

**OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY
(OBLHS) BOARD**

Fifteenth Annual Meeting

May 22, 2010

**Outer Banks History Center
within the
Roanoke Island Festival Park
Manteo, North Carolina**

Board members who were present:

Diana Chappell, Audrey Conner, Nicole DaVia, Robert DaVia, Richard Meissner, Judy Moon, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Bill Padgett, Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts

Board members who were absent:

Virginia Howell

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

President Bett Padgett called the meeting to order and welcomed The Board at 10:00 a.m. after greetings were shared among the group. Ken Mann, producer, filmed The Board as they started the meeting.

The secretaries took roll.

The minutes of the 2009 Board meeting were approved after two corrections were noted.

- Membership report from Robert (Bob) DaVia:
After culling the list, we had 470 active members in 2009 and 354 currently paying members in 2010.

Delinquent members will receive a special letter with the last newsletter. If they fail to respond by renewing their membership, they will be removed from the membership list.

- Treasurer's report from Diana Chappell:

Balances in Cash Accounts as of April 30, 2010
General Fund: \$53,489.46
Bodie Island Fund: \$6,011.99
CDs: 0

Total Cash Accounts: \$59,501.45 in comparison with \$50,665.73 as of April 30, 2009, \$40,226.58 in 2008, \$28,226.34 in 2007 and \$18,483.35 in 2006.

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

The Board voted for the treasurer to secure Certificates of Deposit at the most favorable rates—depositing \$10,000 for one year, \$10,000 for two years, and \$10,000 for three years.

Donations:

Thanks to Diana Chappell, McKesson Corporation donated \$1250.00 in 2009 that was deposited in The Bodie Lighthouse Fund.

Bett Padgett donates \$500.00 a year from the Hatteras CDs and her concerts.

Memberships:

OBLHS lifetime membership is available for only \$500.00. Members will be reminded in the newsletter.

- Fundraising report from Bruce Roberts:

The National economic situation prevented successful completion of fundraising activities in 2008 and 2009. We need a major sponsor.

We are pleased to announce the raffle for the 5-foot model of Bodie Island Lighthouse, constructed by Rick and Theresa Ward, dedicated supporters of America's lighthouses. The tickets, only \$2.00 each, are being sold at The Lone Cedar Restaurant in Nags Head until October 1, 2010. Drawing for the model will be a highlight of the Keepers' Weekend on October 9.

We hope to obtain sponsorships for the Bodie Island Lighthouse Keepers' Descendants Homecoming weekend that will coincide with the opening of the tower, probably spring 2012. Suggested donors for assistance with the cost of the tent were Lowe's, Eastern National, Lions' Club, or Rotary Club. The total expenses for the event will be approximately \$50,000.

- Newsletter report from Cheryl Shelton-Roberts:

Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, editor of the *OBLHS Newsletter*, continues her indefatigable investigation and creative writing for which The Board and all readers voice appreciation. There were two issues published this year

with 1,000 copies of each issue at a cost of \$1300 an issue. President Padgett publishes two informative updates each year.

The Board approved a \$4,000 budget for the publication of the newsletters for the following year. The Editor will have as many copies of the newsletters published as possible for The Society to use for publicity and educational purposes.

Newsletters will be available on our members' site for those who wish to receive the newsletter on line.

- Marketing and Tourism report from Bruce Roberts and Bett Padgett :

Diana Chappell, Bob DaVia, Virginia Howell, and Bill Padgett were appointed to develop a certificate for people who visit and or climb (some elderly people or those with disabilities may visit, but not be able to climb) the lighthouses. Richard Meissner will word the certificate to be presented. The committee will decide the details of certificate verification and website access.

13,050 brochures were delivered to welcome centers in the last nine months. More will be welcomed.

Although Ralph Burroughs continues to market his Travel CD, The Society has received no donations from the sales.

We need to have Point of View articles written about Bodie Lighthouse and shared with regional newspapers.

- Website:
 - a. We will have a new design and a "hit counter".
 - b. The Keepers' Store will be revitalized with new items (pens, cinch bags with logo, hats, passports for stamps from individual lighthouses, and DVDs of "My Heart will always be in Carolina" by Ken Mann.)
The Board thanked Judy Moon for assuming the leadership and responsibility for The Keepers' Store.
- The Society has been represented at many occasions including:
 1. Bodie Island Lens Removal
 2. Pirates Coming to Bald Head
 3. Chicamacomico LSS Heroes' Day
 4. Cape Lookout Descendants Dinner and Exhibit
 5. Portsmouth Homecoming
 6. Opening of "Bruce Roberts, Photojournalist: 50 Years of Capturing Change" at The Outer Banks History Center,

