

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

May 31, 2008

**Little Lake Hill
1213 Dixie Trail
Raleigh, North Carolina
Host: Bett and Bill Padgett**

Board members who were present:

Diana Chappell, Robert DaVia, Virginia Howell, Richard Meissner, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Bill Padgett, Charlie Votaw, and Shirley Votaw

Board members who were absent:

Sandra MacLean Clunies, Doward Jones, Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts

There were no ex-officio or honorary Board members in attendance.

Guest: Courtney Whisler

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

President Bett Padgett called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. after greetings among the group and the late arrival of the secretaries.

The minutes of the 2007 Board meeting were approved after spelling of names for award recipients was corrected.

- Membership report from Robert DaVia:
There are 684 active members this year in comparison to 648 last year and 624 in 2006. 292 memberships expired in December 2007; these people will be sent reminder cards.
- Treasurer's report from Diana Chappell:
Balances in Cash Accounts as of April 30, 2008
General Fund: \$36,684.59
Bodie Island Fund: \$3,541.99
CDs: 0
Total Cash Accounts: \$40,226.58 in comparison to \$28,226.34 in 2007

and \$18,483.35 in 2006.

Thanks to Doward Jones for generously donating the raffle tickets again this year and offering to help secure paper for the brochures that need to be printed.

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

Kudos to Diana Chapell, the keeper of the Keeper's Store.

The Keeper's Store:

1. Will continue to use Pay Pal
2. Should sell Bruce and Cheryl-Shelton Roberts's books
3. Will offer for \$5.00 (including shipping and handling) issues of the OBLHS Newsletter that may be missing from a collection.
 - a. Special autographed issues will be available for \$7.50. These will be advertised on our website and in the newsletter.
4. Will offer t-shirts with lighthouses but no society logo

- Newsletter report from Cheryl Shelton-Roberts:

The Board continues to express enthusiastically its appreciation for the interesting and well researched issues of the OBLHS Newsletter. There will be two issues published this year. Shelton-Roberts's recent research at the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo may provide subjects for future publications. Publishing *Best of the Lighthouse News* would provide pleasurable reading as well as profit for The Society.

- Marketing/Tourism report from Bett Padgett:
 - Articles about lighthouses have appeared in various publications such as *News and Observer*, *Our State Magazine*, *Wake County Physicians*, and *Lighthouse Digest*.
 - The Society has been represented at many occasions including:
 1. Bett Padgett's benefit concert, which earned \$600
 2. Chicamacomico Hero's Day
 3. St. Augustine Lighthouse Festival
 4. Museum of History in North Carolina
 5. Planning meetings for Cape Lookout's 150th Anniversary
 6. Roanoke River Lighthouse in Plymouth, North Carolina
 7. Coastal Day
 - Diana Chappell, through her volunteer activities and the generous support of her employer (McKesson), received \$1000.00 for The Society. Others are encouraged to check with their employers about similar programs.

- For only \$500.00 OBLHS lifetime membership is available.
 - We hope to purchase the paper for new brochures (either 11x17 or 11x25) that will include maps and will state that we were founded in 1994. The printing will be donated. When the new brochures are delivered, we will ask that the old copies be destroyed.
- Update on Coastal and River Lights:

Currituck Beach Lighthouse (The Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.) Work on the Keeper's Quarters is on schedule. Cataloging all trees is underway.

- **Bodie Island Lighthouse**

All members should vote for Bodie in the contest sponsored by Jenn-Weld. If Bodie wins the voting, she will receive six new windows. The National Park Service is using some of the fees collected from Hatteras climbs to help fund the repairing of the stairs at Bodie.

- **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**

The ironwork was last restored in 1981 and now there are chunks of iron that are falling off of it. Molds of the all the iron work need to be made. The stairs were repaired during the winter. The Hatteras lens which is in the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum belongs to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and is on loan to the Museum. The USCG plans to transfer the present electric beacon in the lighthouse to the NPS.

- **Ocracoke Light**

The USCG Aids to Navigation met with the NPS to discuss plans to transfer the Ocracoke Lighthouse Lens. With \$250,000 from the government, work for this year entails cleaning mold on the inside, and repairing the stairs and the ladder to lantern room. The Keeper's House, roof, gutters, and iron work will receive attention.

