

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

April 14, 2015
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Mr. John Hassell
Mr. Billy Lempesis
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. Henry Hay

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc. (phone)
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc. (phone)
CDR Heath Hartley, USCG
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR Administrator
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, April 14, 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 March 18 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$840.00 and there was one deposit of \$50.00 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$3,192.13 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none.

CDR Hartley gave the Coast Guard report. The new Commander of Coast Guard Sector Charleston is Capt. Gary Tomasulo.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR Report. There was 1 physical for the month of April and 1 for the month of May. LLR questioned if the Regulation draft was final from the pilots.

The Commission thought that LLR was having the advice counsel go over the draft that was submitted in the last meeting. The draft was resubmitted to the Commission and LLR. Mrs. Cox will submit the draft to the advice council and have an update at the next meeting.

There is nothing new to report on the Right Whale issue.

There was no report on the Savannah River Commission.

Under new business the Commission was informed that the physician, Dr. Helen Sloan that reviews all pilot apprentice physicals will be retiring. The Commission asked Mrs. Cox if LLR can give them guidance on choosing a new physician. Mrs. Cox said that she would check with the advice council and have an update at the next meeting. Mrs. Milligan informed the Commission that she would not be available for the regular Commission meeting date of May 12. Chairman Galloway asked the Commission if they would reschedule the meeting on May 5. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to reschedule the meeting date to May 5 and Commissioner Hassel 2nd it. **The motion passed.**

The pilots submitted to the Commission the new rate card for pilotage rates, fees and charges that was approved on March 18, 2015 and will be effective June 1, 2015. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the rate card and Commissioner Hassell 2nd it. **The motion passed.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman