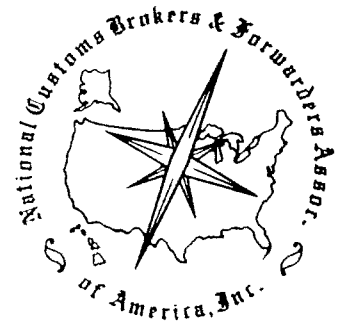


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Member

Treasurer's Report

November 13th, 2008

Checking Account Balance as of 10/9/08: \$ 4,599.14

Deposits: \$ 4,325.00

2008 Dues	\$ 250.00
Oct. Meeting Lunches	\$ 60.00
Oct. EPA Seminar	\$ 795.00
Oct. Hazmat Seminar	\$ 3,220.00

Disbursements:

Cathy-Memory stick	\$ 21.37
Pat Fosberry-Oct. Hazmat Seminar	\$ 1,200.00
Liz Deaton-Hazmat Seminar 49CFR's	\$ 147.73
Liz Deaton-Office Depot, EPA Seminar	\$ 85.14
Radisson-Oct EPA/Hazmat Seminars	\$ 1,007.39
Cathy-Board Meeting Lunch	\$ 65.22
Tara Hyatt-Audit 2007	\$ 200.00
Domain Registry of America-5 Year Domain Renewal	\$ 95.00
Check Enclosure Fee	\$ 5.00
Radisson-6/12 Meeting	\$ 920.43

Total Disbursements: \$ 3,747.28

Checking Account Balance as of 11/13/08: \$ 5,176.86

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Simpson
Treasurer

Customs Committee meeting of October 16, 2008

S C S P A

Bernie Groseclose
Pam Everitt
Steve Connor

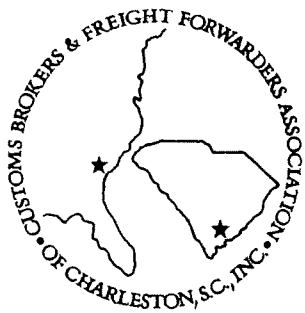
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Cathy Smuniewski
Wallace Hester
Lou Mello
Ricky G Martin
Jack Daniel

- 1) The S C State Port Authority board of directors will meet in Charleston on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. The board meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the boards' strategic planning committee. The full board will review financial results from September 2008 and for the fiscal year to date.
- 2) Port management will present the board with various management reports on cargo throughput, monthly vessel activity and various productivity measures.
- 3) The SPA board will consider a "change order" to the contract at the Navy Yard Container terminal. This change order involves the upland site preparation and may run into several hundred thousand dollars.
- 4) Board members will consider a resolution relating to the Jasper County Project which will likely involve future expenditures. As you know, the terminal site in Jasper County is currently a dredge disposal area. With a new terminal, a new dredge disposal area must be identified and purchased. Georgia and South Carolina will share in this expense. The EIS to deepen the Savannah River to 45' has not been approved. It is likely this project will face objections from the usual suspects.
- 5) Management may present a contract for berth maintenance dredging at the Wando Welch Terminal. The Wando Terminal does not have the sediment suspension system that has been so effective at Columbus Street Terminal. The north end of the Wando terminal has been experiencing some shoaling.
- 6) Steve Connor mentioned the TWIC (Transportation Worker's Identification Card) which is being issued to anyone who needs access to the ocean terminals. Starting on December 1, 2008, no one without a TWIC card will be admitted to the security areas of the terminals. Connor asked that brokers & forwarders urge their truckers and other service providers to get a TWIC card before December 1st. The port police expect to turn away drivers on December 1st if there is no TWIC card.
- 7) There was a discussion of the current business climate at the port and other ports around the county. Business has been described as flat at best. For the month of September, Long Beach was down almost 16% from 2007, Los Angeles was down 9% while Oakland was down 5.7%. Mr Groseclose will be reporting

volumes at the SPA during the State of the Port meeting at Charleston Place on October 30, 2008. This meeting is the 75th anniversary of the Propeller Club.

- 8) SPA management reports another "land disturbance permit" has been received from S C DHEC. The permit was issued October 10th. This permit allows the SPA to proceed with the containment structure which outlines the terminal footprint out into the water. Construction will involve a large contract. SPA management believes the CCL will protest this permit to DHEC. Opponents have thirty (30) days to file their protest while DHEC has sixty (60) days to review the protest and fifteen (15) days to draft a response. This will create another delay. It took seven months for S C DHEC to grant each of the first two land disturbance permits. Port management believes there are another five or six permits which must be granted before terminal construction is completed.
- 9) The S C Department of Commerce has hired Wilbur Smith & Associates to conduct a comprehensive railroad study for the state. This study should be released within the next two months or so. Why is this important? Rail service to Veterans Terminal and the new Navy Yard Terminal is very limited. The City of North Charleston doesn't want rail access from the north end of the Navy base. Moreover, CSX railroad will not let Norfolk Southern trains cross their tracks into either facility without paying switching fees of almost \$500/car.
- 10) There was a discussion of container fees now in place at west coast ports. Los Angeles and Long Beach have implemented the "clean truck program." No tractor older than 1989 will be permitted on the terminal. In addition, a fee of \$35/20' and \$70/40' container will be collected on all trucks. These fees are in addition to pier pass (\$50/20' and \$100/40'). Governor Schwarzenegger (R,CA) has vetoed the Lowenthal bill which would have added an additional \$60/loaded container to pay for infrastructure. Many seaports and the NIT league are supporting a national infrastructure fee of some kind.
- 11) There was a discussion of several port impact studies. Wilbur Smith & Associates will release a port economic impact study on the port of Charleston in the near future. SPA management hopes to have this report released within the next month. In addition, the consulting firm of Moffatt & Nichol (Savannah, GA) released a study on the proposed Jasper County terminal saying the proposed terminal could have an economic impact of \$2.3 billion by 2020 and handle as many as 6 million TEUs (for 2007, Savannah had 2.6 million TEUs while Charleston had 1.7 million TEUs). Do you wonder how Moffatt & Nichol came up with such a rosy projection for a port which has not been built?
- 12) There was a discussion of "Mega-sites" and their role in port business growth. South Carolina was eliminated quickly from a short list of southern states when Volkswagen (summer of 2008) and Toyota Motor Corp (fall of 2007) were looking for locations for new automobile production plants. The reason was a lack of "certified" mega sites. The State of S C is now looking at developing or at least verifying locations within the state for consideration as mega-sites. Most mega sites are a) 1,000 to 1,500 acres of land, b) have rail and motor access c) have infrastructure available (water, electricity, sewer) d) have identified wetlands e) have identified any endangered species and f) have permits in place.



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Maritime Report:

Board met on 11/12/08. Discussed port business down turn. The SCSPA Executive meets next week. It was suggested the Maritime board meet with the board so the executive board members hear from the industry our concerns and discuss maritime issues.

New web site is up. Please visit maritimesc.org, There is port news section, a calendar with local events and meetings. You can access a member companies web site from the membership directory page. Please check your information, if any changes are needed, please contact John Hassel.

Award committee met and presented nominees for the awards that will be given at the annual meeting and banquet to be held 2/06/09.

The governors committee met with Congressman Gresham Barrett who was recently re elected this month. He is rumored to be one of the front runners for the upcoming Governors race next year. The committee will continue to meet with candidates in advance to get an idea of which candidate is supportive of the port.

TWIC enforcement on 12/01/08. Reminders given that no truckers will have access without a TWIC card.

2 seats are vacant on the Maritime board for Ocean Carrier representation. If you are interested in filing one of the two spots, contact John.

The Architects of Transportation