

FINAL GAMING POLICY BOARD MEETING

Department of Consumer Protection/Gaming Division

Minutes of Meeting

June 21, 2013

at

165 Capitol Avenue, Room #126
Hartford, CT 06106

Members: Richard Antonetti; Edward F. Osswalt.

Staff: William Rubenstein, Commissioner; Donna Rector, Secretary; Frank R. Virnelli, Jr.; Anne K. Stiber; William E. Ryan; Viola Pietrandrea.

Call to Order: Richard Antonetti called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Approval of Minutes: On motion made by Mr. Osswalt, seconded by Mr. Antonetti and unanimously voted, it was resolved that the minutes of May 24, 2013 be accepted as distributed.

Commissioner's Update/William M. Rubenstein:

A Public Act to eliminate the board was passed in both the House and the Senate and is waiting for the Governor's signature, which the Commissioner anticipates will be signed with an effective date of July 1, 2013, eliminating the Gaming Policy Board and transferring the function of the Board to the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection.

Gaming Regulation Program/William Ryan:

Mr. Ryan noted the Board has received the approved changes to the Off-Track Betting (OTB) hours of operation for April, 2013 and May, 2013.

Mr. Ryan gave a brief synopsis of the activity conducted by the Gaming Regulation Program for the months of April, 2013 and May, 2013.

Off-Track Betting

- Sixteen track approvals were completed in the month of April, 2013.
- Six track approvals were completed in the month of May, 2013.
- The Department has approved the Sportech request to expand their telephone betting or advance deposit wagering platform. The expanded service was made available to the general public on Saturday, June 8, 2013 after receiving the final testing and approval by the Department.

Lottery

- Two instant ticket games received preliminary approval and one game received final approval in April, 2013. Two instant ticket games received preliminary approval and one game received final approval in May, 2013.
- In April Connecticut Super Draw #7 was approved with a drawing date of July 4, 2013. There will be a total of 275,000 tickets with one million dollar prize level. Tickets cost \$10.00 and there are four prize levels, top prize is one million dollars.

Foxwoods

- In April, 2013, Foxwoods had 15 cash jackpots that paid over \$25,000. There were two jackpots that paid over \$100,000.00 one was a WAP.
- In May, 2013, Foxwoods had 8 cash jackpots that paid over \$25,000. There were no jackpots that paid over \$100,000.00.
- As of the end of April, 2013, Foxwoods had a total of 5,901 slot machines on the floor.
- As of the end of May, 2013, Foxwoods had a total of 5,828 slot machines on the floor.

Mohegan Sun Casino

- For the month of April, 2013, Mohegan Sun had 9 jackpots that paid \$50,000 or more, three that paid over \$100,000, and all were WAP.
- For the month of May, 2013, Mohegan Sun had 10 jackpots that paid \$50,000 or more, one that paid over \$100,000.
- As of the end of April, 2013, Mohegan Sun had a total of 5,534 slot machines on the floor.
- As of the end of May, 2013, Mohegan Sun had a total of 5,532 slot machines on the floor.

The Board received a copy of the Casino Licensing Report for May, 2013.

In addition to the packet, the Board also received from the Casino Unit of the State Police a summary report for the month of May. This report show types of arrests made but they are reporting arrests by general classifications.

Mr. Ryan also stated that in the last meeting, a request was made for the number of police officers on the Tribal Police Departments and the numbers are as follows:

Mohegan Sun has 25 POST certified full-time officers and 2 per diem officers.

Foxwoods has 1 Chief, 2 Lieutenants, 4 Sergeants and 17 Officers which equals a total of 24.

Accounting & Gaming Auditing Division/Frank Virnelli:

Mr. Virnelli noted that the Board has received the monthly statistical reports for April, 2013 and offered to answer questions, if any.

He continued by providing an update:

The projections are from September 2012.

For Lottery, the projected sales were just over \$1.09 billion, which is slightly higher than the \$1.08 billion from the previous fiscal year, and we expect that they will be on target if not slightly higher.

OTB, they foresaw a handle of \$182.3 million, which was a little under 3% less than the \$187.9 million of FY 2012. Through May they were 3.3% behind the previous year, which made them very close to our projection.

We also predicted that all Charitable Games would have sales of \$30 million, a slight drop from the previous year. They are currently slightly behind our projection but could reach it with a good month.

Foxwoods, we predicted would have a win of approximately \$558.7 million, about a 9% decline from the previous year. They are currently 11.5% behind last year so, a little behind our projection.

Mohegan Sun, we also saw a drop of about 9% or a win of around \$627.3 million. Through May, they are 9.1% behind last year, and so could be right on our target.

License Services – Charitable Program/Viola Pietrandrea:

Ms. Pietrandrea gave a brief update on Charitable Games activity for the months of April and May, 2013.

There was one change relating to Charitable Games during the recent session of the General Assembly. Public Act No. 13-196 “An Act Making Minor and Technical Changes to Department of Consumer Protection Statutes,” makes a change concerning raffles. This legislation removes the requirement that the three members of the organization, who are responsible for the operation and conduct of the sponsoring organization’s raffle, must be registered voters of the municipality in which the permit is sought, and instead, requires them to be residents of the state. This was an outdated provision since nowadays many organizations have members who aren’t residents within the town in which the organization is located; therefore, it proved difficult at times, for an organization to meet this requirement. This change will alleviate that issue for many organizations desiring to conduct raffles. Once signed by the Governor, it is effective from passage.

Legal Division/Anne Stiber:

Ms. Stiber noted that the Board has received the monthly hearing report for the month of May and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Antonetti & Mr. Osswalt both expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their time served on the Board.

Adjournment:

On motion made by Mr. Osswalt, the meeting adjourned at 10:31am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rector, Secretary
Gaming Policy Board