

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

October 13, 2015  
899 Morrison Drive  
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman  
Mr. Henry Hay  
Capt Chris Thornton  
Ms. Amy Riley  
Mr. Billy Lempesis  
Mr. Stanley Gamble

Excused absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley  
Mrs. Kitty Cox

Staff and others present were:

LT. John Downing, USCG  
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
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 October 13, 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 September 8th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,202.00 and there were no deposits with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$6,703.77 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was no comment.

LT. Downing gave the Coast Guard report. Rebellion Reach still needs repaired. The racon is not working. The Pilots mentioned again about stocking parts so that the repairs came be made in a timelier manner. Buoy #80 is back up and running. Buoy's #37, 38, 39 have not been moved back to their locations yet.

Mrs. Cox was not present but she had sent the LLR report. Chairman Galloway gave the report. There is one physical for October and one for November. The NOD will be pre-filed for the new legislative session for January 2016. It has to be on file for 120 days. May of 2016 would be the time that the Regulations will timeout for passage. LLR Director Taylor has given the Governor's office another draft of the NTSB letter to be sent with the current date noted. Mrs. Cox will continue to check with Director Taylor on the status of the letter. Capt. Cameron has also asked Ms. Templeton to follow up with the Governor's office on this matter. Please continue to send in information to be posted on the web site for the Commission.

There was a meeting in Brunswick, Georgia with NOA on the right whale issue. There have not been a lot of sightings of the whales and violations are down. There is still a problem with speed.

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. In the Policy and Procedure Manual the applicants must meet Sea Fare physicals. This is a different physical than the one the Coast Guard requires for the pilots. The Commission will check with LLR and also check with the Mariners Union.

Under new business Ms. Amy Riley is now the Commission representative for the Charleston Propeller Club. Commissioner Lempesis is now the representative for the South Carolina State Ports Authority's Board Chairman. Commissioner Lempesis informed the Commission that the dock construction at the Wando Terminal has started and will take around 2 years to complete.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan  
Executive Secretary

David Galloway  
Chairman