

Meeting Minutes
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners

April 7, 2021 9:00 am
2728 Athania Pkwy
Metairie, LA 70002

1. Call to Order – *Meeting called to order at 9:00am*
2. Roll Call – *In attendance: Capt. Jack Anderson, Capt. Mark Delesdernier, III, Capt. David Renegar, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director), Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff) For portion of meeting on Safe Navigation, Capt. Michael Bopp, Capt. Blaine Donner, were also in attendance*
3. Approval of Minutes from March Meeting – *Meeting minutes unanimously approved*
4. Public Comments – *No Public Comments*
5. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 3/15/20 *Hudsongracht Unit #28*
Type of Occurrence – Other-Landed on cement wall
Claim made to dock. Schedule pilot to meet with Commission
 - 3/21/20 *Common Spirit Unit #6*
Type of Occurrence – Other-Issue with Chalmette Ferry
Determined to be non-incident
 - Report on Current Investigations
 - 2/24/21 *Great Epsilon Allision – Unit 28*
Mike to call to Stolt – individual not institutional issue
Scheduled pilot to do additional training at MPI with Commissioners in attendance to include 1 day of simulation training including docking at Chalmette Slip
 - Report on Pilot Compliance with requirements from Findings & Conclusions
Capt. Ferrer has completed 1 day of 2 days of training.
 - Report on Pilot Compliance
 - i. Continuing Education
 - ii. Licenses and Physicals*Report given. No compliance issues at this time.*

- Review disposition of year-old Notices to Commissioners
Reviewed 2 old notices. Non-issues.
- Update on the status of deputy pilots
Update was given on the status of each deputy pilot. All on schedule to meet the 70 trips requirement by their 6 month date.

6. Committee Reports

a. Safe Navigation

- Discuss use of email and GroupMe
Discussed and determined everyone was ok with the talk that was non-safe nav on either email or GroupMe
- Policy of Safe Navigation Recommendations
 - Inform pilot users of restrictions
 - Guidance for pilots
Capt. Anderson informed group that Abe Strickland no longer is on committee. Blaine Donner was made a voting member and will attempt to recruit an alternate member
Proposal made by Will Short to move High River recommendation to 12 ft for head downs. Vote passed. Capt. Anderson to write up the new 12 ft. recommendation. Will need to send to Association and put on website.

b. Professional Development

- Review proposal to mandate 20 hours of Commission tailored professional development each 5-year cycle
Discussed and determined that it is a good idea but not at this time.

7. Update on filing of regulation changes

Update given. Notice of Intent has been published and May 17, 10am is date of the public hearing at 2728 Athania Pkwy

8. Review old notices to Commissioner regarding pilot trends

Tabled to a future meeting

9. Report on Seven Oaks Dock

Capt. Bopp gave a report and shared the plans of Seven Oaks Dock

10. Apprentice Program

- Confirm start date of next group
- Set another meeting date to finish planning for the 2021-22 Apprentice Program, ie. Monthly Schedule, Mentors, Work Rules, Questions
- *Start date of new apprentice class will be 7/1/21*
- *Capt. Miller of Bar Pilots will be contacted to confirm approval of the new apprentices starting to make Southwest Pass trips*

- *Capt. Craig Clasen, Capt. Jarrett McNeely and Capt. Scott Loga all have offered to be mentors.*
- *Once mentors are chosen, meeting with mentors will be scheduled*

11. New Business

No new business

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm. Next Commission meeting scheduled for 5/12/21 at 9am.