- **Cape Lookout Lighthouse**

The bending of the iron steps has resulted in the lighthouse being closed to climbers. November 2009 will be the 150th anniversary. The Celebration Committee is considering Columbus Day 2009 for the festivities, although nothing is confirmed at this time. One of the ideas is to flood light the lighthouse that night and keep it lit until November 1, the actual birthday of the house. Moving dramatics such as extinguishing the light for a day and having a sundown single piper to play at Shell Point are being considered. Russel Wilson, the Cape Lookout Superintendent, is interested in

negotiating the return of the original lens from a foundation in Rhode Island. After much discussion, The Board went on record as supporting the return of the Cape Lookout lens. Sandy Clunies will research the keepers at Cape Lookout.

- **Bald Head Lighthouse**

Old Baldy Foundation is sponsoring the rubber pirate ducks race in Bald Head Creek again this year to help the efforts to restore the oil house and create historical exhibits in it. They have removed the nasty restrooms from the oil house structure and will be putting a new roof on soon. Funds are needed for windows, floors, doors, and exhibits. Supporters can adopt a duck for ten dollars. This event heralds the group's biggest fund raising event of the year, The Pirates are Coming, August 1-3.

- **Oak Island Light**

A site development plan is underway with parking and walking to the beach having been developed. There are tours to the top of the light on Thursdays by appointment, and The Society will climb the light in the fall.

- **Price's Creek Light**

The light is privately owned by Archer Daniels Midland and there are no restoration plans. The Society hopes to receive permission to climb the light during the fall festivities.

- **Roanoke River Lighthouse**

The lovely replica was dedicated on September 15, 2007. OBLHS members volunteered there for a day.

- **Roanoke Marshes Light**

Manteo Festival Park has assumed responsibility for the light.

- President Bett Padgett delivered an eloquent summary of her experiences while in office and offered her heart-felt appreciation for the people whom she has met. A determined vision statement including working with the National Park Service, persuading government sources, and pushing for Bodie and Cape Lookout expressed the sentiments of The Board.
- The Nominating Committee (Diana Chappell, Virginia Howell, and Robert Da Via) suggested and The Board Officers unanimously elected the following people to serve a one year term:
 - Secretary(ies) Jim and Mabry O'Donnell
 - Treasurer Diana Chappell
 - Fundraising Chair Bruce Roberts

- Membership Chair Robert DaVia
 - The Special Events Committee appointed and chaired by the president will also include Richard Meissner, Virginia Howell, and Robert DaVia.
- The President (Bett Padgett) and Vice President (Cheryl Shelton-Roberts) were elected for another two year term.
- Re-elected for a three year term on The Board were Diana Chappell, Virginia Howell, and Robert DaVia.
- Upcoming Special Events are:
 - OBLHS Keepers' Weekend—October 9-11, 2008
Southport, Oak Island, Old Baldy, Price's Creek, and Fort Caswell
 - Bodie Island Descendants—May 15-16, 2009
- Photographs by Bruce Roberts are in the June 2008 *Our State Magazine*.
- Projects were discussed:
 - Courtney Whisler will create a Facebook page and friends group for OBLHS this summer.
 - Creating a calendar was tabled for now because of the plethora of calendars on the market.
 - The Board voted to purchase a LCD projector, memory stick, and two bulbs for use in PowerPoint presentations. An expenditure of up to \$1200 was approved.
 - OBLHS Keepers' Weekend funding:
 1. All members will receive 10 raffle tickets (\$2.00 each), letters, and return envelopes.
 2. Doward Jones will print the 7500 ticket.
 3. Bruce will procure raffle items.
 4. Bill will get pictures of lighthouses.
 5. Diana will obtain blueprints.
- 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
Robert DaVia	2007
Ed and Judy Rosson	2007
Doward Jones	2007
James Charlet and Linda Molloy	2007
Rick and Teresa Ward	2007
Courtney Whisler	2008
Ann Mills	2008
Washington County Waterways Commission	2008

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

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

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
Doug Stover	2007
Fred Bomonate	2008

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

Cape Lookout

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

Old Baldy

Jane Kerr Oakley	2004
Ann Mills	2005
None	2006
Marilyn Ridgeway	2007
Kim Gotshall	2008

Oak Island

Town of Caswell Beach	2005
Friends of Oak Island Lighthouse	2006
None	2007
None	2008

Ocracoke

Paula and Lauren Liebrecht	2006
Jane Morgan	2006
None	2007
None	2008

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

- Next Meeting: Saturday, May 30, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at Harker's Island, North Carolina, with host Richard Meissner.
- The Board members thanked Bett and Bill Padgett for providing their scenic, historic home for the convivial meeting. Delicious food, great conversation, and the love of American Lighthouse history provided a most pleasant backdrop for the business meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. with heartfelt thanks to our president, Bett Padgett, and mementos distributed among The Board.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.