

UTAH PASSENGER ROPEWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 9, 2015

UDOT Complex
Salt Lake City, Utah

Committee Members present: Onno Wieringa, Chair
John Barlow, Vice Chair
Steve Thygerson, Board Member
Jan Leonard, Board Member

Members absent: Robert Hull, Ex-officio Member
Spencer Chipping, Board Member
Curt Panter, Board Member

Staff: Brian Allen

Others present: Rich Taxwood, Snowbird
Paul Ehlert, Doppelmayr
Pat McLane, PCMR
Lee Reinhardt Jr., Canyons
Ben Ahern, Snowbasin
Steven LaRue, Snowbasin
Craig Olsen, Aerial Crane
Travis Wayland, Aerial Crane
Curt Kelsey, Aerial Crane

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. The Committee appreciates the continued support from area operators, manufacturers, as well as interested parties by being present at these meetings.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a review of the minutes taken July 14, 2014, a motion was made by Steve Thygerson and seconded by Jan Leonard to approve the minutes with the noted changes. The motion passed unanimously.

6 **II. APPROVED WIRE ROPE INSPECTORS – SURFACE LIFTS & TOWS**
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8 The Committee originally approved two wire rope inspectors for surface lifts and tows
9 with wire ropes up to ½ inch. Brian Allen had a question about the requirements for a fiber rope
10 that is ¾ inch. The discussion acknowledged the rope requirements for wire ropes and fiber
11 ropes in ANSI B77.1 section 6.1.4.1. The consensus opinion was that wire ropes needed to be
12 inspected annually by an approved wire rope inspector. Fiber ropes need to follow the
13 manufacturer’s requirements with the work being completed by qualified personnel designated
14 by the area operator.
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16 **III. PROPOSED RULEMAKING**
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18 Brian Allen is in the process of preparing a formal rulemaking for the next committee
19 meeting. The major issue is adopting the newest ANSI B77.2 publication. Traditionally the
20 effective date would be one year after the publication date. Currently there is only one funicular in
21 Utah. It is located at the St. Regis in Park City. There are two exceptions for that funicular under
22 the current standard. Both of the exceptions will be eliminated when the new standard is adopted.
23 Brian Allen would like to have the effective date on the new standard be November 1, 2015 because
24 it eliminates the need for the exceptions. The committee made sure that there were not any other
25 installations that would be effected by the accelerated adoption of the standard and the committee
26 did not have any concerns at this time.
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28 The other proposed issue is to eliminate the certification of manufacture. Brian Allen feels
29 that when the certification of manufacture is removed that the remaining certifications for design and
30 construction cover all of the issues pertaining to the design, specification of components, and the
31 installation of the lift. The committee was not aware of when the certification of manufacture
32 (previously the certification of fabrication and materials) or what issues it was intended to address.
33 The committee supported including the elimination of the certification of manufacture in the formal
34 rulemaking proposal. It was discussed that this would apply to both ANSI B77.1 and ANSI B77.2
35 installations.
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37 **IV. 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**
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39 The committee reviewed that it traditionally meets every other month, but that
40 recently meetings had been cancelled because of no agenda items to discuss. Two proposed meeting
41 schedules were presented; one schedule for meeting every two months and another schedule for
42 meeting every three months. The following issues were also acknowledged; an exception request
43 requires an answer within 30 days and issues relating to proposed installations may require more
44 frequent meetings. Following the discussion the committee decided to schedule three meetings for
45 the remainder of 2015 understanding that additional meetings would be added in order to promptly
46 address any issues. The meetings were scheduled for: May 11th, August 3rd, and November 2nd. The
47 May 11th meeting may be moved to another date after coordination with Dal Freeman. A motion
48 was made by Onno Wieringa, seconded by John Barlow, and passed unanimously.
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6 **V. FOREST SERVICE / AREA UPDATES**

7 Updates:

8 The ski areas and manufacturer's updated those present on current activities and
9 issues.

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11 **VI. SAFETY TOPIC / OPEN DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

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