

Verona Beach Lighthouse Association Inc.

Tuesday July 14, Meeting

6 PM

Anchor Light Inn

Verona Beach NY

Present: Terry Karst, Becky Karst, Marion Brenon, Laurie Rudnick, Robert Sullivan, Elaine Nelson, Richard Rolfe, Mary Alice Rolfe, Terri Knight.

Guests : Fred Legawiec, Diane Legawiec

President Rob called the meeting to order and introduced our guest Fred Legawiec from International – Lightship Weekend. Fred thanked VBL for their co-operation last year and this year for their efforts in International Lighthouse Lightship week end. Fred Explained that Lighthouses from around the world broadcast by ham radio for 35 hours on August 15-16. Our Verona Beach Lighthouse had the second best performance of all the registered lighthouses around the world. Fred said we had over 300 contacts and The Verona Beach Lighthouse got on the map in a big way. Fred told us that he had trouble registering in the beginning because the lighthouses had to be historical in nature. Fred told us it was our web site that convinced the powers that be that The Verona Beach Lighthouse was historical. The

people that run this event are from Scotland. This year Fred has the help from the Syracuse Radio Amateurs Club, The Rome Club, The Utica Club, and The Mohawk Valley Club. All of these clubs have put flyers in their newsletters. Fred said he has been contacted by 17 to 18 ham operators that will come to handle and broadcast that weekend. It will also be promoted on channel 9 & 5 news. The news paper is also going to run an article about the event. Fred said that he may doing a commentary on Bridge street, Fred asked for a volunteer to go on TV with him as he could not speak for the lighthouse. Fred said he would like to get to the lighthouse about 8AM to set up. Fred someone with key needs to be there so he could run his 100 ft. extension cord thru the window down the side of the lighthouse. Terri Knight said she would be there to unlock the lighthouse for him. Fred will also notify the NY State Police of the activity that weekend. Fred asked if there were any questions, Becky asked what a Lightship was, basically it is a large tug boat that has 2 lights on either end of the ship and puts them outside the harbor. Boston uses them exclusively. They are also used in the Chesapeake, Nantucket, and Maryland. Lightships go out at night, stay out all night. There a 4 main lightships in the area and 17 around the world. Fred thanked all of VBL and said he would not be able to broadcast from VBL if it were not for our efforts. Fred said Tibbits Point wants him but he likes VBL. Fred told us The Verona Beach Lighthouse is the only registered inland lighthouse. Our registration # is 0184

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting, 2nd. And passed.

Rob read an e-mail from Cornell contact Paula Horagan. She said that she could meet on any of these dates, July 23, 24, or the 28th. Rob said the 23rd. or the 28th. would be good for a meeting. Terri asked

that other board members be included in the meeting with Cornell. Rob said the \$1000 we set aside for the Cornell intern goes for his living expenses while he is evaluating the lighthouse. Then Cornell will assist VBL in obtaining grant money when the landscape proposal is finished.

Rob will work on news letter he will have it done before Sept.1. He asks that we send him impute for the newsletter.

Terri nominated Richard Rolfe as facilities director, 2nd. vote passed. Richard Rolfe accepted.

Marion Brenon said the Pathway Thru History made \$60 dollars. Pirates Weekend is covered with workers thanks to Mary Alice. Richard Rolfe will set the trailer and bring the trailer back.

Mary Alice Rolfe reported on the Luau. The Luau was success everyone had a great time. Mary Alice reported that there were a few glitches with the restaurant. We worked around the glitches.

VBL board wants to thank Richard and Mary Alice for sponsoring this successful event.

Rob said he would like to do the September annual meeting. We will discuss it at the August meeting.

Terri asked about a passport stamp Rob said he would do one on vista print.

Next meeting will be August 11, @ 6PM at Anchor Light Inn.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively submitted

Terri Knight

VBL secretary