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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of February 16th, 2021 Board Meeting
Held online via Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:00 am via Zoom application online due to the current Coronavirus pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Robert Harmon
Dr. Charmaine Brown

STAFF PRESENT ONLINE

Milton Champion, Executive Director
Vicki Gardner, Inspector Supervisor
Mallory Reilly, Office Specialist I
Det. Don Armstrong

Katie Johnson, Assistant Attorney General
John Nichols, Assistant Attorney General
Ron Guay, Assistant Attorney General

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

January 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Robert Harmon moves to approve the January 2021 Board minutes as printed. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion, moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver: Yea
Bob Harmon: Yea
Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea

The motion passed 3 in favor.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In January 2021 there were (6) Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On site inspectors completed (593) observations, (31) checklists. There were no formal complaints of potential violations. There were (7) minor violations being monitored from the Unit's activity log and (0) patron complaints. (5) dispositions of formal reports were sent to members for review per statute. There were (11) self-exclusions.

For the month of January 2021, the Unit has identified a decrease of 32.1% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus January 2020. Year to date there has been an identified decrease of 32.1% versus last year at the same time.

Oxford reported an 8% win for the month of January from slots and 28% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 92%. Average gross win per machine of \$314.16. Hollywood reported a 9.3% average win for the month of January from slots and 26% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.8%. Average gross win per machine was \$282.50.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Detective Don Armstrong presents his report to the Board. He informs the Board that there were 24 new license and 94 renewal license investigations completed, and there are currently 36 still pending. There were 3 TITO thefts; all funds have been recovered. Counterfeit bills were located at both facilities and were turned over to the Secret Service.

The Bangor Police Department was called to the property 9 times, some of which were calls for the Hotel and not the Casino. Oxford Police Department were called to the property 2 times.

License Applications for Review-

The license review for VSR Technologies and Patriot Gaming was not completed at this meeting. They as well as other Company license reviews will be conducted at the March 16th meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consent Agreement – GCB 2019-34, GCB 2019-38, and GCB 2019-41

This Consent Agreement resolves allegations that casino dealers failed to follow table game rules on three occasions. The fine agreed upon by the casino and the State was \$4,000.00.

Mr. Robert Harmon moves to approve the Consent Agreement for the dockets listed above. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion, moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver: Yea

Bob Harmon: Yea

Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea

The motion passed 3 in favor

Consent Agreement - GCB 2020-44

This Consent Agreement was due to a violation where casino patrons received gambling materials and notifications while on the self-exclusion list. The fine agreed upon by the State and casino was \$52,500.00

Dr. Charmaine Brown moves to approve the Consent Agreement for the docket listed above. Mr. Robert Harmon seconded the motion, moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver: Yea

Bob Harmon: Yea

Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea

The motion passed 3 in favor

Administrative Hearing – Docket GCB 2020-46

For more information, all hearing recordings are available on the Gambling Control Unit's website.

An Adjudicatory Hearing was held by the Gambling Control Board regarding Hollywood Casino Bangor LLC. The hearing commenced at 9:30am with Rebekah Smith presiding as the Hearing Officer.

Mr. Robert Harmon moves that by a preponderance of the evidence, grounds exist to take disciplinary action against the license of Hollywood Casino Bangor LLC for violations of Internal Controls 5.3.N.3.D and 5.3.H.3, and that a warning be issued. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconds the motion.

Members

Steven Silver: Yea

Bob Harmon: Yea

Dr. Charmaine Brown: Nay

The motion passed 2 in favor, 1 opposed

Dr. Charmaine Brown moves that the Board delegate authority to the Board chair to sign the Decision and Order. Mr. Robert Harmon seconds the motion.

Members

Steven Silver: Yea

Bob Harmon: Yea

Dr. Charmaine Brown: Yea

The motion passed 3 in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robert Harmon moves to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Charmaine Brown seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourns at 12:00 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on March 16, 2021 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Mallory Reilly
Office Specialist I*

Board approved: March 16, 2021