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The Board held a work session the afternoon of November 16, 2023, during which the current website and Host application processes were reviewed in detail. The work on updates and streamlining was started, with a view to having the Host application part of the website configuration, along with a more efficient payment process. As well, the annual membership application will be completed through the website, so that the membership particulars that are now required under the Not for Profit Act can be collected, and archived in accordance with the new laws. It will not be possible for us to simply accept an e-transfer or cheque without the required information. That said, we are looking to make the application process as simple as possible, using fill in formats, and a checkout process for payment.

After the working session, the Board hosted a thank you reception to recognize the continuing efforts and support of Blue Heron Cruises, without whose support it would not be possible to meet the objectives of Friends at the Light Station. We as well recognized the enormous contribution of Bruce Prail as a volunteer by awarding Bruce a Life Membership in Friends. Bruce made 36 day trips to Flowerpot Island this past season, spending countless hours on jobs ranging from repairs to the solar and water systems, to planting and maintaining the gardens. A huge thanks to Blue Heron Cruises, and to Bruce, for their generous support of Friends.

We will do our best to have the new website active by the New Year, in lots of time to complete membership applications and Host program applications for 2024.