

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

October 14, 2014
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. Henry Hay, Chairman
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. John Hassell
Mr. Billy Lempesis
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Stanly Gamble (for Mr. Riley)

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

CDR Heath Hartley, USCG
Capt. Whit Smith, Harbor Pilot
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, October 14, 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 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 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 September 9th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell 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 \$2,257.54 and there were two deposits that totaled \$6,080.33 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$7,831.01 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

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

Under old business, the Coast Guard gave their report. CDR Hartley said that the Coast Guard is sending out a notice with the help from the pilots to all maritime customers when a vessel was coming from West Africa. There was a vessel coming from Nigeria on Thursday to Kinder Morgan Terminal but there were no health concerns. Mrs. Cox asked if LLR could have a copy of that notice. Ms. Zaresk said that it was posted on the Maritime Associations website. Capt. Cameron pointed out that the last

port of call is not listed on the report. CDR Hartley said that they could call the Coast Guard for that information and if there is an issue with a vessel they will be notified.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. She reported there is one physical due for the month of October and one for November. She reported LLR has been contacted by DHEC regarding Ebola and there have been two conference calls regarding first responders, hospital protocols and preparedness. LLR requested that any questions be sent to DHEC in writing. LLR is asking everyone to be aware of information security and to keep all systems protected. LLR has provided a NOD (Notice of Drafting) for regulations to the Commission. It is good for 12 months. This will give the Commission time to write the new regulations; and LLR is available to advise the Commission. The drafted regulations must stay in the Legislature for 120 days. Please continue to send information to LLR electronically for the Pilot website.

Capt. Cameron did not have any new information on the Right Whale issue. He reported migration season runs from November 1 to April 30, 2015. Speeds are restricted to 10 knots while operating in the Mid-Atlantic Seasonal Management Area.

Commissioner Hassell had nothing new to report on the Savannah Maritime Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Lempesis made a motion request that the Commission go into Executive session so that the Personnel Committee could submit their recommendation for Pilot Apprentice Applications. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.** **Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lempesis to return to open session. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.** When the meeting reconvened Commissioner Hassell asked Capt. Smith the reason that they were hiring three apprentices. Capt. Smith said that two pilots were turning 70 and one was going to be retiring. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis moved to submit the top 13 applicants for an interview with the Pilots. Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Mrs. Milligan will send out letters to the applicants that did not make the final pool and also will send letters to the 13 top applicants that they will be contacted by the Pilots for an interview.

Under new business it was discussed to move the meeting for next month to November 18 due to November 11, 2014 being a holiday. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton made the motion to move the meeting date to November 18, 2014. Commissioner Lempesis seconded it. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Hay informed the Commission that Commissioner Galloway would be the new Chairman. Commissioner Galloway thanked Chairman Hay for his service this past year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

Henry Hay
Chairman