Minutes of Meeting held January 8, 2019

Passenger Tramway Advisory Council (PTAC) Meeting

NYSDOL Conference Room B

Albany, NY

Start time: 10:00 am

End Time: 10:55 pm

**Members:**

Jim Ruhl- Chairman PTAC

Tom Sanford- Doppelmayr USA PTAC

Gerald Fielding Holiday Mt. PTAC

Bernie McGarry- PTAC

**Other Attendees:**

Eileen Franko - Department of Labor

Albert Schuler-Department of Labor

Vincent Rapacciuolo- Department of Labor

Edward Smith – Department of Labor

Bonnie Koschir - Holiday Valley

Tom Gilbert - Catamount

Scott Brandi-ISkiNY

**Topics:**

* **Chairman Ruhl Called the meeting to order and Council Members and other attendees introduced themselves**
* **Minutes of Meeting Minutes from September 2016 were distributed and reviewed. Motion to approve was made and unanimously approved.**
* **Albert Schuler presented an update on tramway incidents investigated since meeting of September 2016. Reviewed were incidents at Gore Mt. and Great Escape Amusement Park. After Great Escape incident upgrades were made to equipment to prevent future occurrences. After Gore incident comprehensive inspection of suspect bolts was begun. Neither incident prompted recommendations from the council.**
* **Ed Smith presented documents outlining the changes to ANSI B77 and proposed updates to Industrial Code Rule 32.**
* **A discussion on proposed updates to Industrial Code Rule 32 generated the following motion by the Council which was unanimously approved:**

“The New York State Tramway Advisory Council recommends that the Commissioner of Labor promptly promulgate AV-S-1 (as amended), dated August 29, 2018 into Part 32 Title 12 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York. (Cited as 12 NYCRR.32) pending a D.O.L. Department Hearing plus approval by other involved agencies. The intent of the Council is to have this adoption apply to the 2019-2020 ski season”

* **A discussion on an issue concerning Industrial Code Rule 54 and the colors to mark poles, resulted in an affirmation that the Site Specific Variance for Catamount remained in effect and other ski areas needing relief should be encouraged to request a variance. If a significant number of ski areas request relief, issuance of an Applicable Variance may be considered.**
* **A discussion on an issue concerning Industrial Code Rule 54 and electronic tickets that are not intended to be visually displayed, resulted in a statement by NYSDOL that ski areas needing relief should be encouraged to request a Site Specific Variance. If a significant number of ski areas request relief, issuance of an Applicable Variance may be considered.**
* **Motion to adjourn was made and approved unanimously.**