

MINUTES

Amusement Ride Safety Committee

DATE | TIME: August 9, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

LOCATION: 4501 S 2700 W, Taylorsville, UT 84129, Redwood A Conference Room | Google Meet

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Andre Meacham | Larry Mullenax | Ben Sheldon | Robert Miles (Non-voting Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Johnnie Miller | Cara Sherlock | Pam Zoeller

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rhett Arnell (UDOT Amusement Ride Safety Director), Michael Sheffield (UDOT Consultant), Peter Asplund (UDOT Deputy Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs), Zachary Stokes (IAAPA), Troy Peterson (UDOT Director of Operations), Sam

WELCOME

- Andre calls the meeting to order and takes roll. A quorum is not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE AND JULY MEETINGS

- Andre states that without a quorum the minutes cannot be approved, but asks whether there were any discussion items relating to the minutes.
- Larry and Ben both indicate that they have reviewed the minutes and don't have concerns with them.
- Andre asks Robert and Rhett about UDOT's communication plan and who the point person might be if an amusement ride incident were to occur. Rhett comments that he does not have an update at this time but intends to provide one at the subsequent meeting. Larry comments that the state recently developed resources to help with public announcements in crisis situations that could be used.

FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING FREQUENCY

- Andre asks the committee members to comment on changing the meeting frequency to every other month or quarterly. Larry and Ben both indicate that meeting quarterly would be preferred.

COMMITTEE TERMS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Andre summarizes that Cara, Larry, and Andre have been reappointed for two more years and Johnnie, Ben, and Pam have been reappointed for four more years.

PUBLICATION OF CURRENTLY PERMITTED AMUSEMENT RIDES

- Rhett asks the committee whether a publicly available list of currently permitted amusement rides is desired. Andre states that a list of registered ropeways is publicly available and likes the idea of being consistent with the ropeways.
- Andre expresses a timeliness concern and asks how soon the list of permitted amusement rides would be updated. Ben asks whether other states list their rides. Rhett responds that some states do and some don't, some appear to have an updated list while others seem to be old and outdated. Rhett anticipates that the list would be tied to the online system, which would update the public list in near-real time and to have separate lists for permanent and mobile amusement rides.
- Larry comments in favor of increased transparency and states that the number one complaint he receives is the frustration and difficulty in finding the website to register amusement rides.

CURRENT STATE OF AMUSEMENT RIDE ONLINE SYSTEM

- Rhett demonstrates improved search engine optimization when searching for the registration sites and states that the information can now be found within the UDOT Permits website. Robert asks for opinions on whether the committee needs its own webpage. Several committee members express favorable sentiments and Rhett says that he will look into how this might be done.

CURRENT STATE OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS ISSUED AND QSI APPLICATIONS AND QSIs

APPROVED

- Rhett states that a few new mobile and permanent ride permits were recently issued..

INTRODUCTION FACT SHEET

- Rhett displays a draft fact sheet that he wants to use to introduce amusement ride safety requirements and information to new contacts. He further comments that information

about rider responsibility will be added. Several committee members comment that they would like to look over the fact sheet prior to its distribution.

REVIEW AND APPROVE REPORTABLE SERIOUS INJURY NOTIFICATION FORM, QSI APPROVAL CERTIFICATE, AND AMUSEMENT RIDE PERMIT

- Ben recommends a change on the reportable serious injury notification form. The sentence, "After a Reportable Serious Injury, the owner/operator may not operate a mobile amusement ride until the owner/operator receives written authorization from the Director or the Director's designee." incorrectly indicates that no ride may be operated when it should just be "the" ride on which the reportable serious injury occurred. The committee agrees.
- There are no recommended changes to the QSI Approval Certificate and Amusement Ride Permit.

ROUNDTABLE

- Rhett indicates that the committee will need to select a new committee chair at the subsequent committee meeting.
- Andre states that the date of the next committee meeting is incorrectly the first Wednesday of September instead of the typically scheduled second Wednesday on September 13. Larry comments that he will be tied up with the fair opening on September 7th and wouldn't be able to make a meeting on September 13. Andre asks Rhett to reach out to the committee members to determine the best date to ensure a quorum is present at the September meeting.
- Andre comments that Lagoon hosted an IAAPA Presents event with about 85 industry participants.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourns at 9:50 AM.