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August 6, 2002, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2002 COMMISSION MEETING

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Hensley called the meeting of August 6, 2002, to order at 1:34 p.m. with Chairman Hensley and Commissioners Smith, Sasaki, and Palmer present.

Staff Participating: Gary Qualset, Deputy Director Licensing and Compliance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the July 17, 2002, Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

DECISION ITEMS

1. Applications for Work Permit:
 - a. Empire Sportsmen's Association:
Kommavong, Bounhome
Purto, Emmanuel
 - b. Napa Valley Casino:
Luce, Damon
You, Mony

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommended approval of the applications for work permits for Bounhome Kommavong, Emmanuel Purto, Damon Luce, and Mony You. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the applications for work permits for Bounhome Kommavong, Emmanuel Purto, Damon Luce, and Mony You. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

2. Application for Key Employee License-Request for Withdrawal:
 - a. The River Card Room:
Gaeir, Patricia

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval without prejudice the request for withdrawal of the application for a key employee license for Patricia Gaeir. Deputy Director Qualset further indicated that the Division of Gambling Control had not begun the background investigation on Patricia Gaeir and upon approval of the request for withdrawal the application background investigation deposit will be refunded to the payor. Commissioner Smith moved to approve without prejudice the request for withdrawal of the application for a key employee license for Patricia Gaeir and a full refund of the deposit. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

3. Applications for Key Employee License:
 - a. Artichoke Joe's:
Maraffio, Melanie
Lamboy, Richard
 - b. California Commerce Casino:
Griffo, James
 - c. California Grand Casino:
Thomas, Sharon
Wilkinson, Michael
 - d. Oaks Card Club:
Hudson, William
 - e. Ocean's Eleven Casino:
Briggs, John
 - f. Sonoma Joe's:
Gaeir, Patricia

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that Item 3b was being tabled pending additional information from the Division of Gambling Control.

Deputy Director Qualset recommended that the Commission consider with one motion Items 3a, 3c, 3d, 3e and 3f. Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the applications for a key employee license for Melanie Maraffio, Richard Lamboy, Sharon Thomas, Michael Wilkinson, William Hudson, John Briggs and Patricia Gaeir. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the applications for a key employee license for Melanie Maraffio, Richard Lamboy, Sharon Thomas, Michael Wilkinson, William Hudson, John Briggs and Patricia Gaeir. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Smith directed staff to forward a written request to the Division of Gambling Control requesting a listing of all pending applications for a key employee license that are over 90 days old.

Commissioner Smith directed staff to forward a written request to the Division of Gambling Control asking for information pertaining to the Division's protocol for background investigations when special circumstances exist where allegations against the applicant have been made but not proven.

4. Request to Purchase Existing Gambling Establishment:
 - a. Gold Sombrero Card Room: Jack Xiong, Sole Proprietor.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that Item 4a was being tabled pending further information from the Division of Gambling Control.

5. Applications for State Gambling License:
 - a. Gold Rush Casino: Susan Barrows, Sole Proprietor.
 - b. Gold Sombrero Card Room: In Cha Say, Sole Proprietor.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that Commission staff recommends a temporary eight-month approval of the application for a state gambling license for Item 5a, Gold Rush Casino, Susan Barrows, sole proprietor, with the following conditions: applicant must pass the final background investigation, obtain a local business license, and all current table fees must be paid.

Larry Hatler, Owner, Gold Rush Casino, requested that the Commission consider granting a full approval of the application for a state gambling license for Item 5a, Gold Rush Casino.

Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the staff recommendation for a temporary eight-month approval of a state gambling license for Item 5a, Gold Rush Casino. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that Commission staff recommend a 90 day extension of time to receive an recommendation on an application for a state gambling license for Item 5b, Gold Sombrero Card Room, In Cha Say, sole proprietor, to allow time for the sale and licensing of a new owner for the Gold Sombrero Card Room since the present owner In Cha Say was denied a state gambling license under the Gambling Control Act. The card room is currently not in operation. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the staff recommendation for a 90-day temporary approval of the application for a state gambling license for Item 5b, Gold Sombrero Card Room. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

6. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License:
 - a. Big Tomato Card Club: Peter Mikacich, Sole Proprietor.
 - b. La Fuerza: Eusebio Rodriguez, Sole Proprietor.
 - c. Rancho's Club: Ruben and Blanca Marquez, Sole Proprietors.
 - d. Rooney's Cardroom: Walter Yee, Sole Proprietor.
 - e. Rogelio's Inc.: Rogelio's Inc., A California Corporation.
 - f. Roy's Club Cardroom: Royu Grose and Arley Wisdom, General Partnership.

Deputy Director Qualset indicated that Item 6d, Rooney's Cardroom was tabled pending further information from the Division of Gambling Control.

Deputy Director Qualset recommended that the Commission consider Items 6a, 6b, 6c, 6e and 6f with one motion. Deputy Director Qualset indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the applications for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 6a, Big Tomato Card Club, Item 6b, La Fuerza, Item 6c, Rancho's Club, Item 6e, Rogelio's Inc. and Item 6f, Roy's Club. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the applications for renewal of a state gambling license for Item 6a, Big Tomato Card Club, Item 6b, La Fuerza, Item 6c, Rancho's Club, Item 6e, Rogelio's Inc. and Item 6f, Roy's Club. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.