

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

APPROVED

Minutes of May 19, 1998 meeting

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The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, 10:00 a.m., at the A.D. Smith Auditorium, Education Building. In attendance were Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Robert Fleming, Vice-Chairman; Ralph Perlman, Secretary-Treasurer; James Boyer, Sherian Cadoria, Ecotry Fuller, Dudley Lastrapes, Marcia Morgan, Rupert Richardson, and ex-officio members Col. W.R. "Rut" Whittington and Sec. John Kennedy.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The minutes of the April 21, 1998 meeting were presented to the Board. Sec. Perlman moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by General Cadoria. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

The Chairman called upon Ms. Charlotte McGarr, riverboat auditor for state police, for presentation of the monthly riverboat revenue report, and Mr. Mike Legendre, audit supervisor in video gaming, for the video poker update.

Chairman Crain presented copies of the proposed Hearing Officer Contracts to the Board. It was moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Sec. Perlman, and unanimously approved by the Board, that the Chairman take the necessary measures to execute both Hearing Officer Contracts.

Next on the agenda was the review of internal controls with reference to underage patrons gaining access to the casinos. Presentations were made by the four Lake Charles area riverboats, Players Casino, Star Casino, Grand Palais and Isle of Capri-Westlake. Representatives from each of these riverboats presented their internal controls to the Board.

The Board had received a petition from L.C.C.I (Casino Rouge), to modify their excursion schedule. After a presentation by Joseph Brantley, general counsel for Casino Rouge and Mr. Carole Cotton, Vice-President of Marketing, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Fleming, seconded by Mr. Fuller, and unanimously approved by the Board to modify their excursion schedule.

Ms. Anne Neeb, Asst. Attorney General, updated the Board concerning the pending litigation on the land based casino. The recent Supreme Court decision allows the Gaming Control Board the authority to renegotiate the casino operating contract, clearing the way for suitability investigations to begin.

The next item on the agenda dealt with the video poker central database. Lt. Stanley Griffin, Supervisor in the video poker division, Mr. Norbert Courville, technical supervisor, and Mr. Michael Legendre, audit supervisor, and Mr. John Arynosi, addressed the Board concerning IGT upgrading the video poker central database. Although the Board is not a party to the contract with IGT, the

Chairman wanted Board members to be aware that a licensed manufacturer in this state would have access to the video poker database. IGT has held this contract with state police since 1991 and was the only bidder for the new contract.

Continuing with the agenda, the Chairman called upon Mr. Tom Warner, Asst. Attorney General, to explain to board members rule 108 (e). This rule would require that hearing officer decisions be mailed to all parties involved within two business days of the date the decision is rendered. A motion to institute the rule-making procedure was made by General Cadoria, seconded by Mr. Boyer, and unanimously approved by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dudley Lastrapes to go into Executive Session. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

After the Executive Session, the Board returned to the Regular Session.

The Board acted on recommendations/decisions from the Hearing Officers in the following cases:

1. **In Re: Beverly Nance** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Vice-Chairman Fleming, seconded by Mr. Boyer. Unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Lucky's Peanuts** - A joint motion was filed to continue to July 21st meeting.
3. **In Re: Jeanette Muller** - Motion by Vice-Chairman Fleming not to adopt proposed decision, and to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan. Unanimous vote to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision. The Chairman abstained from voting.
4. **In Re: Scarlett O'Hara** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Lastrapes, seconded by Sec. Perlman. The Board voted 6 to 3 to adopt the proposed decision. Voting against the decision were Vice-Chairman Fleming, Ms. Morgan and Mr. Boyer.
5. **In Re: Trudeau Tavern** - Motion to adopt proposed decision by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Lastrapes. Unanimously approved by the Board.
6. **In Re: Louise Jones d/b/a Club 167** - Motion to deny rehearing application by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Ms. Richardson. Unanimously approved by the Board.
7. **In Re: JIC Corporation:** Carried over to June meeting.
8. **In Re: Treasure Chest Casino:** Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to adopt proposed decision, seconded by Mr. Boyer. The Board voted 7 to 1 to adopt proposed decision. Vice-Chairman Fleming disagreed on the amount of the fine and General Cadoria was not present for this vote.

9. **In Re: Payton's Place Pizza:** Motion by Mr. Boyer to adopt proposed decision, seconded by Mr. Lastrapes. Unanimously approved by the Board.
10. **In Re: Scarsdale River Road d/b/a Pat & Cal's Cafe:** Appeal was withdrawn.

There being no further business, it was moved by Gen. Cadoria to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Sec. Perlman and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.