

AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022

11:30 a.m.

Maryland Department of Labor Office

10946 Golden West Drive

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21061

(In-person and virtually meeting)

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Glenn Fishack, Chair
Roy Shaw
Karen Nicklas
Gordon Trimper
Steven Pastusak
Samantha La Mell
Steven Rothenberg

DLI Staff Present:

Commissioner Matt Helminiak
Mischelle Vanreusel, Acting Deputy Commissioner
Jenny Baker, Asst State's Attorney
David Dearborn, Program Manager
Robbie Finecy, Chief Amusement Ride Inspector
Chad George, Amusement Ride Inspector
Pamela Torres, Administrative Officer
Tiffany R. Jones, Board Coordinator

Call to Order:

Board Chair Glenn Fishack called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Karen Nicklaus made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Stephen Pastusak. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously without change.

Program Update:

Robbie Finecy provided the program. There were three accidents, Wisk Resort and the other two were at Urban Air. There were no mechanical failures. A new inspector was added last winter who previously worked at Six Flags. Three other inspectors are brought in during the busy summer months. November 1, 2022 new ropes and challenge courses go into effect.

Roy Shaw recognized the inspection staff for their diligence and timeliness.

Regulations Update:

Mischelle Vanreusel and Robbie Finecy discussed the status of the legislation for the regulations that go into effect on December 1, 2022. The new regulations include greater clarification for what's reported, the number of tubs counted and change in elevations. Challenge courses are now open to inspection.

Roy Shaw mentioned that the increase in social media makes owners more apt to proactively over communicate non-reportable injuries. He inquired about the status of the open chief inspector position.

Other Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment:

Roy Shaw made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Karen Nicklaus. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.