

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

**May 27, 2006**

**Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center  
Harkers Island, North Carolina  
Host: Richard Meissner**

**Board members who were present:**

Diana Chappell, Robert DaVia, Virginia Howell, Doward Jones, Richard Meissner, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, Charlie Votaw, and Shirley Votaw

**Board members who were absent:**

Sandra MacLean Clunies and Shirin Pagels

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 10:20 a.m. with thanks to Richard Meissner for his creativity, work on behalf of The Society, and hospitality.

The minutes of the 2005 Board meeting were approved with one correction.

- Membership report from Cheryl Shelton-Roberts:  
Rolls were purged last fall. There are 624 active members.
- Newsletter report from Cheryl Shelton-Roberts:  
Best news is that Shelton-Roberts will continue as newsletter editor. The Board thanked her for her tireless efforts and insisted that she must accept the miniscule stipend allocated for her. There are three issues of the newsletter annually. The Board congratulated Shelton-Roberts on the outstanding articles that are written for education as well as pleasure. We have been printing 1500 copies at an approximate cost of \$1.00 per issue and giving the extras to the lighthouses, North Carolina Museum of History, legislators in Raleigh, and the Outer Banks History Center. We will add the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center to our list.

- Treasurer's report from Diana Chappell:
  - Balances in Cash Accounts as of April 30, 2006
  - General Fund: \$15,216.36
  - Bodie Island Fund: \$3,266.99
  - CDs: 0
  - Total Cash Accounts: \$18,483.35

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

- Fundraising report from Diana Chappell:
  - We will have the Annual Keepers' Dinner, October 13-15, 2006, at the Ramada Inn in Kill Devil Hills. This year's dinner speaker will be Sandra MacLean Clunies. The annual raffle is a popular fundraising event. It is preferable to send each member ten \$2 tickets instead of putting the tickets with the newsletter. Doward Jones will print 6,000 unnumbered tickets packaged in books of 10, which he is providing as a donation to the OBLHS. Any members who are willing to help sell more than ten tickets should contact Diana Chappell. The raffle is an exciting fundraising activity that yielded \$4,983.22 in 2005. The auction provided an additional \$2,313.87 for the benefit of The Society.
  - Food Lion "Shop and Share" MVP Program  
Register your card each year on line at <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 2006.
  - Charlie Votaw, Shirley Votaw, and Diana Chappell have researched Pay Pal and concluded that the usage has not been impressive. Robert DaVia will help structure Pay Pal for donations and membership.
  - The OBLHS Store will be available on the web site. The Board is in favor of seeking alternative sources such as Lighthouse Gallery and Gifts and the Lucky Duck for selling items from the store. Bruce Roberts will discuss this option with the proprietor of these shops. We can sell items at special events, such as the Keepers' Dinner and The Board Meeting. Good quality, reasonably priced tee shirts with screen printing should be offered for those people who wish to purchase an inexpensive OBLHS memento. These would be especially nice for children (and their grandparents).
- Tourism report from Bett Padgett:
  - Ralph Burroughs has delivered some of the 50,000 brochures.

He will report to the Director of Fundraising/Treasurer, and ultimately to The Board.

- We look forward to the sale of Ralph Burroughs' auto travel CD. The Society has been promised 50% of the profits from the CD.
- Update on Coastal and River Lights:
  - **Currituck Beach Lighthouse** (The Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.) Thanks to a ruling by a federal district judge in early 2006, Currituck Beach lighthouse remains under the stewardship of the Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc. As part of OBC's continuing work at Currituck, new quarters are being constructed for the current keepers, thus allowing the restored original quarters to remain unused. As part of their winter activity, the keepers scraped the steps and repainted them green. During two months of work by International Chimney Company the glass windows in the lantern room were replaced, the rotation mechanism restored to its original color, and the outdoor gallery was painted black. With the sale of the Christmas Gallery in Manteo, the gift shop at the Currituck Light is now managed by the owners of the Cotton Gin, located in Jarvisburg. In the spirit of cooperation there are now cross memberships on The Boards of the OBC and the Whalehead Club in anticipation of future joint efforts. Already there has been an agreement on shared usage for the parking areas and the rest rooms, with the further understanding that the OBC will contribute 15% of the profits from the Currituck Beach Lighthouse toward defraying the costs of upkeep for the parking lots and the rest rooms.
  - **Bodie Island Lighthouse**  
The National Park Service still has a budget item request for \$3.1 million for 2007, since the lighthouse was taken off the federal budget list for this year. Thanks to the efforts by Charlie Votaw, our \$10,000 check for emergency repairs will be matched by Dare County when the work is completed. During three weeks this summer, International Chimney Company will repair the tower's iron work. Upon completion of the work, the base of the tower will be opened to the public.
  - **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**  
Repaired original windows soon will replace the temporary window, minor repairs have been made to the keepers' quarters, and steps have been refurbished.
  - **Cape Lookout Lighthouse**

Many changes such as a new visitor's center, new bathrooms, relocated concession area and boardwalk with wheelchair access make Cape Lookout Lighthouse even more appealing. The Keepers' Quarters will be opened as a museum next year.

