

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Indiana Regulated Amusement Device  
Safety Board  
Indiana Association of Fairs, Festivals and Events Convention  
Marriott East  
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Indianapolis, Indiana

January 6, 2012

1. The meeting of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Bohlander at 12:30 p.m., January 6, 2012. A quorum was found to be present.

(a) The following Board members were present:

Tim Bohlander, Poor Jack Amusements  
David Dahl, Midwestern Engineers  
Max Fitzpatrick, Indiana Fair Association  
Lee Geiling, K & K Insurance  
Danny Huston, Mid America Shows  
Michael Kamp, Holiday World

The following Board members were not present:

Ted Bumbleburg, Lafayette Parks Department  
Terrance Hoffman, American Amusement Rides LLC  
Steve Jordan, Indiana Fair Association

(b) The following departmental staff were present

Mara Snyder, Legal Counsel  
Tom Hendricks, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section Chief

Chairman Bohlander greeted the guests from the Indiana Association of Fairs, Festival and Events Convention, and gave a brief description of the purpose and responsibilities of the Commission. He then invited those in the audience to attend future meetings of the Commission, noting that those dates were to be announced later in the meeting. Each member then introduced himself and gave his position on the Board.

2. Minutes

The minutes for the July 14, 2011 meeting were presented for consideration. The meeting scheduled for October failed to have a quorum present. Tom Hendricks noted that Mara Snyder, Legal Counsel, had been present at the July meeting, but had been omitted from the list of those in attendance. A motion was made to approve the July 14, 2011 minutes as corrected. The second was made, voted upon, and carried.

3. Old Business

Tom Hendricks explained that on October 13, 2011, they had met at Holiday World where they were given a tour of the rides before gathering for the meeting. Discussion of payment for inspection with Visa, no longer accepted except for on-line payments, was held. Tim Bohlander had led a discussion of the Elevator and Amusement Section policy requiring payment of fees thirty days before permits are issued at a previous meeting, and his interpretation of the code concerning payment. He had explained that this policy caused economic issues for members of his industry since their income and cash flow is tied to their fair schedules. He also noted that the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Section, another department of the agency, would do an inspection and then send a bill. He stated he had a hard time justifying that.

He then moved on to inflatable amusement devices and the references to ASTM Standards 2374-07. Tom Hendricks stated they discussed how they would be inspected, which devices would be inspected, and the results of other states' inspection procedures research was discussed. He noted that it would be difficult to regulate the rental devices after they had been set up by the public. The question was raised if the state could regulate the devices at fairs and carnivals, calling out in particular the electrical hazards involved. It had been suggested that if an event filed for a permit to be issued by the State Fire Marshal office, that should trigger a request for inspection of the device. Mara Snyder explained background information on the current amusement entertainment permit statute in relation to regulated amusement devices, and what has to be done to regulate inflatable devices. She suggested that they begin working on draft language at the April meeting.

Suggested meeting dates for the upcoming year were April 12, July 12, and October 11, 2012. The April and July meeting will be held at the Indiana Government Center South Building Conference Center, while no location for the October meeting had yet been chosen. It had been suggested that Indiana Beach might be a possible location. Mr. Hendricks said he would be in the area next week and would talk to them about it, reporting at the April meeting. Some members had conflicts with the October 11<sup>th</sup> proposed meeting date, and it was changed to October 4<sup>th</sup>. The members also thanked Holiday World for their hospitality at the October 2011 meeting.

3. New Business

Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was held. Mike Kamp was elected Chairman, with Tim Bohlander as Vice-Chairman.

State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson was introduced to the members of the audience. He spoke briefly of his background, and praised the people he worked with daily. He also invited those in the audience to become a partner in the effort to keep Indiana abreast of new developments in their industry and to make things safer for all. He spoke about the all the work the department has been putting into preparations and inspections for the Super Bowl, noting that he had volunteered to be one of the first to test the zip line. He then introduced Dean Illingworth, State Building Law Compliance Officer, who spoke briefly.

4. Report from Chief Inspector

Tom Hendricks reported that, last year, they did 742 annual inspections and 149 periodic follow-up and spot inspections. Six inspectors had been certified last year to help with inspections. The packets sent to ride-owners were discussed, and were scheduled to be sent out in February. There were three amusement ride incidents last year, and owners were urged to check their Scrambler lighting assemblies for stress fractures. Tim Bohlander asked how information such as that was passed along among inspectors and others. He explained that his inspectors are notified by group email, and quarterly staff meetings. Mr. Bohlander suggested that information on things like the stress fractures could be mass emailed to permit-holders as well.

5. Adjourn

Chairman Bohlander called for any further questions or comments from anyone. Hearing none, and after thanking everyone, as his last official act, he adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm.

**APPROVED**

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Tim Bohlander, Chairman