

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

December 11, 2012

Present:

Chairman: Harry Dudley

Commissioners: Ned Kiley, Chuck Adams, Pat Hannigan, Don Mayer, Grant Stewart,
Phil Morrell and Elsie Hulsizer

Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Andy Coe, Ivan Carlson, Dick McCurdy and Walt Tabler: Puget Sound Pilots

Mike Moore, Vince Addington, Doug Coburn: Pacific Merchant Shipping Assn.

Matt Denning, William Hickey: USCG

Bud Carley: PS Pilot Trainee

Scott Coleman, Brian Jensen: Pilot applicants

Rob Kromann, Loren Lee: Public

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Alki Conference Room at 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Minutes. The November 15, 2012 Minutes stand approved as written, with two minor edits.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consideration of Licensure of PSPD Pilot Trainee: Captain W.M. "Bud" Carley. On behalf of the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) Commissioner Hannigan reported that after a thorough review of all Captain Carley's *Trainee Trip Reports* submitted to the Board, his successful completion of all conning quizzes and local knowledge exams, and his compliance with all other training requirements, the TEC unanimously recommends the issuance of a state pilot license to Captain Carley.

Motion: Hannigan/Adams – the Board deems Captain Carley suitable for licensing but delays the issuance of a license until there is a need for a pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District – Carried.

Motion: Hannigan/Hulsizer - the TEC will present three options to Captain Carley: enter a *Post-Training Program*, not enter a *Post-Training Program*, or take PPU training – Carried. Motion: Hannigan/Adams – if Captain Carley should opt for PPU training, Captain Ed Marmol be designated the training pilot, acting as a one-person member of a new "Portable Piloting Unit Training Sub-committee" under the Trainee Evaluation Committee – Carried.

Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: WESTWOOD DISCOVERY, 11-12-12

West Waterway, Seattle	Failure of thruster controller during approach to the berth	Near Miss	<u>Motion:</u> Adams/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: CSL CABO, 11-12-12

CertainTeed Gypsum Dock	Failure of shore side conveyor. Vessel was moved to deeper water due to impending extreme minus tide	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as Correspondence – Carried.
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BPC Investigative Report: PALANA, 12-18-07. At the request of Chairman Dudley, former Board member Captain Richard McCurdy, performed an investigation into an alleged grounding involving the *M/V PALANA* on December 18, 2007, with one pilot and four trainees aboard. This allegation came to light while recently deposing the plaintiff in a litigation case, completely unrelated to this matter. Captain McCurdy presented a very thorough report to the Board and concluded that all allegations are without foundation. Motion: Kiley/Mayer – file the report as an investigation into an allegation that was found to have no substance – Carried with Commissioner Adams abstaining.

Resumption of Pilotage Duties – PSP President. Puget Sound Pilots President, Captain Andy Coe will be resuming pilotage duties in early March of 2013. He will be stepping down from his position as President on January 15th after 3.5 years in office. Motion: Hannigan/Morrell – the Board approve the TEC’s recommendation to require Captain Coe to take 8 specified refresher/training trips prior to January 14, 2013 – Carried.

Pilot’s Report of Incident: PS Pilot V. Engstrom – ALASKAN FRONTIER, 11-24-12

Cherry Point BP Dock		Deferred to next regular Board meeting.
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Pilot’s Report of Incident: PS Pilot D. Soriano – POLAR RESOLUTION, 12-4-12

Cherry Point BP Dock		Deferred to next regular Board meeting.
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Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- The TEC met on December 10th
- Training Program progress was reviewed for Captains Lowery, Coryell and Brouillard
- Captain Bill Lowery is unable to finish his training program due to the lack of Terminal 86 and Port Townsend jobs. The TEC recommends a modification to his program. Motion: Hannigan/Stewart – substitute all available inbound jobs that dock at TEMCO, Tacoma between now and the next TEC meeting in January for the Terminal 86 job requirements; and allow rides on Washington State Ferries to substitute for the Port Townsend jobs – Carried.
- The Train-the-Trainer Course was held December 3rd and 5th. T-t-T Subcommittee Chairman, Ned Kiley, gave an overview of the class saying that his committee and the participants were very satisfied overall. Dr. Norman Hertz reviewed the course content, curriculum and objectives and approved the course as being valid, reliable and appropriate. Three of the 55 pilots, from both districts, were not in attendance.
- The draft Grays Harbor Training Program is a work in progress and is nearing completion.

Legislative/WAC Committee: It was suggested that WAC 363-116-084 be reviewed for purposes of adding language describing a defined time period in which to conduct Simulator Evaluation reviews. Currently, the Board is unable to move forward with the announcement of a final ranked list from which to select new trainees because of the lengthy review process.

Tariff Policy Committee: The Committee continues to discuss improvements to the current tariff setting process.

Pilot Exam Committee: The Simulator Evaluation Review Sub-committee reported that five of the eight requested reviews are complete. The final ranked list with names will not be established until the review process is complete, ideally by the January Board meeting.

Activity Reports. Gary Nelson, representing Port of Grays Harbor, Captain Andy Coe, representing Puget Sound Pilots, and Captain Mike Moore, representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, presented current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events.

Correspondence Review. The Board was recently notified by PSP that a license-limited pilot was dispatched to a vessel that exceeded his tonnage limitation. The vessel’s data was not updated in PSP computers since it had last called here ten years ago. The tonnage alteration in 2005 was unnoticed by PSP dispatch but was discovered by the pilot after he was on the vessel and underway. PSP has put measures in place to avoid this problem in the future.

The Board is in receipt of a copy of a letter from PSP to Congressman Norm Dicks concerning a Naval installation at the Ediz Hook Coast Guard Station in Port Angeles. PSP intends to meet with Navy personnel to present the negative impacts this would have on the pilot operations at the pilot station.

BPC Staff Report. Ideas were shared with regard to hosting the next Pilotage Authority Regional Conference. One suggestion was March 21/22 which would fall on the heels of the West Coast Pilot Conference scheduled in Seattle on March 18/19. Inquiries will be sent to interested participants.

A retirement survey from Puget Sound Pilots was requested and will be reviewed by the TEC prior to the next Board meeting to determine when the Puget Sound district may need additional trainees.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. The next regular meeting will be held January 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the Alki Conference Room, 5th floor, 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle. Further discussion led to an attempt to set future monthly meeting dates which are accommodating to all. This remains unresolved but will be revisited next month.

A CLOSED SESSION was called from 12:35 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. to review physical exam reports. In attendance were Commissioners Dudley, Kiley, Hannigan, Mayer, Adams, Hulsizer, Morrell and Stewart; Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson. Regular session was reconvened by the Chairman immediately following closed session.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports. Motion: Hulsizer/Adams - accept the physicians' reports for Captains S.E. Moreno, E.M. vonBrandenfels, J.B. Harris, D.G. Mackenzie, L.P. Emerson and A.J. Newman for annual pilot license renewal - Carried. One Puget Sound Pilot was declared medically unfit and will be temporarily relieved of pilotage duties.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dudley adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

Absent

Norman W. Davis, Acting Vice Chairman

Commissioner Elsie J. Hulsizer

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

Commissioner Patrick M. Hannigan

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart