

Draft of Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2007
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Meeting opened at 12:35 p.m.

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Larry Hall, Peter Danton and Cushing Samp
One vacancy exists on the Board.

Staff members present: Exec. Director Robert Welch, Det. Don Armstrong, Auditor Scott Woods and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

Legal counsel: Melissa O'Dea, Ass't Attorney General

- **Minutes from October 24, 2007 meeting**

Motion to accept: Cushing Samp motioned to accept the minutes.

Seconded: Peter Danton

Vote: 4-0

- **Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

Mr. Welch reported that construction of the permanent Racino facility is coming along well. He advised that the Surveillance Plan will probably be reviewed first, followed by Hollywood Slots' Security plan which will resemble what they have in place now and finally the Location Agreement which will be presented to the Board when it is ready.

Mr. Welch advised that Scott Woods, auditor, had just taken his Internal Auditor exam, a two day process and wished him well on his results.

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods**

Mr. Woods advised that his end of the month figures for November would be out by Friday of this week.

- **State Police Activity Update – Det. Don Armstrong**

19 applications have been received and processed since the October 24th Board meeting. Sgt. Parker and Det. Armstrong will be going to Chicago on December 9th to conduct interviews for background investigations on applicant WMS Gaming as a Slot Distributor.

- **Unfinished Business**

Board member Cushing Samp reported back to the Board about the status of negotiations with Scientific Games. The Committee met with Scientific Games and offered them a rate of .825%, up from the .55% rate allowed under the contract for the temporary and permanent facilities, to cover the period from November 2, 2007 until the opening of Hollywood Slot's permanent facility. This period is not covered by the existing contract. The new rate is designed to compensate Scientific Games as though the permanent facility had opened on November 2 with 1,000 machines. Dan Walker, Attorney for Scientific Games addressed the Board as well. He advised that this was a good start and they accepted that rate offered. He is aware that these extra funds are not contained in the current budget and that Scientific Games will have to approach the Appropriations Committee, to get the additional funds if possible, and that Scientific Games bears all of the risk of there not being such an appropriation.

Relocation costs to move Scientific Games equipment to Bangor will also be discussed when costs have been figured.

Motion: by Cushing Samp for the Board to authorize Ms. O'Dea to draft a contract with Scientific Games covering the period from 11/2/2007 until the opening of the permanent facility at a rate of .825%, conditional upon the approval of the Appropriations Committee and present the contract to the Commissioner and State Purchases for signature and approval.

Seconded: by Larry Hall

Vote: 4-0

- **New Business**

None

- **Public Comments**

None

- **Next meeting date – January 16, 2008**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain
Secretary