

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

August 9, 2011
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

William P. Lempesis, Chairman
Capt. Christopher H. Thornton
John F. Hassell, III

Excused absence was noted for:

David Galloway
Kenneth Riley

Staff and others present were:

Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator
Capt. Whitmarsh Smith, Chas Harbor Pilots
Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
CDR Jason Merriweather, USCG
Noreen K. Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the Maritime Association Office, 899 Morrison Drive, in Charleston, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provide to the **Charleston Post and Courier** and proper notice also having been posted at the Maritime Association Office 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Lempesis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Lempesis asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the July 12, 2011 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$2,900.00 and there were no deposits. With all bills being paid, the Commission had \$3,031.56 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion.

Chairman Lempesis asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

CDR Merriweather gave the Coast Guard report. He thanked everyone who attended the Tabletop exercise at Seahawk. CDR Higman said that they are reviewing marine event permit requests based on the feedback they had received.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. She reported LLR has completed an audit of the Practice Acts and Regulations of all boards and commissions. She noted the only item mentioned for the Pilotage Commission was Article 2 for Port Royal in the Regulations.

It was noted as unnecessary and LLR recommend that it be removed with the Articles then renumbered. She stated LLR is requiring a Court reporter for all Board/Commission meetings to be started in October. She reported LLR has money in a Pilotage account that will pay for the reporter. She stated Mrs. Milligan will still take action minutes. She reported Regulation 136-018 is still in the 120 day review process. She gave the report on pilot health certificates to be: In August there is one pilot that has his health certificate due and two pilots are due to turn in certificates in September.

It was reported Capt. Cameron is still working on the draft letters on the Jasper Port and Right Whale issue. The Commission feels that the Right Whale letter needs to come from the Governors office to generate the response they need from NOAA. Mrs. Cox said that she would speak to LLR Director Templeton again on behalf of the Commission in regard to the Governor sending the letter.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

William P. Lempeis
Chairman