

FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Varina Library
Meeting Room
1875 New Market Road
Henrico, Virginia
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charles Lessin called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. Mr. Lessin led the Board and the public in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Michael Menefee to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Charles Lessin, Chair
The Honorable William Feasenmyer
Mr. Samuel Kaufman
Ms. Amy Solares

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Tanya Conrad, Vice-Chair
Mr. Kenneth Fitzgerald
Ms. Petrina Jones
Mr. James Lewis
Ms. Lea Roberts

VDACS STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Joel Maddux, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Protection
Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs

Mr. Menefee informed Mr. Lessin that a quorum was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since a quorum was not present, Mr. Lessin deferred the approval of the draft minutes for the November 12, 2019, and December 10, 2019, Board meetings until the next Board meeting.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Lessin asked members whether they had any reports for the Board. With no remarks from members, Mr. Lessin informed members that there were no reports before the Board.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD'S WORKGROUPS

Mr. Lessin informed members that the Game Variance workgroup did not have quorum earlier today, but the workgroup is looking to finalize the game variance application shortly. Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Kaufman, Chair of the Use of Proceed workgroup whether he had a report for the Board on the workgroup's activities. Mr. Kaufman informed members that the workgroup recommends starting the administrative process to amend the regulations to set a different use of proceeds requirement on the gross receipts generated from the sales of bingo and the gross receipts generated from the sales of electronic pull-tabs in order to encourage organizations to use electronic pull-tabs during their bingo session. Mr. Kaufman stated the workgroup is looking to modernize charitable gaming. With no further comments, Mr. Lessin moved to the Program Manager's report.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee whether he had a report for the Board. Mr. Menefee informed members that their financial disclosure statement is due soon and an email from Virginia's Ethic Council provided them with information on how to file their disclosure. Mr. Lessin asked members whether they had any questions for Mr. Menefee. With no questions, Mr. Lessin moved onto the next agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS

With no old business before the Board, Mr. Lessin moved onto new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lessin informed members that the 2020 General Assembly session begins tomorrow, January 8, 2020. Mr. Lessin encouraged members to attend legislative committees with him and express their opinion to legislators on legislations affecting charitable gaming. Additionally, Mr. Lessin stated the 2020 General Assembly would consider allowing charities to conduct tournament style Texas Hold'Em under the charitable gaming statutes. As such, he stated the Board must create a Texas Hold'Em workgroup and he wishes to appoint Ms. Petrina Jones as it Chair and he asked other members to join the workgroup in order to begin work on this new form of gaming.

Mr. Lessin asked whether any member had any further new business he/she wished to bring before the Board. With no further new business before the Board, Mr. Lessin moved onto public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lessin reminded members of the upcoming Board meeting on February 11, 2020, in Richmond.

With no comments from the public and there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee
Program Manager
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs