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Gambling Control Board
Minutes of June 21, 2022 Board Meeting
Held online via Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Silver called the meeting to order at 9:04 am via Zoom application online due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE

Steven Silver, Board Chair
Sari Greene
Joseph Hanslip
Chief Noel March

STAFF PRESENT ONLINE

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

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

May 2022 Meeting Minutes approval

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the May 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Joseph Hanslip:	Abstain
Chief Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed 3 in favor, 1 abstention.

OPERATIONS REPORT – VICKI GARDNER, INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR

In May 2022 there were 10 shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On-site inspectors completed 750 observations and 35 checklists. There were 14 self-exclusions. There were 3 minor violations that will continue to be monitored from the activity log, 0 patron complaints; and 2 formal complaints of potential violation placed on the dashboard.

There were 26 calls for service at Hollywood Casino, of those 12 were parking lot/garage related, 6 related to incidents in the hotel, and 8 related to incidents in the Casino. Oxford Casino had 12 calls for service, of those 4 were parking lot related and 8 related to incidents inside the Casino.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Alex Joutov, Auditor

For the month of May 2022, we have identified an increase of 9.1% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus May 2021.

Year to date the Unit has identified the same increase of 30.5% versus last year at the same time. Oxford Casino reported 7.99% win for the month of May from slots and 22.34% win from table games. Oxford's payback percentage was 92%. Average gross win per machine was \$246.84.

Hollywood Casino reported 9.23% win for the month of May from slots and 19.63% win from table games. Hollywood's payback percentage was 90.77%. Average gross win per machine was \$196.19.

For Advance Deposit Wagering, there was a 6.24% increase from May 2021. Revenue for in state and out-of-state races was \$ 102,226.03, a 1.24% decrease from May 2021.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Portland, ME hosted this year's North American Gaming Regulators Association conference. Commissioner Sauschuck welcomed participants on the first day followed by participation from Chair Silver, Jim Gass from our charitable gaming section and Director Champion.

License Applications for Review:

SG Gaming – Slot Machine Distributor

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

Members

Steven Silver	Yea
Sari Greene:	Yea
Joseph Hanslip:	Yea
Chief Noel March:	Yea

The motion passed 4 in favor.

SG Gaming – Table Games Distributor

Mr. Joseph Hanslip moves to approve the renewal application for SG Gaming as a table games distributor. Chief Noel March seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**
Chief Noel March: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

US Playing Card Co. – Table Games Distributor

Ms. Sari Greene moves to approve the renewal for US Playing Card Co. as a table games distributor. Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**
Chief Noel March: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

eBet Technologies – Gambling Services Vendor

Mr. Joseph Hanslip moves to approve the renewal application for eBet Technologies as a table games distributor. Chair Steven Silver seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**
Chief Noel March: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

JCM American Corporation – Gambling Services Vendor

Ms. Sari Greene moves to table the renewal application for JCM American Corporation as a table games distributor, until all supporting documents for adverse actions has been given to the Board for review. Mr. Joseph Hanslip seconded the motion. Moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**
Chief Noel March: **Yea**

*The motion passed 4 in favor. **TABLED***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chapter 13 – Final Review

Chief Noel March moves to approve the proposed text change and basis statement. Mr. Joseph Hanslip seconded the motion.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**
Chief Noel March: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Table Games Fee – Both Casinos

Hollywood Casino disagrees with GCU’s interpretation of 8 MRS § 1018(1)(C-1). GCU asserts that swapping out a table for which a fee has been paid for a table for which no fee has been paid would trigger a new licensing fee of \$100,000.00 for the swapped-in table. Hollywood Casino has requested clarification on the Board level. Chair Silver and member Sari Greene noted disagreement with the GCU’s interpretation of the statute and would like to see this issue resolved between the Unit and the facilities outside of a Board meeting.

Board Business-

There will be no meeting in August. September’s meeting may be in person in Augusta. The Board congratulated Director Champion on being nominated as the Eastern Region Director for the North American Gaming Regulators Association (NAGRA).

PUBLIC COMMENT –

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Noel March moves to adjourn the Gambling Control Board meeting. Mr. Joseph Hanslip seconded the motion. Motion moves to roll call.

Members

Steven Silver **Yea**
Sari Greene: **Yea**
Joseph Hanslip: **Yea**
Chief Noel March: **Yea**

The motion passed 4 in favor, motion passes.

The meeting adjourns at 10:30 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on July 19, 2022 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mallory Reilly

Office Specialist I

Board approved: July 19, 2022