

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

July 12, 2016
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Mr. Henry Hay
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Billy Lempesis
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Excused absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Ms. Amy Riley

Staff and others present were:

LT. John Downing, USCG
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Dr. Rita Melton, LLR
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime 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 July 12, 2016 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 June 13th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$402.00 and there was one deposit with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$15,369.30 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. Mrs. Bennett introduced 2 interns from the Marine Academy that were working with the pilots.

LT. Downing gave the Coast Guard report. The Pilots informed the Coast Guard that they were concerned with a paddle boarder that was getting to close to the vessels. The Coast Guard would look into it.

Dr. Melton gave the LLR report. There was one physical in July. Mr. Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel, spoke with Mr. Morant, LLR Procurement Director, on the Commission hiring an occupational physician as a vendor to review and consult with the Commission on the pilot applicant's physicals. Mr. Morant suggested that instead of using a Request for Proposal that the Commission advertises a Request for Quote. Mr. Stuart has a sample RFQ form for the Board to review and use as a model. He is also checking with the Medical Assoc. to see if there are other effective ways of communication with the occupational physicians that are qualified and interested in reviewing the physicals. The Medical Assoc. publication will not be published until September and he is trying to see if there is a quicker means of notifying them. Please continue to send information to be posted on the LLR website

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

Capt. Cameron, Mr. Stuart and Dr. Melton met to review the information that had previously been shared with the Governor's office on the Fatigue Study conducted by the Commission and to review the additional NTSB questions that need to be answered. The NTSB wanted to know –

By what methods and how frequently are pilots informed of the hazards of fatigue and effective strategies for preventing it.

Specifically, what hours-of-service rules have been implemented to address the issues raised in element (2) of this recommendation?

Capt. Cameron drafted a new letter to the Governor covering the new information that was requested. Commissioner Hay made a motion to accept the draft and to have it sent to the Governor's office with a cover letter from the Commission. **The Motion passed.**

The pilot apprentices are at their mid-point and all have scored 3.4 out of 4. The pilots are very pleased with their progress.

Under new business Capt. Smith asked the Commission for clarification on the retirement date for 2 pilots that are turning 70 next year. The pilots are registered in January for the whole year so they would be able to work for the entire year and retire at the end of December. The Commission will have an answer at the next meeting.

Ms. Pam Zaresk of the Maritime Assoc. is leaving and will be moving to Florida. The Commission wishes her all the best in her new endeavors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman