

BOARD FOR BRANCH PILOTS MEETING MINUTES

The Virginia Board for Branch Pilots met on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at the Virginia Pilot Association, 3329 Shore Dr., Virginia Beach, Virginia, with the following members present:

Captain Robert H. Callis, III
Captain J. William Cofer
Captain Milton B. Edmunds
Captain John A. Morgan, Jr.
Meade G. Stone, Jr.

Board members Charles R. Amory, Jr., Thomas P. Host, III, Patrick B. McDermott and Christine N. Piersall were not present for the meeting.

There was no staff or representative of the Office of the Attorney General present for the meeting

Finding a quorum of the Board present, Mr. Stone, President, called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

Call to Order

Captain Cofer moved to approve the agenda. Captain Callis seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messr. and Captains: Callis, Cofer, Edmunds, Morgan and Stone.

Approval of Agenda

There were no public comments.

Public Comment Period

Captain Callis provided the Board with a report of the examination conducted by the Examination Administrators on January 30, 2014. The following report was made:

Exam Administrators Report

Christopher H. Behm

Captain Behm answered oral questions related to the raise in grade. The subjects included safe anchoring positions in Sewell's Point and Lynnhaven, anchoring procedures, effects of wind on light draft vessels, limits of bow thrusters, under keel clearance, bank suction and cushion, situational awareness and safe vessel speed. As required by the Virginia Pilot Association apprenticeship program, Captain Behm has acquired his First Class Federal Pilot's License. Captain Behm stood a good examination and was found to be qualified. Captain Callis moved that Captain Behm be raised from the Delta classification (32,000 gross tons and 32 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (42,000 gross tons and 36 feet maximum draft). Captain Morgan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messr. and Captains: Callis, Cofer, Edmunds, Morgan and Stone.

Captain Behm answered oral questions related to the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances from Cape Henry to Wolftrap, local traffic, local tide and current, primary aids to navigation, channel dimensions, safe anchoring positions, quarantine anchorage regulations, regulated area limits, Cape Charles harbor and safe vessel speed. Captain Behm also successfully completed a chartlet demonstrating his spatial awareness of

major aids to navigation and their proximity to water depth. Captain Behm stood a good examination and was found to be qualified. Captain Callis moved to grant Captain Behm an extension of route. Captain Morgan seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messr. and Captains: Callis, Cofer, Edmunds, Morgan and Stone.

Gregory R. Willson

Captain Willson answered oral questions related to the raise in grade. The subjects included safe anchoring positions in Sewell's Point and Lynnhaven, anchoring procedures, effects of wind on light draft vessels, limits of bow thrusters, under keel clearance, bank suction and cushion, situational awareness and safe vessel speed. As required by the Virginia Pilot Association apprenticeship program, Captain Willson has acquired his First Class Federal Pilot's License. Captain Willson stood a good examination and was found to be qualified. Captain Callis moved that Captain Willson be raised from the Delta classification (32,000 gross tons and 32 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (42,000 gross tons and 36 feet maximum draft). Captain Edmunds seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messr. and Captains: Callis, Cofer, Edmunds, Morgan and Stone.

Captain Willson answered oral questions related to the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances from Cape Henry to Wolftrap, local traffic, local tide and current, primary aids to navigation, channel dimensions, safe anchoring positions, quarantine anchorage regulations, regulated area limits, Cape Charles harbor and safe vessel speed. Captain Willson also successfully completed a chartlet demonstrating his spatial awareness of major aids to navigation and their proximity to water depth. Captain Willson stood a good examination and was found to be qualified. Captain Callis moved to grant Captain Willson an extension of route. Captain Edmunds seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messr. and Captains: Callis, Cofer, Edmunds, Morgan and Stone.

Conflict of Interest forms and travel vouchers were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of
Interest Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Adjourn

Meade G. Stone, Jr., President

Nick A. Christner, Acting Secretary