

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
July 17, 2015
15-08

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
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director
Valerie King, Procedures Administrator
Stephen Johnston, Supervisor-Gaming Operations
Amir Alic, Gaming Audit Supervisor
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Nick Bonardi, Ryan Gloddy, Dick Bouley, Jamie Timbas, Jan DiMarzio, Rick Newman, Mike McLaughlin, Larry Belair, Verna Belair, Thomas Maloney, Bill Breslo and others.

Chairman Connors called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He welcomed Mr. Larry Belair, Chair of the Games for Charity Study Commission, to the meeting.

Chairman Connors and members of the Commission paid tribute to Mr. Warren W. Leary Jr., past member of the Commission, who recently passed away.

On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Caza and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the minutes dated June 29, 2015.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to place on file the Racing & Charitable Gaming statistics for the fiscal period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

The Games of Chance/Bingo/Lucky 7 warnings were reviewed. Deputy Director Naik noted that there remains one outstanding response, Lakes Region Youth Hockey Association. Supervisor Johnston will follow up. The spreadsheet was accepted and placed on file.

The Games of Chance State and Charity revenue spreadsheets were reviewed and placed on file. Director Kelley made the previously requested formatting changes to the Games of Chance Charity Revenue report.

Procedures Administrator King noted that comments from Office of Legislative Services on the draft Pari 1000 Bingo and Pari 1200 Games of Chance rules should be received by July 22nd. She will then make the necessary changes to the draft rules based on the comments received. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th at 11:00 at the Walker Building. The interim rules expire August 25, 2015, and it is crucial that the Final Proposal be submitted in time for the August 20th JLCAR meeting. The deadline for submitting the Final Proposal is August 6, 2015.

Correspondence:

Summary of RCGC monthly activities for month ended 6/30/15 was accepted and placed on file.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Booth asked if staff had available data on the sale of L7 tickets, comparing the sale numbers before the approval of the electronic L7 machines with sale numbers after the approval and installation of the machines. Director Kelley stated that more time was needed to collect data for comparison purposes. He noted that a total of 698 new deals were sold by the distributors, with 684 by Grover Gaming devices and 14 by Technology Exclusive devices. Mr. Jamie Timbas stated that more data would be available by the fall.
- Commissioner Gatsas noted that no account wagering balance information was available from Seabrook and Rockingham due to the short amount of time between the last Commission meeting and today's meeting.
- Director Kelley stated that table stakes poker (HB169) rolled out on July 1st and is very popular. Mr. Rick Newman, representing the River Cardroom, stated that this game has brought in new customers and increased overall charity gaming. The River will be hiring more staff as a result.

New Business:

- Director Kelley stated that the River Cardroom in Milford notified him that they are going to rethink their new Bingo operation.
- Deputy Director Naik informed the Commission that the FBI sent an Audit Unit to review RCGC practices and procedures regarding access to and use of criminal history information. After the review, they recommended that the licensees should be notified that their fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI. Also, the licensees should be given the opportunity to change, correct or update their FBI record. The FBI provided sample applicant notification and record challenge language that the agency may use.
- A request was received from Seabrook Park regarding FBI fingerprint cards. Since all the shareholders have recently submitted fingerprint cards in order for Seabrook Park to obtain a Facility License to conduct Games of Chance, was it necessary for the same shareholders to again provide fingerprint cards to submit with the FY16 Racetrack License application? Discussion ensued. It was determined that no fingerprint cards would need to be submitted with the FY16 Racetrack License application.
- Commissioner Gatsas suggested more detailed information should be gathered by the agency and made available when needed, specifically licensee contact emails and revenue by region or district as needed. Director Kelley will follow up.

Diamond Game

Staff met with representatives of Diamond Game and was given a demonstration of the LT2-BD electronic device. Staff determined that the machine and the tickets submitted comport with the rules promulgated by the Commission and adopted by JLCAR. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Presby, seconded by Commissioner Gatsas and unanimously voted to approve Diamond Game's electronic Lucky 7 device (LT2-BD), and related tickets (Dynamite Diamond-Option #1; Hot n Saucy-Option #1; Devil 7s; and American Dream). A demonstration of the machine will be available to interested parties after the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Presby thanked Ms. King for a job well done on the draft rules. Although unable to hold a second workgroup session, most of the concerns/suggestions sent in to Ms. King were incorporated into the draft rules.

Ms. King noted that on page 28 of the draft Games of Chance rules, under the Financial Report Requirements, the statute requires only one signature on the monthly financial report while the current rule and form require signatures from the treasurer and the chairperson. Needing two signatures is a major reason that charities are late in sending their financials. Discussion ensued. The Commission agreed that one signature will be sufficient, based on the requirement of the statute.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, 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:

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

The next meeting, a public hearing, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 274 of the Walker Building.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony B. Urban
Secretary