

UTAH PASSENGER ROPEWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11, 2016

**UDOT - Complex  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Committee Members present: Onno Wieringa, Chairman  
John Barlow, Vice Chairman  
Curt Panter, Board Member

Committee Members attending by phone: Steve Thygerson, Board Member (phone)  
Spencer Chipping, Board Member (phone)

Members absent: Robert Miles, Ex-officio Member

Staff: Brian Allen

Others present: Steven LaRue, Snowbasin  
Jeff West, Beaver Mountain  
Ben Ahern, Snowbasin  
Wayne Lentz, Nordic Valley  
Paul Elhert, Doppelmayr  
Pat McLane, Park City  
Rich Taxwood, Snowbird  
Dustin Allen, Lagoon  
Jimmy Sunlight, Lagoon  
Ryan Leavitt, Cherry Peak

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm and introductions were made.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After a review of the minutes taken September 17, 2015, a motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Onno Wieringa to approve the minutes with the noted changes. The motion passed unanimously.

6 **II. Wire Rope Inspector Application – Erwin Gurschler**  
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8 Mr. Erwin Gurschler is an employee of Redaelli, a European wire rope manufacturer. The  
9 three new lifts at Park City have Redaelli wire ropes and Mr. Gurschler was sent to complete the  
10 splice on these lifts. At the last UPRSC meeting we discussed Mr. Gurschler’s experience, and was  
11 comfortable with him completing the splice if it was completed as required by the ANSI B77.1  
12 standard. Mr. Gurschler was requested to submit an application for approval by the UPRSC.  
13 Attached to the agenda was the application. The following discussion reviewed that all splices  
14 performed in Utah need to comply with ANSI B77 and need to have the accompanying  
15 documentation and that MRT testing needed to be completed within one year. Following the  
16 discussion Onno Wieringa made a motion to approve Mr. Gurschler and John Barlow seconded the  
17 motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
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20 **III. Forest Service / Area / Manufacturer Updates**  
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22 The Forest Service gave a brief update on an incident that occurred on a Riblet lift this  
23 winter. There are not any Riblet lifts operating in Utah. The events that resulted in several rope  
24 evacuations were reviewed. The ski areas and manufacturer’s updated those present on current  
25 activities and issues.  
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29 **VI. SAFETY TOPIC / QUESTIONS**  
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31 The safety topic was a reminder about snowmobile safety. At the conclusion of the open  
32 discussion John Barlow made a motion and the meeting was adjourned.  
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