

MINUTES

Amusement Ride Safety Committee

DATE | TIME: February 1, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

LOCATION: 4501 S 2700 W, Taylorsville, UT 84129, John Njord Conference Room | Google Meet

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Andre Meacham | Johnnie Miller | Larry Mullenax | Benjamin Sheldon | Cara Sherlock | Robert Miles (Non-voting Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Pam Zoeller

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rhett Arnell (UDOT Amusement Ride Safety Director), Michael Sheffield (UDOT Consultant), Elise Smith, Benjamin Allen, Nat Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Nathan Allen, Alan Rogers, Eric Ault, Heather Brooks

WELCOME

- Johnnie calls the meeting to order, takes roll, and asks for a motion to recess the committee meeting to hold the public hearing. Ben makes the motion, Andre seconds the motion, and it passes with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.
 - o Yeas - 5
Andre Meacham
Johnnie Miller
Larry Mullenax
Cara Sherlock
Benjamin Sheldon
 - o Nays - 0
 - o Absent - 1
Pam Zoeller

CONDUCT HEARING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE RULE R920-60

- Johnnie calls the public hearing to order to consider comments related to the published changes for Administrative Rule R920-60 Amusement Ride Safety.
- Elise Smith (Helix Construction):
 - Elise spoke in support of the rule but indicated a desire for ACCT standards to be allowed for zipline inspections instead of just ASTM.
- Benjamin Allen (CLAS Ropes Course):
 - Benjamin expresses appreciation for work done by the committee, especially regarding the addition of ACCT inspectors now being allowed to inspect ziplines. He comments that only ACCT inspectors should be allowed to inspect ziplines.
 - He comments that the change from the industry-standard \$2,000,000 policy to \$3,000,000 will put many smaller courses out of business.
 - He expresses concern that the \$100 permit fee is being used as a mechanism to fund the committee's work and that fees in other states are much lower. He recommends that \$100 per location be implemented instead of \$100 per ride.
- Nat Johnson (Experiential Systems):
 - Nat comments that the ACCT standard is a superior standard for inspection of ziplines and aerial amusements.
- Jonathan Johnson (Zipline Utah):
 - Jonathan comments that his insurance is based on his adherence to ACCT guidelines and the corresponding inspection criteria. He sees a gap in the identified inspection standards of this rule.
- Nathan Allen (Big Rock Adventure):
 - Nathan comments that he currently has a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate limit insurance policy and a jump to a policy with \$3,000,000 coverage would mean a substantial increase in his premiums. He expresses a desire for the annual aggregate limit be reduced back to the previous \$2,000,000.
 - He indicates that he has had to submit an annual inspection from an ACCT-certified inspector to his insurance company and states that there are very few options to obtain insurance. He affirms the importance of accepting ACCT inspection standards.
- Alan Rogers (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints):
 - Alan expresses concern that ziplines and challenge courses are now being asked to meet ASTM standards when they have been well served using the ACCT standards.

made prior to the next committee meeting so that an updated version of the form can be discussed next time. None of the committee members object.

- It is requested that the QSI certification form be distributed to the committee prior to the next meeting.
- Johnnie requests that preparations are made to provide notice, after the public comment period ends, of the date that the new administrative rule will go into effect so that it can go into effect at the earliest possible date.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Cara asks for clarification on the date of the next meeting and indicates that there are some issues with the calendar events that have been shared with her. It is confirmed that the next committee meeting will be March 8th.
- Johnnie accepts a motion from Cara to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconds, and the meeting adjourns at 11:50 AM.