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LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of March 16, 1999

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, House Committee Room 6 of the Louisiana State Capitol.

Present at this meeting were Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Robert M. Fleming, Vice-Chairman; Gen. Sherian Cadoria, James Boyer, Marcia Morgan, Dudley Lastrapes, Rupert Richardson, and ex-officio member Sec. John N. Kennedy. Absent were board members Ralph Perlman, Sec.-Treasurer; Ecotry Fuller and ex-officio member Col. W.R. "Rut" Whittington.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Dudley Lastrapes made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 1999. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Robert Tucker, riverboat gaming, presented the monthly riverboat revenue report, and Mr. Mike Legendre presented the video poker figures.

Ms. Claudeidra Minor, Asst. Attorney General, presented the quarterly compliance reports to the Board.

Following her presentation, Mr. James Boyer presented board members with the committee report on compulsive and underage gaming. After his presentation, it was moved by Ms. Richardson for the full board to receive the report and discuss this matter at a special meeting in May. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lt. Dane Morgan, Supervisor in the Riverboat Gaming Division, and Sgt. Scott Reggio, addressed the Board with reference to the pending renewal applications of both Treasure Chest and Boomtown Belle Casinos.

Mr. Ben Slater, attorney representing Al Copeland, addressed board members in opposition to the conditional renewal of Treasure Chest Casino. He stated that prior activities by former owners of Treasure Chest makes them unsuitable for a license. The Chairman stated the suitability was ongoing and that he was waiting on the results of the state police investigation before final approval on the renewal.

A motion was made by Mr. Boyer to conditionally renew Treasure Chests's license. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Gen. Cadoria moved to conditionally renew Boomtown Belle's license. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on alternate cruising routes. Mr. Roger

Deaton, General Manager of Isle of Capri - Lake Charles, and Mr. Lorenzo Creighton, General Manager of Bally's, addressed the Board with their cruising concerns.

Mr. Charles Barham, Executive Director of the Louisiana Casino Association, stated that the Baton Rouge area casinos would make their presentations to the Board at next month's meeting.

Continuing with the agenda, a Petition for Declaratory Ruling in the matter of Game Financial Corporation was presented to the Board.

After Game Financial's presentation, two separate motions were presented by board members. Ms. Morgan made a motion to allow outside companies to cash checks at riverboat casinos and was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes. Gen. Cadoria made a substitute motion to deny outside companies the ability to cash checks that was seconded by Ms. Richardson.

The substitute motion was voted on first. Gen. Cadoria, Ms. Richardson and Chairman Crain voted for the motion not allowing outside companies to cash checks. Ms. Morgan, Mr. Lastrapes, Vice-Chairman Fleming and Mr. Boyer voted against this motion. The motion failed and the Board then voted on the main motion.

Ms. Morgan, Mr. Lastrapes, Vice-Chairman Fleming and Mr. Boyer voted to allow outside companies to cash checks at riverboat casinos; while Gen. Cadoria, Ms. Richardson and Chairman Crain voted against this motion.

Vice-Chairman Fleming made a motion that prior to permitting companies to perform check cashing services, the Board adopt rules and regulations to regulate those services. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item was the consideration of escrow of gaming proceeds of Bally's Belle of Orleans.

Mr. Jack Capella, attorney for Metro Riverboats and Norbert Simmons, and Mr. David Steiner, attorney for Bally's, both addressed the Board with reference to this item.

Following the discussion, Mr. Boyer made a motion to escrow all gaming proceeds from Bally's in a approved escrow account, and that all expenditures be monitored and approved by state police. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and passed by a six to one vote. Vice-Chairman Fleming voted against placing the proceeds in an escrow account.

The next item on the agenda dealt with the use of interlocking paving stones at a truck stop. There was a motion by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and unanimously approved by the Board that would enable truck stops to use interlocking paving stones that meet with state police specifications in order to comply with the statutory requirement for a stable parking area that is concreted or paved.

The Board acted on applications on the following truckstops:

1. **The Derrick** - Motion by Judge Fleming to approve the stock purchase and subsequent transfer of ownership. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **Waverly Truck Stop** - Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve licensing with a condition that the pavement be repaired in 30 days. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **Lucky Dollar** - Motion by Mr. Boyer to approve the license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **Cash's Truck Plaza** - Motion by Judge Fleming to approve the license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

A request had been submitted to the gaming board for a hearing regarding a notice of intent concerning riverboat rules. It was moved by Ms. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board to conduct a hearing on the proposed rules at the April 20, 1999 board meeting.

The Board acted on hearings/recommendations on the following cases:

1. **In Re: Red River Entertainment** - Motion by Mr. Boyer to approve the settlement, seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Belle of Baton Rouge** - Motion by Gen. Cadoria to approve the settlement, seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: Raceland Dairy Kool** - Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to suspend license for 30 days beginning March 26, 1999, and require an affidavit that Ms. Lynn Hartman will no longer be employed in a gaming capacity. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Cactus Lounge** - Motion by Gen. Cadoria to allow Patricia Burgess to surrender her license by April 1, 1999, thus allowing her the opportunity to reapply at a later date. If the license is not surrendered by April 1, then it would be revoked. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.
5. **In Re: Thomas Franklin** - Motion by Judge Fleming to give state certification to Mr. Franklin. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, it was moved by Judge Fleming to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.