- **Bald Head Lighthouse**  
Research, activities, and visits continue at this historic lighthouse.
- **Oak Island Light**  
The Friends of Oak Island, established last summer, held a Founders' Day celebration on May 21. A CD featuring music by Bett Padgett and Steve Chapin was produced for the occasion; copies of this delightful CD were presented to The Board members.
- **Ocracoke Light**  
During the summer of 2006 the Ocracoke Light will receive not only a new coat of paint, but also the Ocracoke Preservation Society plans new flooring and other repairs to the Keepers' Quarters. The perimeter of the grounds likewise will be freshened thanks to the efforts of Lauren and Paula Liebrecht who will begin work on June 15, spreading five gallons of paint on the fence!
- **Roanoke River Lighthouse**  
This reproduction is owned by the town of Plymouth. Built according to the original plans located by Bruce and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, the lighthouse seems the perfect place to welcome visitors to the Outer Banks. The Board meeting will be held at Roanoke River Lighthouse on June 2, 2007. A festive dedication will highlight the summer of 2007.
- **Roanoke Marshes Light**  
Much needed repairs have been made to the leaking windows.
- **Price's Creek Light**  
Because the light is privately owned by Archer Daniels Midland, efforts to restore the light have been unsuccessful.
- Some of the meetings, occasions, and recordings at which the Society was represented in the past year are:
  - St. Augustine Lighthouse Festival
  - New Jersey Lighthouse Festival
  - Cape Hatteras New Superintendent
  - Learning Lunch YMCA New Bern
  - Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs in Kannapolis, High Point, Greensboro, Kernersville, and Winston Salem

- “The Carolinas” DVD Wheel Me On
  - AASHTO Conference in Wilmington
  - Kids with Cancer at History Center in Morehead City
  - ALF Tour
- The Board is pleased with the professional mailing service used for The Newsletter.

Success with the transition from NCOB website to the new site met with Board approval. Excitement over the educational opportunities and future plans were expressed.

- By Laws
  - The Amended By-Laws of the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society, previously approved were distributed.
  - The following change was unanimously approved:  
The fiscal year “shall begin on the first day of July in each year and end at midnight on the last day of June of the following year.”
- Board Membership
  - Three Board members serving the first year of a three year term are Diana Chappell, Robert DaVia, and Virginia Chadwick Howell.
  - The Nominating Committee reminded The Board of the Guidelines for Nominators/Nominees to The Board that were published in the *The Lighthouse News*, Spring 2006, page 15.
  - 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.
  - Nominated for a three year term on the OBLHS Board are:  
Sandra MacLean Clunies  
Doward Jones  
Richard Meissner  
Jim O’Donnell  
Mabry O’Donnell  
Bett Padgett  
Bill Padgett  
Bruce Roberts  
Cheryl Shelton-Roberts  
Charlie Votaw  
Shirley Votaw
- The President and Vice President are elected for a two year term, while all other officers are elected for a one year term. Officers elected by acclamation are:

- President: Bett Padgett
  - Vice President: Cheryl Shelton-Roberts
  - Secretaries: Mabry and Jim O'Donnell
  - Treasurer: Diana Chappell
  - Membership Chair: Cheryl Shelton Roberts
  - Special Events Chair: Bett Padgett
  - Fundraising Chair: Bruce Roberts
  - Special Events Chair: Bett Padgett
  - Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Shelton-Roberts (She may serve in perpetuity, if she wishes.)
- Donations:
    - The Dare County Tourist Board agreed to donate \$10,000 to assist the Bodie Island repairs upon completion of the project.
    - Wine sold by Gallo in Lowe's Food Stores in North Carolina during a two month period will net the Society 10% of the profits.
    - Food Lion will continue its Shop and Share MVP program.
    - Debbie Hildebrandt donated her Harbour Lights collection to the Society for use in fundraising. The Society will pay for the packing and shipping of the lights to North Carolina. Bruce Roberts will decide the best method to optimize the potential for The Society; several suggestions were made.
    - Lighthouse Coffee and Tea will donate 10% of profits on items with North Carolina lighthouse pictures.
    - Ralph Burroughs has promised the Society 50% of the profits from his auto travel CD.
    - Julia Hollenbeck's "The Carolinas", a DVD tour of the North Carolina lighthouses from the viewpoint of handicapped people, will provide us further funding. Someone from the Society will contact her to determine the actual percentage.
    - Lighthouse Depot is willing to sponsor North Carolina tours jointly with OBLHS and provide us a donation for the use of our name. Bruce Roberts will investigate this opportunity as well as the potential liability of the Society on these tours.
    - Harbour Lights donated the Roanoke Marshes ornaments to The Society.
    - Charlie Votaw will frame some Cape Lookout and Tybee Island stamps for the auction.
  - 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

**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

**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

**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

**Currituck Award:**

Lloyd Childers	2002
Outer Banks Conservationists	2003
John Wilson	2004
Melody Leckie	2005
Judge Terrence Boyle	2006

(Contingent on Doward Jones's discussion with Boyle's spouse)

**Cape Lookout**

Bob Vogel	2004
Richard Meissner	2005
Margaret Gilliken	2006

**Old Baldy**

Jane Kerr Oakley	2004
Ann Mills	2005
None	2006



**Oak Island**

Town of Caswell Beach	2005
Friends of Oak Island Lighthouse	2006

**Ocracoke**

Paula and Lauren Liebrecht	2006
Jane Morgan	2006

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

- Membership fee structures will remain the same as adopted in 2005.
- Cape Lookout Lighthouse will be 150 years old on November 1, 2009. A committee composed of Bruce and Cheryl-Shelton Roberts, Richard Meissner, and Margaret Gilliken will investigate the possibility of returning the original lens from Rhode Island to Cape Lookout.
- Next Meeting: Saturday, June 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at Plymouth, North Carolina, with hosts Doward Jones and the Roanoke River Lighthouse.
- With appreciation to Richard Meissner for delicious food, historic surroundings, and Southern hospitality, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.