

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting
May 8, 2018
899 Morrison Dr.
Charleston, SC 29402

Board Members present were:

Ms. Amy Riley (Chairman)
Capt. Whit Smith (sitting in for Capt. Thornton)
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. Keith Nell
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. David Galloway
Capt. Chris Thornton

Staff and other present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Brad Waring, Charleston Pilot Attorney
Lt. Richard Keefauver, USCG
Dr. Rita Melton LLR
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Attorney
Ms. Mary Sowell League, LLR Advice Attorney
Ms. Annabelle Thies, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday May 8, 2018 at the Maritime Association Office, 899 Morrison Dr. 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 Riley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes reference herein was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Riley asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to approve the agenda and Capt. Smith seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Riley asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the April 10, 2018 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and Capt. Smith seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$558.10 and there were no deposits, the Commission had \$9,530.80 on hand. **Motion:** Capt. Smith moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business Lt. Keefauver gave the Coast Guard report. The intensity of the night-lights on the Fort Sumter Range has been reduced. Buoys 6,7,8 have been moved to accommodate the harbor deepening. Buoys 4 and 6 in the Wando have been swapped out and Buoys 43-45 in the Cooper will be swapped out next. The Pilots thanked the Coast Guard for working with them on the range lights.

Dr. Melton gave the LLR Report. There were no physicals for May and one for June. There was no new information to report on the Lower Pilotage Policies and Procedures Manual. Please continue to send updates to the LLR Web site.

There was nothing new to report on the Savannah River Maritime Commission.

The Harbor Deeping Project is underway and the dredging company is keeping the pilots informed of where they will be dredging.

At the last meeting Capt. Cameron had drafted a letter for the Commission to review in regards to the concerns the pilots have with the Corp of Engineers placement of new reefs in the Pilot Boarding Area B. After the May meeting The Corp of Engineers called the pilots and requested a couple of weeks to review the concerns. The Pilots would like for the Commission to delay sending the letter until they hear back from the Corp of Engineers. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to delay the letter that was approved during the May meeting and Commissioner Nell seconded it. **The motion passed.**

Under new business Mr. Stuart advised the Commission that they would not need to make a motion on the new pilot rate card. The rate card was attached with the letter requesting the pilot increase (CPI) in March. The rate increase and rate card were both approved with a motion during the March 2018 meeting.

Under Commissioners comments, Capt. Smith informed the Commission that the pilots had received an incomplete application for pilot apprentice. The resume was given to Mrs. Milligan to be filed.

There were no legal comments.

Chairman Riley asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Under announcements, Commissioner Nell informed the Commissioner that the Wando Welch dock construction is complete. The Port is still only able to accommodate 2 vessels at a time until the new cranes are finished being constructed. He will continue to give the Commission updates.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Riley
Chairman

Noreen K. Milligan
Secretary
