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**STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS**

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 13, 2011

Hotel Captain Cook - Anchorage, Alaska

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2), AS 08.62.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Marine Pilots was held held January 13, 2011 in Anchorage, Alaska.

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Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 0833 by Chairman Curtis Thayer. The Marine Pilot Coordinator (MPC) conducted roll call.

Members present constituting a quorum were:

Mr. Robert Arts	- Agent Member
Captain Dale Collins	- Pilot Member
Mr. Rick Erickson	- Agent Member
Captain Mike O'Hara	- Pilot Member
Mr. Robert Richmond	- Public Member
Mr. Tylan Schrock	- Public Member
Mr. Curtis Thayer	- Commissioner's Designee

Staff present:

Renda Heimbigner, Marine Pilot Coordinator (MPC)

Public present:

Bruce Weyhrauch	Bruce Weyhrauch LLC
Captain Paul Merrill	Southeast AK Pilots Association
Captain Bill Gillespie	Alaska Marine Pilots
Kirby Day	Princess Cruises
Bob Berto	Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska
Captain Richard Gurry	Southeast AK Pilots Association
Captain Greg Styrk	Southeast AK Pilots Association
Captain Jay Boyer	Alaska Marine Pilots

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Captain Scott Jones	Southeast AK Pilots Association
Ron Hildebrandt	Trident Seafoods
Gary Messer	Eimskip PTI
Jim Lee	Alaska Maritime Agencies
Tom Rueter	Alaska Maritime Agencies
Captain Larry Vose	self
Captain Bob Winter	Southeast AK Pilots Association
Captain Mike Terminel	Edison Chouest Offshore
Captain Carter Whalen	Alaska Marine Pilots
Kate Tesar	Alaska Steamship Association
Captain Sam Daniels	Southeast AK Pilots Association
Captain Hans Antonsen	self
Jacob Sonneborn	Ashburn & Mason
Captain Jeff Pierce	Southwest Alaska Pilots Association
Captain Chris Biagi	Southeast AK Pilots Association
Mike Baker	Aleut Enterprise, LLC

Review / Set Agenda

The Chairman introduced Mr. Bob Richmond and Mr. Tylan Schrock as newly appointed public members to the Board.

No additions or changes were noted for the agenda.

Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest / Recusals

03:08 Mr. Schrock declared a matter not related to the Board, but in conjunction with Mr. Richmond. The Chairman explained his knowledge of the matter and determined it did not violate AS 39.52.110.190.

No additional declarations were presented.

Agenda Item 1 Review / Approve Minutes

04:30 Captain Jeff Baken of Southeast AK Pilots Association (SEAPA) requested a correction to the October minutes regarding the 42 month training requirement in SEAPA's training program. A paragraph reference to SEAPA's training program was also corrected. On a motion by Captain O'Hara, seconded by Captain Collins, and carried without dissent, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes for October 13, 2010 as amended.

Public Comment

07:26 The Chairman opened the floor to public comment.

Kate Tesar, representing Alaska Steamship Association (ASA), questioned the submission of a document in the meeting packet. She also asked if a letter from ASA regarding a rate filing had been provided to the Board.

Mr. Thayer addressed the matter of late submissions for the meeting packets and set a deadline of 7 days prior to each meeting for materials to be distributed to Board members, and 21 days for Pilot Association documents that entail advance reading.

Mr. Thayer explained the document questioned by Ms. Tesar was correspondence from the Regional Pilot Authority meeting and part of Captain O'Hara's report under Tab C.

Agenda Item 2

Business Items

11:10 Financials / Fee Assessment – The MPC explained the new format was intended as a simplified version of a business financial statement. Revenues were expected to reflect the upswing of a relicensing cycle.

Correspondence – Captain O'Hara explained the letter from Pacific Pilotage Authority Canada was a request to the Alaska Board for support of pilot accommodation standards. He noted he was not aware of any problems in Region Two. Captain Gurry, President of Southeast AK Pilots Association (SEAPA) responded to questions from the Board and explained their association did negotiate accommodations with each cruise company individually and yes, they had experienced problems.

The Board took no action.

15:09 Regional Pilot Authority Meeting – Captain O'Hara reported that he and the MPC attended the regional pilot authority meeting in Vancouver, BC on December 7 and 8, 2010 by teleconference. The MPC explained the meeting centered around discussion for common safety issues. Captain O'Hara explained the previous meeting by this group had been driven by the *Cosco Busan* incident.

