

Draft of the Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2009
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Meeting opened at 12:35 p.m..

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Cushing Samp, Richard Arnold and Peter Danton

Excused members: Larry Hall on medical leave

Staff members present: Exec.Director Robert Welch, Auditor Scott Woods, Sgt. Bill Gomane and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

Legal counsel: Lara Nomani, Ass't A.G.

Minutes from 5/6/2009 meeting

Motion to accept: Peter Danton moved to accept the minutes

Seconded: Dick Arnold

Vote: 3-1 (with 1 abstention)

Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch

Bangor P.D. Calls - the contact hasn't emailed the information yet.

Budget – We lost \$50,000 to Legislature, for the gambling counseling services.If anyone calls 211 – they will be told where the meetings are statewide and if they want the national information, are given that as well.

Legislative Update – The budget was passed. **LD #924** - The Promotional Credits was approved and is at the Governor's Office now for his signature. **LD #1458** - The Statewide Racino and Trifecta bill will be carried over to the next session.

Financial Update – Scott Woods

Saturday, May 30th was the 2nd highest revenue day at Hollywood Slots since the permanent facility opened with 5.7 million played. Scientific Games promised that the transfer to the Promotional Credits will be smooth.

State Police Activity Update – Sgt. Bill Gomane

53 applications have been processed since the last meeting: 17 new and 36 pending. Four incidents were reviewed and nine interviews conducted. He is redirecting personnel and Det. Armstrong will be at HS more often weekly.

Unfinished Business

A. Fine/Violations Sub-Committee Report – Lara Nomani

The Committee consisting of Lara, Bob Welch and State Police personnel have met with Commissioner Jordan once so far. Discussion was held about what manner in which they want to process complaints received. A flow chart for complaint procedure was presented to the Board.

Motion: to adopt the complaint procedure for the Administrative Violations Complaints by Dick Arnold

Seconded by Peter Danton

Vote: 4-0

B. Request for Change to Internal Control Standards

As requested by the Board at the last meeting, Hollywood Slots submitted in memo format, their request to change the Internal Controls Standards. As advised before, currently it ties up three people when there's a Cash Box Compartment access required. This change would allow Hollywood Slots to change their internal controls, having only two people involved i.e. the Slot Tech and Security who would have dual possession of a key. This would not change our internal control standards.

Motion: by Cushing to apply/agree with the change request

Seconded by Dick Arnold

Vote: 4-0

New Business - none

Public Comments

Jon Johnson is very happy with the approval of Promotional Credits that the Governor will be signing soon. It passed through as an Emergency Bill, so will take effect when signed. He is hoping to start it up in July, if Scientific Games can figure things out.

Larry Hall, board member is still on medical leave from the board.

Chairman McHale suggested there be no meeting held in July unless there's an emergency.

Motion made by Peter Danton to not meet in July

Seconded by Dick Arnold

Vote: 4-0

Bob Welch will advise the Board of the shutdown days. It is still being determined who will be deemed "essential employees" who would have to work, and who will not. Unknown if the Inspectors at the facility will be determined essential or not.

Next meeting is 8/12/2009

Adjournment at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain, secretary