

OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY BOARD

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

May 25, 2000

MANTEO Library Conference Room

Board Members Who Were Present:

Lloyd Childers (board member and also representative of Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.), John McPherson, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton Roberts, Charlene Wiles-Perry

Guest: Skip Dugger

Board Members Who Were Absent:

Cullen Chambers, Betty Parrish, Bill Parrish, Charlie Votaw, Shirley Votaw
and Honorary Board Members Edward Green and Debbie Hildebrandt

The Board sends Bill Parrish its wishes for a speedy recovery from heart surgery.

Ex-Officio members are:

Representative from Bald Head (Old Baldy Foundation), from Ocracoke Island, and Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.

President John McPherson called the fifth annual meeting of the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society board to order at 3:07 p.m.

The roll was called and the members welcomed.

There are two activities this weekend of interest.

1. A no-host dinner at Windmill Point Restaurant will be enjoyed immediately after the board meeting.
2. On Saturday, May 27, 2000, at the Coast Guard Station, 10:00 a.m., there will be the debut of Hatteras-on-the-Move Lighthouse model from Harbour Lights. Lighthouse Gallery and Gifts will host this memorable event, scheduled from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn in Buxton.

The minutes from the 1999 meeting were approved as written.

Membership report:

- 719 members, with the notation that 85 of these memberships expired on April 30
- In the future the minutes should report how many of the memberships fall into these categories:
 - ✓ New Memberships
 - ✓ Renewed Memberships

Treasurers report:

Balance on hand: \$3734.89

Outer Banks Lighthouse Society CD: \$4013.84

Bodie Lighthouse Fund: \$822.58

Cape Hatteras Fund: \$4132.80

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Total Balance of All Accounts as of this date: \$16,228.38

The Board recommended continued use of certificates of deposit.

Progress Reports on Coastal Lights:

- Currituck Light report by Lloyd Childers
Currituck Light opened on April 1. Much ironwork restoration has been completed on the site. There continues to be sandblasting, painting, etc. There are hopes to apply for a grant from the Department of Transportation to restore the revolving mechanism and clockwork that hasn't worked since 1939. The committee members may need more than \$100,000 to complete the work and they must match the government funds by at least 20%. If the work is finished, the public may be invited to visit the rotation room.
- Bodie Island
The General Services Administration still holds the title to the land and has not transferred it to the National Park Service. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore Outer Banks Group has requested \$2,000,000 in restoration funds from the National Park Service. The necessity of this work is all the more imperative since some poor patchwork has hurt the structure. Furthermore, the board members lamented the Park Service's reluctance to encourage donation boxes.
- Cape Hatteras
The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse will open May 26 and there will be a ten-foot path through the woods to the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse will be open for climbing.
The OBLHS Board of Directors voted to work with any interested parties to find and place a first order Fresnel lens at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.
- Ocracoke

The Ocracoke site has been surveyed, but money and work are still needed.

- Cape Lookout

Since Cape Lookout needs some repair, the Society has asked a consultant from International Chimney to estimate the money necessary for repair and restoration.

- Bald Head

The 1850's Keeper's Cottage has recently opened for visits. It contains a museum reflecting island life and lighthouse history.

Progress reports on Lighthouse Museums:

Michigan Museum is not a national museum; that makes fundraising difficult. The national museum in New York is national, but it is also struggling.

Board Members

Ralph Burroughs was unanimously elected to the board.
All persons presently on the board will remain.

At the board meeting in 2001 the membership must vote on the terms of office and job descriptions for officers.

Officer Election

All officers were elected unanimously.

President: John McPherson

Vice President for Membership: Betty Parrish

Vice President for Public Relations: Bruce Roberts

Vice President for Marketing: Bett Padgett

Director of Fund Raising and Fund Raising Publicity: Ralph Burroughs

Secretary: Mabry and Jim O'Donnell

Treasurer: Bill Parrish

Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Shelton Roberts

Director of Grant Writing: Lloyd Childers

Representatives of Society to Hatteras Homecoming: Bruce Roberts and Cheryl Shelton Roberts

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Cheryl Shelton Roberts suggested that we become our own media review source and send her anything in the news about Lighthouses.

