

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
March 16, 2015
15-03

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman
Anthony B. Urban, Secretary
Frederick H. Booth, Member
Dennis H. Caza, Member (via conference call)
Michael J. Gatsas, Member
Lynn M. Presby, Member
Paul M. Kelley, Director
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director
Valerie King, Procedures Administrator
Stephen Johnston, Supervisor-Gaming Operations
Suzanne Robidoux, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor
Amir Alic, Auditor
Stratos Argiras, Auditor
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Nick Bonardi, Gregg Barber, Ryan Gloddy, Anthony Fusco, Susan Geiger, Ed Callahan, Dick Bouley, Jeff Lysek, Eric Goss and others

Chairman Connors called the meeting to order shortly after 1:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Presby and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the minutes dated February 23, 2015.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Gatsas and unanimously voted to place on file the Racing & Charitable Gaming statistics for the fiscal period of July 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015. Mr. Callahan informed the Commission that Mid-Atlantic Cooperative and Monarch Content Management had agreed to terms to resolve their contractual issues and were now only waiting for hard copies of the agreement. Improvement in the handle at Rockingham should be forthcoming.

The Games of Chance/Bingo/Lucky 7 warning letters spreadsheet was reviewed. Deputy Director Naik noted that all responses have been received. The spreadsheet was accepted and placed on file.

The Games of Chance State and Charity revenue spreadsheets were reviewed and placed on file.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was accepted and placed on file.

Old Business:

- Director Kelley noted that Hinsdale Harness LLC opened as planned. He and Deputy Director Naik plan to visit the location this week.

- Commissioner Gatsas noted that the account wagering balance information from Seabrook and Rockingham fall within the required limits.

New Business:

- Director Kelley stated that he, Deputy Director Naik, Chairman Connors and Commissioner Booth attended a budget hearing March 13th regarding the merger. Director Kelley also had discussions with the Governor’s budget director and Mr. Chris Kennedy of the Governor’s office. Chairman Connors noted that the merger is a work in progress.

At 1:10 p.m., Chairman Connors called for a recess. At 1:20 p.m., Chairman Connors called the meeting back into session.

Mr. Eric Goss of E-max Gaming Corporation, a division of Arrow International, Inc., provided a demonstration of the E-Max E-BOT Dispenser. Mr. Jeff Lysek of Arrow International, Inc., was also available to answer questions. After the demonstration, discussion ensued. Items discussed included:

- Location of server;
- Maintenance of the dispenser and related software;
- Storage and access to data;
- Costs to charities, including lease/purchase price of the system;
- The use of promotional and in-house vouchers, and free plays;

Director Kelley noted that the device was tested by Eclipse Compliance Testing laboratory, and found to be in compliance with the requirements set forth in GLI-14, GLI-21, RSA 287-E and Pari 1100. A copy of this report was included in the Commissioner’s packets. In addition, staff conducted a review of the device on 3/13/15, which also concluded that the device met the requirements of Pari 1100. A summary of staff findings was provided to the Commissioners in the form of a completed “checklist”. Discussion ensued, and questions were asked of Arrow/E-Max. Eric and Jeff will be getting back to the Commission with answers to the questions they were not able to answer at the meeting. Outstanding questions included costs, and data storage and security, including the ability to store data to “the cloud”. The Commissioners were also interested in seeing a sample agreement between the manufacturer and distributor, and the distributor and the charity. It was noted that approval today would be limited to the device. Tickets, when submitted, will be reviewed and approved separately. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to approve the E-Max E-BOT Dispenser v2.5.15057.473 electronic pull tab system.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, at 2:20 p.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(j) :

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

At 2:40 p.m., on a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Presby 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
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., in Room 100.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony B. Urban
Secretary