

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

April 9, 2013
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. William Lempesis, Chairman
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. John Hassell
Capt. Whit Smith (Representative for Capt. Thornton)

Excused absence was noted for:

Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilot
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot
Capt. Michael White, USCG
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 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 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 March 19th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Smith 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 \$852.00 and there were two deposits totaling \$5,831.25 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$4,994.87 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Lempesis asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard reported on a capsized vessel on March 30th and the Harbor Pilots helped rescue the four (4) people on board. The Coast Guard and Commission would like to acknowledge the pilots for their heroism.

Under the LLR Report, it was reported there were two (2) physicals due for the month of April and one (1) due for the month of May. It was reported the website for the Commission is still being updated monthly with new information that is being sent to LLR. Capt. Cameron submitted a new page in reference to "Continuing Education". He will e-mail the page to LLR for their approval; and they will add it to the website. The Commission was reminded the Economic Interest Statements are due by April 15th. It was reported the Commission has a draft letter and will submit the draft letter for the Governor's Regulatory Review to Sheridan Spoon before the April 15th deadline.

Motion: Chairman Lempesis made a motion to accept the draft and have it sent to LLR. Commissioner Hay moved to accept the letter and Commissioner Hassell seconded it. The motion passed. Mrs. Cox noted the Upper Commission will send their letter to LLR separately in time for the April 15th deadline.

The air draft device was approved and will be installed by May 15th.

Mediation continues on the Savannah Commission. The meeting was delayed this week and they hope to have it next week.

The pilot and Commission fees are still pending in Columbia. There is no update at this time.

The Racon device is in the Pilot Office. The representative for the company that is installing the new device said that it does not work on vessels with new radar. They are not sure why. Chairman Lempesis asked if it would be helpful to send a letter from the Commission to the DOT. Capt. Cameron said that it would; and he will draft a letter and send a copy to LLR.

The pilots submitted a new rate card to the Commission as per policy. The cards reflect the new rates for tonnage, draft and the delay fees are now shown in a table.

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