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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of September 10, 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
Greg McNeal

Alfred Skolfield
Robert Harmon

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barbara Dresser

STAFF PRESENT

Milton Champion, Executive Director
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

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

June 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Robert Harmon moves to approve the June 2019 minutes. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Milton Champion provides his report to the Board. In July 2019, there were 11 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 765 observations and 33 checklists. Five minor violations are being monitored from the activity log. There have been no patron complaints and two dispositions of formal reports were sent for members to review per statute. There were 11 self-exclusions. In August 2019, there were 14 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or

from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 734 observations and 34 checklists. Three minor violations are being monitored from the activity log. There have been no patron complaints and three dispositions of formal reports were sent for members to review per statute. There were 15 self-exclusions.

For the month of July 2019, the Unit has identified an increase of 1.9% in total tax revenue for both facilities over July 2018. Year-to-date, there has been an identified increase of 0.4% versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.58% win for the month of July from slots and a 21.8% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage for July was 91.4%, with an average gross win per machine of \$248.64. Hollywood reported 9.5% average win for the month of July from slots and 21.6% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage for July was 90.5% with an average gross win per machine of \$162.73.

For the month of August 2019, the Unit has identified an increase of 0.4% in total tax revenue for both facilities over August 2018. Year-to-date, there has been an identified increase of 0.4% versus last year at the same time. Oxford reported an 8.0% win for the month of August from slots and a 19.6% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage for August was 92.0%, with an average gross win per machine of \$233.25. Hollywood reported 10.2% average win for the month of August from slots and 29.8% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage for August was 90.0% with an average gross win per machine of \$194.64.

The ADW RFP was reviewed by Procurement and the Disaster Recovery and SOC II Type 2 language, since these are OIT policies, have been reviewed by the OIT Vendor Management Office. The changes are being reviewed with Procurement and the AG's office. While no changes thus far have required Board approval, the scoring has changed from the original approved version to the new forms version.

Mr. Harmon and Executive Director Champion discuss questions related to a Letter of Guidance issued to Hollywood Casino.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS I

Scientific Games Contract

The Board holds discussion on the contract to the end of the meeting to allow for executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Promotional Credits – Hollywood Casino

Mr. Ronnie Little requests authorization to port free play credits from a machine back to the player card, for the purposes of transferring from one machine to another. Executive Director Champion reviewed previous Board minutes and determined that Oxford Casino has been doing this since 2016. Scientific Games has the ability to capture credits. There is discussion on what credit means

and how it relates to statute. Lines of credit, where a player borrows money, are prohibited, however promotional credits are earned via a reward program or free play are not lines of credit and are allowed. There is discussion on potential rulemaking surrounding promotional credits.

Mr. Greg McNeal motions to allow for changes to promotional credits to be implemented at Hollywood Casino in the same way it is at Oxford Casino. The motion is seconded by Mr. Alfred Skolfield. The motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS II

Scientific Games Contract

Mr. Alfred Skolfield 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. Robert Harmon. The motion carries unanimously. The Board adjourns for executive session at 9:45 AM and returns at 10:23 AM.

Mr. Greg McNeal moves to extend the Scientific Games contract by one year, through June 30, 2019. The motion is seconded by Mr. Robert Harmon. The motion carries unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robert Harmon motions to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Ms. Greg McNeal. The motion carries unanimously.

The meeting adjourns at 10:24 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on October 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Katie Boynton
Office Specialist I*

Board approved: October 15, 2019