



Technical Standards and Safety Authority
Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council
Meeting on November 22nd, 2022

Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held by teleconference at 10:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of November, 2022.

Present: Keith Brown, BOPS Inc.; Mike Cruz, Canadian National Exhibition (CNE); Andrew Gidaro, A to Z Fun Rentals; Janice Jeffreys, A.E. Jeffreys Insurance Brokerage House Inc.; Peter Switzer, Canada's Wonderland; Cindy Sypher, Sypher & Associates Field Engineering Ltd.; Kathryn Woodcock, TSSA's Consumers Advisory Council.

Alexandra Campbell, Vice President, Communications and Stakeholder Relations; Joelle Javier, Engineer, Elevating and Amusement Devices Safety Program; Roger Neate, Director, Elevating and Amusement Devices Program; Sonny Silva, Regional Supervisor, Elevating and Amusement Devices Program; Olga Sousa-Dias, Executive Assistant, Communications and Stakeholder Relations

Guests: Sheila Johnston, ASL Interpreter

Regrets: Chris Clarke, Canadian Association of Amusement Operators (CAAO); Darryl Hore, Caliber Eng. Corp.; Jay Millar, Main Events Fun & Games; Michelle Playfair, Bigemans Inc.; Andres Tanzer Proslide Technology Inc.; Brendan Turner, Camp Quality Canada

1. Welcome and Constitution of Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

a) Safety Moment

For the safety moment, Council was shown a short video on safety during an ice storm.

2. Adoption of the November 22, 2022 agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of March 10, 2022 minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Review of Action items from last meeting

R. Neate spoke to the pending action items. He advised that there were three actions from the last meeting. The membership matrix will be dealt with at Item #8. The others were completed. There are no outstanding actions.

There were no questions or comments from council.

5. Chair's Update

C. Sypher treated the report as read.

There were no questions or concerns from council.

6. Labour Dispute Update



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R. Neate noted there is a work backlog. The backlog is more prevalent on the elevating devices side, mostly with periodic inspections. TSSA is looking at changing the ways periodic inspections on inflatables are completed. Operators of inflatables will be permitted to begin operation ahead of periodic inspections because of the low risks associated with these devices.

S. Silva expressed gratitude for the industry's patience and professionalism during the TSSA strike.

M. Cruz thanked TSSA for its professionalism, particularly considering the media interest in the strike and its impact on amusement parks.

7. Accreditation of mechanics

P. Switzer spoke to this item and noted that three relevant documents were circulated as part of the meeting package, including a gap analysis. He provided background on consideration on adding time toward an AD mechanic licence for employees that have prior training and experience. The first objective was to compare the certificate requirements with industrial millwright requirements. A gap analysis was completed.

S. Silva noted that TSSA will review the recommendation and move it forward. R. Neate said TSSA is aligned directionally with this idea. His program will connect with TSSA training and certification staff and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Action: R. Neate to provide an update at the next advisory council meeting on mechanic accreditation.

8. Council Administration

a) Membership Renewal – Vince Brennan, Bill Carter, Darryl Hore, Brendan Turner

O. Silva-Dias spoke to the item. B. Carter has decided not to renew his membership. The other three have yet to reply. [Following meeting, V. Brennan and D. Hore indicated they will renew].

Action: K. Kennedy to update the membership list, initiate recruitment and follow up with the other members who have yet to reply.

9. ASTM Update

J. Javier indicated that since the 2021 edition of the Amusement Devices Code Adoption Document (CAD) amendments there are no updates. In the coming year there will be new standards that TSSA will look to adopt in the Canadian standard so that the CAD can be amended. S. Silva noted that the F770 Standard Practice for Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of Amusement Rides and Devices has a new update that comes into effect Dec. 2022.

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.