

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

September 17, 2013
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. William Lempesis, Chairman
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. John Hassell
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Harbor Pilot
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, September 17, 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 provided 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 August 13th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,164,52 and there was one deposit of \$25.00 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$4,411.35 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Lempesis asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard reported that there was an incident where the antennae on the Northern General going outbound hit the Don Holt Bridge. They are investigating. There was no damage to the bridge. The buoy's #35 and 38 are

back in place. The Coast Guard thanked the pilots for hosting the USCG personnel. They were able to tour the pilot facility and boats.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. There was one physical in August and one in September. LLR has designed a badge that the pilots can carry in their wallets. It has the LLR logo, photo of pilot, name, birthdate and gender. On the reverse side it has statute language regarding pilotage. The badge does not have an expiration date or pilot number on it. Under the Security of Materials Plan: all Commission members will have board materials shredded when meetings are finished, if they were given any materials. Commissions will be moving to a secure web site where nothing will be allowed to be printed from there. LLR assigned Commission member e-mails will be coming. LLR is still updating the pilot web-site.

There has been no reply from NOAA on the Right Whale letter sent by Governor Haley. The pilots have asked the Senators to follow up with NOAA on this matter.

There will be a meeting on October 1 or 2nd with the Savannah River Commission. Commissioner Hassel will have an update for the next meeting.

The racon device on the Don Holt Bridge was replaced on September 11. A new manufacturer was used and the device is working great. Capt. Cameron said that the racon on the Ravenel is the old version. He has been in touch with the President of the company and he is sending a replacement and a technician.

Under new business, Chairman Lempesis introduced Commissioner Hay as the next Chairman for the Pilot Commission. He will take over the duties in October.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

William P. Lempesis
Chairman