

FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board
Science Museum of Virginia – RF&P Forum
2500 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA
March 18, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Michael Sheffield, Chair. He welcomed all in attendance and indicated there was a quorum of Board members present.

Board Members in Attendance: Wesley I. Crowder, James C. Davis, Clay L. Dawson, Ruth Modlin Ellett, Don Fields, Vice-Chair and, Michael Sheffield, Chair.

Board Members Absent: Emmitt Carlton, Tony Landis and DeLores E. Ray Wilson. Mr. Sheffield introduced Mr. Todd P. Haymore, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture (VDACS).

Mr. Haymore spoke about the upcoming merge on July 1, 2008, between the VDACS and the Department of Charitable Gaming. He indicated Charitable Gaming would remain a stand-alone division within VDACS.

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Sheffield asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2007 regular board meeting and the January 23, 2008 subcommittee meeting. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Update on 2008 Legislation

Harry Durham, Director, provided an update on legislation that was enacted from the 2008 General Assembly Session. These were:

HB134 – Allows qualified organizations to sell bingo cards and the sheets used for bingo jackpot games with other bingo games. The bill provides, however that bingo jackpot cards and sheets must continue to be accounted for separately from other bingo games. This bill was signed by the Governor.

HB1280 – Places the regulation of charitable gaming under the Board and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This bill was signed by the Governor.

SB696 – Allows each stub or other detachable section of each ticket won through some other authorized charitable game conducted by the same organization holding the raffle to be included in the raffle drawing. This bill is similar to language currently in the Department's Charitable Gaming Rules and Regulations. The bill was signed into law by the Governor.

SJ115 - This confirms appointments to the Charitable Gaming Board made by the Governor.

Mr. Durham also gave updates on two other bills that did not pass:

HB226 – Provides that the percentage, determined by the Charitable Gaming Board, which an organization must use for charitable purposes, is based on net receipts of the organization and not its gross receipts from charitable gaming. This bill was tabled in committee. Mr. Durham thanked Board members Don Fields and Ruth Modlin Ellet for their assistance in keeping this bill from passing the House committee.

HJ81 – Requested the Governor to determine the most appropriate method and timing for consolidating the DCG, Virginia Racing Commission and the State Lottery Department into a single department under the State Lottery Department. This was left in committee.

Mr. Durham answered an inquiry regarding the need for merging DCG and VDACS. He explained it was to create greater efficiencies and cost savings in state government.

Update on Gaming Regulation changes approved by the Board on June 5, Harry Durham provided an update on the Charitable Gaming Rules and Regulations and the Supplier Regulations changes that were approved at the June 5, 2007 Board meeting. The regulations for both have completed Stage 1 of the process with no comments received. The regulations were submitted March 11th to the Department of Planning and Budget for Stage 2 of the process. Mr. Durham responded to a question on the timeline of the regulatory process by outlining each step and the timeline for each participant's response.

Update on development of regulation changes for HB 1998 – Electronic Pull-tabs
Mr. Durham said the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for HB1998 is out for public comment and closes on April 2.

Mike Menefee, DCG's Inspection and Training Manager, updated the Board on the development of regulations that will eventually govern HB 1998. Mr. Menefee stated that staff continues to work with the vendor, Gaming Laboratories International (GLI), on finalizing the technical and operating standards for these devices. Both groups will proceed to finalize these documents in the coming months.

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2006 NAFTM Annual Report

Mr. Durham presented a PowerPoint presentation of the 2006 Annual Report by the National Association of Fundraising Ticket Manufacturers (NAFTM) and how Virginia's Charitable Gaming ranked with this information.

Other Business

Mr. Sheffield asked the Board members if they had any other business to come before the Board. He thanked Tom Clarke, DCG Special Agent in Charge, for his participation at the subcommittee meeting on January 23, 2008.

The Chair asked if any members of the public would like to address the Board. There were no comments.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the Science Museum of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pamela S. Doak
Recorder