March 6-December 31, 2010

7. North Carolina Center for Advanced Teaching

- The spring 2010 issue of *Lighthouse News* has President Padgett's Lighthouse Updates on pp.15-16.
- Nominated and unanimously elected by The Board to continue to serve The Society are the following:
 - President Bett Padgett (2 years)
Will also chair Special Events Committee
 - Vice President Cheryl Shelton-Roberts (2 years)
 - Secretary(ies) Jim and Mabry O'Donnell (1 year)
 - Treasurer Diana Chappell (1 year)
 - Fundraising Chair Bruce Roberts (1 year)
 - Membership Chair Robert DaVia (1 year)
- Discussion of projects:
 - Keepers' Weekend: October 8-9, 2010, Ocracoke Island
 - a. Friday will include an excursion to Portsmouth Island by Ferry with reduced fares for the OBLHS.
 - b. Saturday will include a climb of Ocracoke Lighthouse and an evening dinner and auction at the Community Center.
 - c. Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Bruce Roberts will present a photography workshop for the first 18 people to enroll. Sea shell talks by the Rangers will be available.
 - d. Raffle: For the last two years we have printed 7,500 tickets, not all of which were sold. The total profit for the raffle in 2009 was \$2,336.61. Tickets and information will be sent to members in late August.
 - e. Auction: We will ask members by e-mail what they have for auction.
 - f. Possible items for Raffle or Auction include stays at the White Doe Inn, First Colony Inn, House in Frisco, or U.S. flags that have been flown over specific lighthouses.
 - BOLD (Bodie Island Lighthouse Keepers' Descendants Homecoming) will coincide with the opening of the tower, April or May 2012.
 - a. Cheryl Shelton-Roberts is Chair of this huge undertaking.
 - b. The Park Service will help with copying and mailing.

- OBLHS wishes to provide support for local students to visit their community lighthouses. We will sponsor three grants of up to \$1,000 each for assisting public school groups with transportation, climbing, and other expenses. Members will communicate the application information to their local coastal school representatives. Our sponsorship of school children from Southport to Old Baldy Lighthouse has been successful for three years, and we wish to offer this chance for enrichment to other students.
- Diana Chappell, Nicole DaVia, Robert DaVia, and Judy Moon will investigate the efficacy of a Facebook presence including goals and mission of The Society, pictures, and a direct link to our web site.
- The Society voted last year to transfer \$10,000 to the Cape Lookout National Seashore when the original Fresnel lens is returned to Cape Lookout. We voiced our continued support of the project. A committee composed of Richard Meissner, Bruce Roberts and Cheryl Shelton Roberts will monitor the need for disbursement of funds based on procurement of the lens.
- Diana Chappell will use Survey Monkey to gather information and opinions from our members.
- 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

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

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

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

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

Cape Lookout

Bob Vogel	2004
Richard Meissner	2005
Margaret Gilliken	2006
None	2007
None	2008
Sandy Clunies	2009 (Will receive the honors although she declined the physical award.)

Old Baldy

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

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

- Doug Stover, Historian and Cultural Resource Manager for the National Park Service, Outer Banks Group, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, spoke with the Board. Update on Bodie Island Lighthouse repairs: The Park will replace 16 brackets at an estimated cost of \$900,000 each. Keepers' Descendants Homecoming in 2012 will provide the opportunity to see the light switched on. The Society's genealogical expertise is needed to help The Park Service. We approved helping The Park in a three-way partnership with the History Center, The Park Service, and the OBLHS Homecoming.
- Next Meeting will depend on the date of the Bodie Island Lighthouse Keepers' Descendants Homecoming. Proposed date is: Saturday, May 21,

2011, at 10:00 a.m., Outer Banks History Center within the Roanoke Island Festival Park.

- The Board expressed profound appreciation to the members for the clear perspective that they bring to The Board's decisions and for all of the time, money and work each gives to preserving America's lighthouse treasures.
- As always, our President, Bett Padgett, guides us through the fog toward our goals with a song in her heart, wisdom at her bow, and creativity as her mast.
- The Board viewed a compelling video by Robert DaVia and Diana Chappell of the Bodie Island Restoration and toured the Outer Banks History Center.
- For a special treat, all were allowed to view the exhibit "Bruce Roberts, Photojournalist: 50 Years of Capturing Change." Anyone who hasn't seen this captivating look into the life of one of America's foremost photojournalists, should run (not walk) to see the show before December 31, 2010. Through his eye and the lens of his camera Roberts tells our story--America's story—sometimes pulling at our heart strings with pride, sometimes with tears of sadness or shame, and often with smiles of recognition.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Mabry M. O'Donnell, Ph.D.