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MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2002 COMMISSION MEETING

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Hensley called the meeting of March 27, 2002, to order at 1:35 p.m. with Chairman Hensley and Commissioners Sasaki, Smith, and Palmer present.

Staff Participating: Gary Qualset, Deputy Director Licensing and Compliance Division; Pete Melnicoe, Chief Counsel, Legal Division.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the March 13, 2002, Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

DECISION ITEMS

1. Applications for Work Permit:
 - a. Sonoma Joe's:
Ming, Stephanie
Khem, Tot

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the applications for work permits. Deputy Director Qualset recommended that the Commission consider both of the work permit applications in Item 1a. with one motion. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the applications for work permits for Item 1a. Stephanie Ming and Tot Khem. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Deputy Director Qualset stated that Tot Khem was previously issued a temporary work permit in accordance with the recently adopted emergency regulations related to work permits. Because of this, Tot Khem was able to begin working more than 40 days ago.

2. Applications for Work Permit – Request to Withdraw:
 - a. Pacific News Card Casino:
Buchan, Cerisse

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval without prejudice of the request to withdraw the application for work permit for Item 2a. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve without prejudice the request to withdraw the application for work permit for Item 2a. Cerisse Buchan. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

3. Application for Renewal of State Gambling License:
 - a. Cibola Club: Danny Figueroa, Sole Proprietor.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that Item 3a. Cibola Club, was previously issued a temporary license pending receipt by the Commission of additional information requested from the Division of Gambling Control. Deputy Director Qualset further indicated that the Commission had received the requested information from the Division of Gambling Control and that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend a full approval of the application for renewal of state gambling license for the remaining license term through September 30, 2002. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the application for license renewal for Item 3a. Cibola Club, for the remaining license term through September 30, 2002. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Palmer made a request for staff to develop criteria for a finding of suitability for licensed cardrooms by the Commission under the authority in Article 9, "Conditions of Operation," of the Gambling Control Act. Chairman Hensley directed staff to review the Commission's rulemaking calendar for the consideration of scheduling control standards relevant to Commissioner Palmer's request and for staff to provide a report on an action plan to the Commission in 60 days.

- b. Duffy's: Faye Stearns, Sole Proprietor.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for renewal of state gambling license for Item 3b. Duffy's. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the application for renewal of state gambling license for Item 3b. Duffy's. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

4. Consideration of Proposed Changes to Proposed Uniform Tribal Gaming Regulations CGCC-1 and CGCC-2.

Chief Counsel Melnicoe announced that Item 4. was being presented to the Commission for discussion only and that consideration of proposed changes to proposed uniform tribal gaming regulations CGCC-1 and CGCC-2 would be put over to a future Commission meeting because Commission staff has not finished receiving comments on the proposed regulations.

5. Discussion of Voting and Other Procedures Being Considered by the Association of Tribal and State Gaming Regulators.

Chief Counsel Melnicoe provided the Commission with a report that summarized the process of voting and other procedures being considered by the Association of Tribal and State Gaming Regulators.

The meeting was open for public comment.

Jane Zerbi, Attorney, Law Offices of Dickstein & Merin, provided the Commission with comments on the Association of Tribal and State Gaming Regulators consideration of voting and other procedures.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Hensley announced that there would be no Commission meeting on April 10, 2002, as previously scheduled, and that the next scheduled Commission meeting would take place on April 24, 2002.

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Hensley announced that the Commission would be going into closed session. At 2:45 p.m. the Commission adjourned to closed session after Commission Counsel stated that (1) there were no items for discussion concerning litigation under Government Code Section 11126(c) and 11126(e) and (2) that discussion of personnel issues would take place under Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chairman Hensley reconvened the open session at 3:22 p.m. and indicated there were no announcements from the closed session. Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.