

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

April 8, 2014
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. Henry Hay, Chairman
Mr. Billy Lempesis
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. John Hassell
Capt. Whit Smith (in for Thornton)

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Capt. Chris Thornton

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Harbor Pilot
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, April 8, 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 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 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 March 8th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion after 2 changes were made. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$477.00 and there were no deposits, with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$8,177.57 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Hay asked for public comment. There was none.

CDR Higman gave the Coast Guard report. The racon on the Ravenel Bridge is still having problems. The Coast Guard would like the pilots to inform them when it is not working so that they can monitor it. The DOT is also working on this issue. The Coast Guard is working to bring on line the AIS System for Charleston. There is no time

line. Capt. Cameron informed the Coast Guard that buoy #2 is missing and would like the Coast Guard to check in to it. They said they would.

Mrs. Cox was not in attendance but she had sent her report. There was one physical in April and one in May. LLR is working with a vendor on the pilot ID badges. There has been no new posting to the Pilot Commission website. The Statement of Economic Interest was due by March 30, 2014.

The Commission is still waiting on a response from NOAA on the Right Whale letter. It was submitted on March 3rd, 2014 and they have 120 days from then to respond.

The Savannah River Maritime Commission has not met and Commissioner Hassell had nothing new to report.

The Commission tabled the pilot physicals until next month when Mrs. Cox would be present. The pilots would like to keep the physicals annual and not bi-annual.

Under new business Capt. Smith informed the Commission that race week was getting ready to start and they were anticipating around 300 boats.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

Henry Hay
Chairman