18:17 Rate Filings – The Chairman explained the rate filings represented four total, with one outstanding objection. He opened the floor to public comment.

Ms. Tesar, representing ASA, commented on the objection for the proposed Region Two LNG rate and confirmed it had been withdrawn. She also explained an agreement had been reached on the Region One Dry Cargo rate and a letter of withdrawal for the objection was forthcoming.

Public comment was closed and the Chairman closed the matter.

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20:32 Investigations - The Chairman moved the Investigation Report to Executive Session.

20:58 Tentative Meeting & Exam Dates – Following discussion of April meeting location and dates, the Chairman directed the MPC to secure meeting space in Juneau on April 6, 2011 for the next Board meeting. The July meeting was set for discussion at the April meeting.

Agenda Item 3 Committee Reports

27:19 Trade Restraint – Mr. Thayer explained that schedule conflicts had postponed the Committee’s first meeting to January 31, 2011 and it would be public noticed for anyone wishing to attend.

28:22 Deputy Training – Captain Collins reported their committee had met twice and he anticipated a report for the Board in April.

Agenda Item 4 SEAPA Training Program

28:55 Captain Jeff Baken, SEAPA Training Chairman, spoke to SEAPA’s acknowledgement page presented for Board approval. Mr. Thayer advised the Board that AAG Horetski had reviewed the page and offered no objections.

On a motion by Mr. Arts, seconded by Captain O’Hara, without dissent, it was

RESOLVED to accept the proposed acknowledgement page to SEAPA’s training program.

Captain Baken gave background to the proposed changes to Part IV(f), Part V(b), Part VI(f)(1) and Part III(i)(3) of SEAPA’s training program. He explained the changes were to comport with 12 AAC 56.026(e) which identifies the time period to complete supervised maneuvers to be 36 months following completion of the Core Exam. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Captain Collins, seconded by Captain O’Hara, and without dissent, by a roll call vote, it was

RESOLVED to accept the changes to SEAPA’s Training Program, Part IV(f), Part V(b), Part VI(f)(1) and Part III(i)(3) as presented.

Arts	Yes
Collins	Yes
Erickson	Yes
O’Hara	Yes

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Richmond Yes
Schrock Yes
Thayer Yes

Agenda Item 5 Training Summaries

39:12 **AMP** – Captain Bill Gillespie, representing AMP, reported one deputy pilot apprentice actively training.

SEAPA - Captain Jeff Baken, representing SEAPA, reported on six trainees and ten deputy pilots in Region One. He anticipated two candidates would be applying for the State Core exam and one for the Local Knowledge Exam this spring.

SWAPA - Captain Pierce, representing SWAPA, reported on two trainees who were completing their TAPS requirements and announced the intake of a new observer/rider.

Agenda Item 6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

42:31 The Board moved to Executive Session at 0920 to conduct oral examinations of two deputy applicants, review a Monitoring Report and Investigative Reports.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 1150 and on a motion by Captain Collins, seconded by Captain O’Hara, without dissent, it was

RESOLVED to approve deputy licensure for Captain Chris Biagi.

On a motion by Captain Collins, seconded by Captain O’Hara, without dissent, it was

RESOLVED to approve deputy licensure for Captain Sam Daniels.

On a motion by Mr. Arts, seconded by Mr. Schrock, with Captain O’Hara recused, and without dissent, it was

RESOLVED to accept the monitoring report for Captain Desautel.

On a motion by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Schrock, and without dissent, it was

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Division and move to close Cases #1901-10-001, #1901-10-002 and #1901-10-003 to file.

Public Comment

The Chairman opened the floor to public comment.

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Captain Jeff Pierce, President of Southwest Alaska Pilots Association (SWAPA) spoke to ASA's letter of withdrawal for the SWAPA LNG rate filing.

Captain Carter Whalen, President of Southwest Alaska Pilots Association (AMP) gave an update on the use of the Emergency Towing System in the recent incident involving the GOLDEN SEAS.

The Chairman closed public comment.

On a motion by Captain Collins, seconded by Mr. Arts, and without dissent, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

The Board recessed at 1158.

Respectfully submitted:

Renda Heimbigner
Marine Pilot Coordinator

Curtis W. Thayer, Chairman
AK Board of Marine Pilots