

UTAH PASSENGER ROPEWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2014

**UDOT Complex
Salt Lake City**

- Committee Members present:
 - Onno Wieringa, Chair
 - John Barlow, Vice Chair
 - Jan Leonard, Board Member
 - Steve Thygerson, Board Member
 - Spencer Chipping, Board Member
 - Curt Panter, Board Member
- Members absent:
 - Robert Hull, Ex-officio Member
- Staff:
 - Brian Allen
- Others present:
 - Jason Zakotnik, WLC Engineers
 - Jorg Tonett, Wire Rope Service
 - Jeff Miller, Deer Valley
 - JR Reinhardt, Canyons
 - Mark Neff, Powder Mountain
 - Rich Taxwood, Snowbird
 - Paul Elhert, Doppelmayr
 - Dal Freeman, Lagoon
 - Van Edgette, Alta

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 November 4, 2013, a motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Steve Thygerson to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

6 **II. QUALIFIED ENGINEER APPLICATION – Jason Zakotnik**
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8 The application and letters of recommendation of Jason Zakotnik were reviewed and
9 discussed. Jason was able to attend and comment on his background and experience. Jason
10 reviewed his experience with the ropeway industry and his experience with other industries and
11 how that experience was similar and relevant to the ropeway industry. Onno Wieringa made a
12 motion to approve Jason, and Curt Panter seconded the motion. The motion passed
13 unanimously.
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15 During the discussion of Jason Zakotnik; the general issue of approving qualified
16 engineers was questioned. The experience level necessary to be approved as a design engineer,
17 or for manufacture and construction, varies with the broad range of ropeway projects. Some feel
18 it is unclear what the categories accomplish and if it is still relevant to the design, manufacture,
19 and construction of ropeways. The committee may review the approach to qualified engineers
20 and certifications at a future meeting.
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23 **III. WIRE ROPE INSPECTOR APPLICATION – Jorg Tonett**
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25 The application of Jorg Tonett was reviewed and discussed. Jorg was able to attend and
26 comment on his training and experience. Following the discussion Jan Leonard made a motion to
27 approve Jorg as a wire rope inspector, and Steve Thygerson seconded the motion. The motion
28 passed unanimously.
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31 **IV. FOREST SERVICE / STAFF / AREA UPDATES**

32 Updates:

33 The areas and manufactures each spent a few minutes sharing recent issues that they are
34 aware of.
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