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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of February 18, 2020 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
Alfred Skolfield
Greg McNeal
Barbara Dresser

Robert Harmon participated by phone

STAFF PRESENT

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I

James Horr, Auditor
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Greg McNeal moves to approve the January 2020 minutes as amended. The motion is seconded by Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries 3 for and 1 abstention (Mr. Robert Harmon).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Milton Champion provides his report to the Board. In January 2020 there were 12 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On site inspectors completed 781 observations and 33 checklists. Two formal complaints of potential violations and six minor violations are being monitored from the activity log. There were 0 patron complaints and 0 dispositions of formal reports sent to members for review per statute. There were 20 self-exclusions.

For the month of January 2020, the Unit has identified an increase of 16.6% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus January 2019. Year to date there has been an identified increase of 16.6 % versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.3% win for the month of January from slots and 21.7% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 91.7%. Average gross win per machine of \$212.79. Hollywood reported a 9.3% average win for the month of January from slots and 30.3% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.7%. Average gross win per machine was \$129.73.

Director Champion updated the Board on the status of various bills currently in the Legislature. The announcement for ADW went out with no appeal, and the Director is now working with Penn National LLC to complete the contract. As soon as the contract signatures are complete, wagers will begin being accepted. Fantasy contests rules went out for second comment and should be ready for adoption very soon.

Mr. Robert Harmon asked that status updates on the complaint process remain in the unfinished business section of every meeting.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Detective Don Armstrong was out sick and will give a double report at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Promotional Credit Rule Making proposed text for 2nd public comment-

In previous meetings the discussion about removing the word "voucher" took place. The Unit received written comment from Scientific Games, which were followed up by Gaming Laboratories International (GLI). It was determined that the word voucher would need to revert back to "ticket." The comments for Chapter 29 were so extensive, it will need to be republished for public comment.

Ms. Barbara Dresser moves to republish Chapter 29 for public comment, as well as Chapters 3, 4, and 24. The motion is seconded by Mr. Greg McNeal. The motion carries unanimously.

Proposed Letter response to request for removal from self-exclusion list after 5 years-

The Director presented a letter to be sent to patrons who have requested to be removed from the State's self-exclusion list after a 5-year period. Informational brochures will accompany this letter to give contact information should they need to reach out to a Gambling Addiction Health Care Provider.

Ms. Barbara Dresser suggested changing “shall” to “has been” in the second paragraph. She also suggested that a portion be removed from the letter because it comes across as lecturing and does not add to what the letter is trying to accomplish.

Mr. Alfred Skolfield moves to approve the proposed letter with the proposed changes to the second paragraph. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg McNeal. The motion carries 4 for and 1 opposed. (Ms. Barbara Dresser opposed)

Request for removal from self-exclusion list (4) confidential – Tabled-

The Board formally reviewed the 4 requests at previous meetings. Each request will receive its own motion of approval or denial.

Mr. Greg McNeal moves to allow patron W.S. (20-1) to be removed from the self-exclusion list and be provided with the letter and resource materials that were just approved. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries with 4 for and 1 abstention. (Mr. Robert Harmon abstained)

Mr. Alfred Skolfield moves to allow (20-2) to be removed from the self-exclusion list and be provided with the letter and resource materials that were just approved. The motion is seconded by Mr. Greg McNeal. The motion carries with 4 for and 1 abstention. (Mr. Robert Harmon abstained)

Mr. Alfred Skolfield moves to allow patron G.D. (20-3) to be removed from the self-exclusion list and be provided with the letter and resource materials that were just approved. The motion is seconded by Mr. Greg McNeal. The motion carries with 4 for and 1 abstention. (Mr. Robert Harmon abstained)

Mr. Alfred Skolfield moves to allow patron L.P. (20-4) to be removed from the self-exclusion list and be provided with the letter and resource materials that were just approved. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries with 4 for and 1 abstention. (Mr. Robert Harmon abstained)

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report approval –

The Board offered a few minor changes to this year’s Annual Report. Mr. Robert Harmon suggested removing the paragraph about the Board meeting in the communities where the 2 casinos are located. This has fallen to the wayside, with low public turn-out, and Chairman Tim

Doyle suggested it may have lost its value. Ms. Barbara Dresser also suggested to add a paragraph outlining addiction and problem gambling and state the number of current self-exclusions.

Mr. Greg McNeal moves to accept the Annual Report with the proposed changes set forth by the Board. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.

Board pre-approval for educational programs on casino floor or special events-

It was brought to the Directors attention that one of the facilities would like to have an educational event to further educate their employees on table games. The Director asked the Board to delegate the authority for approval or denial of such events.

A.A.G Katie Johnson informed the Board that this is not one of the powers that can be delegated, the Board will need to approve each request for these training events. Further details on this matter will be needed for the next meeting.

Internal Controls for linked progressives not compatible to the CSMS-

Sr. Director of Operations at Oxford Casino, Eric Franzen, approached the Board and discussed the proposed internal controls for linked progressives. Internal control changes were discussed and agreed upon by both State of Maine facilities. Oxford Casino has submitted it's request for changes (MGCB-4000), and Hollywood will be submitting its request shortly using the same verbiage.

The Board decided to bring back the topic to the next meeting and vote when both facilities have submitted their request for changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourns at 10:00 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on March 17, 2020 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Mallory Reilly
Office Specialist I*

Board approved: May 19, 2020