

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Indiana Regulated Amusement Device
Safety Board
Indianapolis, Indiana

July 8, 2010

1. The meeting of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Bohlander at 1:28 p.m., July 8, 2010. A quorum was found to be present.

(a) The following Board members were present:

Tim Bohlander, Poor Jack Amusements
Max Fitzpatrick, Indiana Fair Association
Lee Geiling, K & K Insurance
David Dahl, Midwestern Engineers
Steve Jordan, Indiana Fair Association
Michael Kamp, Holiday World

The following Board members were not present:

Ted Bumbleburg, Lafayette Parks Department
Terrance Hoffman, American Amusement Rides LLC
Danny Huston, Mid America Shows

(b) The following departmental staff and guests were present

Mara Snyder, Counsel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Tom Hendricks, Elevator and Amusement Safety

2. Minutes

A copy of the minutes for the April 8, 2010, meeting was distributed to the members of the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The second was made. It was voted upon, and carried.

3. Old Business

No old business was brought forward for discussion.

4. New Business

Mara Snyder, Director, Legal and Code Services, presented LSA Document #10-266 for the re-adoption of regulated amusement device rules. The re-adoption process is done to “re-set the clock”, without changes, for rules which will soon expire. A motion was made to adopt LSA Document #10-266; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tom Hendricks, Elevator and Amusement Safety Division, presented some issues concerning inspections his staff members were experiencing in the field, requesting guidance by the Board. Members of his staff have arrived for a scheduled inspection, only to find that the owners are unprepared. They must then decide if they will wait on site, or if they will reschedule, which includes an additional fee. Discussion included factors which cannot be controlled by the owners, and budgetary limitations affecting DHS staff. The general position of the Board members was that, if the owner is chronically unprepared, the approach should be hardnosed. For those who rarely cause trouble, the inspectors should try to work through it.

Also discussed were late requests for inspections which are not made per published departmental guidelines, especially those in which the applicant has enlisted the aid of state legislators. It was decided that a presentation would be made at the January meeting of the Indiana Fairs and Festivals Association to acquaint owners with procedures for scheduling inspections, thus allowing them to assemble the necessary paperwork during their off-season. This would also be a time for questions by owners to inspection staff, as well.

The possibility of the use of an “expedite” for an immediate inspection requests was discussed. The expedite request, with its special fee, is a practice used by Plan Review, and is being looked at for use by other divisions. Ms. Snyder will try to have a written proposal from the State Fire Marshal for discussion at the January meeting. It was also noted that the IOT staff at DHS was working on a program which would make tracking permits and their expiration dates easier.

The certification process of inspectors was discussed. Ms. Snyder explained that wording in the statute had been revised so that inspectors could be certified through AIMS, as well as NAARSO, to satisfy requirements. Restrictions on out-of-state travel had caused the need for additional certifying organizations. The

division has ten certified inspectors, and six more have now completed their pre-requisites and can sit for their test.

Mr. Bohlander requested a current list of carnivals being inspected in Indiana. He offered to check for membership in the Association to help in contacts.

5. Adjourn

Calling for any further business and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:18 p.m.

APPROVED



Tim Bohlander, Chairman

MICHAEL KAMP - VICE-CHAIRMAN

