

# MINUTES

## ***Amusement Ride Safety Committee***

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

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

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### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

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Johnnie Miller

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### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

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Rhett Arnell (UDOT Amusement Ride Safety Director), Michael Sheffield (UDOT Consultant), Zachary Stokes (IAPA)

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### **WELCOME**

- Andre calls the meeting to order and takes roll

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL MEETING**

- Andre asks for a motion to approve the UARSC meeting minutes for the April 12th meeting. Cara makes the motion, Robert seconds the motion, and it passes with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.
  - o Yeas - 4  
Andre Meacham  
Pam Zoeller  
Benjamin Sheldon  
Cara Sherlock
  - o Nays - 0
  - o Absent - 2  
Johnnie Miller  
Larry Mullenax

### **COMMITTEE TERMS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- Andre notes that he and Cara have appointments that end in June. Rhett comments that he submits recommended names to the Governor's office, after which the Governor may appoint them as members of the committee.
- Due to Johnnie's absence, this item is tabled for discussion at the June committee meeting.

### **DIRECTOR'S LESSONS LEARNED AND PERSPECTIVE ON EXISTING PROCESSES**

- Rhett recognizes the need for continual improvement of the online system and is actively engaged in this process.
- Rhett comments on the importance of his ability to track the progress of each application and is pleased with the online system and how it allows him to manage everything.
- Andre comments that one of his inspectors provided feedback on the application process and specifically mentioned how well Rhett was to work with.
- Andre states that the list of approved QSIs might need to be publicly available sooner, rather than later, so owner/operators can contact a QSI to inspect their amusement ride.
- Rhett says that some owner/operators say that these new regulations are taking them by surprise.
- Rhett asks the committee how he should handle instances of non-compliance that he encounters. Ben comments that he should document interactions and attempts to communicate with them. Andre recommends that this be discussed at the June committee meeting to allow committee members to consider the best approach to addressing non-compliance.
- Larry Mullenax joins the meeting at 9:28 AM.

### **CURRENT STATE OF AMUSEMENT RIDE ONLINE SYSTEM**

- Rhett states that Zipflow is great to work with and he is pleased with their performance in developing the online system ahead of schedule.

### **CURRENT STATE OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS ISSUED**

- Rhett states that 53 applications were submitted and he has issued permits for 51 permanent rides. Many other applications are still in the process of being approved.
- Cara and Pam comment on their experiences with the application process. Rhett responds that he will reach out to them after the meeting to clarify their questions.

- Larry asks whether the system provides automatic notifications and Rhett confirms that they are enabled for the ride permit and QSI status expirations.

#### **CURRENT STATE OF QSI APPLICATIONS AND QSIs APPROVED**

- Rhett states that two additional QSI application were received, one of which were approved since the last meeting.
- Ben comments that QSIs should be able to opt out of having their information publicly listed as an approved QSI. Rhett will work with Zipflow to coordinate how this can be accomplished.

#### **REVIEW STATUS AND UPDATES TO RELEVANT FORMS, INCLUDING REPORTABLE SERIOUS INJURY FORM, QSI APPROVAL CERTIFICATE, AND AMUSEMENT RIDE PERMIT**

- Reportable Serious Injury Form
  - o Andre comments that the date, time and location of ride at time of injury should be clarified such that “injury” is replaced with “reportable serious injury”. Ben expresses his approval of this recommended change.
  - o Andre states that the “contact information” field is too vague and recommends adding an email field at the bottom of the form. Andre asks that the form be revised to incorporate these changes so that it can be discussed at the June committee meeting.
- Amusement Ride Permit
  - o Some wordsmithing changes were discussed and several committee members opined that the language and terms should conform with the language in the rule.
  - o The desire for an embossed seal was discussed but given the online nature of the forms it was decided to not require having one.
  - o Cara leaves the meeting at 9:55 AM.
- QSI Approval Certificate
  - o Andre and Ben comment that the committee does not certify an inspector, it only approves them as a qualified safety inspector, and the language on the certificate should align with this. Larry states that the phrase “qualified safety inspector certification” comes from the statute which is dated in 2020.
  - o Using the term “amusement ride qualified safety inspector” is recommended for use on the certificate for clarification and several committee members agree.

- o Michael comments that “Inspector ID” is included on the QSI approval certificate and asks whether the ride permit number should be included on the amusement ride permit. Andre confirms that it should be part of the ride permit.
- o Andre requests that these changes be made and the revised certificate be discussed at the June committee meeting.

#### **ROUNDTABLE**

- No roundtable discussion items are identified by the committee members.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- Andre accepts a motion from Ben to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconds, and the meeting adjourns at 10:17 AM.