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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of September 20, 2022 Board Meeting
Held online via Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:02 am via Zoom application online due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE

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

STAFF PRESENT ONLINE

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

Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I
Jennifer Willis, AAG
Katie Johnson, AAG
Philip Mantis, AAG

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

July 2022 Meeting Minutes approval

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the July 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Chief Noel March seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

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

The motion passed 3 in favor, 1 Abstention.

OPERATIONS REPORT – VICKI GARDNER, INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR

In July 2022 there were 10 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 691 observations and 27 checklists. There were 6 self-exclusions. There were 5 minor violations that will continue to be monitored from the activity log, 2 patron complaints, and 2 formal complaints of potential violations placed on the dashboard.

There were 25 calls for service to Bangor PD at Hollywood Casino, of those 9 were parking lot/garage related, 4 in the Hotel, and 12 in the Casino. Oxford Casino had 16 calls for service to Oxford PD, of those 6 were parking lot related, 2 in the Hotel and 8 in the Casino.

In August 2022 there were 9 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 764 observations and 27 checklists. There were 9 self-exclusions. There were 6 minor violations that will continue to be monitored from the activity log, 2 patron complaints, and 1 formal complaint of potential violation placed on the dashboard.

There were 16 calls for service at Hollywood Casino, of those 5 were parking lot/garage related, 4 in the hotel, and 6 in the Casino. Oxford Casino had 15 calls for service to the Oxford PD, of those 7 were parking lot related, 0 in the Hotel and 8 in the Casino.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Alex Joutov, Auditor

For the month of July 2022, the Unit has identified a decrease of 1.6% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus July 2021. Year to date the Unit has identified an increase of 20.9% versus last year at the same time.

Oxford reported an 8.27% win for the month of July from slots and 17.54% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 91.73%. Average gross win per machine was \$300.47. Hollywood reported an 8.98% average win for the month of July from slots and 18.26% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 91.02%. Average gross win per machine was \$237.38

In the area of advance deposit wagering for the month of July 2022, the Unit has identified an increase of 38.2% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected. Year to date the Unit has identified an increase of 8.8% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected versus last year at the same time.

For the month of August 2022, the Unit has identified an increase of 1.9% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus August 2021. Year to date we have identified an increase of 31.3% versus last year at the same time.

Oxford reported an 7.91% win for the month of August from slots and 18.45% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 92.09%. Average gross win per machine was \$281.36. Hollywood reported a 9.27% average win for the month of August from slots and 19.59% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.73%. Average gross win per machine was \$234.80.

In the area of advance deposit wagering for the month of August 2022, the Unit has identified an increase of 27.3% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected. Year to date the Unit has identified an increase of 11.3% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected versus last year at the same time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Production is underway to be able to offer online applications for casino gaming and sports wagering employees only. The Unit will start accepting three-year renewals in October which is 60 days from the time the law was changed with the renewal submission options of 1- or 3-year licenses. The Unit has already begun working three-year waivers of gaming licenses.

License Applications for Review:

Aristocrat Technologies Inc. – Table Game Distributor License

Chief Noel March moves to approve the renewal application for Aristocrat as a Table Game distributor. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

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

The motion passed 4 in favor.

IGT – Slot Machine Distributor License

Chief Noel March moves to approve the renewal application for IGT as a slot machine distributor. Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

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

The motion passed 4 in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Appendix A – Final Review for adoption

AAG Katie Johnson went through the final changes made to Appendix A. The Board voted to approve the third publication of Chapter 5 and Appendix A for public comment.

Dr. Charmaine Brown moves to approve the changes made to Chapter 5 and the MIC's. Ms. Sari Greene seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

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

The motion passed 4 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agreement GCB-2021-62

Casino agrees to enter into a consent agreement to resolve GCB 2021-62. Pursuant to the agreement, the Casino will pay a \$4,000 fine reflecting 4 violations of Board rules Chapter 13, which requires licensees to follow procedures to ensure self-excluded individuals are not able to access the gaming floor and receive gaming privileges. The Board had some questions about the incidents. Casino staff indicated that the violations were self-reported and new technology has been put in place to ensure better compliance with Chapter 13.

Ms. Sari Greene motions to approve the Consent agreement GBC-2021-62. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion.

Members

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

The motion passed 4 in favor.

Rulemaking Chapter 17 and IC – Remote Surveillance access-

Director Champion requested access to Surveillance, due to the rise in online virtual gaming, with the addition of Sports Wagering to the Unit there will not be Inspectors onsite and surveillance will need to happen from the Unit's office in Augusta. The room this technology will be stored in, will be secure with remote access with a key card.

Ms. Sari Greene motions to approve the rulemaking change to chapter 17. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion.

Members

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

The motion passed 4 in favor.

Board Business-

The Board room has been equipped with camera/mic technology and future meetings will soon be hybrid (physical location in Augusta, with the ability to join the meeting electronically).

PUBLIC COMMENT –

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Noel March 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**

Chief Noel March: **Yea**

Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

The meeting adjourns at 10:03 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on October 20, 2022 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: