

**January 17, 2013**

**Springfield, Illinois**

**PUBLIC FORUM MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CARNIVAL-AMUSEMENT SAFETY BOARD**

**Call to Order:**

Dan Kirschner, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Members Present:**

Dennis Smith	Angelo Mazzenga	Linda Rhodes	Patty Sullivan
Tony Urbik	Bill Sparks	Dan Kirschner	Joe Costigan

**Members Absent:**

None

**Other members of Department Present:**

Ryan Culton	Ron Willis	Anjali Julka	Margaret Royer
Ellen Schanzel-Haskins	Chuck Drager	Matt Rohman	Brian Brown
Bill Szerletich			

### **ASTM F24 Committee Report:**

Angelo Mazzenga, board member, joined ASTM and also attended the International Safety Conference in October. Some of the topics covered during the conference were:

- F2291, Restraint Systems – working on a definition for the term “supervising companion”
- ASTM working on a zip line standard
- Used rides and the transferring of used rides – not popular because of the need to meet ADA standards

Angelo suggested that the Board and the Department stay in touch with what ASTM is doing and use them for guidance, networking and information.

### **Industry Report:**

Patty Sullivan, board member, continued with the discussion of the term “supervising companion”. She also encouraged the industry to participate in these discussions with ASTM. She reminded everyone about the upcoming trade show in Gibbstown, Florida and the OABA Annual meeting that will be held.

### **Operational Update:**

Ryan Culton, manager of the Carnival-Amusement Safety Division for the Illinois Department of Labor, presented a power point presentation covering:

- 2012 year end statistics and safety program
- 2012 safety bulletins
- Update of zip line rules, Adm. Code 6000.350
- 2012 accident review
- 2013 permit application and E-pay program update

**Public Comment/Questions:**

Q – Why does the State of Illinois not have a Rider Responsibility Law?

A – Topic is not on agenda, board cannot discuss. Check with your local legislator. Board will take into consideration in terms of putting on the agenda for future meetings for a report and discussion. There are tips for patrons on the Departments website. There is also a safety program available from OABA or Patty Sullivan, board member.

Q – When can we (the industry) expect an e-mail for our 2013 applications?

A – By the end of the month, will be sent to the e-mail address provided to the department by the owner/operator.

Q – Did they come up with anything on “supervising companion”, is there any regulations or age limit?

A – Right now there is no standard approved.

Q – What is a “responsible adult”?

A – Whatever is the age of majority in your state, for Illinois it is 18.

Q – Can the Board come up with wording for “supervising companion”?

A – The topic can be discussed at the Friday, January 18, 2013, meeting.

Dan Schwabe from Six Flags Great America was introduced as the newest Board member.

Next meeting will be Friday, January 18, 2013 at 8:00 A.M. The meeting upon motion duly made and seconded was adjourned.

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**Members Present:**

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Tony Urbik      Bill Sparks      Dan Kirschner      Joe Costigan

Daniel Schwabe

**Members Absent:**

None

**Guest:**

Dennis Blasius, CPSC

**Other members of Department Present:**

Ryan Culton      Ron Willis      Anjali Julka      Margaret Royer

Ellen Schanzel-Haskins      Chuck Drager      Matt Rohman      Brian Brown

Bill Szerletich      Pamela Oller

- Amendment to agenda by Chair Kirschner. Consumer Product Safety Commission representative Dennis Blasius not able to publicly speak due to federal guidelines and proper public notice.
- Motion by Chairman Kirschner to amend agenda. Motion Seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous.
- Motion by Chairman Kirschner to approve October 16, 2012 CARSA meeting minutes (transcript). Motion Seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous.

### **Division Manager Report:**

Mr. Ryan Culton, P.E. gave a presentation on the Division's activities and for 2012 and the upcoming 2013 season. Mr. Culton gave a review of the Department's preliminary findings on research of other state's best practices. The research included, but was not limited to staffing, inspectors authority, American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and other standards adopted by other states and the financing of other states.

Mr. Culton gave a summary of ASTM, National Fire Protection Agency, federal standards and others that were adopted by other states but not Illinois. This list was for future consideration by the Board once the research was complete.

Mr. Culton gave a brief overview of the in-progress status of the Zip-Line Administrative Rule 6000.350. See January 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 meeting minutes.

Mr. Culton stated the need for clearly defined Haunted House administrative rules. At current time, the Act infers that Haunted Houses are under the Department's jurisdiction, but there isn't a clear division for administrative codes for inspectors or operators to follow.

Trackless train standards are being considered and reviewed by the Department as they pass through the ASTM balloting process.

Mr. Culton reiterated that the Department is going to strictly enforce a zero tolerance rule for not having criminal background or sex offender checks completed on carnival workers.

Mr. Culton stated that last minute inspection requests from operators will likely not be considered by the Department.

Patty Sullivan offered to have the inspectors and Division Manager to Eli Bridge plant to examine an old Scrambler ride for training purposes.

Mr. Culton stated that the process for researching other states and other standards was more challenging than anticipated.

- Chair Kirschner recognized Peter Bogolin of Walk on Water (WOW) Balls and gave him the floor.

### **Walk on Water (WOW) Balls – Peter Bogolin:**

Mr. Bogolin operates WOW Balls in other states and gave a detailed description of how WOW Balls were operated. Mr. Bogolin gave handouts of the WOW Balls manual.

Mr. Bogolin stated his concerns and gave counter arguments to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) report that was issued by the CPSC on March 31, 2011.

Mr. Bogolin shared his dated on carbon dioxide levels measured inside the WOW Balls after extended periods of time in Ball.

Mr. Bogolin respectfully asked that the Board consider allowing the use and permitting of WOW Balls in Illinois.

Mr. Bogolin took questions from the Board and Staff.

Mr. Bogolin gave a demonstration of the how the WOW Ball is blown up, how the patron enters and how the patron walks around. The pool of water that the Ball normally operates on was not available. Mr. Bogolin's son was the patron demonstrating the use of the Ball. The patron was in the Ball for at least 5 minutes.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kirschner for Executive Session.