

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of August 19, 2010

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m., in House Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol, Baton Rouge. Present at the meeting were: Dane Morgan, Chairman; Major Claude Mercer, Velma Rogers, Robert Jones, Ayres Bradford, Mark Stipe, Gerald Juneau and James Singleton. Absent were ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

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

There was a motion by Mr. Bradford to approve the 2010-2011 budget. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Donna Jackson, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented revenue reports for the riverboats, landbased casino, and slots at the track. Mr. Jim Bossier, also with State Police Gaming Audit Division, reported on the video poker statistics.

Ms. Mesa Brown, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, presented the 2010 second quarter compliance reports for the riverboat casinos and slots at the track. She stated that Sam's Town Casino and Churchill Downs Racing Facility had total compliance during the second quarter.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. **Bebo's Casino, LLC d/b/a Bebo's Casino – No. 4600516157** – Motion by Major Mercer to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **Krawdaddy's LA, LLC d/b/a Krawdaddy's LA – No. 6100513858** – Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **Peto's I-10, LLC d/b/a Peto's I-10 Travel Center and Casino – No. 2700516180** – Motion by Major Mercer to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Stipe and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item was Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for the Alternate Inspection Program for Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. d/b/a Hollywood Casino - License No. R011700193. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to approve the Certificate of Compliance. That motion was seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously approved by the Board.

Representatives from Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. provided an update on the Baton Rouge Project. The barge is being built by Bollinger Shipyard; temporary road work is ongoing, along with work involving the permanent road.

Chairman Morgan stated that as the Baton Rouge representative of the Board he is looking forward to the December 2011 opening of the casino. He also stated that Pinnacle would be back at the October meeting to provide another update and their petition for a design change.

The Board considered a request by Sam's Town Hotel and Casino, License No. R0165000097 for reconfiguration of gaming space. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Stipe to approve the request. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next item dealt with a request by Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. for approval of a Transfer of Indirect Ownership Interest. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to approve the request. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Jonathon Wagner, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, addressed the Board with reference to several rules.

It was moved by Mr. Bradford to adopt the amendments to LAC 42:XI.2403, 2405, 2407 & 2415 (Definitions, Application and License, Operation of Video Draw Poker Devices and Gaming Establishments). That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board received comments from the Louisiana Amusement and Music Operators Association concerning the amount of the \$2500 penalty for an expired ATC permit for the first month, plus the additional \$500 penalty for each 30-day period thereafter proposed in rule LAC 42:XI:2424 (Video Poker Fine Schedule). Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to reduce the amount of the penalty for the initial 30 days to \$1000. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the following appeal from the decision of the Hearing Officer.

1. **In Re: Rickey L. Fisher – No. P040053766** – Motion by Mr. Jones to amend the Hearing Officer's decision and impose a \$250 penalty on each of the two violations. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Jones inquired information concerning the upcoming application and hearing process for the available casino license. The Chairman stated that following the September 23rd deadline, State Police would conduct the investigation on each applicant and the time frame would depend on the number of applications received.

There being no further comments, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Mr. Singleton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.