

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

April 8, 2010

1. The meeting of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was called to order at 1:05 p.m., April 8, 2010, and the roll was called. A quorum was found to be present.

(a) The following Board members were present:

Tim Bohlander, Poor Jack Amusements
Lee Geiling, K & K Insurance
Ted Bumbleburg, Lafayette Parks Department
David Dahl, Midwestern Engineers
Danny Huston, Mid America Shows
Michael Kamp, Holiday World

The following Board members were not present:

Steve Jordan, Indiana Fair Association
Max Fitzpatrick, Indiana Fair Association
Terrance Hoffman, American Amusement Rides LLC

(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 motion was made by Ted Bumbleburg to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2010, meeting as amended. Michael Kamp made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

3. Old Business

The new rule intended to coordinate inspections of the rides, documentation of staff training and observation of evacuation procedures was again discussed. It was suggested that to have the procedures in place this year would not be possible, and that guidelines should be drawn up for the following season with evacuation procedures developed for those rides which do not have manufacturer procedures provided. ASTM 770 and 853, standards covering rules for evacuation procedures and requirements, were discussed. A suggestion was made that perhaps members of the Amusement Board talk to a meeting of the Fire Chiefs Association or the Volunteer Firefighter Association and explain what amusement ride owners do in emergency situations.

Violations and the time frame for submitting the notice of compliance to the State was discussed. The person considered responsible by statute for pulling amusement permits, problems encountered and liability issues were also discussed.

4. New Business

Mara Snyder, Director, Legal and Code Services, announced that the draft text of the clean-up rule was preliminary approved by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, and the notice of intent will be printed in the Register. The last section of the rule deals with the repeal of 675 IAC 23. The new rules are effective, and agency corrections will be effective April 23rd. In the July meeting, more rules will be coming up for re-adoption.

Information concerning the recent accident on March 26 at the Xscape in Indianapolis and media coverage of the incident was presented by Tom Hendricks, Supervisor, Elevator Safety and Regulated Amusement Devices. The office had not been notified of the accident until Monday and an inspector was sent to make sure the ride had been shut down and to do an accident inspection. Apart from cosmetic violations, the ride was in working order. No operating permit had been issued, however. Some witness statement say the child was up above the rim of the teacup and leaning backwards resulting in the handle of the adjacent teacup striking the child. Shortcomings of the agency had been the lack of prompt processing of the hotline calls, and no check and balance in place for expired permits in the database. Ms. Snyder offered to arrange a tour of the EOC where the hotline calls are answered for the members of the Commission if they would like to see it. It was suggested by Mr. Bohlander that following the July Board meeting, the Commissioners tour the facility.

5. Adjourn

Calling for any further business and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:23 p.m.

APPROVED

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. E. Bohlander", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Bohlander, Chairman

