

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

June 10, 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 (by phone)  
Capt. Rick Rodriguez, USCG  
CDR Scott Higman, USCG  
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR  
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, June 10, 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 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 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 May 8th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion.. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1984.50 and there was one deposits of \$1850.00, with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$10,289.96 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.

Under the Coast Guard report, they are still waiting for the racon to be fixed on the sea buoy.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. There is one physical in June. The ID badges were completed and Mrs. Cox gave them to the pilots. Please continue to send in information to be posted to the web-site. The Commission for the Georgetown Port has indicated the need for a new pilot boat in the near future.

Capt. Cameron gave an update on the Right Whale issue. He gave a presentation at the conference and the Coast Guard and Army Corp of Engineers were pleased with the presentation. July will start the new public comment period. He will have an update for the next meeting.

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.

Mrs. Milligan informed the Commission that there are 27 completed pilot apprentice applications and 9 pending. Commissioner Lempesis will send out an e-mail to set up a time for the committee to meet and start the evaluation process on the applicants.

Mrs. Cox said that the request for changes to the pilot physical regulation is with the new counsel for LLR. She will have an update for the next meeting.

Under new business Capt. Smith informed the Commission about a new high speed boat race that would be held around Patriots Point. The festival is called Patriots Festival and it would be held on September 9, 10 and 11. The comment period ends on June 23. They have requested a permit from the Coast Guard. They have also requested the harbor to be closed for 8hrs on one of the days. The Coast Guard and Capt. Smith will have more information for the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan  
Executive Secretary

Henry Hay  
Chairman