

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
August 12, 2014
14-08

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman
Anthony B. Urban, Secretary
Frederick H. Booth, Member
Dennis H. Caza, Member
Michael J. Gatsas, Member
Lynn M. Presby, Member
Paul M. Kelley, Director
Valerie King, Procedures Administrator
Stephen Johnston, Supervisor-Gaming Operations
Billie Jean Arseneault, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor
Peter Rheaume, Gaming Enforcement Assistant
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Dick Bouley, Nick Bonardi, Jan DiMarzio, Ed Callahan, Rick Newman, Ryan Gloddy, Jamie Timbas, Mike McLaughlin, Susan Geiger, Dan Mullen, Shawn Flanagan, Steve Lyman, Bob Stancik, Bill Breslo and others.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Caza and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the minutes dated July 9, 2014.

On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Presby and unanimously voted to place on file the Racing & Charitable Gaming statistics for the fiscal period of July 1, 2014 – July 31, 2014. Chairman Connors asked Director Kelley to provide the Commission with a summary of the statistics for the last fiscal year.

The Games of Chance/Bingo/Lucky 7 warning letters/late financials spreadsheets were reviewed. Director Kelley noted responses have been received on two items. Staff is following up on two other late items. Spreadsheets were accepted and placed on file.

On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Caza and unanimously voted to place the Games of Chance State and Charity revenue spreadsheets on file.

Action Items

- a. ***Updated draft guidelines for the Electronic Poker/Blackjack Pilot Program.***
- b. ***Updated draft guidelines for the Electronic Lucky 7 Pilot Program.***

Director Kelley stated that he, along with Procedures Administrator King and Commissioner Booth, met with JLCAR on July 17th to discuss the pilot programs. Commissioner Booth provided an overview of the discussion. JLCAR will make a written recommendation to the Senate President and Speaker of the House that legislation regarding electronic poker should be enacted before a pilot program is authorized. JLCAR supported the RCGC issuing waivers to allow electronic lucky 7 machines. On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner

Caza and unanimously voted to cancel the pilot programs and move forward with rules promulgation.

Correspondence:

- a. A letter was received from Mr. Patrick Kelly, the CPA working with Club Mont Royal. He sees progress being made by the organization in maintaining controls over its operations. Director Kelley stated that the auditors will be returning to Club Mont Royal after reviewing the October update to be provided by CPA Kelly.
- b. The RCGC Monthly Activity Report for month ended July 31, 2014 was reviewed.

On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to accept the correspondence and place it on file.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Gatsas noted that the account wagering balance information from Seabrook and Rockingham fall within the required limits.
- Discussion ensued regarding Hinsdale LLC. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to rescind the April 17th motion as it pertained to Hinsdale's license, pending future approval by the AG's office. (This action was taken to avoid having the item pending with the Commission indefinitely). Attorney McLaughlin, representing Hinsdale LLC, asked to address the Commission in a non-public setting regarding this matter.

Nomination of Officers – On motions by Commissioner Caza, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to reappoint Chairman Connors as Chairman of the Commission for another year and Commissioner Urban as secretary for another year.

New Business:

- Procedures Administrator King announced a workshop will be held on the Lucky 7 rules Tuesday, August 19th in Room 100 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The draft of the rules from this meeting will be finalized by the Commission during their September meeting. Barring any delays in the process, these rules will be presented at the December 18th JLCAR meeting. Attorney Geiger, representing Technology Exclusive, encouraged the Commission to move swiftly on the rules in light of the recent NH Supreme Court decision.
- Attorney McLaughlin introduced Mr. Bill Breslo of Diamond Games. Mr. Breslo provided an overview of Diamond Games' history and ticket dispensing devices, and expressed interest in the pilot programs.
- Chairman Connors noted that Commissioner Presby has been nominated for another 3-year term.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, at 10:25 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting and go into nonpublic session as allowed under RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Connors	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes

Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

At 11:10 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to come out of the nonpublic session and permanently seal the nonpublic minutes.

Connors	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in conference room 100 at the Walker Building.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony B. Urban
Secretary