

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

June 9, 2015
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

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

Excused absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
CDR. Heath Hartley, USGC
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR Administrator
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, June 9, 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 May 5th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,350.00 and there was one deposit of \$1,650.00 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$6,585.13 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. Mr. Merrill reminded the Commissioners that their terms for the Commission will expire in September.

CDR Hartley said that the crane move from the WWT to NCT will be on June 13 and there will be a moving safety zone. The move should take 4 to 8 hours to complete. The District 7 Admiral will be visiting the Charleston Coast Guard.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR Report. There was one physical in May, one in June and two for July. LLR has filed a new NOD and has approved the language submitted by the Commission and has drafted the new Regulations with that language. Please continue to send in information to be posted on the web site for the Commission.

There is no new activity on the Right Whale issue.

There is nothing new to report on the Savannah River Commission.

The search for a new physician to review the pilot applications is still on going.

Under new business Commissioner Thornton informed the Commission that the pilots are using the new PPF. They are very pleased with the performance of the units. The Coast Guard was talking of deactivating the racons on the bridges and sea buoy. The pilots would like to keep them active. The Coast Guard said that they would.

The Commission was sent a copy of a letter address to Governor Haley's office from the NTSB on May 12, 2015. They informed her office that they had not received the letter addressing Safety Recommendation M-11-20 (fatigue study). The Commission sent the Governor's office their Pilot Fatigue letter in 2012. LLR will contact the Governor's office on this matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman