

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 11, 2014
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. Henry Hay, Chairman
Mr. Billy Lempesis
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. David Galloway

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. John Hassell

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Harbor Pilot
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mr. Green, Regional Exam Center
Ms. Julia Winkler, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 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 provided 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 Hay called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Hay asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the January 14th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,153.72 and there was one deposit of \$5,400.00 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$9,933.84 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Hay asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard will be doing a Waterway Management Study during the course of the year. They will be talking to the pilots about the buoy ranges. An Aid to Navigation Study is already underway.

Mrs. Cox was not able to attend the meeting but she sent her report. There were two 2 physicals due in February and one for March. LLR is contacting a company to have the ID badges made. There was nothing new to add to the website for the Pilot Commission. The Statement of Economic Interest is due by March 30, 2014. On the LLR website there is a handbook for Commissioners information and use.

There is nothing new to report on the Right Whale issue. The notice was published in late January and they are waiting for comments. They may have more information by the end of March.

Commissioner Hassell was not able to attend, so there was not an update on the Savannah River Commission.

The Racon installed on the Ravenel is not working. The manufacturer is working on it. It is under warranty.

There is a new terminal, OdfJell located on the upper Cooper River. It is a bulk liquid marine terminal

Under new business the Harbor Pilots submitted their COLA rate increase to the Commission. The present rate of \$60.05 GT (Gross Ton) would be adjusted to \$61.00 GT. The present rate of \$24.45 DF (Draft Ft.) would be adjusted to \$24.85 DF. The Commission will run an ad in the Post and Courier with the adjusted increases. The next meeting will be held on March 18th, 2014 so that interested parties have 30 days to respond.

The Coast Guard's physical exam requirements are being overhauled. Under the old requirements the pilots have a physical exam every year and pilots over age 60 shall submit specific evidence of his or her fitness to perform pilot duties with special attention and certification relative to visual acuity, hearing, heart and vascular and musculoskeletal systems. Under the new proposal the pilots will submit an #10-079 physical exam form showing that they passed physical, visual and hearing requirements. This will be done every other year. Capt. Cameron will have more information at the next meeting.

Capt. Smith informed the Commission that there were 2 Carnival Cruise ships at the dock. One was a scheduled visit and the other was here for a medical emergency.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

Henry Hay
Chairman