

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

July 8, 2014  
899 Morrison Drive  
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

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

Excused absence were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley  
Mr. Billy Lempesis

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Harbor Pilot  
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot  
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR  
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc  
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.  
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.  
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, July 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 June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Hassel seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$4,688.80 and there were no deposits, with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$5,599.16 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Hay asked for public comment. Ms. Zaresk informed the Commission that the Patriots Festival boat race will not be held this year. The organizers for the festival are making plans for next year and may try to hold the boat race further up the river.

There was not a Coast Guard report.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. There were two physical in July, none for August and two in September. Mrs. Cox explained the LLR fee of \$1,756.80 for her travel for the upcoming fiscal year. She is allotted \$12 for a meal and \$134.00 for mileage for a total of \$146.40 per trip. Please continue to send in information to be posted to the web-site as needed.

Capt. Cameron gave an update on the Right Whale issue. The deadline for feedback to NOAA was July 3<sup>rd</sup>. So far the feedback looks favorable and all parties recognized that there is a conflict. The Port of New York has signed with the Port of Charleston on the changes to the Right Whale restrictions.

Commissioner Hassel had nothing new to report on the Savannah River Maritime Commission.

The Racon on the Ravenel Bridge has been replaced and is working and it does not need to be carried on the agenda anymore.

The Committee has only 2 more pilot apprentice applicants' files to review. Mrs. Milligan and the Committee will start the interview process for the applicants that met the requirements. The Committee will have an update for the next meeting

The pilots will continue to schedule physicals every year for the pilots.

Under new business the Commission discussed changing some of the regulations. Capt. Cameron said that along with the physical regulation there are 13 other regulation sites that need to be updated. He will review the regulations and present a package to the Commission so that they can be sent to Columbia at one time. Mrs. Cox reminded that Commission that this needs to be sent in to Columbia by October if the Commission wants to promulgate some new regulations.

Mrs. Milligan informed the Commission that she would be on vacation during the next meeting in August. Mrs. Bennett was asked if she would take the minutes in Mrs. Milligan's absence. She agreed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan  
Executive Secretary

Henry Hay  
Chairman