

LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of February 23, 2010

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m. in the Hainkel Room of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at this meeting were: Dane K. Morgan, Chairman; Major Claude Mercer, Velma Rogers, Ayres Bradford, Robert Jones, Mark Stipe, Gerald Juneau, James Singleton and Jackie Berthelot. Absent were ex-officio members, Col. Mike Edmonson and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The meeting was called to order. Chairman Morgan welcomed some LSU law students from Mr. Paul West's class to the meeting. Following the Chairman's comments, it was moved by Mr. Singleton to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Juneau 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 the Gaming Audit Division, presented the statistics for video poker.

Ms. Mesa Brown, Assistant Attorney General in the Gaming Division, presented the quarterly riverboat compliance reports. Mr. Singleton suggested the casinos be brought before the Board to discuss reasons why some of them are not achieving their voluntary goals. Mr. Wade Duty, Executive Director of the Casino Association, stated the casinos are currently engaged in perfecting their goals in order to achieve equality for all riverboats.

Mr. Singleton also inquired about Harrah's goals. Mr. Leonce Gautreaux, Deputy Director of the Attorney General's Gaming Division, stated the city of New Orleans monitors the goals for the landbased casino.

The Board acted on the following truckstop applications:

1. **Big D Truckstop, LLC d/b/a Wagin Cajun Casino of Duson – No. 0109514164** – Motion by Major Mercer for approval of the transfer of interest. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

There was a motion by Mr. Bradford to amend the agenda to include an additional truckstop application. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and approved by a vote of eight to one. Voting against the motion was Mr. Stipe.

2. **Riverbend Truckstop & Palace Casinos, Inc. d/b/a Sulphur Truckstop & Casino – No. 1000515995** – Following questions from Mr. Singleton concerning spouses of revenue recipients not undergoing suitability, and Chairman Morgan's request to the Attorney General's office to look into spouses suitability, it was moved by Mr. Juneau to approve the application. That motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board acted on the five-year license renewal of St. Charles Gaming Company, Inc. d/b/a Isle of Capri-Lake Charles. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board also acted on the five-year license renewal of Belle of Orleans, L.L.C. d/b/a Amelia Belle Casino. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bradford to adopt the resolution approving the five-year renewal of the license. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

1. **In Re: Lonnie Roy Beard d/b/a Speckled Trout – No. 1200114730** - Motion by Mr. Jones to approve the \$500 penalty for failure to timely submit requested documents. That motion was seconded by Mr. Juneau and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **In Re: Cusimano Enterprises, LLC d/b/a The Italian Pie – No. 2600215666** – Motion by Major Mercer to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision imposing a \$500 penalty for failure to attend the mandatory compulsive gambling training session. That motion was seconded by Mr. Berthelot and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **In Re: J.O.D., Inc. d/b/a The Bar – 2600111964; 717 Granite, LLC d/b/a Pravda – No. 3601215288; JMG of Crescent City, L.L.C. d/b/a The Hangar New Orleans – No. 3601115352** - Motion by Mr. Stipe to affirm the decision of the Hearing Officer finding Jason Jaume unsuitable, revoking The Bar's license, and denying the license applications of Pravda and The Hanger. That motion was seconded by Major Mercer and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. **In Re: Heidi's Café, LLC d/b/a Heidi's Café – No. 3601215690** – Motion by Mr. Jones to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision imposing a \$500 penalty for failure to attend the mandatory compulsive gambling training session. That motion was seconded by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned.