

Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
January 10, 2007

A meeting of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission was held on January 10, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., at the Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs, located at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Somerset Room, Newark, New Jersey. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Marilou Halvorsen, Commissioners Timothy Ryan, Edward Barrett, Christine Vanek. Commissioner Frank Ragazzo was not present. Also present were Deputy Attorney General Nancy Costello Miller; LGCCC Supervisor to the Investigative Unit Scott Jenkins; LGCCC Investigators Martin Silva and Joseph Chessere; support staff Farah Rodriguez and Mary Grant.

The meeting was opened at 10:35 a.m. by Chairperson Marilou Halvorsen, pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by mailing on January 4, 2006, in accordance with Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law. A list of all regularly scheduled Commission meetings to be held during 2007 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, and posted in the State Building at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey as well as being posted on LGCCC website: www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/lgccc.htm.

1. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

The Commission reviewed and moved to approve the amended agenda.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

2. Minutes of the Public Session meeting December 12, 2006 The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes.

MOTION: Vanek SECOND: Barrett APPROVED: Unanimous

Addendum:

Bingo Electronic Pull Tab regulation 13.1 e, f, g, and h DAG Miller advised the Commission of discussions with the Division's regulating staff regarding these subsections. At a prior meeting, the Commission determined not to adopt those subsections as it was not clear how the fees would apply. After a discussion the Commission voted to adopt 13.1 (e) and (f).

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Ryan APPROVED: Unanimous

The Commission, after discussion regarding the applicable fee for licensure as a manufacturer of electronic bingo systems, voted to propose an amendment to the regulations to clarify that manufacturers of electronic games systems for bingo are required to pay an annual license fee of \$3000.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

Finally, after a discussion on whether it would be a substantive change to delete the provision that would permit player to select specific card minding devices available at a bingo occasion, the Commission determined to permit the player to select the card minding unit. The Commission indicated it would monitor this and propose an amendment to the rule if permitting players to select a particular machine interfered with the orderly conduct of the game.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

3. Public Comment

a. Bob Simolinsky, Continental State Fair:

Questioned the rationale for the fee payable to the Commission for use of card minding devices for bingo.

DAG Miller reiterated the Commission's rationale, which will be stated in the adoption notice.

b. Edward McGlynn, Esq., Government Affairs Representative NJAmusement Association; Informed the Commission that the Association's trade show is schedule for February 20, and 21, 2007 at the Garden State Exhibition Center. He asked that the Commission grant permission for LGCCC Investigative staff to hold a seminar at the event

Motion: Grant approval as long as there are no issues regarding travel, ethics/ conflicts or availability of staff.

MOTION: Halvorsen SECOND: Barrett APPROVED: Unanimous

c. Peggy Hansen, Video King:

Commented that she believes that allowing players to choose the electronic hand held devices that they would be using could create an issue. She stated the devices should be issued sequentially. The Commission noted its earlier comments that it would study the matter.

4. Statistics report and comparison figures from LGCCC to DCA for the month of November, 2006 The Commission approved the statistics report and comparison figures for November, 2006.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

5. List of organizations approved or denied requests for registration for the month of December, 2006 Commissioner Ryan asked why a Rotary Club was denied registration. Farah Rodriguez told him that the Rotary Club filled out the wrong application and that the correct application was mailed to them to have them reapply. The Commission approved the approved or denied requests for registration for December, 2006.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

6. List of Approved Casino Workers for the month of December, 2006 The Commission approved the approved list of compensated workers .

MOTION: Vanek SECOND: Ryan APPROVED: Unanimous

7. FYI- List of municipalities that have passed new ordinance allowing municipal clerks to approve bingo and raffle licenses

8. FYI-List of Signed Warning Letters & UPL Letters

Warning Letters Signed

- a. LG-05-67 Holy Angel Church (Warning Letters Signed)
- b. LG-06-78 Henry F Gehlhaus (Warning Letters Signed)
- c. LG-06-281 Gary Balaban (Warning Letters Signed)
- d. LGA-06-287 Six Flags Great Adventure (Warning Letters Signed)
- e LGA-06-288 Six Flags Great Adventure (Warning Letters Signed)
- f. LGA-06-289 Six Flags Great Adventure (Warning Letters Signed)

