

## **LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

### **Minutes of April 21, 2008**

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Monday, April 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at the Livingston Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Present at the meeting were H. Charles Gaudin, Chairman; Marcia Morgan, William Lastrapes, Major Claude Mercer, Velma Rogers, and Rose Bromell. Absent were board member Ray Todd, and ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Ms. Morgan to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item dealt with the approval of contracts for court reporters. It was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the contract of Baton Rouge Court Reporters, LLC, and Parola, Doyle Reporting. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan 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 track. Ms. Donna Stevens, also with the Gaming Audit Division, presented the statistics for video poker.

The Board acted on a Petition for Reconfiguration of Gaming Space filed by Horseshoe Casino. It was moved by Major Mercer to approve the petition. That motion was seconded by Ms. Bromell and unanimously approved by the Board.

There was a request by Harrah's Entertainment for an interpretation of Rule 117 dealing with Donations to Public Schools. Mr. Kevin Colomb, counsel on behalf of Harrah's Foundation, addressed the Board concerning a grant request agreed to by Harrah's Foundation to the Shreveport Regional Arts Council seeking \$75,000 a year for three years, in support of the Celebrate Education Festival held in Shreveport. The event would benefit elementary and high school students in Caddo, Bossier, Desoto, Webster and Bienville Parishes. In return for the donation, Harrah's Foundation would be recognized as the title sponsor. This would include the Foundation being featured on all print materials, promotional materials, flyers, billboards, television commercials, banners and printed t-shirts that would be distributed to the schools.

Since Harrah's Foundation had already committed to the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, the Board felt it would be premature to decide if any violation had occurred without an investigation by State Police. Board member Marcia Morgan commented that it was not the Board's intention to prohibit solicited donations to schools, but individual school boards needed to decide whether to allow casino donations.

Although no formal action was taken, the Board did state that Harrah's logo should not appear on anything that would go directly to school children, and State Police will monitor the advertisements associated with this project.

Mr. Larry Orlansky, counsel for Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. provided an update on both the Baton Rouge and Lake Charles projects. He stated the blueprints for Baton Rouge are due to the Board on July 25, 2008. They are continuing to work with local officials regarding Riviere and are trying to get a quick court date to deal with partition of the property.

With reference to Sugarcane Bay, work on final construction plans will begin as soon as ABS finalizes the rules concerning construction.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. **Petro Truck Stops, Inc. d/b/a Petro Stopping Center #43 – No. 0100515290** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **AlyCo, LLC d/b/a Love's Travel Stop #289 – No. 6001515453** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Ms. Bromell and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on settlements from Hearing Officers' decisions in the following:

1. **In Re: Crunchtime Partners LLC d/b/a Joe Joe's – No. 3601213876**
2. **In Re: Masquerades Inc. d/b/a Masquerades Lounge – No. 2600113256**
3. **In Re: Webster and Wendy Long d/b/a Webster's Restaurant – No. 2600203635A**

All of the above listed cases were considered in globo because they dealt with the same issue. It was moved by Major Mercer to approve the \$250 penalty for each license due to failure to remain eligible for tax clearances. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Ms. Morgan to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.