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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of October 18, 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
Dr. Charmaine Brown
Joseph Hanslip

STAFF PRESENT ONLINE

Milton Champion, Executive Director	Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I
Detective Don Armstrong	Jennifer Willis, AAG
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor	Katie Johnson, AAG
Alex Joutov, Auditor	Philip Mantis, AAG
Cami Hippler, Office Assistant	

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

September 2022 Meeting Minutes approval

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconds the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown:	Yea
Joseph Hanslip:	Abstain

The motion passed 3 in favor, 1 Abstention.

OPERATIONS REPORT – VICKI GARDNER, INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR

In September 2022 there were 10 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 703 observations and 24 checklists. There were 7 self-exclusions. There were 3 minor violations that will continue to be monitored from the activity log, 1 patron complaint, and 2 formal complaints of potential violations placed on the dashboard.

There were 21 calls for service to Bangor PD at Hollywood Casino, of those 10 were parking lot/garage related, 2 in the Hotel, and 9 in the Casino. Oxford Casino had 23 calls for service to Oxford PD, of those 5 were parking lot related, 1 in the Hotel and 17 in the Casino.

Hollywood Casino experienced a major power outage, downtown Bangor was closed for several hours on September 26, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Alex Joutov, Auditor

For the month of September 2022, the Unit has identified an increase of 2 % in total tax revenue for both facilities versus September 2021. Year to date there has been an identified increase of 15.8% versus last year at the same time. Total revenue collected year to date is \$52,298,199.49.

Oxford reported a 7.97% win for the month of September from slots and 27.47% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 92.03%. Average gross win per machine was \$274.17. Hollywood reported an 8.53% average win for the month of September from slots and 16.20% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 91.47%. Average gross win per machine was \$206.65

In the area of advance deposit wagering for the month of September 2022, the Unit has identified an increase of 34.4% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected. Year to date there has been an identified increase of 13.6% for total in state and out of state tax revenue collected versus last year at the same time. Total revenue collected year to date is \$204,360.47.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wyatt Bisbee is no longer an Auditor for the Unit, his replacement will be announced at the November meeting. October is the start of the three-year renewal option for employee licenses. The Director is hopeful to go live with online applications by the first of the year.

License Applications for Review:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Internal Control Change- Hollywood Casino – Melissa McRae,

The IC changes requested by Hollywood Casino at the July 19, 2022 meeting were resubmitted with the 2 changes requested by the Board.

Ms. Sari Greene motions to approve the amended internal control changes. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members
Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjudicatory Hearing-

Rebekah Smith was the presiding hearing officer; the hearing began at 9:20am and concluded at 12:00pm. Hollywood Casino was alleged to have violated the self-exclusion provisions in Chapter 13 of the Board Rules. The licensee allegedly allowed an individual who had opted into the Casino’s internal self-exclusion list (which predated the State self-exclusion statute and list) onto the gaming floor where the individual subsequently gamed. The licensee denied these allegations were a violation of the Board’s rules. The Board held that Board Rule Chapter 13 does not apply to self-excluded individuals who have self-excluded only by enrolling in a casino’s internal self-exclusion list prior to the date the Maine self-exclusion statute and the Board’s rules went into effect.

The Board disposed of the matter by voting on the following motions:

Chair Steve Silver moves that the licensee did not violate Board Rule Chapter 13, Section 6(3)(b) “by failing to follow procedures for refusing access to the premises for an excluded person.” Ms. Sari Greene seconds the motion. Motion moves to role call.

Members
Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

Chair Steve Silver moves that the licensee did not violate Board Rule Chapter 13, Section 6(3)(d) “by failing to follow procedures for refusing wagers from and denying gaming privileges to an excluded person.” Ms. Sari Greene seconds the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members
Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

Chair Steve Silver moves that the licensee did not violate Board Rule Chapter 13, Section 6(3)(f) “by failing to follow procedures for denying players club member services to an excluded person.” Ms. Sari Greene seconds the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

Ms. Sari Greene moves that the Board delegate authority to the Chair to sign the written decision and order. Mr. Joseph Hanslip seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

Board Business-

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT –

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Joseph Hanslip moves to adjourn the Gambling Control Board meeting. Ms. Sari Greene seconds the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Dr. Charmaine Brown: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

The meeting adjourns at 12:07 PM. The next Board meeting will be held on November 15, 2022 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: November 15, 2022