UPL Letters Signed

- g. LG-04-226 Anthony Rugnetta (Penalty Paid)
- h. LG-05-795 Dorothy Palme (Penalty Paid)
- i. LG-06-029 Hanover Park H.S. Wrestling Club (Penalty Paid)
- j. LG-06-081 Sam McCormick (Penalty Paid)
- k. LG-06-179 Sean Martin (Penalty Paid)
- l. LG-06-189 Sam McCormack (Penalty Paid)
- m. LG-06-249 Sam McCormack (Penalty Paid)
- n. LG-06-067 Diane Mizenis (Penalty Paid)
- o. LGA-06-79 Variety Casino (Penalty Paid)
- p. LGA-06-166 Suzanne Loughran (Penalty Paid)
- q. LGA-06-214 Sum Fun Inc (Penalty Paid)
- r. LGA-06-231 Fred Rolle/Wayne Cimorelli (Penalty Paid)
- s. LGA-06-235 Variety Casino (Penalty Paid)
- t. LGA-06-237 Suzanne Loughran (Penalty Paid)
- u. LGA-06-305 Suzanne Loughran (Penalty Paid)

9. Correspondence

a) Township of Wayne-Request for Refund from Women's American ORT/New Jersey Region I. D. # 499-4-33437 BL # 714 & RL #s 4620 and 4621 Commissioner Vanek recused herself. The Commission determined to refund the Women's American ORT, NJ Region due to the bingo games being cancelled.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Ryan APPROVED: Unanimous

b) St. Michael's CYO Parent Bingo Committee-Request for refund for I. D. # 499-5-34153 BL # 110-06 (Union)

The Commission determined to issue a refund of the state fee of \$190.00 because the 2007 bingos were cancelled.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

c) Ship Bottom Vol. Fire Co. #1 Prize Claim I. D. # 454-9-18185 RLL 2006-01 The Commission requested that DAG, Miller look into this and draft a letter.

MOTION: Halvorsen SECOND: Barrett APPROVED: Unanimous

10. Old Business

a) Senate Bill # 2236 (TABLED MEETING 12/12/06) (Bill comment request Analyst Danielle Swenson)

Minutes 12/12/06: The bill would permit veterans' organizations to use net proceeds for the support of their organization. The Commission tabled its response so it could review information as to current use of net proceeds by these organizations. The Commission determined to take no position on the bill but determined to advise the legislature of its concerns: The Commission questions the reason for selecting veterans organizations over other types of organizations, and notes that permitting organizations to support themselves with games of chance proceeds rather than educational, charitable, patriotic, religious, or public spirited uses, may under cut the spirit of charitable gaming.

MOTION: Vanek SECOND: Barrett OPPOSED: Ryan

The Commission took a break 11:10-11:15

11. New Business

None

12. E. O.'s Report

Scott Jenkins, LGCCC Supervisor to the Investigative Unit:

- a) Informed the Commission that the electronic bingo training was cancelled pending review of potential conflict of interest issues and compliance with minority and small business contracts.
- b) Asked Commission approval to distribute a list of licensed distributors to Dale Robertson, Pollard Games, Arrow International. The Commission noted this is public information. Approved.
- c) Informed the Commission that there has been some progress regarding background checks for compensated workers and electronic bingo & raffle workers. Wanted approval to use one background check per person for multiple licenses. The Commission determined one background check was appropriate.

13. Addendum:

RMLG-07-01- Pietro Maguire Foundation

Commissioner Vanek recused herself. The Commission determined that the organization may give monetary awards, but not to the person. The payment may be to a trust fund or for payment of a particular bill (hospital bill, mortgage payment, etc.).

There was a motion made and duly seconded to go into Executive Session to consider disciplinary matters at 11:35 AM. Chairperson Halvorsen left at this time, and Commissioner Timothy Ryan chaired the Executive session.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous

Upon re-entering public session the Commission moved to adjourn the meeting. After approving the reading of the closing statement by Commissioner Timothy Ryan, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

Approved by:

Marilou Halvorsen
Chairperson

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1. [Statistics report and comparison figures from LGCCC to DCA for November, 2006](#) (Refer to item 4)
2. [List of organizations approved or denied requests for registration for December, 2006](#) (Refer to item 5)
3. [List of approved and denied Compensated Workers, Commercial Licenses, and Game submissions for the month of December, 2006](#) (Refer to item 6)