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MINUTES OF MEETING
April 29, 2020

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Marine Pilots was held via video/teleconference April 29, 2020.

Call to Order/Roll Call April 29, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis Thayer, at 10:03 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board were:

Curtis Thayer
Les Cronk
Rick Harris
Captain Edward Sinclair
Captain Ronald Ward II
Lucas Hasenbank

Peggy McLaughlin – Unexcused absence

Present from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:

Renee Hoffard, Marine Pilot Coordinator

Visitors present included:

Mike Tibbles, Cruise Lines International Association, Alaska (CLIA)
Captain John Herring, Southeast Alaska Pilots Association (SEAPA)
Jenni Zielinski, Southwest Alaska Pilots Association (SWAPA)
Paul Axelson, Northern Pacific Maritime and Yacht Services of Alaska

Rick Erikson, Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska
Captain Jon Cornelius
Captain John Stewart
Captain Aaron Golczynski

Agenda Item 2 – Review Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by Rick Harris, seconded by Les Cronk, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the agenda as written.

Agenda Item 2(B) – Declarations/Recusals

The board had no declarations or recusals.

Agenda Item 3 – Regulations Project

The Board reviewed the proposed regulation amendments and the public comments received for the amendments. No written comments were submitted, there were 2 oral testimonies at the board's April 9, 2020 board meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Ward, seconded by Captain Sinclair, and approved via roll call, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the regulation amendments as public noticed and discussed. The regulations amended are:

- 12 AAC 56.011(a)(3), (a)(7), (c), (d)
- 12 AAC 56.018(a)
- 12 AAC 56.019(a), (a)(3)
- 12 AAC 56.026(a)(2)
- 12 AAC 56.029(9)
- 12 AAC 56.031(a)(1), (b)(1), (b)(2), (c)(3)
- 12 AAC 56.033(b)(2), (c)(1)
- 12 AAC 56.990(f)

Agenda Item 4 – Cruise Line Association update, COVID-19

Mike Tibbles, Cruise Lines International Association, Alaska (CLIA) joined the board to provide an update of the cruise industry response to COVID-19. He updated the board on announcements that have been made for cancellations since he addressed the board on April 9. The majority of CLIA members have suspended voyages through June. The total number of canceled voyages is 408 which represents approximately 68% of the expected season. This is just over 800,000 passengers that will not be coming this season. Canada will have a slow, phased in re-opening, there has not been clear information about that at this time; they will reevaluate in July. The port of Seattle is closed until the resolution of the public health emergency. The Center of Disease Control issued a 100 day no-sail order which will end July

24, 2020. There is a small possibility that the 100 days could be reduced but it is unlikely. There has been a lot of work being done for safe resuming of sailing. CLIA has developed a framework for individual cruise lines to submit plans to the CDC regarding the ships during the no-sail order. Work continues on the larger return to service plans; the industry recognizes the need for comprehensive health plans and changes that need to be made. CLIA has a medical working group assisting with the health plans and will notify the board when they have more information.

Agenda Item 5 – Oral Interviews/Application Review

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Ward, seconded by Lucas Hasenbank, and approved via roll call, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Board staff to remain during the session.

Off record at 10:17 am

Back on record at 11:09 am

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Sinclair, seconded by Les Cronk, and approved via roll call, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot license for Captain Jon Cornelius for pilotage on vessels up to 50,000 gross tons in Region 1 with the exception of West Coast of Prince of Wales Island.

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Ward, seconded by Luke Hasenbank, and approved via roll call, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot license for Captain John Stewart for pilotage on vessels up to 50,000 gross tons in Region 2 with the exception of the port of Seward, October 1 – April 1.

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Sinclair, seconded by Captain Ward, and approved via roll call, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot license for Captain Aaron Golczynski for pilotage on vessels up to 50,000 gross tons in Region 1 with the exception of West Coast of Prince of Wales Island.

Chair Thayer asked if there were any additional items for the board to consider. MPC Hoffard informed the board that she had submitted information regarding SB241 and the board's authority to modify or reduce renewal requirements for the upcoming December 2020 renewal. Chair Thayer and MPC Hoffard will work on a draft board order that will make concessions for renewal requirements in response to COVID-19, the board will review the draft and vote via OnBoard on the order.

Upon a motion duly made by Rick Harris, seconded by Captain Ward, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Thayer adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Renee Hoffard

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Marine Pilot Coordinator

Approved:

Curtis Thayer

Curtis Thayer, Chair
Alaska Board of Marine Pilots

Date: 10/7/20