

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 10, 2015
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

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

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. Billy Lempesis

Staff and others present were:

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

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 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 January 13th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,732.00 and there was one deposit of \$4,647.50 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$5,256.76 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report. Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none.

Under Old Business, the Coast Guard gave their report. CDR Hartley said that they had nothing new to report.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. There were three physicals for January and 1 was returned as incomplete. The Statement of Economic Interest is due by March 30th. Mrs. Cox reminded everyone to please make sure they complete this before the

deadline so they are not fined. The Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions has been in touch with the Upper Commission on appoints and updates on the Lower Commission as to who is serving. The contact for the office is Katie Philpott.

Capt. Cameron reports that there are no new actions on the Right Whale issue. We are still waiting on NOA response.

Commissioner Hassell said that the Savannah River Commission did meet but there is nothing new to report.

Capt. Cameron gave the Commission handouts on the existing state regulation and the proposed replacement to existing state regulation on the pilot physicals. Regulation #136-030 states that every pilot being registered shall submit evidence that he or she has satisfactorily passed the thorough physical examination required pursuant to 46 CFR 10.709. Every pilot age 60 or older 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. The new proposal states that every pilot being registered shall have a thorough physical examination each year.

- 1) An individual' registration remains valid through the end of the month in which the 1st anniversary of the most recent satisfactory physical examination occurs. If invalidated by expiration of the previous physical , registration is restored once a satisfactory physical examination has been completed without further action by the Commission or other authority
- 2) Pilots holding and maintain a medical certificate for a First Class Pilot issued by the USCG are deemed medically fit to perform the duties of a State Registered Pilot.
- 3) Annual physical will be recorded on a form approved by SC LLR that is:
 - a) signed by an appropriately licensed physician
 - b) Signed by the applicant attesting to the status as of that date of his or her Coast Guard Medical Certificate
 - c) Summited within 30 day of the completion of the physical
- 4) Pilots not holding a current Medical Certificate issued by the USCG for a First Class Pilot may petition SC LLR for a determination of medical fitness by alternate means.

LLR and the pilots will each go over the proposed replacement to the state regulation and they will have an update for the next meeting.

Capt. Cameron made a correction to the 2014 Summary Report that was given in the February meeting. He said that there were 122 shifts not 125 and 4,533 moves not 4,537. The corrections were made to the minutes.

Under new business the pilots requested that a cost of living (COLA) rate adjustment be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for the Commissioners' review. They are asking for an .8% increase. Mrs. Milligan will put a notice in the Post and Courier from 2/12-2/15 to notify the public of the request. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2015 to comply with the 30 day notification. Commissioner Hassell asked the pilots if they knew what Savannah's fuel and CPI rate are. Capt. Cameron said that he would check into that.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman