

FINAL MINUTES

Charitable Gaming Board
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Varina Library
Meeting Room
1875 New Market Road
Henrico, Virginia
Tuesday, August 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charles Lessin called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Charles Lessin, Chair
Ms. Amy Solares, Vice-Chair
The Honorable William Feasenmyer
Ms. Lea Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Lasonja Black
Ms. Tanya Conrad
Mr. Mark Cooper
Mr. Clay Dawson
Mr. Samuel Kaufman
Mr. James Lewis
The Honorable Ryant Washington

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 Mr. Lessin that a quorum was not present.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Lessin stated that he sought clarification whether the Board may meet electronically for its next meeting. Mr. Justin Bell explained to members on the current limits with meeting electronically. Mr. Bell further explained that in order for the Board to meet electronically, then it will need to assemble physically in a quorum. With no further remarks, Mr. Lessin moved onto the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since a quorum was not present, Mr. Lessin informed members that the approval of the draft minutes for the June 15, 2021, Board meeting was deferred 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 moved onto Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lessin asked members whether they had any old business for the Board. With no old business from members, Mr. Lessin moved onto New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lessin asked Mr. Menefee to make his presentation on the 2020 annual financial reports filed by licensed charitable gaming organizations. Mr. Menefee made his presentation to the Board. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Lessin asked members whether they had any question for Mr. Menefee. With no questions, Mr. Lessin moved onto the next item under New Business.

Mr. Lessin discussed use of proceeds where he stated that he supports the dual track concept, which is setting the use of proceeds requirement percentage on the gross receipts generated from bingo and electronic pull-tab devices differently from one another. He further stated that the current universal use of proceeds requirement percentage prevents the use of electronic pull-tab devices during the bingo session. As such, Board was looking into changing the use of proceeds percentage through the dual track concept. Mr. Lessin stated that the Board may wish to consider a triple track concept, which is setting the use of proceeds requirement percentage on the gross receipts generated from bingo, electronic pull-tab devices, and Texas Hold'em poker tournaments differently from one another. Mr. Lessin stated the Board should consider making a recommendation to the joint legislative subcommittee on the use of proceeds requirement.

Ms. Solares encouraged organization to speak with the joint legislative subcommittee. With no further remarks, Mr. Lessin moved onto the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lessin asked for public comments and there was none.

Mr. Lessin discussed with members on scheduling the next Board meeting. Mr. Lessin informed members that the next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at approximately 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Menefee
Program Manager
Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs