



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Minutes

1030-1230hrs

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Venue: Portland Spirit, 110 SE Caruthers St, Portland, OR 97214

Officers

Chair: Fred Myer

Vice-Chair: Cale Karrick

Secretary: Susan Johnson

Administrator: Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

In attendance: Scott Ferguson (WA DOE), Kirk Bonnin (Olympic Tug and Barge), Crescent Moegling (NOAA), Dennis Corwin (Portland Spirit), Noa Lidstone (McCall Oil), Dusten Wilson (McCall Oil), Dan Jordan (Columbia River Bar Pilots), Josh Nichols (Tidewater Barge Lines), Holly Robinson (MFSA), Brian Fletcher (Tidewater), Jon Aschoff (Colrip), Capt. Timmons (USCG), Capt. Berliner (USCG), Capt. Griffiths (USCG), LCDR Springer (USCG), Ken Laurenson (USCG), Steve Ackerman (CCBP), Lars Uglum (Port of Vancouver), Mark Bailey (NOAA), Milt Buker (Pacific Power), John Sample (Pacific Power), Sharon Matlock (Pacific Power), Carl Obermeier (BP Shipping), Michele Schallip (USCG), Sean Clark (Port of St. Helens), David O'Neil (Pacific Power), Ross McDonald (Sause Bros.), Tony Sellers (USCG), Christian Jones (Port of Portland); Kate Mickelson (CRSOA); Hannah Zaayer (CRSOA).

1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Fred Myer

Fred Myer called the meeting to order at 1030 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted.

2. Officers for 2017

The Managing Board meeting elected the Officers for 2017 and they were introduced to the membership:

President: Cale Karrick

Vice President: Sean Clark

Secretary: Susan Johnson

3. Review of Minutes from July Meeting

July meeting minutes were distributed via email or via download from the website. In the future, they will also be attached to the agenda for ease of access.

4. Brief Administrative Update—Bekah Canfield

a. 2017 Schedule and Meeting Times

Upon discussion with the Membership, the meeting times for the 2017 meetings have shifted from morning on the 2nd Wednesdays of the Odd Number Months to afternoon to best accommodate the needs of our Port members. The schedule for 2017 is as follows:

- January 11

- March 8

- May 10

- July 12

- September 13

- November 8

5. Financial Report—Chair, Fred Myer

a. **2016 Contribution and Budget Report**

Fred gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. 2017 invoicing will be going out soon.

6. National Harbor Safety Conference 2016: Hotwash

The next NHSC will be held in 2018 in Houston. Representatives from the Lower Columbia Region will be participating in the National Planning Committee to help facilitate some lessons learned etc... For future events, local press and legislative representatives should also be contacted.

7. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives

a. **Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Anchorages –Capt. Rick Gill/ Jon Aschoff—No report
2. Extreme Water – Jon Gornick
3. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson
 - a. Notice of the newly updated Harbor Safety Plan is live and available for download on the website.
 - b. USCG has recommended an amendment to the Incident Management Guidelines in relation to Medical Emergency Response. A workgroup is being formed to create a new section to address this.
4. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots: Following the summer focus and onset of crabbing season, the cutter fleet is recapitalizing and new cutters are being built with assignments of some to Astoria and Columbia River.
5. Outreach – Heather Stebbings: Some upriver interest and tribal/environmental outreach but so far none have attended meetings. Inviting Port of Morrow.
6. Navigation – Capt. Dan Jordan: Nothing since last meeting.

8. CRVTS Update, Washington Department of Ecology

Scott Ferguson introduced himself and his colleagues. A draft of the upriver characterizations has been given to Rick Gill and looking for more feedback with a meeting tentatively scheduled for early January. A scenario workshop is being developed and the project timeline includes: January 2017 meeting, draft report to Olympia by May 2017, budget recommendations to Olympia by June 30, 2017, final report goal June 2018.

9. Storm Safety and Anchorages: Pilots Report, Capt. Dan Jorden (CR Bar Pilots) and Capt. Rick Gill (COLRIP)

Columbia River Bar Pilots: the bar has been closed twice during this period, vacating the lower anchorages and moving vessels up river during storms.

Columbia River Pilots: During the storm period there was a manpower issue in relation to the fatigue rules due to the number of vessels; Rice Island was used as an anchorage to test out how the ship handles. Currently 3 vessels are at Rice. According to Cale, the cost to move a vessel upriver can be ~\$35k plus daily lay berth fees. Shaver has a standby tug ready to assist.

10. Pacific Power Presentation

Representatives from Pacific Power presented about submerged cables in the river and the importance of “call before you dig!” Of particular note: the Centennial Bridge cable and the Broadway Bridge cable.



11. Union Pacific Railroad: Steel Bridge Construction Project Presentation & Update, Jerad Harmsen, P.E., Union Pacific Railroad

Representatives from Union Pacific Railroad presented on the required upcoming maintenance of the Steel Bridge (constructed in 1911). The control system and the electrical system both need to be updated. The Steel Bridge is a vertical lift bridge with 2 levels (one for light rail and car traffic, one for bikes, pedestrians and railroad) each level can operate independently of the other. The requested marine outage has been moved from November to December and now proposed in January 2017. The USCG D13 is considered the “Bridge Administrator.”

12. USCG Update: PAWSA Study and Waterfront Park Task Force

The USCG updated the LCRHSC on the purpose of the PAWSA study (shows trends on water and risk based management practices). The Waterfront Park Task Force (Willamette River Safety Committee) is being formed. This will bring a team approach to deconflicting waterways in partnership with the Navigation Safety Committee Task Force which includes the Harbormaster as a member.

13. New Business/Good of the Order.

Announcement: Derelict vessels in the river who stay in place more than 30 days will be given a trespassing notice as per Dept. of State Lands ruling.