



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

LCRHSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting—March 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee (LCRHSC) General Membership was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the United States Coast Guard MSU Portland. 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 River Bar Pilots
Jon Aschoff, COLRIP	Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Assn.
Rick Gill, COLRIP	Mark Bayer, Tesoro
Pat Ropp, US Coast Guard	Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Heather Stebbings, PNWA	Josh Nichols, Tidewater
Ashley Helenberg, Port of Longview	Paul Hendriks, Foss Maritime Co.
Eric Burnette, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots	Sean Clark, Port of St. Helens
Tim Patching, COLRIP	Tony Sellers, US Coast Guard Rec
Bob McFarland, USCG D13	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping	Fred Harding, Shaver Transportation
Kirk Bonnin, Olympic Tug and Barge	Robin Wright, Merchants Exchange
Sam Shogren, Shogren Consulting	Duffy Daniels, Wilhelmsen Ship Services
Carl Bertepelle, Talon Marine	Scott Ferguson, WA DOE
Erik Swenningson, Port of Kalama	Brian Kirk, WA DOE
Ken Lawrenson, US Coast Guard	Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange
Andy Meyer, Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Mike Titone, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Jon Gornick, Army Corps of Engineers	Hans Meere, EGT LLC
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange
Mike Zollitsch, Oregon DEQ	

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Fred Myer at 1015hrs and self-introductions were made. Capt. Ropp, USCG presented former Chair Kirk Bonnin with a plaque of appreciation from USCG MSU Portland for his work with the Harbor Safety Committee in the past year.

1. Review of Minutes:
 - a. The minutes of the January meeting were approved with one change: Navigation Report was listed as Dan Jordan which is incorrect. Minutes will be changed. Approved as amended. No further questions or comments.
2. Administrative Update:

- a. Bekah Canfield gave a brief administrative update. The updated database and attendance rosters have been uploaded onto the website and the website remains current.
 - b. The LCRHSC ended 2015 at 43% of the financial budget goal which covered basic expenses. 2016 invoicing began in January 2016 and the Managing Board has set a goal of 80% participation.
3. Financial Report—Chair, Fred Myer
 - a. Fred reported that the current status of the 2016 Contributions stands at 18 of 45 invoiced participating currently. The goal of the Harbor Safety Committee is 80% participation in the Contributions for sustainability. Currently working with the USCG and USACE regarding Federal level contributions.
4. National Harbor Safety Conference 2016:
 - a. A marketing meeting was held 3/10/16. The USCG Comdant is scheduled to attend and the planning committee is currently working on “key influencers.”
 - b. \$35k of the \$60k goal has been raised.
 - c. Vigor Industrial is the primary sponsor of the Cruise.
5. Review of Active Working Committee Reports:
 - a. Anchorages: Nothing new to report. USCG is working on 3 new anchorages and 3 new stern buoys and funding.
 - b. Bridges: Nothing to report at this time. Questions regarding whether this sub-committee should stand down. Managing Board will address in May.
 - c. Extreme Water: Nothing to report. Water levels reflect that rain fall has been up and snow pack is at 87%. We have reached our yearly average 6.5 months early.
 - d. Harbor Safety Plan: The Managing Board has reviewed the Severe Weather and Dead Ship Tow Chapters. The Introduction, Appendix I and Appendix II and overall plan review/website review is scheduled for Board Approval in May.
 - e. Make Way: District 13 patrol boats in the Columbia River adds an additional Search and Rescue capability to the River. Mooring Ball location in Astoria for USCG Patrol Boats etc.. will go to the Pilots prior to being opened up for public comment. PAWSA is coming up in 4Q 2016, the last one was held in 2000. It will be a 2 day workshop on how the waterways are currently being used. As more information is made available, the USCG will update.
 - f. Outreach: Heather Stebbings reported that there is a new member to the Outreach Sub-Committee; Sam Shogren. The sub-committee is currently welcoming ideas and looking upriver. Walla-Walla District Corps is interested in

participation and could possibly present at a later date.

- g. Navigation: Weather buoy 46029 lost wind capability 20mi off the Bar. It will be replaced in August/September 2016. Buoy 8 disappeared in last storm. USCG put AIS virtual aid in place within 48 hours which was extremely helpful (Pilots). The Buoy is currently back in place. The Virtual Aid represents the Buoy while it is being replaced. Crabber-Towboat lames meeting with WA Sea Grant in Astoria to address the issue of crab fisherman attempting to direct ship traffic around crabs.
 - h. CRVTSA Work Group: "Columbia River Vessel Traffic Safety Assessment". Capt. Rick Gill, Chair reported that a meeting was held in January and the upcoming meeting will be held later today. A charter between the DOE and HSC Work Group has been signed. Scott Ferguson, WA DOE introduced the DNVGL Contractors who will be working on the Assessment. They have an office in Portland and will be attending future HSC meetings to report and collect information..
6. LOADMAX Presentation:
Chair Fred Myer gave an informative presentation on the LOADMAX tool developed by the Port of Portland. It is a critical tool for the export system and the Pilots.
7. USCG Vessel Incidents, Laura Springer. Nothing to report.
8. New Business/Good of the Order
- a. Notifications that a strong storm is moving into the Coastal region with wind speeds of 70-80kn
 - b. Northwest Area Contingency Meeting will be held May 17-18
 - c. Cascadia Rising is scheduled for June 7-10
 - d. Clean Pacific Seattle Conference is June 21-23
9. Motion to Adjourn: General Membership Meeting adjourned at 1135hrs.

The next meeting of the LCRHSC will be held at Port of Vancouver on May 11, 2016.