

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

December 11, 2012
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. William Lempesis, Chairman
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. John Hassell, III
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Henry Hay

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilot
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR Administrator
Mr. John Archer, Moran Towing
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

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

Chairman Lempesis asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the November 13th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton 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 \$514.00 and there were no deposits, with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$100.55 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Lempesis asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard said that the boat parade was on December 1st. Capt. Smith mentioned that the DNR boat was in the middle of the channel and in the way of ship traffic. There is a sponsor meeting that is held 48hrs prior to the parade. The Coast Guard suggested that the pilots may want to attend and go over safety procedures with

them. Capt. Cameron said that everyone should be on the same channel to be able to communicate.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. There are 3 physicals due in the month of December and 2 in January. LLR received the letter from the Commission detailing the need for a fee increase. There has been no decision and Mrs. Cox will keep the Commission informed. Capt. Cameron asked if the Commission could delegate the fee instead of the regulation change. Mrs. Cox said that might be possible and that she would check into it and let the Commission know. LLR is still researching the insurance policy that the Commission has been carrying for its members. Mrs. Cox recommended that the Commission renew the policy and that it can be cancelled within 60 days. Mrs. Milligan gave the bill to Mrs. Cox and LLR will pay the premium. LLR maintains a web site for all boards and commissions. The site for the Pilot Commission is www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pilotage. The site contains information on the upper and lower commissions, members, minutes, governing Statute, Regulations and complaint information. Mrs. Cox said that more information could be added and the website could be changed to fit the Commission's needs. Capt. Cameron said that he would bring a computer to the next meet and the Commission would be able to pull the website up and look it over.

Chairman Lempesis said that there is a meeting next month on the installation of the air draft monitor on the Don Holt. They hope to start in January.

Commissioner Hassell is now on the Savannah River Maritime Commission. There was nothing new to report.

Capt. Cameron gave the Commission proposed changes to Chapter 12 in the Policies and Procedures Manual on the air draft policy. He also handed out a copy of the new air draft application form. He said that with the change the manual will need to be revised and new ones printed.

Motion: Chairman Lempesis asked for a motion to add the air draft change to the Policies and Procedure manual. Commissioner Galloway made the motion and Commissioner Hassell seconded it. The motion passed.

The contractor that will be installing the racon on the Don Holt Bridge would like to go out with the pilots and see what the problem is. He would like to be able to install it as quickly as possible.

Under New Business the Commission discussed that would happen if the ILA goes on strike on the 29th of December. The pilots, tugs and Berthing Dept. will get together before the strike and prioritize the vessels that will be working before the strike deadline. The State Port has not made a decision on if they will be open Christmas Eve for receiving and delivering containers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

William P. Lempesis
Chairman