

North Carolina Amusement Device Advisory Board Meeting

March 16, 2004

ATTENDEES:

Mike Howard – High-Lite Rides, Inc.
LuAnn Bowen – Hughie and Louie’s Rentals
Jeanette Isley – Alamance County Fair
Tony Brancazio – Wet & Wild Emerald Point
Robert Rippy – Jungle Rapids
David Orringer – Orringer Lamm Rides
Les Powers – Powers Great American Midway
Bobby Brinkley – Brinkley Entertainment
Tom Chambers – Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau
Tommy Petty – Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau
Jonathan Brooks – Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau
Phyllis Mangum – Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau

INTRODUCTIONS:

Board Members
Commissioner’s Staff
Elevator/Amusement Device Bureau Staff

Commissioner Berry welcomed the Board Members and thanked them for agreeing to be members. Commissioner Berry stated the responsibilities of the Department of Labor and the Board. Safety is the paramount goal. She welcomed questions from the Board Members and there were none.

Jonathan Brooks gave reasons for the forming of the Board which is to help the Department of Labor to regulate the industry concerning what is/is not negotiable. One of the main objectives is to create consistency across with state regarding inspections.

Input is needed to accomplish this. We need to hear the compliments along with the complaints, etc. Lines of communication need to be opened up between the industry and the Department of Labor.

Clyde Wagner’s role was discussed. He will be consulting with the Department of Labor on safety issues and preparing proposed safety rules and regulations.

Jonathan asked the Board Members for problems they see, good aspects and areas needing improvements.

BOBBY BRINKLEY – Consistency with inspections across the state. Guidelines for others, good equipment, training, insurance problems. Weekend rates – **NO**.

LES POWERS – Praised North Carolina. Best inspections in the country. Should let out of state carnivals know that North Carolina is TOUGH on inspections.

Have some method of communicating bulletins and accidents with the industry.

DAVE ORRINGER – Inflatables – good once/year inspections. Problems – those not being inspected and improper installations.

JEANETTE ISLEY – Had question about inflatable inspections and Jonathan explained the procedures.

ROBERT RIPPY – Mr. Rippy thinks the Board is a good idea. Some suggestions for permanent parks:

1. Place all stickers/certificates in one location in the park.
2. Fee charges are excessive - \$30 per cart.
3. Injuries – Does HIPPA law apply? Names, etc. of injured.
4. All day inspection for complete park.

Thanks for good job by Department of Labor.

Share information regarding bulletins and accidents.

Review rider responsibility laws.

TONY BRANCAZIO – Thanks for privilege of serving on the Board. Mr. Brancazio agrees with Mr. Rippy on his issues. Rides responsibility laws are a must.

Department of Labor does an outstanding job.

JEANETTE ISLEY – Have never had a carnival to open with all rides. Thinks carnivals should be penalized if at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of rides do not open on time.

Let companies know in advance the North Carolina laws.

LUANN BOWEN – What is going on with insurance? Rider responsibility (again).

ROBERT RIPPY – North Carolina need rider responsibility act so insurance will be more readily available.

MIKE HOWARD – OUTSTANDING JOB!

Improvements needed:

Send inspectors to manufacturing facility for consistency training.

Information on each ride and have training session for all inspectors.

Guidelines: Have ride book for each inspector.

JONATHAN BROOKS – The inspectors now have laptop computers with bulletins and Digital cameras. In the near future updates to web page with some of this info available.

Some of the advantages coming from the increased fees: Nextels, laptops and cameras. Training and NAARSO certifications for inspectors.

Ride Safety Campaign – Will be preparing brochures aimed at school children and parents. Public service announcements. Educate the children through programs at the schools.

TOM CHAMBERS – Explained the plans for the rider safety campaign. Educate the students in elementary and middle schools. Give incentives for completing the safety training. (Maybe free rides at fair). Asked Board Members for any suggestions for campaign.

JONATHAN BROOKS

1. Rating system or evaluation of operators, etc. OABA in place in North Carolina. Similar to Carolina Star Program.

Jeanette Isley – Fair operators want rating system for carnivals.

2. Legislation changes – 10 days advance notice for inspections.
3. Portable Rock walls. Inspection began January 1, 2004. \$100 annually. Require notification of insurance and proof of cable replacement annually.
4. Human powered rides: Twin Spin, Orbitron – Annually?? Berry??

Bring suggestions to next meeting for compromise on \$250 fee

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Thanks for a productive meeting.