



STATE OF MICHIGAN

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GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LANSING

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DIRECTOR

SKI AREA SAFETY BOARD

Virtual Zoom Meeting Pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a

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MINUTES

June 10, 2021

1:00 p.m.

APPROVED 09/30/2021

MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY*

Mr. James Bartlett, Twp. of West Travers, Emmet County, MI
Mr. Charles Gano, Twp. of Tuscarora, Cheboygan County, MI
Mr. Timothy Meyer, Twp. of South Branch, Wexford County, MI
Mr. Thomas Wheat, City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, MI
Mr. Keith Lambert, Twp. of Watertown, Clinton County, MI
– Nonvoting Ex Officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jeffrey Cranson
Mr. Matthew Torreano
Vacant Michigan Tourist Council Officer
Vacant Upper Peninsula Ski Area Manager

*Each attending member stated they were attending remotely.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Ms. Becky Jones, Manager, Elevator & Ski/Amusement Division, BCC
Ms. Kelly Bean, Departmental Analyst, Elevator & Ski/Amusement Division, BCC
Ms. Tracie Pack, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Services Division, BCC
Ms. Sara Leiby, Secretary, Administrative Services Division, BCC
Ms. M. Catherine Waskiewicz, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Bartlett called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

Chairperson Bartlett informed the meeting participants of the Communication Procedures.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Bartlett requested for the agenda to be amended to include Indianhead Modification and ANSI B77 Progress for Adoption of the 2022 Code under Unfinished Business.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Gano and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wheat to approve the agenda as amended. (Aye: Board Members Bartlett, Gano, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 1, 2020

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Wheat and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Meyer to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting. (Aye: Board Members Bartlett, Gano, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chairperson

B. Vice Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Bartlett and **SECONDED** by Board Member Gano for the officers to remain the same. Board Member Bartlett will remain the Chairperson and Board Member Meyer will remain the Vice Chairperson. (Aye: Bartlett, Gano, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. MODIFICATIONS

A. Ski Brule

Mr. Steve Polich's request for modification for Ski Brule was presented to the Board for relief from the requirements of Section 4.3.3.3 of the 2017 ANSI B77.1.

Mr. Tate Polich, Ski Brule Mountain Management, provided testimony for the review. Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairperson Meyer and **SECONDED** by Board Member Wheat to approve the modification request for Ski Brule for the 2021-2022 season and resume the ANSI nondestructive testing of the clips for the 2022-2023 season. (Aye: Board Members Bartlett, Gano, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Indianhead Modification

Chairperson Bartlett reminded LARA staff that the modifications for Big Snow Resort, Indianhead Mountain expired at the end of the 2020-2021 season and clip testing should recommence as required per the Code.

B. ANSI B77 Progress for Adoption of the 2022 Code

Chairperson Bartlett informed the Board that the ANSI B77 code update is almost complete and will reflect the requirements of the manufacturer for the riblet lifts.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020-2021 Ski Area Incident Report

The 2020-2021 Ski Area Incident Report was presented to the Board.

Vice Chairperson Meyer expressed concern that not all resorts are properly reporting.

Ms. Bean informed the Board that the reporting responsibilities will be highlighted on renewals.

The Board also discussed the unfortunate and unusual incidents that resulted in the death of 2 skiers. In prior years, Michigan stayed below the national average of 1 death per million skier incidents.

Board Member Gano explained that the national ski areas associations and insurers track catastrophic events and suggest improvements.

9. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board was pleased that the ski industry had a successful season following the safety measures provided due to the pandemic.

Chairperson Bartlett inquired on the status of House Bill 4562 which would increase fees.

Ms. Jones responded that a sponsor is needed for the bill to gain traction.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 1:00 p.m. at 702 West Kalamazoo Street in the 1st Floor Forum on September 30, 2021.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Gano and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. (Aye: Board Members Bartlett, Gano, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**