



**Technical Standards and Safety Authority**  
Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council  
Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

**Present:** Vince Brennan, Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS); Keith Brown, BOPS Inc.; Bill Carter, Jim Kong Amusements Inc.; Chris Clarke, Canadian Association of Amusement Operators; Mike Cruz, Canadian National Exhibition (CNE); Andrew Gidaro, A to Z Fun Rentals; Darryl Hore, Caliber Eng. Corp.; 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.

Danielle Fernandes, Advisory Council Coordinator; Nashir Jiwani, (Interim) VP, Operations; Kristian Kennedy, Manager, Government Relations; Rob Kremer, Manger, Engineering Elevating and Amusement Devices Program; Roger Neate, Director, Elevating and Amusement Devices Program; Sonny Silva, Regional Supervisor, Elevating and Amusement Devices Program

**Guests:** Sheila Johnston, ASL Interpreter; Roman Pizzacalla, ASL Interpreter

**Regrets:** Rick McMullen, 401 Mini-Indy Ltd.; 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 10:00 a.m.

### a) Safety Moment

For the safety moment, Council was shown a short video on workplace safety as a shared responsibility.

## 2. Adoption of the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

## 3. Approval of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

## 4. Review of Action items from last meeting

R. Neate spoke to the pending action items and advised that TSSA is unable to post mechanics on TSSA's website and advised C. Clarke was looking into whether the association was able to proceed with posting this information. C. Clarke advised that this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Canadian Association of Amusement Operators (CAAO) to see if this was feasible. R. Neate advised that accreditation of AD mechanics would be discussed under item 7 of the agenda. He added that action items listed from April 8<sup>th</sup> were completed and membership issues would be discussed under item 6(a) of the agenda.

## 5. Chair's Update



C. Sypher spoke to this item and provided a verbal update on some initiatives undertaken by council and the industry. She advised that fees were successfully waived, and that council has raised concerns regarding challenges with compliance standards. Additionally, she spoke to issues previously raised by councils such as accreditation of AD mechanics, ongoing concerns about unregulated devices such as trampoline parks, and the necessity for updating and issuing an industry best practices document.

## 6. Council Administration

D. Fernandes detailed the purpose of the membership matrix review, namely, to ensure alignment with industry. She detailed a proposal for changes to the matrix, which included the removal of maximum caps on positions, the introduction of a minimum of one member per category, and new categories for associations and fairs and festivals.

There was a question from council in relation to inflatable representation on council after the departure of P. Gismondi. D. Fernandes clarified that J. Millar is the inflatables representative and noted that if there is an association for inflatables that is interested in joining council that this would need to be tabled for council discussion and consideration before final approval by the CEO. S. Silva requested clarity on if the inflatables association would be a part of the CAAO or if it would be a stand-alone association. C. Clarke clarified that it would be a stand-alone association with ties to CAAO. He advised that there were delays in the forming of the association due to COVID-19, but the intent is to have it up and running shortly.

Council held a motion to accept the proposal as presented. The motion was passed.

**Action:** D. Fernandes to present proposal to CEO for final approval and to report back to council at the next meeting.

## 7. ADAC Issue prioritization Discussion

### a) Accreditation of mechanics

P. Switzer provided council with an overview and update on the issue. He explained that the point of discussion at the last meeting was whether TSSA would consider reducing experience hours for mechanics who have had prior experience and training. He noted that from the last meeting R. Neate had asked for a gap analysis and to get stakeholder feedback to present to TSSA. P. Switzer advised that an analysis has been conducted within his organization, Canada's Wonderland, however this has not been extended to other operators. He suggested that amusement rides (ADM-AR) be targeted first to test whether the method is acceptable. He explained that a comparison has been conducted for amusement ride mechanics (ADM-AR) against millwright mechanics, adding that if this is an acceptable comparison it would be extended to other categories. He explained the comparison analysis thus far is showing that the gap exists in the AD regulation.

There was some discussion from council on the feasibility for mechanics to have an AR license that is narrowed down to a particular scope or device. It was noted that this would help for those operators that only have a certain type of device. S. Silva acknowledged the comment and advised it would be taken back for review. He added that he understands that this is seen as a gap and burden for industry.

There was additional discussion on training requirements as they apply to other certificate types as well as a discussion on continuing education. D. Fernandes advised council to submit a request form for continuing education as a priority topic to be discussed at the next council meeting.

**Action:** P. Switzer to report to council the results of his gap analysis and industry outreach.

**Action:** S. Silva to report to council on the feasibility of a limited scope certificate and any regulatory implications.



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**Action:** C. Clarke, K. Brown, and B. Carter to submit an agenda item request for spring 2022 ADAC meeting to discuss continuing education as a priority issue.

#### 8. Questions and Other Business

The Chair raised unregulated amusement devices, such as trampoline parks, climbing walls, and water inflatables, noting that British Columbia has started to regulate these and wanted to keep these issues in council's purview. Additionally, the Chair raised the feasibility of issuing the best practice document for the 2022 or 2023 season. D. Fernandes advised council that if these are going to be a priority issue for council that a request form would be required to prioritize this issue against others that were raised. It was suggested that council members review the best practice document to determine if an issues sheet would be required for the next meeting. Another council member suggested that council can continue to assess and analyze issues in parallel with TSSA. K. Kennedy noted that the intent is to have council prioritize which issues are most important in consideration of finite resourcing, bandwidth, and alignment with TSSA's strategic priorities.

S. Silva advised council that the amusement ride training seminar would take place in the first week of April and would share more information with council in the coming weeks.

**Action:** Council members to review the best practices document to determine if an issues sheet would be required and submitted in advance of the Spring 2022 council meeting.

#### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.