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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of April 16, 2019 Board Meeting
Held in the Gambling Control Conference Room at 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tim Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Timothy Doyle, Board Chair
Barbara Dresser
Alfred Skolfield

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA SKYPE

Robert Harmon

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg McNeal

STAFF PRESENT

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Don Armstrong, State Police Detective
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor
Mallory Reilly, Office Assistant II
Katie Boynton, Office Specialist I
Ron Guay, Assistant Attorney General
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Joyeux, Assistant to the Commissioner
Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

February 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Alfred Skolfield moves to approve the February 2019 minutes, as amended. The motion is seconded by Chairman Tim Doyle. The motion carries with one abstention (Ms. Barbara Dresser).

March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Barbara Dresser moves to approve the March 2019 minutes, as amended. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Milton Champion provides his report to the Board. In March 2019, there were 39 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 598 observations and 36 checklists. Three minor violations are being monitored from the activity log. There have been no patron complaints and no dispositions of a formal report were sent for members to review per statute. There were ten self-exclusions.

For the month of March 2019, the Unit has identified an increase of 0.7% in total tax revenue for both facilities over March 2018. Year-to-date, there has been an identified increase of 0.1% versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.6% win for the month of March from slots and a 21.2% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage for March was 91.4%, with an average gross win per machine of \$240.20. Hollywood reported 10.4% average win for the month of March from slots and 32.0% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage for March was 89.62% with an average gross win per machine of \$165.30.

In November 2018, Executive Director Champion received written notification from Penn National Gaming regarding a potential agreement with Alliance Data Systems Corporation (ADS) to co-brand a credit card. In January 2019, AAG Katie Johnson, AAG Ron Guay, and Executive Director Champion met with executives from Penn National Gaming to discuss the program, including reviewing areas such as underage gaming, casino marketing, extension of credit, and licensing of junket services. There were no issues requiring Board approval identified.

AAG Ron Guay provides the Board with information regarding Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) activity from his role as attorney to the Harness Racing Commission. Chairman Doyle clarified that there was no direct information that these activities were happening and AAG Guay confirms that there is no indication that licensees or affiliates are participating. AAG Guay will develop an educational letter to be sent to everyone. It will be non-accusatory in nature and provide information on the laws regarding ADW in Maine.

Mr. Robert Harmon asks Executive Director Champion about the status of legislative activities. Executive Director Champion will provide a report at the next meeting. Mr. Harmon also asks about a Notice of Violation for Bangor in the Dropbox packet. Executive Director Champion will review Dropbox and call Mr. Harmon.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Detective Don Armstrong provides his report to the Board. Last month 17 new licenses and 38 renewal licenses were investigated. There are 53 licenses pending processing and investigation. There were seven thefts and six of those have been taken care of through funds being recovered.

There was a \$100 bill recovered which was counterfeit and turned over to the Bangor PD. Oxford PD has received 10 calls for service and Bangor PD has received 16.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recommendation for Awardee for Financial RFP

The Financial RFP was completed by way of a Submitted Questions on January 31, 2019. Answers to the questions were completed and proposals were submitted on February 20, 2019 by four bidders. The Review Committee reviewed the bids for the Financial Review of applicants for suitability and recommend WIPFLi/MacPage to continue the financial services to the State. With Board approval the process will be a 15-day appeal notification and then the negotiation of the new contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Crazy 4 Poker - Oxford

Jack Sours, VP and General Manager of Oxford, provides an overview of the new Crazy 4 Poker game. The Board had no questions.

Katie Johnson reminds the Board that they must consider the following, under Board Rules Chapter 25 when approving the adoption of a new game:

- A. Conformance with industry standard rules;
- B. The object of the game and method of play, including what constitutes win, loss or tie bets;
- C. Physical characteristics of the game, gaming equipment, and gaming table;
- D. Wagers and payout odds for each type of available wager;
- E. Applicable inspection procedures for cards, dice, wheels and balls, or other equipment required by the game;
- F. For a game that uses cards, the description of: (1) Shuffling procedures; (2) Card cutting procedures; (3) Procedures for dealing and taking cards; and (4) Burning cards; and
- G. Whether the rules (1) Ensure that the game will be played with integrity; (2) Are written in language that is plain to the player; and (3) Satisfy other requirements necessary to protect the public and ensure public confidence in gaming.

Mr. Alfred Skolfield moves to approve Crazy 4 Poker, as it meets the standards of Chapter 25. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barbara Dresser moves to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously.

The meeting adjourns at 9:35 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on May 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Katie Boynton
Office Specialist I*

Board approved: May 21, 2019