

## **LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

### **Minutes of March 18, 2003**

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, 10:00 a.m., House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at this meeting were: Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Robert M. Fleming, Vice-Chairman; James G. Boyer, Secretary/Treasurer; Gen. Sherian Cadoria, Dennis Kinchen, Dudley Lastrapes, Marcia Morgan, Rupert Richardson and Kelly Simoneaux. Absent were ex-officio members, Col. Terry Landry, and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Gen. Cadoria to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February Special Meeting and Regular Meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented the revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, and slots at the tracks. Ms. Racquel Francis reported on the employee numbers and salaries for the landbased casino, and Ms. Donna Stevens, also with the Audit Division, reported on the statistics for video poker.

Mr. Young Bonner, Asst. Attorney General, reported on the compliance reports for Delta Downs Racing. He stated that Delta Downs was not in compliance with their statutory employment numbers for Louisiana employees.

Ms. Claudeidra Minor, Asst Attorney General, reported on the voluntary compliance reports for the riverboat casinos. She stated she had received requests from the casinos for a 60 day extension on her request for their construction procurement history. The board unanimously agreed to grant the extension.

The Chairman called on Mr. John Campbell, Special Assistant Attorney General, to discuss an extension of the Unconditional Minimum Payment Guaranty Agreement to include the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006. He stated that this would extend the initial four-year guaranty that is presently in place. He also stated that the same guarantors were included in this extension as with the original guaranty. Mr. Kevin Colomb, general counsel for Harrah's, and Ms. Angela Brown, auditor with State Police, were present to provide additional information to Board members if necessary.

Following discussion, it was moved by Sec. Boyer to approve the extension guaranty and authorize the Chairman to execute and accept the documents on behalf of the Board. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board.

There was a presentation by Harrah's Louisiana Downs for approval of floor plans and placement of slot machines at their facility. Lt. Scott Reggio with the State Police Gaming Division, and Mr. Joe Messina of the State Fire Marshall's Office, were present to answer any questions concerning this project. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Richardson to approve Phase I of the project as submitted to the Board, and marked as Exhibit #1. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board. Phase I will include approximately 950 slot machines. Harrah's stated that they are working on the second phase of that project which will require Board approval at a later date.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the license renewal of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.L.P. Addressing the Board on this item were Mr. Jay Quinlan, Director of the Attorney General's Gaming Division, Mr. Raymond Lamonica, Special Asst. Attorney General, Sgt. Tommy Madden, State Police Gaming Division, and Ms. Evie Ficklin, State Police Gaming Audit.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kinchen to renew the license of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.L.P. and adopt following Resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board that the stipulation proposed by Horseshoe Entertainment, L.L.P. and the Louisiana State Police, Casino Gaming Division and presented for consideration this date be and is hereby approved and adopted by the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board that the riverboat casino license of Horseshoe Entertainment, L.L.P. be renewed for a term of five years commencing November 22, 1999, subject to the original conditions of the license and all conditions contained in the Stipulation approved this date, and that such Stipulation be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

That motion was seconded by Sec. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. **Amite Plaza Truck Stop - No. 4600510960**
2. **Forest Gold Casino - No. 4600511922**

These applications were handled in globo because it involved the same individuals. It was moved by Ms. Morgan to approve the transfer of ownership on both applications. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board. Gen. Cadoria and Ms. Richardson were out of the room and did not vote on these applications.

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Fleming to go into Executive Session. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The Board acted on Proposed Settlements/Appeals in the following:

Numbers 1 - 13 were acted on in globo because they all dealt with licensees not submitting their annual local or state tax clearances and were each assessed a \$250.00 penalty. It was moved by Gen. Cadoria to approve the settlement in each case. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board. The settlements approved are as follows:

1. **In Re: Dua/Elizabeth Morvant, d/b/a Jacks R. Lucky - No. 5004112641**
2. **In Re: Big Daddy's Cajun Seafood, LLC d/b/a Big Daddy's Cajun Seafood - No. 1003211924**
3. **In Re: Paul & Marks, Inc. d/b/a Step Brothers Rest. & Lounge - No. 2600100838**
4. **In Re: Frank Hicks, Jr. d/b/a Frank's Bar - No. 3301110950**
5. **In Re: Mark E. Colby d/b/a Noble Savage Tavern - No. 0904210321**
6. **In Re: Kiyu Enterprises, LLC d/b/a The Italian Pie - No. 3601211434**
7. **In Re: Black Magic, Inc. d/b/a Original Black Magic - No. 3601103392**
8. **In Re: Vernon and Nellie Wells d/b/a New Blue Haven - No. 2405111628**
9. **In Re: Lobdell Ventures, LLC d/b/a Henderson Travel Plaza & Casino - No. 5000512562**
10. **In Re: Creola Davis d/b/a Creola Bar - No. 3601105822**
11. **In Re: Rookies, Inc. d/b/a Sportsbeat Pub & Café - No. 2600210132**
12. **In Re: All Star Lanes of Shreveport d/b/a Mr. T's Place - No. 0904200862**
13. **In Re: Buffa Properties, Inc. d/b/a Buffa Properties, Inc. - No. 2600611260**
14. **In Re: Michael A. Wills d/b/a Club Thirty One - No. 3601110780** - Motion by Vice-Chairman Fleming to approve the settlement of \$500.00 for failure to submit both the renewal fee and tax clearances. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board.
15. **In Re: Lace Bar & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Centerfold - No. 0801100288** - Motion by Vice-Chairman Fleming to approve the settlement of \$750.00 for failure to submit the annual form, renewal fee and tax clearances. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Numbers 16 and 17 were also acted on in globo because both settlements involved the Belle of Orleans L.L.C. d/b/a Bally's Casino. One settlement involved a \$5,000 penalty for doing business with a non-permitted vendor, and a \$20,000.00 penalty for violations involving key issuance and key return. It was moved by Gen. Cadoria to approve both settlements. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board. The settlements approved are as follows:

16. **In Re: Belle of Orleans, L.L.C. d/b/a Bally's Casino - No. RGS000048**
17. **In Re: Belle of Orleans, L.L.C. d/b/a Bally's Casino - No. RGS010007**

Public comments were received from Mr. Frederick Henson with the National Association of Minority Contractors concerning construction projects in the gaming industry.

Following the comments, it was moved by Sec. Boyer to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.