



Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission

Public Session Minutes

June 12, 2002

A meeting of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission was held on June 12, 2002, in the State House Annex, First Floor Committee Room 1, Trenton, New Jersey. Present for the meeting was Chairman Marylou C. Halvorsen, Commissioners Dorothy F. McCrosson, Esq., Alfred Peskoe, Frank V. Ragazzo, Executive Officer William Yorke, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Jodi Krugman, Deputy Executive Director Veronica Hursthouse, Supervisors James Convery - Newark Office, Joseph Singh - Camden Office, and staff support Donna Kelly. Excused: Commissioner James Lewandowski

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 10:10 a.m.

Chairman Halvorsen welcomed Sandra and John Marino, former Chairman Russell Lupo's daughter and son in law. She presented them with a plaque commemorating Chairman Lupo's many years of service to the Commission. Chairman Halvorsen stated that the Commission was fortunate to have been chaired by Chairman Russell Lupo and to have benefitted from his involvement with the Commission since 1977. On behalf of her mother, Frances Lupo, Sandra Marino accepted the plaque and thanked the Commission.

At 10:20 a.m., Chairman Halvorsen entered Executive Session.

At 1:45 p.m., the Commission entered Public Session.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Minutes of the Public Session meeting of May 8, 2002 - The Commission reviewed and approved the Public Session minutes.

MOTION: McCrosson SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous

2. Public Comment - Chairman Halvorsen introduced the new Director of Consumer Affairs, Reni Erdos, Esq., and thanked her for responding to her request for her attendance to this Commission Meeting.

Director Erdos thanked the Chairman for the invitation. She discussed her past experience with, and noted that the primary mission of Consumer Affairs is to protect the public. The Director stated that she would like to see the Legalized Games Control Commission under the Professional Board side of the Division, ensuring them of the same benefits and responsibilities as other licensing Boards. Robert Campanelli will be supervising the Commission after the proposed change. Regarding budget changes, the Director stated restrictions won't allow for more investigators, but resources will be shared. Director Erdos extends to the Commission and staff an open door policy. She enjoyed the deliberations of the Commission, earnestly struggling to be fair, and also stated the armchair regulations are completed. When asked if there were any questions, Commissioner Peskoe requested further information on the status of the

budget.

3. List of Organizations approved or denied requests for registration for the month of May, 2002 - The Commission approved the requests for registration.

MOTION: McCrosson SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous

4. Statistics report and comparison figures from LGCCC to DCA for the month of April 2002 - The Commission accepted the Statistics Report and the Comparison figures.

MOTION: Peskoe SECOND: Ragazzo APPROVED: Unanimous

5. LGM 02-127 TM-6 Dispenser Device - Manufactured by Technik Mfg., Inc. - Instant Raffle Ticket Dispenser - Inv. Singh - E.O. Yorke requested this item be held until he and Joe Singh can talk to Nick Farley and Technik Mfg. This item will be tabled until the July meeting.

6. RMLG 02-18 For Review and Comment - Law Revision - Commission's proposal to amend the Bingo Licensing Law and the Raffle's Licensing Law and the Bingo Licensing Law (revisited) - E.O. Yorke stated that definitions are used inconsistently, the revisions are not clear, certain of the proposals would require constitutional amendment, the administrative costs to the State would be greater because of the limitation of the role of municipalities and the requirement that the State remit half of the licensure fee to the municipality would impose an administrative hardship. Ed McGlynn, Esq., Council to the New Jersey Amusement Association requested a representative from LGCCC attend the New Jersey Law Revision Commission meeting on June 20, 2002, opposing the revisions. **The Commission opposes the proposed changes by the New Jersey Law Revision Commission to amend the Bingo Licensing Law, the Raffle Licensing Law and the Amusement Licensing Law. In lieu of attending the meeting, a letter will be sent to the Attorney General's Office and the New Jersey Law Revision Commission, stating LGCCC is officially on the record as opposed, detailing opposition to the proposed changes.**

MOTION: Peskoe SECOND: McCrosson APPROVED: Unanimous

7. E.O. Report

a) Reni Erdos - new Director of Department of Consumer Affairs

b) Plaque presentation to Frances Lupo

8. REQUEST FOR MITIGATION - LG 01-424 Community Options, Inc. (Princeton) - Inv. Plowman - (revisited) Community Options, Inc. conducted an unregistered, unlicensed raffle, and awarded a prohibited prize. After reviewing the facts, **the Commission withdrew the previously issued Uniform Penalty Letter, and determined the civil penalty to remain in the amount of \$2,000, suspending the \$2,480 disgorgement. A Final Order will be issued.**

MOTION: Ragazzo SECOND: Peskoe APPROVED: Unanimous

9. Amusement Games Certification 1-027 Bushel Basket Certification (E.O. Yorke) - E.O. Yorke submitted a re-certification clarifying "rim shots" shall count as a win, if the ball stays in the basket or other receptacle. **The Commission accepted the re-certification as presented.**

MOTION: Ragazzo SECOND: Peskoe APPROVED: Unanimous

10. Discussion - When does an Amusement Game License Amendment become effective? N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.16 (Material provided at the meeting) - Jodi Krugman, DAG - The Commission determined that the amendment is not effective until the amusement game license is posted. The regulation will be revised so it's clear. **This item will be tabled.**

11. Assembly Bill No 2415 - At present, the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission is allocated within the Department of Law and Public Safety and is under the supervision of the Division of Consumer Affairs. This bill would provide that the commission would be an independent agency in, but not of, the department and would be free of any supervision or control by the department or its personnel. Giving the commission greater autonomy would enable it to better fulfil its mission to administer and enforce the laws governing bingo, raffles and amusement games. Reni Erdos, Esq., Director of Consumer Affairs is opposed to this Bill. **The Commission takes no position on this Bill.**

The July 10, 2002 Commission Meeting will take place at the Town Hall in Seaside Heights.

After approving the reading of the closing statement by Chairman Halvorsen, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Donna B. Kelly

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