



MINUTES

MAINTENANCE & REPAIR COMMITTEE INTERMODAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

OAK BROOK HILLS MARRIOTT HOTEL
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS

The meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. by IANA Maintenance & Repair Committee Chairman Jim Reo of Consolidated Chassis Management LLC. IANA staff member, Jim Morrow, reviewed the Association's antitrust guidelines, called the committee roll and declared a quorum.

Russ Graef, Committee Vice-Chair, of ContainerPort Group Inc. provided a recap of the November 14, 2008 committee meeting held in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Chris Montgomery of Milestone Equipment Corporation moved for acceptance of the November 14 meeting minutes. Frank Sonzala of Pressure Systems International Inc seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Task Force Updates

TMC Initiative Task Force

Task Force leader Mike Niemeyer of Pressure Systems International Inc. updated the Committee on the Task Force's timeline and progress to date. Earlier in the day, the task force held a meeting to review the final six Recommended Practices (RP) that are under consideration. The open items include three new RP's for twist locks and index pins: stacking chassis and intermodal refrigeration units. Two existing RP's needed additions; they are RP217B, which needs "5 spoke wheel assembly" language added and RP206A, which will include the Bias Tire Repair Procedures. The Task Force is seeking input from the full Committee regarding the inclusion of the Preventive Maintenance Inspection (PMI) In the Recommended Intermodal Practice Manual.

The Task Force assigned members to review the final six RP open items. The Task Force will then submit a supplemental document to the TMC for inclusion in the "draft" of the *Recommended Intermodal Practices Manual*. The Task Force will review the draft manual and make necessary changes, and submit their recommendations to the full M&R Committee for review and approval.

The Committee will review the Task Force's assessment of the TMC draft document, review any recommended changes and consider publication options.

ISO Code Task Force

The Task Force leader, Dave Messer of ContainerPort Group Inc. provided a progress update of the Group's recent activities. The Task Force anticipates finalizing their Charter within the next sixty days with an objective to complete their mission within a 12 to 18 month time period. The Task Force members currently include Marcia Custer, Gary Danback, Joey Frederick, Wallace Morris, Robert Morton, Stan Portlock and Scott Smith. The Task Force is seeking additional volunteers to attain balanced divisional representation.

Over-the-Road M&R Task Force

Co-leader Maggie Murphy, Pacer Stacktrain on behalf of Co-leaders Russ Graef and Gene Tusa of Hapag Lloyd provided an update of the group's activities. Data Collection from the "Team" has been the Task Force's biggest undertaking and will continue to be a challenge. The Task Force will be streamlining the number of items to be collected as well as the collection process. The Task Force intends to expand the collection sources that may also include data extraction from the chassis pools.

Roadability Compliance Task Force

Jim Reo, Task Force leader, presented a roadability update. Jim advised that on December 17, 2008, the final rule for the Requirements for Intermodal Equipment Providers and for Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating Intermodal Equipment was published in the Federal Register.

Jim outlined the key implementation dates which are: June 17, 2009 – effective date of the Final Rule; December 17, 2009 – deadline for IEPs are required to establish systematic inspection, repair, and maintenance programs, recordkeeping systems, and for submitting Form MCS - 150C to the FMCSA; and December 17, 2010 deadline for IEPs to mark intermodal chassis with new USDOT identification number.

The Task Force, working in conjunction with the Operations Committee's Roadability Task Force set up three working groups to review the pertinent sections of the rulemaking. The three groups conducted conference calls and jointly met in IANA's offices. Recommended Practices (RP) draft documents were developed that were eventually merged with the Operations Committee's RP.s.

Mike Murray, of Seacastle Chassis, Inc. headed the M&R Processes Working Group to review the sections relating to systematic maintenance. Documentation of all maintenance and repair programs is required. By regulations, inspections should be carried out periodically pursuant to the IEP's inspection program and may include preventive maintenance checks as well as inspection for damage of unsafe conditions. The Systematic M&R challenge is unique to each IEP and the facilities they operate.

The second Working Group - Documentation, headed by Paul Dean, of Norfolk Southern reviewed the documentation requirements under the new rulemaking. The group specifically reviewed the Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR) requirements. Three DVIR versions were reviewed and discussed. Each version addressed the inspection requirements pertinent to the rules with modifications to comply with the UIIA Exhibit A and the driver's Pre-Trip responsibilities to inspect the equipment. **[Copies of all three documents are attached to the minutes.]**

A Training Working Group was also established, headed by Kevin Lhotak of Reliable Transportation Specialists. On behalf of Kevin Lhotak, Jim Reo reported that the training working group will now begin reviewing three areas of concentration; driver training, M&R personnel, and inspection personnel. They are seeking volunteers to assist with the process and review.

Finally, Jim Reo stated that the M&R Committee will continue to work with the Operations Committee’s Task Force to update the Joint Recommended Practices Documentation. **[The documents which are posted on IANA’s Web site at www.intermodal.org can be accessed under Important News or the appropriate Committee sections of the site. Comments are requested by June 8, 2009.]**

Bias Tire Conditions Analysis and Repair Guide

Al Cohn, of Pressure Systems International, updated the Committee on the status of TMC’s *Bias Tire Conditions Analysis and Repair Guide*. The repair guide is currently under the TMC “appeals” process with tentative availability, through TMC, on September 1, 2009.

Educational Session “CCIB Slid Flat Tire Test”

Walter Helmus of CCIB - Chicago Car Interchange Bureau reported on a slid flat tire test conducted in December 2008 on behalf of the CCIB Board of Directors. The objective was to review a recurring issue that occurs in rail yards. A video of the testing conducted using both radial and bias tires. The testing was done on both concrete and asphalt surfaces on different days under conditions that were 50 degrees (F) and sunny and 16 degrees (F) with snow accumulation. The tests were inconclusive.

Next Meeting

The next M&R Committee meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2009 in Anaheim, California to be held in conjunction with the annual Intermodal Expo. The exact time and location will be provided to the Committee.

Mike Niemeyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Murray. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Maintenance & Repair Committee Action Items

Subject	Item Description	Name	Date
ISO Codes Task Force	Formalize Task Force roster, develop Charter document	Dave Messer and Task Force Members	7/1/2009
Roadability Compliance Task Force	Training working group to develop plan for driver training, M&R personnel and inspection personnel	Kevin Lhotak and Task Force Working Group	7/1/2009
OTR – M&R Task Force	Begin Data Collection Process	Task Force Members	7/1/2009

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Action Items (continued)

Subject	Item Description	Name	Date
TMC Initiative Task Force	Complete review of six open RP items under consideration and submit to TMC for review.	Mike Niemeyer and TMC Task Force Members	8/1/2009
TMC Initiative Task Force	Review draft of the <i>Recommended Intermodal Practices Manual</i>	Mike Niemeyer and Task Force Members	9/1/2009
TMC Initiative Task Force	Submit <i>Recommended Intermodal Practices Manual</i> to the M&R Committee for review and approval.	Mike Niemeyer and Task Force Members	10/1/2009
TMC Initiative Task Force	Review Task Force Recommendations and Publication Options for <i>Recommended Intermodal Practices Manual</i>	M&R Committee	TBD