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SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F15.29 for Public Playground Equipment

DATE OF MEETING: September 17-18, 1997 **PLACE:** ASTM Headquarters
West Conshohocken, PA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES *JP*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

John Preston, ES Mark Kumagai, ESME

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Roger Amorosi, DTL	Kert Artwick, Game Time
Jay Blanke, Sportsplay	Matt Bolland, Newco
Scott Burton, Safety Play	Betsy Ceasar, Playcare
Monty Christiansen, Penn State Univ.	Curtis Cleveland, Playworld Systems
Bill Duffy, IPEMA	Mike Hayward, Little Tikes
Robert Heath, Fibar	Walter Henderson, Carlisle
Ted Illges, Woodcarpet	Tom Kalousek, Rockford Parks
Peter Kells, Henderson Recreation	Steve King, Landscape Structures
Mike Krygier, DTL	Ken Kutska, Wheaton Parks
Michael Guffie, New England Playground	Kathie Morgan, ASTM
Tom Norquist, Game Time	Jeff Olson, IPEMA
Bill Pencille, Playground Concepts	Robert Pepper, Child Works
Darryl Rarich, Playworld Systems	Lloyd Reese, Little Tikes
Larry Steingraber, BCI Burke	Robert Stluka, Miracle
Wesley Sutton, Game Time	Donna Thompson, Univ. of N. Iowa
William Rodgers, Little Tikes	Howard Walters, Trex Co.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The chairman reported on correspondence that had been received since the last meeting. A letter from a foreign manufacturer sought a change to the requirement for ropes to permit a specific play event employing a loose rope. The subcommittee did not believe that a change was merited. It was noted that IPEMA is developing a web page and it will have interpretations of provisions in the ASTM F1487 standard that have been agreed upon by the subcommittee.

In a report from CPSC, John Preston stated that a revised public playground handbook would go to the printer this week. Preston also distributed copies of the draft that had been sent to the printer.

In a report from NPSI, it was noted that 48 meetings had been scheduled for 1998 and a correspondence course in playground safety will be offered through Penn State University. ✓

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It was announced that there will be an International Playground Safety Conference on August 18-21, 1999 at Penn State University.

It was noted that IPEMA has requested the ASTM F08.63 surfacing subcommittee to address the particle size for engineered wood fiber surfacing materials.

It was noted that a survey regarding use zones on composite equipment that had been distributed by a playground safety consultant, had received 31 responses. The results of the survey will be summarized in the meeting minutes.

At this point in the meeting, members broke into individual working groups to discuss and resolver many negative votes received in a main committee ballot that closed on 9/8/97 and a subcommittee ballot that closed on 9/15/97.

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The subcommittee reconvened to vote on the working groups' recommendations regarding negative votes on the two ballots. Significant issues were as follows.

The definition of a platform in 3.1.8 will be rewritten.

An addition to 8.4.5 will require no abrupt changes in direction on sliding poles.

In Figure A1.13, illustrations 6 and 7 will be changed to show the gauge adjacent to the protrusion rather than over it.

In the new section 8.13.3 the inside edge of the supporting posts at the end of a track ride shall be no less than 30 inches from the center of the track beam.

A new section 8.13.6 will be added to specify a maximum platform height at the end of a track ride of 18 inches.

A new section 8.3.6 will require openings in guardrails and barriers surrounding platforms to be no more than 15 inches in width unless they contain a top guardrail spanning the entire opening.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 3-4 at the Omni Rosen Hotel in Orlando, FL.

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