

Ashtabula Lighthouse Restoration and Preservation Society
Meeting of August 15, 2007
Buccia's Winery

Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Santiana. There were approximately 26 members in attendance. Mark Patterson made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as written. Bob Frisbie seconded the motion. Motion passed. After reviewing the minutes of the July meeting, Bob Frisbie noted that he has **loaned** the society the use of his acetylene tank. George Finnerty made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Dennis Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed. No treasurer's report was available for review. Joe did indicate that approximately \$200.00 has been spent on restoration tools such as a ladder and cement.

Old Business: Debbie Santiana has contacted a lawyer concerning the handling of "Hold Harmless Agreements: that must be signed by all members who volunteer to work at the light.

New Business: Bob Frisbe has sent out a news release concerning our need for a work boat. Joe has consequently been interviewed on the radio morning talk show. We did receive one response from this publicity however it was not as advantageous for the donor as previously thought. We do have an option to borrow a water craft, when conditions are favorable, from the Coast Guard. Joe also indicated that the divers have located the cable and it is now in the lighthouse but needs to be tied off. Hopefully the electrical will be established on the light before winter. The Corps of Engineers have moved the rocks on the left side of the lighthouse that were resting on top of the electrical cable. An estimate is still needed on the roof repairs. Additional insurance is needed on the structure. Quotes are being gathered for the required signs at the light. Motion to purchase a boat that is currently available for \$1,700 was made by Anne Frisbie. Motion seconded by Dennis Hale. Motion passed. Joe stated that it would be in the society's best interests to set up a meeting with Smolen Engineering concerning the proposed walkway out to the lighthouse.

Motion to adjourn was made by George Finnerty. Earl Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on September 12, 2007 in the old Coast Guard Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna Greicius
Secretary