



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

LCRHSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting—January 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee (LCRHSC) General Membership was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Port of Kalama. Vice Chair Fred Myer called the meeting to order at 1025hrs.

In attendance:

Fred Myer, <i>Chair</i>	Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, <i>Secretary</i>
Cale Karrick, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Dan Jordan, Columbia Bar Pilots
Duffy Daniels, Wilhelmsen	Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Assn.
Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange	Mike Zollitsch, Oregon DEQ
Brian Kirk, WA Dept. of Ecology	Hans Meere, EGT
Heather Stebbings, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association.	Jon Gornick, US Corps of Engineers
Fred Harding, Shaver Transportation	Capt. Rick Gill, Columbia River Pilots
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine
Laura Springer, USCG MSU Portland	Ernie Quesada, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Ashley Helenberg, Port of Longview	Brian Fletcher, Tidewater Barge Lines
Crescent Moegling, NOAA	Jon Aschoff, Columbia River Pilots
Randy Clark, USCG	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Ed Irish, Tesoro	Rick Williams, OR Military Dept
Chris Springer, USCG	Doug Coburn, General Steamship
Sean Clark, Port of St. Helens	Erika Barron, USCG Command Center
Pat Ropp, USCG	Mark Bailey, NOAA
Rosemary Firestine, USCG Response	

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Fred Myer at 1015hrs and self introductions were made.

1. Review of Minutes:
 - a. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented. No further questions or comments.
2. Administrative Update:
 - a. Liz Wainwright gave a brief administrative update. The updated database and attendance rosters have been uploaded onto the website and the website remains current. A Port host is still needed for the May 2016 meeting—volunteers are encouraged to notify Bekah as soon as possible.

- b. The LCRHSC ended 2015 at 43% of the financial budget goal which covered basic expenses. 2016 invoicing will begin in January 2016 and the Managing Board has set a goal of 80% participation.
3. National Harbor Safety Conference 2016:
- a. A review of the conference call minutes from the National Harbor Safety Committee Planning Committee was discussed. The title of the event will be: “21st Century Waterways, the Changing Tide in Harbor Safety”.
 - b. Fundraising for the National Conference continues to be actively pursued. \$10k has been raised from five ports towards a fundraising goal of \$60k.
 - c. Ashley Helenberg reported that the fundraising request has been updated and distributed to the small working group tasked with outreach.
 - d. Volunteers for people willing to work on specific topics are currently being sought.
4. Review of Active Working Committee Reports:
- a. Harbor Safety Plan Update: Kate reported that the Anchorages chapter has been reviewed and approved by the Managing Board. Randy Clark is currently reviewing the Severe Weather and Natural Disasters section and present at the March meeting. All of the chapters of the HSP will have been reviewed by the March meeting. A complete Harbor Safety Plan Update will be presented and uploaded on the website by May 2016.
 - b. Anchorages: Capt. Gill reported that there are two projects currently underway: 3 anchorages are being designated and 3 stern buoys to be sited. The USCG is currently going through proper rulemaking channels to set designations. Heather Stebbings added that the Corps found that three new stern buoys are justifief to be placed (cost \$1.3M); ports are looking for local sponsor support (\$330K/\$75L per port).
 - c. Make Way: CDR Firestine, USCG gave an update on patrol boat ops in Longview and Vancouver areas rather than the usual offshore ops in an attempt to mitigate recreational vessels impeding commercial traffic.
 - d. Outreach: Heather Stebbings attended the Walla Walla Corps District Annual Meeting—there is an interest there in partnering more with the Coast Guard and Harbor Safety Committee and attending a meeting.
 - e. Navigation: Capt. Dan Jordan reported that routine maintenance will be occurring in March 2016 with an extended outage expected for 14wks starting December 2016.
 - f. CRVTSA Work Group: “Columbia River Vessel Traffic Safety Assessment”. Capt. Rick Gill, Chair reported that a meeting was held last week and a charter between the DOE and HSC Work Group is in progress. The Managing Board will vote on the Charter in the next week via eVote and the results will be presented at the March meeting.

5. USCG Vessel Incidents, Laura Springer. Nothing to report.
6. New Business/Good of the Order
 - a. Rick Gill is now the President of the Columbia River Pilots and Jon Aschoff is the Vice President. At a vote of the Managing Board, Jon Aschoff is now the alternate representative for Colrip on the Managing Board.
 - b. Rick Williams, OR Military Department, advised that there has been a formally designated danger zone at Camp Rilea for live fire ops—the designation is listed in the Coast Pilot. There will be a deployment next summer of a new wave energy device. The test deployment of a device a year ago is what helped to win a grant from the USDOE based on that performance.
 - c. Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Assn, announced that the MFSA Annual Meeting will be held January 26, 2016 in Vancouver.
 - d. USCG Air Station Astoria will be getting a MH-60 Helicopter in yellow instead of orange. They will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary.
 - e. Capt. Ropp, USCG announced that the industry breakfast will be held Thursday January 21, 2016.
 - f. Kate Mickelson, CRSOA announced that the CRSOA Industry Luncheon on 2/11/16 will now be held at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club.
7. Motion to Adjourn: General Membership Meeting adjourned at 1115hrs.

The next meeting of the LCRHSC will be held at MSU Portland on March 9, 2016.