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MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2005
COMMISSION MEETING

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Shelton called the meeting of March 9, 2005, to order at 1:30 p.m., with Commissioners Sasaki, and Williams present.

Staff Participating: John Spittler, Acting Deputy Director, Licensing Division, and Commission Counsel, Legal Division, and Heather Hoganson, Commission Counsel, Legal Division.

Commissioner Sasaki indicated her concerns regarding the December 15, 2004 Commission Meeting Minutes stating that although the minutes correctly reflected the Commission's action regarding the application for renewal of the state gambling license for Cameo Club, Item 7.c., the recommendation of staff which was subsequently approved by the Commission was in error of the correct license renewal period. Commissioner Sasaki indicated the necessity for the matter to be brought back for further action by the Commission to correct the license renewal period and to include in the minutes of December 15, 2004 a notation of the error and a reference to the meeting minutes that record the Commission's action to correct the renewal period for Cameo Club's state gambling license.

Chairman Shelton moved to approve the December 15, 2004 meeting minutes as read and directed the Licensing Division staff to calendar the matter for further action by the Commission. Commissioner Williams second the motion, which unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes; the Commission approved the December 15, 2004 Commission meeting minutes.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved the meeting minutes of February 2, 2005.

DECISION ITEMS

1. Applications for Work Permit:
 - a. Club San Rafael:
 - i. Bohlman, Tylor
 - b. Lake Bowl Cardroom:
 - i. Brekke, Kristian

Acting Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the applications for a work permit for Tylor Bohlman, Item 1.a., and Kristian Brekke, Item 1.b. Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved the applications for a work permit for Tylor Bohlman, Item 1.a., and Kristian Brekke, Item 1.b.

2. Applications for Key Employee License – Request for Withdrawal:
 - a. Lake Elsinore Hotel Casino:
 - i. Blunt, Barry
 - b. Lucky Chances Casino:
 - i. Bigarani, William
 - ii. Failauga, Samasoni
 - c. Club One Casino:
 - i. Chan, Frankie
 - ii. Gilbert, Dale

Acting Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval without prejudice the requests for withdrawal of the applications for a key employee license for Barry Blunt Item 2.a., William Bigarani and Samasoni Failauga, Item 2.b. and Frankie Chan and Dale Gilbert, Item 2.c. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Sasaki and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes; the Commission approved without prejudice the requests for withdrawal of the applications for a key employee license for Barry Blunt Item 2.a., William Bigarani and Samasoni Failauga, Item 2.b. and Frankie Chan and Dale Gilbert, Item 2.c.

3. Applications for Key Employee License:
 - a. Bicycle Club:
 - i. Hoffman, John
 - ii. Martinez, Fabricio
 - iii. Ventre, Mark

- b. Cameo Club Casino:
 - i. Lewis, David R.
- c. Casino Club:
 - i. Augusta, Frank
- d. Commerce Casino:
 - i. Winters, Cynthia
- e. Comstock Casino:
 - i. Brazil, Janice
- f. Hawaiian Gardens Casino:
 - i. Kwai, Andrew Yiu-Yan
 - ii. Lewis Sr., David
 - iii. Sarabi, Ron
- g. Hemphill's Card Room:
 - i. Borggraefe, Rosalie
- h. Player's Club:
 - i. Abelt, Patricia

Acting Deputy Director Spittler indicating that Andrew Yiu-Yan Kwai, Item 3.f.i. was being tabled by staff, further stated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the applications for a key employee license for the remaining individuals listed under Items 3.a. through 3.h. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes; the Commission approved the applications for a key employee license for Items 3.a. through 3.h., with Andrew Yiu-Yan Kwai, Item 3.f.i. tabled by staff.

4. Requests for Additional Authorized Tables:

- a. Marina Club: Guy Calamia – Sole Proprietor
- b. Ocean's Eleven Casino: Ocean's Eleven Casino – Partnership

Acting Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the request from Marina Club, Item 4.a., to increase the establishment's gambling tables by four, thereby increasing the total number of authorized tables from four to seven. Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved the request of Marina Club, Item 4.a., to add four additional tables for a total of seven tables authorized under the license.

Acting Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the request from Ocean's Eleven Casino, Item 4.b., to increase the establishment's gambling tables by 10, thereby increasing the total number of authorized tables from 30 to 40. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved the request of Ocean's Eleven Casino, Item 4.b., to add 10 additional tables for a total of 40 tables authorized under the license.

5. Application for State Gambling License – Request for Withdrawal:

- a. Delta Club Card Room:
 - i. Casino Associates I, Inc.
 - ii. Kelegian, Mark
 - iii. Minaiy, Hashem

Acting Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval without prejudice of the request for withdrawal of the application for a state gambling license for Delta Club Card Room, Item 5.a. Upon motion of Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the Commission approved without prejudice the request for withdrawal of the application for a state gambling license for Delta Club Card Room, Item 5.a.

6. Application for Renewal of State Gambling License:

- a. Mike's Card Casino: Michael Whiteley – Sole Proprietor

Acting Deputy Director Spittler indicated that both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommend approval of the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Mike's Card Casino, Item 6.a., for the period of April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Sasaki and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes; the Commission approved the application for renewal of a state gambling license for Mike's Card Casino, Item 6.a., for the period of April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006.

7. Staff Report:
a. Problem Gambling Regulations

Commission Counsel Hoganson presented an oral report on National Problem Gambling Awareness Week indicating that Assembly Members Chu and Mountjoy announced an Assembly Resolution marking March 6 through March 12 as Notional Problem Gambling Awareness Week. Commission Counsel Hoganson further stated that Commission and Division staff are collaborating on efforts to establish regulations that address problem gambling for card rooms. Commission Counsel Hoganson indicated that staff has been working with the California Council on Problem Gambling and The Office of Problem Gambling in gathering information necessary for drafting regulations.

Sherry Ellis, Department of Alcohol and Drug Program, Office of Problem Gambling, stated that preparations were underway to disseminate information concerning problem gambling with the payroll of active state employees and state university employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Shelton announced that the Commission would adjourn to Closed Session. At 1:50 p.m. the Commission adjourned to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Shelton reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioners Sasaki and Williams present.

1. Commissioner Comments.

There were no comments from the Commissioners during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Sasaki, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in the call for a vote with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Sasaki and Williams voting yes the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.