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SKI AREA SAFETY BOARD
Ottawa Building, Upper Level Conference Room 4
611 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

MINUTES
September 28, 2023
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mr. Timothy Meyer
Mr. Charles Gano, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Dana Carnevale
Mr. Keith Lambert – Nonvoting Ex Officio Member
Mr. Timothy Lodge
Mr. Thomas Wheat, Chairperson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Robert Meyers
Vacant - Michigan Tourist Council Officer
Vacant – Upper Peninsula Ski Area Manager

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Ms. Hillary Millen, Departmental Analyst, Administration, BCC
Ms. Becky Jones, Manager, Specialty Trades Section, BCC
Mr. Greg Ohlemacher, Code Inspection Supervisor, Elevator Section, BCC
Ms. Renee Tober, Departmental Specialist, Administration, BCC
Ms. Katherine Place, Departmental Analyst, Administrative Section, BCC
Ms. Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General, DAG

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Wheat called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m. A quorum was present at that time.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Gano and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lodge to approve the amended agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Amended agenda to include correct date for next meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2023

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Carnevale and **SECONDED** by Board Member Gano to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. MODIFICATIONS

A. The Highlands

Vice Chairperson Gano recused himself from the discussion and vote for this matter.

Mr. William Lomaka's request for modification for The Highlands was presented to the Board for relief from the requirements of ANSI B77.1-2017 Code, Section 7.1.1.2 (Capacity and speed) 7.1.2.4 (Acceleration and speed control), 7.2.34.B/7.2.3.4G (Belt transition stop device).

William Lomaka did appear before the Board to provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Lodge and **SECONDED** by Board Member Carnevale to approve the modification request for The Highlands for relief from ANSI B77.1-2017 Code, Section 7.1.1.2 (Capacity and speed) 7.1.2.4 (Acceleration and speed control), 7.2.34.B/7.2.3.4G (Belt transition stop device). (Aye: Board Members Carnevale, Lodge, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None; Recused: Gano) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Boyne Mountain

Vice Chairperson Gano recused himself from the discussion and vote for this matter.

Mr. Chris Adam's request for modification for Boyne Mountain for two conveyors was presented to the Board for relief from the requirements of ANSI B77.1-2017 Code, Section 7.1.1.2 (Capacity and speed) 7.1.2.4 (Acceleration and speed control), 7.2.34.B/7.2.3.4G (Belt transition stop device).

Chris Adams did appear before the Board to provided testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Lodge and **SECONDED** by Board Member Carnevale to approve the modification request for Boyne Mountain for two conveyors for relief from ANSI B77.1-2017 Code, Section 7.1.1.2 (Capacity and speed) 7.1.2.4 (Acceleration and speed control), 7.2.34.B/7.2.3.4G (Belt transition stop device). (Aye: Board Members Carnevale, Lodge, Meyer, Meyers, and Wheat; Nay: None; Recused: Gano) **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Snow River Mountain Resort

Mr. Benjamin Bartz's request for modification for Snow River Mountain was presented to

the Board for relief from the requirements of ANSI B77 Code.

Benjamine Bartz did appear before the Board to provide testimony for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Carnevale and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lodge to approve the modification request for Snow River for relief from ANSI B77 Code. (Aye: Board Members Carnevale, Gano, Lodge, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None)-**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Doppelmayr – Wire Rope Splicer/Inspector

Mr. Red Blomer’s request for Qualified Splicer/Inspector for Doppelmayr was presented to the Board for Travis Jones.

Mr. Blomer was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Lodge and **SECONDED** by Board Member Meyer to approve Mr. Jones’ application as submitted. Aye: Board Members Carnevale, Gano, Lodge, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None)-**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. Knight Equipment – Wire Rope Splicer/Inspector

Mr. Martin Bradley’s request for Qualified Splicer/Inspector for D. Knight Equipment was presented to the Board.

Mr. Bradley was not present for the review.

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Carnevale and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lodge to approve Mr. Bradley’s application as submitted. Aye: Board Members Carnevale, Gano, Lodge, Meyer, and Wheat; Nay: None)-**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Following discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Board Member Carnevale and **SECONDED** by Board Member Lodge to open rules to review ANSI B77 2022. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Board Member Lodge and SECONDED by Board Member Gano to update the list of approved Rope Splicers as recommended by staff. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board Member Lodge inquired about the board packet expiration and the possibility of extending the dates. It was suggested by several board members that the packet be made available until the approval of the minutes at the next meeting.

8. BUREAU QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Lambert reported on the following:

Tony Snyder one of the bureau's internal attorneys has moved on to a new position within DIFS.

Bryan Bryson has moved to a position within MDOS.

Tracie Pack is acting as the interim manager for the Administrative Section.

Sheila Hartfield has been promoted to the manager of the Building Section.

Deputy Director Lambert informed the board that all variances and orders have to be acted upon by the Department and the Board.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wil Lomaka – Spoke regarding new variance requirements.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – JUNE 5, 2024

The Board is scheduled to meet next at 1:00p.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933 in Upper Level Conference Room 3 on June 5, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Board Member Lodge and SECONDED by Board Member Carnevale to adjourn the meeting at 2:01p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**