

OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY BOARD

Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 22, 2023 9:30 am

On Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 the Board of the Lighthouse Society held its annual meeting at the Dare County Chamber of Commerce's conference room in Nags Head, North Carolina.

Present in person: Bett, Judy, Aida, Kelly, John, Lynne, and James. Present virtually: Bob and Cheryl. Absent: Nicole.

Cultural Resources Manager and Park Historian Jami Lanier was our special guest, and gave us comprehensive updates on Bodie Island, Cape Hatteras, and Ocracoke Lighthouses, as well as the multi-use path which will connect NC Highway 12 to the Hatteras Lighthouse.

At the request of Treasurer Bob DaVia, we adjourned the meeting for one moment of silence in memory of our co-founder, Bruce Roberts. We then reconvened.

Committee Reports

Donations: We received a \$500.00 donation in memory of Bruce. Several members donated their unused payment for the Portsmouth Island trip that was cancelled due to weather. The total donations received from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 were \$3,117.00.

Education: We had a request for information on our lighthouses from a group of school teachers in Delaware. We removed one requirement for the badge and added two other requirements.

Fundraising and Grants: Doug talked to Lee Nettles, head of the Visitors Bureau, about a possible grant for publishing our brochures. The answer was no, because then they would have to give grants to every non-profit group on the Outer Banks that publishes a brochure. In the past year, we have applied for (and received) grants from NC Humanities (to bring Joseph Smith to Ocracoke) and from the Visitors Bureau to help with the moving of the Fresnel lens within the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum. Our Society also donated \$5,000.00 to this effort, and the NPS donated just under \$10,000.00.

We awarded a \$1,000.00 grant for a school children's visit to Old Baldy, and received many letters back in response.

Graphic Arts/Website: John designed and laid out a newsletter tribute to Bruce Roberts. He also created a number of graphics for the Seafood Festival: a new vinyl banner, a two-sided business card, a donation jar, and the new crowd favorite, Vote for Your Favorite Lighthouse display.

For the website, John created an In Memoriam page for Bruce, updated the "About Us" page, added Lynne as a new board member, and changed some of the climbing information for several lighthouses.

Keepers' Store: The total of everything sold at various weekends and events was \$2,355.50. Tammy Jennings has offered to make Christmas ornaments for us to sell.

Media: Judy keeps up with the Facebook page, and we are up to about 4,000 members.

Membership: We received 18 new memberships at the Seafood Festival, and \$445 in membership dues.

Newsletter: There were 400 copies printed of the last newsletter.

Public Outreach: Ralph Burroughs has shipped 8,500 brochures out of the 10,000 that he printed, and has provided us with a list of who he sends them to at each Welcome Center. We agreed to put stickers on 3,000 of the brochures changing the mailing address of the Society to the Havel's address in Rodanthe (new memberships will come to the Havel's, who will pass them on to Lynne; renewals will go straight to Lynne). We agreed to order 10,000 more brochures.

Public Outreach: Aida will continue to go to public events. It was suggested that we ask local members to help with this outreach. Kelly made a motion that we join the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce; John seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. We decided not to pay for an email list of persons who attended the Seafood Festival.

John participated in a podcast with Jeremy d'Entremont. Bett participated in a radio show with Peter Vankevich on Ocracoke.

Treasurer's Report

As of the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2023, we had \$17,384.37 in our General Fund. As of October 22, 2023, we had \$23,024.23. Aida moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; John seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break for lunch.

Old and Unfinished Business

Discussion of ads in publications: possibly Our State, Carolina Country, AARP, and AAA Carolinas. No decision was made.

New Business

Nomination of Directors: The following Directors were re-elected to a 3-year term at the January 14, 2023 board meeting: Bett, Bob, Doug, Gayle, James, and Kelly. Lynne was unanimously elected to her first term, and all of these directors were approved by the members in April 2023 at the Keepers Weekend members meeting.

Elections of Officers

Officer	Nominee	Length of Term
President	Bett Padgett	1 year left of 2-year term
Vice President	Judy Moon	1 year left of 2-year term
Secretary	Aida Havel	1 year

Treasurer	Bob DaVia	1 year
Committee	Present Committee Chair	
Education Chair	Gayle Keresev	1 year
Fundraising/Grants Chair	Doug Stover	1 year
Graphic Arts and Newsletter	John Havel	1 year
Media Manager	Bob DaVia	1 year
Membership Chair	Lynne Springer	1 year
Nominating Chair	Bett Padgett	1 year
Public Outreach Chair	Aida Havel/ Bett Padgett	1 year
Special Events Chairs	Bett/Aida	1 year
Storekeeper	Judy/Kelly	1 year
Website Chair	John Havel	1 year

James was added to the Special Events Committee.

Reinstatement of the To Do List: We agreed to reinstate this list.

Society Awards for 2023

After discussion, the Board agreed on the following awards:

- a. Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Award: Michael Gould
- b. Ocracoke Lighthouse Award: Michaela Davis and Dale Mutro
- c. Cape Lookout Award: Larry and Paula Green

Keepers' Weekend

It will be held April 12-14, 2024 at Cape Lookout Lighthouse.

Raffle prizes this year will be:

1st prize: Three-night stay at Sunrise Over Salvo

2nd prize: Lifetime membership in OBLHS

3rd prize: Bound volume of newsletters

4th prize: \$100 Visa gift card.

Discussion of new topics/projects for the coming year

Virtual presentations on topics such as Things no one Knows about Cape Hatteras Lighthouse; History of OBLHS

There was a discussion of raising membership rates \$5 across the board. Kelly made a motion that the rates be raised \$5 except for the categories of senior individual and senior family, to go into effect January 24, 2024.

Aida discussed having an email list for friends and supporters who are not members, with a donate button at the end of the email.

Judy agreed to put occasional blurbs about the Society on the Facebook page. t

Aida asked for approval to buy a new tent with side panels.

Cheryl thanked everyone for their support during this difficult time of transition.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2024 at a time and location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Respectfully and tardily submitted,

Aida Doss Havel

Secretary