

MEETING LOG
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

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SUBJECT: Meeting with the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA)

LOCATION: Hilton, Chicago O'Hare Airport
Chicago, Illinois

DATE: October 14-15, 2000

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Mohammed Khan *MK*

LOG ENTRY DATE: October 20, 2000

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Mohammed Khan (ESEE)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: See attached attendance record

MEETING SUMMARY:

This summary emphasizes the discussion points that were of special interest to the staff as it is currently handling a petition on non-wood baseball bats.

The majority of the presentations at the Saturday, 14 October session were on participation level (decline) and what approaches could be taken to bolster participation levels. Very little of the day's meeting was on safety issues or standards. However, Mr. Joseph Losch from Little League Baseball stated that for this year, batted ball injuries were down 50% compared to 1999. Staff inquired to what was the reduction attributable? The representative responded that safety awareness and safety training programs were the reason for the reduction.

On Sunday, the primary focus was safety and possible standards changes. Dr. Jim Sherwood of the University of Massachusetts Lowell presented data that suggested that the performance of aluminum (Al) bats increases with use and can eventually exceed the limits of the current NCAA bat performance standard. Many manufacturers had concerns and questions regarding these findings but agreed that additional research would be beneficial in quantifying the "work hardening" phenomenon. It was agreed that these works include a correlation of field data and be done with the aid of the manufacturers. Dr. Sherwood also talked about a memo that was distributed to the manufacturers on Saturday from Mr. Ty Halpin, NCAA. The memo contained a graph that depicted moment of inertia (MOI) as a function of bat length. Two plots were provided in the graph, one illustrating what was originally proposed (by the NCAA's panel of experts) to

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be used as a standard for bats and the other plot representing a less conservative standard as the current proposal. Dr. Sherwood suggested that perhaps a "sliding scale" for the MOI's should be adopted.



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ATTENDANCE

DATE: Sat, Oct 14

MEETING: All Attendees

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COMPANY (Please Print)

JOHN PETERSON
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ROBERT LEVESQUE
John WOODMAN
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NFCA
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UMASS-LOWELL BASEBALL CENTER
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ATTENDANCE

DATE: Sun. Oct. 15

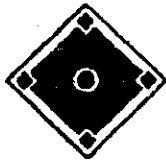
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