

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of July 15, 2008

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 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 Claryce Minor. Also present was Lt. Col. Genny May, representing absent ex-officio member Col. Mike Edmonson. Ex-officio member Sec. Cynthia Bridges was also absent.

The meeting was called to order. It was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the June meeting. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer 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.

Following Ms. Jackson's report, the Chairman called on Mr. Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Louisiana Casino Association, for a possible explanation concerning the June reduction in casino gaming revenue. Mr. Duty stated there were several factors probably affecting Louisiana casinos, the price of gas, the economy, adjustable rate mortgages, and additional Indian Casinos opening in Oklahoma.

Ms. Janice Adolph, Audit Supervisor with State Police, reported on Video Poker statistics.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. **Nino's Casino, L.L.C. d/b/a Nino's Casino – No. 6100515593** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **Elsie, LLC d/b/a Elsie's Auto & Truck Plaza – No. 0900512279 (transfer of interest)** – Motion by Ms. Morgan to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item was an update on Speedway SuperAmerica. Captain Joseph Lentini with Louisiana State Police stated they had received the documents requested and were currently compiling the report for submission to the Board.

The Board also received an update on American Bureau of Shipping Consulting, (ABSC) with reference to inspections of gaming vessels. Mr. Michael Tyler, Asst. Attorney General in

the Gaming Division, stated an alternate inspection guide had been submitted to the industry for their comments. Once the comments were received and all matters resolved, the plan would be submitted to the Board for final approval, possibly at the August meeting.

There was a request by Tropicana Entertainment, LLC, Catfish Queen Partnership in Commendam, for approval of a Senior Secured Superpriority Debtor in Possession Credit Agreement. Ms. Evie Ficklin, State Police Audit Division, addressed the Board on this issue. Representative from Tropicana, Mr. Kelly Duncan, local counsel, Mr. Mark Karmel, bankruptcy attorney, and Mr. Robert Kocienski, Chief Financial Officer of Tropicana, were available to answer any questions concerning this transaction.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Morgan to approve the Debtor in Possession Credit Agreement. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on Proposed Settlements/Appeals from Hearing Officers' decisions in the following:

1. **In Re: National Networks, LLC – No. P081002206** - Motion by Major Mercer to approve the \$562.50 settlement for failure to timely submit the annual fee and annual affidavit. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Aaron Mazique d/b/a Aaron's Place – No. 3601108735** – Motion by Ms. Minor to approve the \$250.00 penalty for failure to remain eligible for tax clearance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: LA I-20 East Travel Center, Inc. – No. 3301500226** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the \$50,000.00 penalty for failure to timely notify the Division of information pertaining to suitability and ownership. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Riverbend Truckstop & Palace Casinos, Inc. d/b/a Breaux Bridge Truckstop and Casino – No. 5002515016** – Motion by Ms. Morgan to approve the \$5,000.00 penalty for failure to timely disclose required information regarding revenue recipient agreement. That motion was seconded by Ms. Minor and unanimously approved by the Board.
5. **In Re: The Arabi Café, Inc. d/b/a Arabi Po-Boy – No. 4400212663** – Motion by Major Mercer to approve the \$500.00 penalty for failure to timely provide required information regarding an arrest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.
6. **In Re: Our Kingdom, Inc. d/b/a Camelot Lounge – No. 2600113316** – Motion by Major Mercer to dismiss the appeal. That motion was seconded Mr. Lastrapes and unanimously approved by the Board.

7. **In Re: Robert R. Watts, Jr. – No. P040052858** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to affirm the decision of the Hearing Officer revoking the non-key permit. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.
8. **In Re: A & D Louviere, Inc. d/b/a Vista Lounge and Deborah Louviere – Nos. 5100114995 & 07002** – Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to reverse the decision of the Hearing Officer recommending the conditional license. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and approved by a vote of five to one. Voting for the motion were: Mr. Lastrapes, Major Mercer, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Minor and Chairman Gaudin. Voting against the motion was Marcia Morgan.

Chairman Gaudin stated that the Board would not be discussing *Fine Foods of Louisiana versus Louisiana Gaming Control Board* in Executive Session.

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned.