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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING PUBLIC WORKSHOP
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, April 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Public Service Commission Conference Room, first floor of the Cannon Building
APPROVED:	June 6, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Angelucci, Chairman, Public Member
Francis Gant, DE Volunteer Fireman's Association Member
Tim Winstead, State Lottery Office Member
Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sharon McDowell, Vice Chair, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Robert Willard, Deputy Attorney General
Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Childears, Administrative Specialist II
Jean Betley, Lead Investigator
Elaine O'Neill, Gaming Inspector

PUBLIC PRESENT

Warren Jones, DE Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc.
Milt Draper, Newark Senior Center
Jack Vogel, Harrington Fire Co.
Carolyn Maloney, DE Tech Community College
Bobbie Lutz, Dover Lionesses Club
Dawn Voss, Holy Family Church
Peter Z., Holy Family Church
Terry Master, Minquale Fire Co.
Ozzie Arthurs, Terrance Athletic Club
Bernie Garcia, Terrance Athletic Club
Renee Morris, Nanticoke Health Services
Willard Meck, Milford Lions Club
Warren B., Cape Henlopen Post 5
T.O. Murray, Newark Senior Center
Tom Dahl, Cape Henlopen Post 5
Dan E., DE Tech
Linda Bosworth, Beebe Medical Foundation

Patrick Richardson Sr., Cape Henlopen Post 5
Joy Hall, Lioness Club
Natalioe Wedderien, DE SPCA
Shirley Pennington, Bowers Fire Co. Ladies Aux.
Joanne Murphy, DE SPCA
Debra Brown, MAWSC
Diana Hurd, MAWSC
Becky Rash, MAWSC
Mabel Faulkner, MAWSC
Debbie S., Little Sisters of the Poor
Kerry O'Connell, Little Sisters of the Poor
S. Curtis Cole, NUR Shrine
Kim Kelleher, Hagley Museum and Library
Ken Shockley, Terrace Athletic Club
Karen Ballard, Siege/JCC

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Angelucci called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Charitable Gaming and Bingo Event Discussion

The Board and Division staff introduced themselves for the public and opened up the floor for discussion. The morning's discussion included the following topics.

Raffles:

Request to allow Raffle applications to be continuous, currently organizations have to fill out another application every 6 months. The Board and Division responded that this was the policy due to after occasion reports (AOR). In the past organizations were not submitting AORs in a timely fashion. This is the only way the Division can ensure AORs are submitted.

Mr. Meck from the Milford Lions Club asked about sending Raffle tickets to other clubs outside of the State of Delaware to be sold. Mr. Angelucci stated that he had been in talks with legislators on this subject and the legislators would have to change the current Statute.

A member of the public asked the Board if there was a monetary limit on what could be offered as a Raffle prize. The Board stated that there was no limit; however because of the legalities involved property such as a home could not be Raffled. Also, Raffle tickets could be advertised online but not sold online.

Charitable Gaming:

A member of the public asked if dealers had to be members of the organization. Ms. O'Neill responded that workers of the event and dealers needed to be a part of the non-profit hosting the event. Third party vendors can be hired but they have to be Board approved third party vendors.

Members of the public expressed concern over the Rules and Regulations eliminating the sale or consumption of alcohol in gaming areas and asked for clarification. Mr. Willard stated that alcohol had to be sold and consumed in a completely separate area. Ms. O'Neill stated that in the past they have suggested using gates and netting to make the area completely separate in an outside setting, children and alcohol should not be present in gaming areas.

Members of the public expressed concern over the \$150 losing limit at charitable gaming events. The general consensus was that the \$150 limit was too low, the money gambled was going to charity, the public wanted the ability to gamble more than \$150 per event, and the Board shouldn't be able to tell the public how much they could lose at charitable games. The Board stated the following:

- these events are not professional gaming/gambling events
- this amount was originally determined by the public during a time when a lot of third party vendors existed
- public had complained in the past that significant others were losing too much money at charitable gaming events

Bingo:

A member of the public asked for clarification on how long Bingo permits were valid. Ms. Betley responded that each permit is issued for an individual event and you can request up to three months of permits at a time, with one event per week. Refer to Rules 3.6 and 3.9.

Rule 3.6 No license shall be effective for a period of more than one year from the date it was issued.

Rule 3.9 No bingo licensee licensed prior to July 14, 1998, shall conduct more than ten (10) bingo events in any calendar month and no bingo licensee licensed after the enactment of 71 Del. Laws 444 (July 14, 1998) shall conduct more than one (1) bingo event per week. A bingo licensee who was licensed prior to July, 14, 1998 whose license lapses for six (6) months or more due to non-renewal or suspension or any other reason shall, upon licensing thereafter, be considered a licensee licensed after the enactment of 71 Del. Laws 444 (July 14, 1998).

The public questioned the policy on verifying Bingo balls before an event. The inspectors stated that the balls needed to be verified before each game. They recommended a member of the public witness the ball verification process to protect the non-profit. However, the public witness is not required, merely a suggestion.

The Board reminded the public that Bingo workers or volunteers could not play Bingo at any time if they were working or volunteering at an event. Instant Bingo can be played at any time but cannot be part of the Bingo game.

The Board stated that it was hoping to make adjustments to the current Bingo limits of \$250/\$1250 during the legislative session. Their request had already been submitted to legislatures.

The public had questions regarding basket bingos. The Board and inspectors responded that Rule 3.10 and Rule 4.11 were in the process of being changed and would be published as final Rules in the May Register of Regulations. The amendment to Rule 3.10 would allow non-profits to list the price they paid for an item and the amendment to Rule 4.11 would allow for basket bingo ties to be determined by house rules. House rules must be posted in at least four (4) different areas of the Bingo venue. Any items stuffed or included with prize items must be listed on the prize list and included in the total value.

The public had questions regarding promotional items. The Board stated that the event must take place within seven (7) days before the State recognized holiday or on the holiday itself. The promotional giveaway must be given before or after the Bingo event. They referred to Rule 4.6.

Rule 4.6 No prize in an amount or value greater than \$250 shall be offered or given in any single game and the aggregate amount or value of all prizes offered or given in all games played on a single occasion shall not exceed \$1,250. The amount of the prize in each bingo game shall be announced at the start of the game. At the end of each game, there will be an announcement of the total number of winners and the amount paid to each. All winners shall be determined and all prizes shall be awarded in any game played on any occasion within the same calendar day as that upon which the game is played. The value of any promotional giveaways, which shall be no more than \$500 per annum to be distributed at an organizational anniversary date and no more than three (3) holiday dates per year, shall not be counted towards the dollar amounts described in this section. Holiday dates means those holiday dates officially recognized by the State of Delaware as holidays. The event itself must take place within the period of seven days before the holiday or on the holiday itself. However, a licensee may offer inducements, free refreshments, and free transportation of players to and from bingo events, to attract bingo players to the

bingo event, provided that the fair market value of inducements is limited to 15% of the total amount of all other prizes offered or given during the bingo event.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is May 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Conference Room B, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gant, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A McAtee', written in a cursive style.

Amanda McAtee
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.