

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 13, 2012
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. John Hassell, III
Mr. William Lempesis
Mr. Kenneth Riley

Excused absence was noted for:

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. Michael White Jr., USCG
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mr. Brad Gettelfinger, Moran Shipping
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy, Inc.
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 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 Galloway called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Galloway asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the February 14th meeting. Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$501.50 and there were no deposits. With all bills being paid, the Commission had \$830.19 on hand. Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion.

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard reported that the spring and summer marine events will be starting soon.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. Bill 4249 (clean-up bill) is moving through the Legislature and is scheduled for June 6 expiration. LLR will have a new director starting on March 15. She is Holly Gillespie Pisarik. Mrs. Cox reminded the Commissioners to file their Statement of Economic Interests.

Capt. Cameron drafted a letter from the Commission to Governor Haley on the results of the fatigue study. The Commission read the letter and a motion was made to have the letter sent as drafted.

The Army Corp is conducting a study on the harbor dredging project. They are looking into how much water is under the keel. In the Policies and Procedures Manual the under keel clearance is covered. Capt. Cameron will look into the wording and will let the Commission know if changes need to be made at the next meeting.

The Pilots and the State Port are working together to come up with a solution on the air draft.

Commissioner Lempesis said that both cranes are now at the WWT. He will have an update on the progress at the next meeting.

A new drug policy will be implemented with the Harbor Pilots and Investigative Associates of Charleston. A letter was drafted with the new procedure outlined to them from the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Thornton to accept the changes and to send the letter as drafted, Commissioner Hassell seconded it.

Chairman Galloway asked for new business. The Pilots submitted their COLA letter to the Commission. They are asking for a CPI of 3%. The increase would be;

Gross Tonnage: present rate of \$57.30 GT to \$59.02 GT
Draft Feet: present rate of \$23.31 DF to \$24.01 DF

A notice will be published in the Post and Courier for four days for the CPI increase. The next Commission meeting will be held on April 17th.

Capt. Cameron submitted an updated letter in regard to the fuel surcharge. The Commission read the letter and Commissioner Thornton made a motion for the letter to be sent to the customers as drafted. Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion.

The pilots have a new Speed Deviation Log Entry sticker that they will be handing out to the vessels. This will help the vessels keep track of their speeds during the Right Whale season.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan

Executive Secretary

**David Galloway
Chairman**