

# Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission

## Public Session Minutes

March 12, 2003

A meeting of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission was held on March 12, 2003, in the State House, First Floor, Committee Room 103, Trenton, New Jersey. Present for the meeting was Chairman Marylou C. Halvorsen, Commissioners Alfred Peskoe, Frank V. Ragazzo, Executive Officer William Yorke, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Jodi Krugman, Regulatory Analyst Gene Brenycz, Supervisor Joseph Singh, and staff support Donna Kelly.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Halvorsen pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq. at 11:15 a.m.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Minutes of the Public Session meeting of December 11, 2002 - The Commission approved the Public Session Minutes.

**MOTION: Peskoe SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous**

**2. Public Comment - None**

3. List of organizations approved or denied requests for registration for the months of November, December, 2002 and January, 2003 - The Commission accepted the list of organizations approved or denied for registration for the months of November and December 2002, and January 2003.

**MOTION: Peskoe SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous**

4. Statistics report and comparison figures from LGCCC to DCA for the months of October, November, December, 2002 and January, 2003 - The Commission approved the statistics report and comparison figures.

**MOTION: Peskoe SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous**

5. RMLG-03-03 Discussion of Sunset of Amusement Games Regulations, N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.1 et seq. and Amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:47-1.1 et. seq. - Regulatory Analyst Gene Brenycz provided the Commission an updated draft of the Amusement Games Regulations with amendments. The Commission reviewed the Regulations and voted to adopt them as amended. The Commission also reviewed a draft regulation regarding the use of proceeds for capital improvements, and made a motion to accept the proposed Regulation as drafted. The regulations would prescribe a minimum of three hours use of a facility in any one day for it to qualify for one days credit when calculating the use of net proceeds derived from games of chance for capital improvements. The regulations will also provide for an allowance of 25% of the facility for administrative purposes if the organization meets to 70 day criteria.

**MOTION: Peskoe SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous**

6. RMLG-03-04 Discussion regarding referring certain complaints to the municipalities - E.O. Yorke

stated municipalities have the authority of administration of the law, and requested to put a policy in place for the office to refer minor non-violation complaints, (ie: saving seats at bingo halls) to local municipalities for resolution. The Commission approved the policy, providing the office track the complaints and that the consumer retain the right to appeal the municipality@s decision to the Commission. E.O. Yorke will provide the Commission with a sample letter that will accompany the complaints referred to the municipalities.

**MOTION: Halvorsen SECOND: Pesloe APPROVED: Unanimous**

7. RMLG-03-06 Application for Approval of Temporary Declaration of Trust B.P.O.E. Orange Lodge #135 (I. D. # 368-6-693) - The registration process was never completed. This item is pulled from the agenda.

8. E. O's Report

a) Commissioner Lewandowski's Obituary 12/17/02 - Chairman Halvorsen requested a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner James Lewandowski, and stated the Commission's prayers and concerns are with his family.

b) Public Relations - Letter from Soroptimist Intl. of Passaic Valley commenting Inv. J. Michael Walker and Farah Rodriguez, both of the registration unit, with regard to the organization renewing its registration.

c) Thank you card to the Commission from the LGCCC Staff for the holiday luncheon

The Commission entered Executive Session at 12:35 p.m.

The Commission entered Public Session at 1:40 p.m. to review additional material:

9. Kenneth Scornavacca - Casino Night Provider - He already was approved by the (D.G.E.) Department of Gaming Enforcement to work in the Atlantic City Casinos. The Commission approved the application for license to be a Casino Equipment Provider.

**MOTION: Peskoe SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous**

10. Namco Cyberainment, Inc. operating as U S Skate - Woodbridge Community Center, Woodbridge, NJ - The municipality approved the Municipal license for the location to be operated as an Amusement Park. The Commission approved the application for State license.

**MOTION: Ragazzo SECOND: Peskoe APPROVED: Unanimous**

11. Carl Lewis Fund - The Commission determined that its regulations do not address non-membership organizations that meet the statutory qualifications for registration. Pending revision of its regulations, the Commission determined that it will consider volunteers and those that might serve as "members" for non-membership corporations to satisfy registration requirements. The Commission determined the Carl Lewis Fund registration will be approved, advising them of the policy set by the Commission allowing non-membership organizations the opportunity to register. The Commission determined they would address proposed amendments to N.J.A.C 13:47-1.1, at the next Commission meeting.

The Commission re-entered Executive Session at 2:05 p.m.

The Commission re-entered Public Session at 2:40 p.m.

The April 9th Commission meeting will be changed to April 23, 2003 and the May 14th Commission meeting will be changed to May 21, 2003. The Commission will no longer hold meetings in Trenton. They will now take place in the office of Consumer Affairs, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07101. The

June 11th meeting (is pending) will be held at the Seaside Heights Borough Hall, and the July 9, 2003 meeting is tentatively set to be held in Point Pleasant, NJ. All meetings will start at 11:00 a.m. The Commissioners will be provided with an updated schedule.

After approving the reading of the closing statement by Chairman Halvorsen, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Approved by:

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Marylou Halvorsen  
Chairman

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William J. Yorke  
Executive Officer