

Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
December 8, 2004

A meeting of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission was held on December 8, 2004 at 10:30 A.M., at the Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs, located at 124 Halsey Street, 7th Floor, Essex Room, Newark, New Jersey. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Marilou C. Halvorsen, Commissioners Christine Vanek, Esq., Frank V. Ragazzo, Edward F. Barrett and Timothy E. Ryan, Executive Officer William J. Yorke (EO), Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Jodi Krugman, DCA Managing E.D. William Mandeville, Johnathan Eisenmenger, Assistant to William Mandeville, Investigators Annette Misukonis and Martin Silva, and support staff Michelle Rouette and Farah Rodriguez. Commissioner Frank Ragazzo was delayed and arrived at the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened at 10:30 a.m. by Chairperson Marilou Halvorsen pursuant to provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Minutes of the Public Session meeting of November 10, 2004 - The Commission approved the Public Session minutes of the November 10, 2004 meeting.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Ryan APPROVED: Unanimous

2. Public Comment - Edward R. McGlynn, Esq., representing the New Jersey Amusement Association, informed the Commission that Dr. Harold Nolan, Monmouth College Professor, had been retained by the Association to study compile a report regarding the price to play amusement games and the value of prizes awarded..The report is expected to be available in January. Mr. McGlynn stated that the Association will present the report to the Commission and will probably request that the Commission conduct a hearing on the reasonability of increasing the price to play and/or the value of prizes awarded. Tom Keller Jr. and Antello Descaca from the American Legion Post #12 Somerville attended the meeting to discuss their propriety of as allowing the Post's paid bartender, who is not a member, to redeem tickets from the Instant Raffle Ticket dispensing machine as a compensated raffle worker. Chairman Halvorsen advised the gentlemen that the regulations concerning compensated workers had not been adopted and that currently only members of the Post could sell Instant Raffle Tickets. At the request of counsel, the Commission adjourned briefly into Executive Session for legal counsel. After conferring with the Commission, DAG, Jodi Krugman, informed the gentlemen that the regulations concerning compensated workers had not been adopted and that currently only members of the Post could sell Instant Raffle Tickets.

3. Statistics report and comparison figures from LGCCC to DCA for the month of October 2004 - The Commission accepted the statistics report and comparison figures. The report is attached to and made part of these minutes.

MOTION: Ryan SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

4. List of organizations approved or denied requests for registration for the month of November 2004 - The Commission approved the lists of organizations approved and denied. The list is attached to and made part of these minutes.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

5. List of Approved and Denied Compensated Workers and Commercial License Providers for the months of November, 2004.-The Commission accepted the list of approved and denied compensated workers and commercial license providers. The list is attached to and made part of these minutes.

MOTION: Vanek SECOND: Ryan APPROVED: Unanimous

6. NAFTM 2003 Annual Report (FYI)

Commissioner Timothy E. Ryan found the report to be very informative.

7. REQUESTS FOR MITIGATION OF PENALTY

b) LGA-04-135 Robert J. DeFranco- Mr. DeFranco asked for the civil penalty assessed to him for \$250.00 for operating without a license to be mitigated. The Commission, after reviewing the information provided, determined to uphold the initial civil penalty assessed to Mr. DeFranco.

MOTION: Halvorsen SECOND: Barrett APPROVED: Unanimous

8. Amendment to Certification of Permissibility

#5-001 Stop and Go- A motion was made to update the certification. The certification is attached to and made part of these minutes.

MOTION: Barrett SECOND: Ryan APPROVED: Unanimous

9. RMLG-04-17 Senate Bill #2086 (Electronic Bingo)- The Commission supports the bill but would like to see an amendment that would eliminate the restriction placed on the linking of halls.

10. RMLG-04-18 Assembly Bill #904- (Minors to assist in conduct of bingo and raffles)

(Previously Assembly Bill #3841 RMLG-03-44)- The Commission opposes this bill as amended by the legislature which would allow children thirteen years old and up to work all facets of both bingo and raffle events with adult supervision. A motion was made to uphold the original wording of a proposal that would allow children ten years and older to serve food and beverages only at bingo events.

MOTION: Halvorsen SECOND: Vanek APPROVED: Unanimous

11. E.O.'s Report

a) FYI IAPPA Conference, Orlando, Florida

All Commissioners that attended felt it was a very informative and interesting trip.

b) Inquiry from Assemblyman Diegnan regarding capital improvement regulations-The proposal for capital improvement regulations is currently being reviewed and moving forward in the Office of the Attorney General.

The Commission entered into Public Session at 10:30 a.m.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

The Commission re-entered into Public Session at 11:25 a.m.

After approving the reading of the closing statement by Chairperson Marilou C. Halvorsen, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Marilou Halvorsen
Chairperson

William J. Yorke

Executive Officer

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Statistics Report and comparison figures from LGCCC to DCA for the month of October 2004

List of organizations approved and denied requests for registration for the month of November 2004

List of approved and denied compensated workers and commercial license providers for the month of November 2004

Amendment to certification of permissibility #5-001 Stop and Go