FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Electronic Meeting via WebEx
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Dirksen Compton called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The Honorable Dirksen Compton asked Mr. Michael Menefee to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
The Honorable Dirksen Compton, Chair
Ms. Joanne Smith, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mark Biladeau
The Honorable Tyrone Foster
Ms. Rebecca Jones
Mr. Michael Kimlick
Ms. Bonnie Whitlock
Mr. Anthony Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mr. Anthony Amos

VDACS STAFF PRESENT:
Mr. Larry Nichols, Director, Division of Consumer Protection
Mr. Joel Maddux, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Protection
Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:
Mr. Justin Bell, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Menefee informed The Honorable Compton that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Honorable Compton asked members to review the draft minutes of the October 2, 2024, Board meeting after which, he asked for a motion to approve them. The Honorable Compton motioned approval of the draft minutes as presented. Mr. Mark Biladeau seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS
The Honorable Compton asked the members whether they had any reports for the Board. Mr. Michael Kimlick reported an ongoing concern that a small veteran post of the American Legion faces challenges with meeting Use of Proceeds (UOP) requirements, set at 20% of adjusted gross receipts which has significantly impacted cash flow. Mr. Kimlick previously stated that donations relate to the following: UOP must be used within the calendar year, charities such as the food bank are dependent on the donations, part of the challenge is that the organization's fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30. Mr. Kimlick advised that the American Legion intends to approach the legislature about these issues during the Day on the Hill.
Ms. Joanne Smith agreed with the comments made by Mr. Kimlick and stated that VFW organizations have similar concerns.

OLD BUSINESS
The Honorable Compton asked members whether there was any old business that needed to be discussed by the Board. With no further comments from members on any old business, The Honorable Compton moved on to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS
Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting
Mr. Menefee provided an update on the Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting that took place on October 11, 2024. Mr. Menefee provided an overview of Charitable Gaming prize amounts under consideration and stated that a majority supported increasing the highest prize limit from $1,000 to $2,000 with the following stipulations - that Increases be done incrementally over years to minimize impact to smaller organizations. The group's report has been submitted to the General Assembly and Mr. Menefee he will make the report available to the Board, if requested.

Online Financial Reporting System
Mr. Menefee was asked to provide an update and advised that the system is available to organizations for 4th quarter financial reporting.

NOIRA Notice of Intended Regulatory Action
Mr. Joel Maddux advised numerous proposals are being reviewed. Any proposals are subject to review and at least three Public Comment periods.

Annual Report to the General Assembly
Mr. Menefee provided an update on the agency's submission of the statutory required Annual Report to the General Assembly on charitable gaming activities in the Commonwealth for FY2024.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Honorable Compton asked members on their availability to attend the next Board meeting tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, April 2, 2024. After discussing Board member availability, the Board agreed to meet on Wednesday, April 2, 2024, at 10:00 AM in Richmond, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Honorable Dirksen Compton asked for public comments and none were made.
The Honorable Dirksen Compton thanked members of the Board for their efforts. Without further comment, The Honorable Dirksen Compton motioned for the Board to adjourn, and the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee
Program Manager
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs