

**MINUTES OF THE
CHARITABLE GAMING BOARD MEETING
DISCOVERY ROOM, SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA
2500 W. BROAD STREET, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
March 1, 2005**

Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Member John C. Goolrick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed all in attendance. Director Clyde E. Cristman introduced Department Staff in attendance. The following Members were present comprising a quorum.

Present: Wesley I. Crowder, Donald R. Fields, John C. Goolrick, Tony R. Landis, Thomas J. Lehner, and Richard I. Miller.

Absent: Emmitt H. Carlton, Ruth M. Ellett, and Michael Sheffield.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Goolrick asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 7, 2004, meeting. A motion was made, seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Update of General Assembly Session

Mr. Goolrick asked Director Clyde Cristman to provide an update on legislation impacting charitable gaming and the Department. Director Cristman distributed handouts that summarized the activity for each piece of legislation and the budget.

For legislation, the Director reported that House Bill 2454 and Senate Bill 1322 were the only two bills impacting the Department that passed. The two bills were amended so they are identical. They amend Section 18.2-340.34:1 of the Code relating to the Department of Charitable Gaming; registration of bingo managers and callers and payment for their services out of bingo funds.

Director Cristman reported that the Department's request to increase full-time staff positions was granted and the agency will be adding a total of nine new positions over the next two years in the audit, inspection and enforcement areas.

Status of Charitable Gaming and Supplier Proposed Regulations

Director Cristman reported on the status of the proposed Charitable Gaming Regulations and the Supplier Regulations.

Charitable Gaming in North America

The Director distributed copies of the 2003 Annual Report of the National Association of Fundraising Ticket Manufacturers (NAFTM). He reviewed of the report, highlighting Virginia's ranking in each of the categories.

Analysis of FY 2004 Financial Data and DCG Performance Data

Director Cristman presented a summary of the analysis of the FY 2004 financial data and additional department performance data. Each Member received a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Other Business

Mr. Miller raised his concern that there are changes that need to be made to the Gaming Statute and if the Board does not take action soon regarding possible recommendations for changes for the next General Assembly session the opportunity will be lost. Director Cristman responded about the timing issue and suggested that the Board may want to consider forming a subcommittee to review the Statute. Mr. Goolrick suggested that the Board may also want to consider having a special meeting in addition to the four scheduled meetings to discuss any recommendations. Mr. Miller made a motion that a sub-committee be formed by the Chair to review and make recommendations for legislative changes to the Charitable Gaming Statute. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Director Cristman asked for volunteers for the subcommittee. Members Landis, Miller, and Fields volunteered. The Director will provide the names and background information to Chair Ruth Ellett.

Mr. Miller also expressed concerns regarding the defeat of the legislation that would have allowed poker as part of charitable gaming. He further stated including poker in charitable gaming would be tapping into a whole new audience for charitable gaming -- a younger crowd and this would increase attendance and revenue for the charities. After some discussion, the members agreed to have the above subcommittee review the gaming statute for ways to include charitable poker.

Director Cristman distributed copies of two newspaper articles that he thought would be of interest.

There was no public comment.

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Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the same location, the Discovery Room at the Science Museum. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Frances C. Jones
Recorder

Clyde E. Cristman
Director

CEC/fcj
3/8/05

Minutes unanimously approved at the 6/7/05 Board Meeting.