



# **Technical Standards and Safety Authority**

## Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### **Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held in hybrid format at 9:00 a.m. on the 22<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024**

Present: Keith Brown, BOPS Inc; Chris Clarke, Entertainment Consulting and Inspection Services; Mike Cruz, Canadian National Exhibition; Michelle Playfair, Bigemands Inc; Peter Switzer, Canada's Wonderland; Cindy Sypher (Chair), Sypher & Associates Field Engineering Ltd; Andreas Tanzer, Proslide Technology Inc.

Alexandra Campbell, VP, Communications and Stakeholder relations; Joelle Javier, Engineer, Elevating and Amusement Devices Safety Program; AJ Kadirgamar, Director, ED/AD/SKI program; Kristian Kennedy, Manager, Government Relations; 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

#### **1. Welcome and Constitution of Meeting**

The Chair, C. Sypher, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

##### **a) Safety Moment**

For the safety moment, K. Kennedy highlighted five outdoor safety tips for spring:

1. Practise ladder safety by having a buddy, placing ladders on level spaces, and securing the ladders;
2. Check outdoor cords that may have frayed or been damaged during winter;
3. Ensure equipment is properly fueled to eliminate inhalation risk;
4. If digging, contact Ontario One Call to locate buried cables, pipes and wires;
5. Stretch and warm up before beginning to work.

#### **2. Adoption of the April 22, 2024 Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.



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### **3. Adoption of Minutes of November 27, 2023 Meeting**

The minutes were adopted as presented.

### **4. Review Action Items from Last Meeting**

This item will be reviewed in Item 8.

### **5. Chair's Update**

The Chair attended three ASTM meetings this year: Louisville, KY with the ASTM F24 committee; SafeConnect in Vancouver; and the TSSA-NAARSO Safety Seminar in Oshawa.

The following ballot items are being worked on:

- For clarity and readability, the 15-page Table 1 will be moved to the end of the standard
- Verbiage for ride-specific standards from a design standpoint
- Summary ordering of clauses in F770 for Section 9 versus Section 11
- Adding ride-specific standards that are under the F24 umbrella
- Verbiage for welding

There were no comments or questions.

### **6. Council Administration**

Andrew Gidaro, Peter Switzer, Cindy Sypher, Andreas Tanzer, and Kathryn Woodcock have renewed their memberships.

Joe Tavares is joining council representing Mechanics.

Two vacancies remain on council for Go Karts and Camps.

### **7. Advisory Council Meeting Location**

A. Campbell asked council if they prefer to meet in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format in the future.



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P. Switzer said he prefers to meet in-person and noted that members travelling long distances may prefer to meet online for short meetings.

A. Tanzer said the high cost of airline travel restricts him from attending in person.

A. Campbell asked if having an in-person meeting once a year with an expanded agenda would be doable. A. Tanzer said it would depend on what is on the agenda.

A. Campbell said she will poll all councils in a few weeks' time.

## **8. TCAB – AD Mechanic Certification**

S. Silva provided a summary of hours required to be eligible to challenge the exam across various apprenticeship programs. The proposal to reduce hours in the Amusement Device Mechanics has been well received by Council members.

The current proposal is to change the 3500-hour reduction for Industrial Mechanical Millwrights to an 8000-hour reduction. The reduction in hours would still require a minimum of six months of hands-on experience in the Amusement Ride field, including passport sign-off for TSSACT and Regulation 221/01.

A TCAB will be set up in which C. Clarke and P. Switzer will participate. Other Council members are welcome to join. A. Campbell suggested that J. Tavares would be a good addition.

S. Silva said the TCAB will be a one-day meeting. Another agenda item for TCAB for limited scope will take more time later on.

P. Switzer expressed his support for the AD proposal. He noted that the next step will be to look at other apprenticeship programs.

S. Silva thanked all who helped with the TSSA Amusement Ride training in Oshawa at the beginning of April. He invited suggestions from council for next year's location.

C. Clarke said Oshawa was a great location and everyone did a great job.

AJ Kadirgamar noted that R. Kremer is retiring next month and thanked him for his long-standing contributions to the TSSA.



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#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. followed by an in-camera session with C. Sypher for council members only.