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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of March 15, 2022 Board Meeting
Held online via Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:04 am via Zoom application online due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Sari Greene
Dr. Charmaine Brown
Chief Noel March

STAFF PRESENT ONLINE

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Detective Don Armstrong
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor
Alex Joutov, Auditor
Wyatt Bisbee, Auditor

Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I
Cami Hippler, Office Assistant II
Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
Philip Mantis, Assistant Attorney General

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

January 2022 Meeting Minutes approval

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the January 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Chief Noel March seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Abstain
Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed 3 in favor, 1 abstention, motion passes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In January 2022 there were (5) shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed (750) observations and (30) checklists. There were (8) self-exclusions. There were (7) minor incidents that will continue to be monitored from our activity log. There were no patron complaints and no formal complaints of potential violations placed on the dashboard.

For the month of January 2022, the Unit has identified an increase of 43.5% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus January 2021. Year to date obviously the Unit has identified the same increase of 43.5% versus last year at the same time.

Oxford reported a 7.9% win for the month of January from slots and a 22.4% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 92.1%. Average gross win per machine was \$196.43. Hollywood reported a 9.6% average win for the month of January from slots and a 26.2% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.4%. Average gross win per machine was \$158.07.

In February 2022 there were (2) shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed (670) observations and (32) checklists. There were (6) self-exclusions. There were (6) minor incidents that will continue to be monitored from our activity log. There were no patron complaints and no formal complaints of potential violations placed on the dashboard.

For the month of February 2021, the Unit has identified an increase of 58.4% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus February 2020. Year to date the Unit has identified an increase of 51.2% versus last year at the same time.

Oxford reported an 8.4% win for the month of February from slots and a 24.0% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 91.7%. Average gross win per machine was \$260.16. Hollywood reported a 9.4% average win for the month of February from slots and a 22.6% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.6%. Average gross win per machine was \$202.03.

Bill LD 1743 passed out of committee on the definition change from electronic facsimile to electronic table game. LD 1745 passed out of committee on the option of a 3-year license for individual employee licenses at renewal.

On March 7, Commissioner Sauschuck appeared before the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Veterans and Legal Affairs with a request for \$66,370.00 to go forward with online applications for casino employee individuals. This will allow for temporary licenses to be issued the same day the application and fee are accepted. On March 14, the VLA committee passed the initiative.

Director Champion brought to the attention of the Board that he is directing Det. Armstrong's position differently from the past in that criminal conduct taking place at the casinos should be directed toward local law enforcement and district attorney offices by the licensee as a complainant or a patron as the complainant.

The Unit has been reviewing the comments from the publication of rulemaking regarding the proposed changes to Board Rules, Chapter 5, Appendix A, the Board's Minimal Internal Control Standards. Due to the length of the review and considering time, Director Champion would like to request a second meeting in April to just review these comments before the regularly scheduled meeting of April 19.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Detective Don Armstrong reported for the past 2 months there were 42 new and 68 renewal investigations completed, with 49 still pending. There were 8 Ticket-In, Ticket-Out (TITO) incidents; all but 2 have been taken care of. Several counterfeit bills have been discovered and given to the Secret Service. There were 19 calls for service in Bangor and 16 in Oxford for the local police department.

Consent Agreement – GCB 2021-58 -Tabled from last meeting

There was Board discussion surrounding the complaint.

Chief Noel March moves to accept the consent agreement as written for GCB 2021-58. Board Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Yea
Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed, 4 in favor.

Consent Agreement – GCB 2021-56, 57, & 60

There was Board discussion surrounding the complaints.

Chief Noel March moves to accept the consent agreement for GCB 2021-56, 57, & 60. Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Yea
Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed, 4 in favor.

License Applications for Review-

Hollywood Casino Bangor – Tabled at the last meeting-

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the February 2021 renewal application for HC Bangor LLC dba Hollywood Casino Hotel & Raceway. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Yea
Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed, 4 in favor.

Andrew Confer, CFO, presented Orion Security Solutions and explained what they specialize in to the Board.

Members

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Noel March: **Yea**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lori Manson, Problem Gambling Services Coordinator at Adcare, presented a budget for startup costs in the amount of \$3,000 if Adcare were to play a role in the self-exclusion removal process. This startup would cover subcontracting with the Massachusetts Gaming and Health Council for training provided to the non-casino self-exclusion sites.

Self-Exclusion A decided to withdraw their request for removal.

The Board discussed the circumstances surrounding this request for removal from the Self-Exclusion list.

Members

Sari Greene: **Yea**

Noel March: Yea

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Sari Greene: Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea
Noel March: Yea

The motion passed, 4 in favor.

AGS Shuffler approval for use in Maine-

Tyler Knight of AGS presented to the Board the shuffler device for which AGS is seeking approval for use in the State of Maine.

Chief Noel March moved to approve the PAX-S shuffler for use in the State of Maine. Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver Yea
Sari Greene: Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea
Noel March: Yea

The motion passed, 4 in favor.

Oxford request for ETG internal controls approval-

The Board discussed with Oxford Casino management the reason for the IC change.

Dr. Charmaine Brown moved to approve this IC change with delegation to Unit staff to ensure the definitions of “jackpot” and “slug” line up with the current Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) . Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver Yea
Sari Greene: Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea
Noel March: Yea

The motion passed, 4 in favor.

Board Business-

The Board decided on April 12th at 9:00 am for the work session to review the Board’s Minimum Internal Control Standards, Board Rules, Chapter 5, Appendix A. The meeting will be open to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sari Greene moves to adjourn the Gambling Control Board meeting. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver Yea

Sari Greene **Yea**
Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**
Noel March: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

The meeting adjourns at 11:12 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on April 12, 2022 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: April 19, 2022