

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 9, 2021

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office

6 Concord Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Meeting was conducted by Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Ms. Amy Riley (Chairwoman)
Mr. Henry Hay III
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Joel Britt
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Darrell Johnson
Mr. Kenney Riley

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel
Lt. Chad Ray, USCG
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday February 9, 2021 by conference call. 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 on the LLR website/Pilotage 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairwoman Riley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Riley asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairwoman Riley asked the members to read and review the draft of minutes taken during the January 12, 2021 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairwoman Riley asked the Commission to approve the January Financial Report. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the financial report and Commissioner Hay seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Ray reported on behalf of the Coast Guard. The CG Cutter Maria Bray came and moved numerous ATON's. In accordance with the post 45 dredging plans, USCG group Tybee worked with Hunter Army Airfield to remove 8 beached buoys from that area. Report on marine events CORA will be holding races in the lower harbor and the vessel previously at anchorage Charlie has been cleared and has sailed.

Commissioner Galloway reported that Cantey Tech was still working on the automated notification system for Channel 13 Recording. The system seems to be working well.

Capt. Cameron advised that there is nothing new to report on the Savannah River Commission and not sure how active it is at the moment, and recommended that it be removed from the agenda and placed back in as needed. Chairwoman Riley agreed and it will be removed moving forward.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Ms. Smith reported that all Pilot physicals are up to date. Capt. Lucas, Capt. Coombs and Capt. Sanders have physicals due by February 28, 2021. COVID extensions are still in place. Ms. Smith let the Commissioners know that they needed to have their information updated to the State Ethics Commission by March 30, 2021. Ms. Smith noted that she would look into measures to have Kenny Riley included in all correspondence and to be added to the Ethics Commission list.

Ms. Smith reported that S.689 had been renumbered to S.295 (Apprenticeship and Criminal Conviction) and that H.3019 (Pilotage Education) have both been introduced and have not made it to Sub-Committee meetings yet.

Capt. Cameron reported on Pilot/Ladder Safety. Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the APA discussed Charleston's protocol for Pilot/Ladder Safety at their last officers meeting. Commissioner Hay reported that the APA was working on an APP for Pilots to be able to report any issues /violations via a Smartphone.

Capt. Cameron reported that Covid-19 precautions continue as noted previously. As of 5 pm February 9, 2021 30 out of 41 employees had received their second dose of the vaccine. 35 out of the 41 employees had received the vaccine.

Capt. Cameron updated the Commission on LLR issuing ID cards to the Pilots. ID cards would be valid until a Pilots' 70th birthday. ID cards can be issued to all Pilots to carry on their person. Ms. Smith is looking into LLR's production of the ID cards.

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the Charleston Docking Pilots sent a letter regarding Capt. Kyle Keenan as a new entry and to let the Pilots know they can work with him.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

There were no announcements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Amy Riley
Chairwoman

A.Owen Gregory
Secretary

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