



Technical Standards and Safety Authority
Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council
Meeting on November 27th, 2023

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 27th day of November, 2023.

Present: Keith Brown, BOPS Inc; Chris Clarke, Entertainment Consulting and Inspection Services; Andrew Gidaro, A to Z Fun Rentals; Darryl Hore, Caliber Engineering Corp; Michelle Playfair, Bigemands Inc; Peter Switzer, Canada's Wonderland; Cindy Sypher (Chair), Sypher & Associates Field Engineering Ltd; Andreas Tanzer, Proslide Technology Inc; Kathryn Woodcock, Toronto Metropolitan University

Guests: Alexandra Campbell, VP, Communications and Stakeholder relations; Joelle Javier, Engineer, Elevating and Amusement Devices Safety Program; AJ Kadirgamar, Director, ED/AD/SKI program; Ammara Khan, Manager, Stakeholder Relations; Shared Services; Rob Kremer, Manager, Engineering, Elevating Devices Safety Program; Ajay Raval, VP, Operations; Sonny Silva, Regional Supervisor, Elevating and Amusement Devices Program; Olga Sousa-Dias and Kathy Pearsall, TSSA Advisory Council Support; Sheila Johnson, ASL Interpreter

Regrets: Janice Jeffreys, Insurance Brokerage House, emailed that she was unable to join due to technical difficulties.

1. Welcome and Constitution of Meeting

The Chair, C. Sypher, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

a) Safety Moment

For the safety moment, Council was shown a video about home fire safety during the holiday season.

2. Adoption of the November 27, 2023 Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes of April 17, 2023 Meeting

The minutes were adopted as presented.

4. Review Action Items from Last Meeting

Chris Clarke has renewed his membership on Council.



5. Chair's Update

The Chair provided an update of recent activities.

The Chair attended the ASTM-F24 meeting in Denver on October 19. TSSA had noted, as part of the Ontario update, that it is considering adopting the ASTM life cycle and acceleration measurements for waterslide standards. Upcoming standards and ballots will include a ballot to pull in other ride-specific and ride-supporting standards, a ballot to clean up references to other standards, and an administrative change to move the table to the end of the standard.

The next ASTM meetings will be held in February 2024 in Louisville, KY and potentially in April 2024 at SafeConnect B.C., PNE, Vancouver.

The TSSA-NAARSO safety seminar will be held in April 2024 along with an ASTM meeting. Council members are welcome to attend.

The Chair attended the IAAPA Expo. At the Canadian breakfast S. Silva and A. Tanzer were recognized for their standards and safety work.

The Canadian F2783 standard model will be used as a proposed framework for the Australian standard for amusement rides and devices.

The Chair attended the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions conference. Scooter Korek, North America Midway Entertainment, was inducted into the Honour Roll Hall of Fame for over 50 years of dedicated service.

The Chair is currently attending the International Association of Fairs and Exhibition Conference in Salt Lake City, UT.

6. Council Administration

A. Khan said Brad Burkholder has joined the Council, representing Owner/Operators - Inflatables.

Keith Brown and Michelle Playfair have renewed their memberships.

There are vacancies on Council for Owner/Operators: Go Karts, Camps, and Mechanics. Applications are welcome. Joe Tavares has applied for the Mechanics position.



7. Issues Prioritization

A. Campbell spoke to this item.

The new five-year Strategic Plan will focus on finishing what has been started, making TSSA a great place to work, and improving ease of doing business. Council members are encouraged to bring new asks forward for prioritization and to submit the Agenda Item Request Form well ahead of each meeting.

Effort is being made toward national harmonization of standards and adoptions.

Mechanic Accreditation

Council members have requested that TSSA consider recognizing other formal education in lieu of the number of hours of experience required to obtain an Amusement Device Mechanic certificate. A TCAB will be scheduled in Q124 to look at next steps. Details will be forthcoming. [ACTION]

C. Clarke and P. Switzer expressed their interest in attending the TCAB.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.