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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of July 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
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

May 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Robert Harmon moves to approve the May 2019 minutes. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Milton Champion provides his report to the Board. In May 2019, there were 19 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 674 observations and 37 checklists. Six minor violations are being monitored from the activity log. There have been no patron complaints and one disposition of a formal report was sent for members to review per statute. There were 12 self-exclusions. In June

2019, there were 14 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 712 observations and 36 checklists. Six minor violations are being monitored from the activity log. There have been no patron complaints and no dispositions of formal reports were sent for members to review per statute. There were 11 self-exclusions.

For the month of May 2019, the Unit has identified a decrease of 0.9% in total tax revenue for both facilities over May 2018. Year-to-date, there has been an identified increase of 0.6% versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.3% win for the month of May from slots and a 23.9% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage for May was 91.7%, with an average gross win per machine of \$221.41. Hollywood reported 9.8% average win for the month of May from slots and 31.5% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage for May was 90.2% with an average gross win per machine of \$149.69.

For the month of June 2019, the Unit has identified a decrease of 2.4% in total tax revenue for both facilities over June 2018. Year-to-date, there has been an identified increase of 0.1% versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.5% win for the month of May from slots and a 26.4% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage for June was 91.5%, with an average gross win per machine of \$235.30. Hollywood reported 9.4% average win for the month of June from slots and 26.8% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage for June was 90.6% with an average gross win per machine of \$159.20.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Detective Don Armstrong provides his report to the Board. Last month 36 new licenses and 132 renewal licenses were investigated. There are 37 licenses pending processing and investigation. There has been no new criminal activity since the last meeting. An indictment was handed down by the grand jury regarding a case where one of the casinos was the victim of theft. Oxford Police Department had 25 calls for service and Bangor Police Department had 42 calls for service. Over half the calls to Bangor involved the hotel and not the casino floor, for issues like misdialing 911, pet concerns, and accidents in the garage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Advance Deposit Wagering Update

Executive Director Champion tells the Board that he is reviewing the process and timelines in relation to the measures still outstanding in the legislation. There is discussion by members of the Board on the status of the RFP and moving forward with republishing the RFP.

Mr. Robert Harmon moves to authorize the Executive Director to move forward with the RFP using the new form and the same material information. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.

Rule Adoption

Chairman Doyle asked Executive Director Champion for an update on the Rules process. The Rules were reviewed by Assistant Attorney General Johnson in April prior to the presentation to the Board in May. The Board approved routine technical rulemaking on May 21, 2019 and rules were published on May 29, 2019. No comments were received by the deadline of June 28, 2019. The Executive Director is now seeking the Board's approval of final adoption of Rules Chapter 2, 4, 5, and Appendix A of Chapter 5.

Ms. Barbara Dresser moves to adopt the final rules and approve the basis statement. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Scientific Games Contract

The Executive Director reports that the contract is still in the negotiation phase and the Board will need to review with the attorneys in executive session.

Ms. Barbara Dresser moves to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E) to receive advice from our attorney regarding the legal rights and duties of our agency. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously. The Board adjourns for executive session at 9:34 AM and returns at 9:56 AM.

Chairman Doyle informs the audience that the Board met in Executive Session and asks for a motion to allow him to sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Barbara Dresser moves to authorize Chairman Doyle to sign the Scientific Games contract on behalf of the Board. The motion is seconded by Mr. Robert Harmon. The motion carries unanimously.

Self-Exclusion Removal Request

The Board received a request to remove an individual from the voluntary self-exclusion list. There was discussion surrounding the letter and the possibility of authorizing a waiver to allow someone on the list to work at a facility and still be an excluded person.

Mr. Robert Harmon moves to deny the request for removal but approve a waiver if the individual obtains a position at a facility. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joshua Tardy, local counsel for Hollywood Casino, requested to make a public comment. Mr. Tardy addresses what "self-reporting" means and how to get the Board and Hollywood on the

same page. There is discussion from members of the Board, Mr. Tardy, and Mr. Austin Muchemore. Chairman Doyle stops discussion stating this is a meeting not a debate, and recommends the parties sit down to discuss the process.

Chairman Doyle states that the July meeting has been the most well attended meeting. He lets everyone know that the Governor's nominations to replace members of the Board are likely coming in August, so this may be the last meeting of this group. He thanks everyone for their efforts as Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robert Harmon motions to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Ms. Barbara Dresser. The motion carries unanimously.

The meeting adjourns at 10:29 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on September 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Katie Boynton
Office Specialist I*

Board approved: September 10, 2019