Hugh Morton has given \$250,000 of the money originally raised to save Hatteras Light to the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, located on National Park Service property in

Hatteras Village near the ferry. Part of this money will be spent for building a model of the lighthouse in its original position.

Bowen C. (Bo) Houff, an attorney and friend of John McPherson, has indicated his willingness to handle our legal matters pro bono. It is the opinion of the board that we should request him to review our by-laws and our insurance policy. It is especially important that this be done in order to protect all people who attend the Hatteras Keepers' Descendants Homecoming. Perhaps he could suggest how we can establish a procedure by which the executive committee can make financial decisions, especially in an emergency. This committee should include the Society's president, treasurer, and founders--Bruce and Cheryl Shelton Roberts.

Hatteras Keepers' Descendants Homecoming

May 4-6, 2001

Lynn Jeanette, Bruce Roberts and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts are the chairs of the Hatteras Keepers' Descendants Homecoming Committee. The objective is to find and bring together as many of the Keepers' families as possible.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Friday night welcoming

Saturday

Short Programs for families

Thomas Tag from Ohio will demonstrate an incandescent oil vapor lamp.

Tim Harris from the American Lighthouse Foundation will talk about lighthouse restoration projects.

At night there will be a Light Station rededication by the National Park Service.

Sunday there will be a Chicamacomico enactment.

Sandy Clunies is doing genealogy on as many of the Keepers' families as possible.

Since we will need to raise about \$100,000 for the event, we are hoping that the Park Service will pay for the tent.

The National Park Service has given \$5000 for the commemorative publication that will be edited and printed by Bruce and Cheryl-Shelton Roberts. The Outerbanks Lighthouse Society will hold the copyright for the book with the proceeds used as funding for the Society. This book will be permanently for sale in the eastern national park stores.

The Society will contribute \$1000.00 out of its general fund to the Hatteras Keepers' Descendants Homecoming. In addition to this money, the Society agreed to spend the \$3280.00 from Harbour Lights in the following manner:

- \$280 put in general fund
- \$1000 to Bodie Island fund
- \$1000 to Hatteras Homecoming
- \$1000 to Cape Hatteras fund.

Tim Harrison of Lighthouse Digest and Lighthouse Depot wants us to affiliate with him and the American Lighthouse Foundation. We had originally seen our society as an independent society, but is that the way that it should continue? Any decision that is made about our future relationships with other groups should consider the positive status of the Society in the eyes of The National Park Service and other agencies.

Starting immediately, the editor of the newsletter will receive compensation of \$300 an issue.

Travel and tourism:

Next year we might consider sponsoring tours of Currituck, Bodie, and Hatteras.

Society Awards:

President's Awards:

Connie Jones, Bodie Island	1999
Will be announced at Keepers' Dinner	2000

Founders Award:

Bill and Betty Parrish:	1999
Governor James Hunt	2000

Cape Hatteras Award:

National Park Service Cape Hatteras Seashore, Outer Banks Group	1999
Joe Jakubik of International Chimney	2000

Bodie Island Award:

RAI Associates	1999
Lloyd Childers	2000

New Levels of Membership:

The Parrish's do not wish to change the dues. By June 15 the President will mail the board members information about the number of family members in the Society.

The President will investigate what other organizations do about memberships, send the information to the board, and then have a vote by e-mail.

Next year's agenda should include:

- Establishing a budget
- Establishing tours of Currituck, Bodie, and Hatteras
- Increasing the number of members
- Increasing contributions

Keepers' Dinner:

September 22-23, 2000

Bett Padgett is the chair of the dinner again this year. The Society thanked her for the excellent event last year and her continued service.

Events:

Friday night clam bake and star gazing will be at the Ramada Inn outdoors

Saturday night is the formal dinner. \$18.02 per person

Activities may include a bus trip to Currituck Light.

Package pricing will be announced at a later date.

The auction and raffle earned \$2800 in 1999. We hope to repeat this success in 2000.

List Serve Status:

We average 25 society emails a day and 1600 hits a week.

The driving directions are the biggest draw.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Society is tentatively set for the Thursday before Memorial Day in 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Secretaries

James H. O'Donnell, Ph.D.