie
- n. Arigato
- o. Kamsa Hamnida
- p. Efharisto
- q. Tack
- r. Istutiy
- s. Asante
- t. Spasipo

2. Although words can never convey our gratitude, our appreciation, and our love for these three people, we did share smiles, hugs, champagne, truffles, and toasts.

- a. Everyone needs encouragement, kind words, and an omnipresent being ready to guide.

You can do it;

You can move the light;

You can save the light;

You can refurbish the lens;

You can climb Bodie;

You can clean the stones;

You can move the stones;

You can dance at the stones; in fact, believe in yourself, for even

You can sing.

Here is to Bett, our leader toward the lights!

- b. To Bruce and Cheryl, who conceived of the Outer Banks

Lighthouse Society, midwived it, nurtured it, stimulated us, and

thus inspired feats never thought possible. We hold you in our

hearts and honor your devotion. May you bask in the glow of the

lights we all love.

- Our next Board meeting will be on May 16, 2015, 9:30 a.m., at the Dare County Public Library in Manteo, North Carolina.

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.