



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Minutes

1415-1530hrs
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Venue: Clean Rivers Cooperative, Operations Facility

Officers

Chair: Fred Myer

Vice-Chair: Cale Karrick

Secretary: Susan Johnson

Administrator: Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

In attendance:

Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Fred Harding, Shaver Transportation	Fred Myer, Port of Portland
Sean Clark, Port of St Helens	Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Kirk Bonnin, Olympic Tug & Barge	Jon Gornick, US Army Corps of Engineers
Geoff Doerfler, Tidewater	Jon Aschoff, Columbia River Pilots
Kate Mickelson, Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association	Hannah Zaayer, Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association
Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Kristin Meira, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association	Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire & Safety Association	Ernie Quesada, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Peter Bennett, Millennium Bulk Terminals	Hans Meere, EGT
Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots	Cale Karrick, Transmarine
David Berliner, United States Coast Guard	Larry Risley, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement

1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Cale Karrick

Cale called the meeting to order at 1415 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted.

Agenda has been amended due to scheduling conflicts: the Waterfront Park Task Force presentation will be moved to the March meeting.

2. Review of Minutes from November 2016 Meeting

November meeting minutes were distributed via email or via download from the website. Representatives from CRSOA were mistakenly left off the minutes; minutes from November 2016 meeting were accepted as amended.

3. Brief Administrative Update—Bekah Canfield

Bekah gave a brief update reminding the membership to check the website for meeting schedules and to use the sign in sheets so the minutes remain accurate.

4. Financial Report—Chair, Cale Karrick

a. 2017 Contribution Cycle

Cale gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. 2017 invoicing has gone out. The goal for participation continues to be 80%. Last year was 56% participation.

b. 2016 YE Financial Standing: Liz Wainwright

Liz gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership.

5. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives

a. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Anchorages –Jon Aschoff: Currently working on the 2 proposed Anchorages. During the last storm, Rice Island was used to great success. Port of Portland, and Millennium Bulk also have anchorages/lay berths available. The application for the 3 new stern buoys has been completed and will hopefully be installed in August.
2. Extreme Water – Jon Gornick: Snow pack is up after a wet winter season. Watching for May-June when the snow melt flows.
3. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson
 - a. The current goal is to modernize the look of the Harbor Safety Plan and make the pdf searchable. Every section will be updated annually and an update is coming soon.
4. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots: Not currently “Make way season” The cutter fleet is recapitalizing and new cutters are being built with assignments of Fast Response Cutters to Astoria and Columbia River. Also trying to get patrol boats from District for mid-river/Longview area. A reminder was made that foreign workers aboard vessels must go ashore at public access points only, as approved by CBP. There were some reports of individuals going ashore on private property.
5. Outreach – Kristin Meira. Some upriver interest and tribal/environmental outreach, welcome to Officer Larry Risley of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement! Inviting Port of Morrow.
6. Navigation – Capt. Dan Jordan: All three NOAA Weather Buoys are currently gone and unsure of when they will be redeployed (could be May or June). The sea buoys (wave buoys) are still operational but there is no wave approaching buoy. This is the first time that all three have been lost at the same time. 2 broke loose and went adrift and one stopped working. After discussion with membership, it was agreed that NOAA will be invited to give a presentation regarding the buoys at their next availability. Bekah Canfield will coordinate.

6. CRVTSA Update, Washington Department of Ecology

A scenario workshop is being developed and the project timeline includes: January 2017 meeting that was held at the Merchants Exchange, an additional meeting scheduled in February 2017 (also hosted at the Merchants Exchange) looking at risk mitigation data and reduction in risk, draft report to Olympia by May 2017, budget recommendations to Olympia by June 30, 2017, final



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report goal June 2018.

7. New Business/Good of the Order.

- a. Astoria Meeting: The Astoria meeting will be held at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, in the Train Depot adjacent.