

## **Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 19, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Dept. of Public Safety**

**Meeting opened at 9:00 a.m.**

**Introductions of Board Members – Present:** Chair Timothy Doyle, Robert Harmon, Barbara Dresser

**Excused members:** Greg McNeal and Alfred Skolfield

**Introductions of Attorney’s General – Present:** Ron Guay, A.A.G. and Katie Johnson, A.A.G.

**Introductions of Staff Present:** Executive Director Milton Champion, Kathy Robitaille, Mallory Reilly, Lenny Yaskoweak, Det. Don Armstrong and Supv Vicki Gardner as well as DPS Deputy Commissioner Janet Joyeux.

**Review of the 5/15/18 meeting minutes**

**Motion to accept as presented:** Bob Harmon

**Seconded by:** Barbara Dresser

**Unanimous vote**

**Executive Director’s Report – Milton Champion**

- (1) Operations – In May there were (39) Shipments of machines and/or associated equipment shipped to or from licensed facilities. On site inspectors completed (590) observations, (32) checklists. (3) minor violations being monitored from our activity log. (2) patron complaints. (4) dispositions of formal reports were sent for members review per statute. There were (8) self-exclusions.
- (2) For the month of May 2018, we have identified an increase of 5.0% in total tax revenue for both facilities versus May 2017. Year to date we have identified an increase of 6.5% versus last year at the same time.
  - a. Oxford reported a 10.1% win for the month of May from slots and 23.9% win from table games. Oxford’s payback percentage for May was 89.9%. Average gross win per machine of \$228.63.
  - b. Hollywood reported a 10.4% average win for the month of May from slots and 26.9% win from table games. Hollywood’s payback percentage for May was 89.6%. Average gross win per machine was \$149.06.

**State Police Report – Det. Don Armstrong**

Det. Armstrong reported the casinos had received several \$20 counterfeit bills with no suspects. They have been turned over to the Secret Service. There were 12 thefts, 10 of which all funds were recovered. Letters were sent regarding the remaining two and their accounts were flagged. There were 39 new license investigations, 58 renewal licenses and 36 are pending.

Calls for service: For Bangor PD – 14 calls to Hollywood Casino and for Oxford PD – 18 calls to the Oxford Casino.

## **Unfinished Business – Executive Director Milton Champion**

- (1) Financial reporting – We tabled the request for approval to allow us to hold back payment and collection of funds for distribution by one week. Members requested a calendar of payments to determine the actual distribution. That schedule was provided ahead of the meeting today, along with a letter to those in the distribution who unfortunately, due to budget allocation will not be receiving payments now until the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2018.  
**Motion to approve the one week delay in reporting/calculating funds** by Bob Harmon  
**Seconded** by Barbara Dresser  
**Unanimous vote**
- (2) The Financial RFP was published for proposals due June 1. No one submitted an RFP. The Dept. of Procurement is re-publishing the request and any prior applicants shall be notified by email.
- (3) The Central Monitoring System RFP is currently under review by the Department of Procurement Services and a Governor’s committee.
- (4) The extension of the current contract will only be extended six months instead of a year to January 1, 2019, per the Governor’s Office.
- (5) ADW rules final adoption will be effective June 23, 2018.
- (6) ADW RFP language is being changed to the new format and will be made available for review by the Board at the July 24th meeting due to work and vacation scheduling.

## **New Business**

- (1) Legislative consideration for remote attendance at meetings

Chairman Doyle asked that this be on the Agenda today. He advised that due to members sometimes missing meetings due to scheduling etc. there’s nothing in the law that allows for them to attend through Skype; but there is law that talks about presence at the meeting. The Board has received some legal advice from their attorney and hashed through those issues. Chairman Doyle would like a motion today to ask the Dept. of Public Safety to submit legislation in the next session, to address this issue; to model it after any existing legislation that allows other Boards or Commissions to do so.

**Motion** by Barbara Dresser to request DPS create legislation to allow board members to “attend” meetings through Skype.

**Seconded** by Bob Harmon

**Unanimous vote**

(2) Child Support withholding process direction from Statute Title 8 Chapter 31§ 1066 –  
Exec. Director Milton Champion

Currently if a casino patron receives a jackpot over \$1,200.00, and has to fill out a W2G and go through that process, that it's found out then if a person owes child support. Then that person may not accept the jackpot, if they owe child support. The jackpot is then held for a year and then goes back into the system. Exec. Dir Champion feels this should be looked into further, it isn't a lot of patrons that have done this, but enough that it should be looked into. Anyone winning under \$1,200, the casino is not required to check the system to see if that person owes child support. At the end of the year, the forfeited winnings comes to the State and the State doesn't have the authority to direct those funds to child support? A.A.G. Ron Guay advises it's a little more complicated than that. It's not clear if the W2G always has to fill that out? He and A.A.G. Katie Johnson would like to work with the Casinos and the lawyer from DHHS, to see what they require. The lien against winnings is in Section 5. The W2G actually says the person has to have had control of these funds, and in that case, they never receive the funds. A.A.G. Guay will be researching further on all of this and will provide information to the Executive Director with a follow up with the Board. Chairman Doyle believes the sense of the Board would like to see these monies directed to Child Support if at all possible. If the children can be identified or the person who has child support debt, we would like to do that. If we can't, let's figure out how we can modify this. Further discussion ensued and more research will be done on this issue.

**Public Comment**

Audience member Don Barbarino addressed the Board to advise that he is somewhat disappointed with the ADW being delayed another month. Out of state companies are illegally taking money. We need to address this.

**Next Meeting Date – Chairman Doyle has a conflict with July 17th date and would suggest July 24<sup>th</sup> instead, giving more time also for the ADW to be worked out. He would also suggest no August meeting. July 24<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting date.**

**Motion to adjourn the May meeting: Bob Harmon  
Second: Barbara Dresser  
Meeting Adjourned**