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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South Dakota Commission on Gaming will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 beginning at 3:00 p.m. CDT at the law offices of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP, at 503 S Pierre Street, Pierre, South Dakota.

### AGENDA

Call to Order

Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

**Old Business** 

Approval of minutes of meeting on December 11,2020

Deadwood Licensing Matters

Retail Licenses for Deals Publication, Inc. Retail Licenses for Aces Full, Inc.

**Public Comment** 

Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) (3) and (4) and 42-7B-8.1 (4)

**Decisions of Executive Session** 

Adjournment

# SUSAN CHRISTIAN, CIA Executive Secretary

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# **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

# South Dakota Commission on Gaming Administrative Hearings and Quarterly Business Meeting Deadwood City Hall, Deadwood, South Dakota

### MINUTES

### December 11, 2019

At 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Commissioner Dennis McFarland, Commissioner Karen Wagner, Commission Karl Fischer, Commissioner Greg Strommen, and Commissioner Mike Wordeman were present. Staff members present for the meeting were Timothy Engel, Commission Attorney; Susan Christian, Executive Secretary; and Craig Sparrow, Deputy Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner McFarland at 9:00 a.m.

### **Conflicts of Interest Disclosure**

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

The court reporter for the hearings was Veronica Fish. The following cases were scheduled to be heard:

### **Administrative Hearings**

- > SDCOG vs. Victoria Aker revocation of support license
- > Trackside appeal of action taken by the Executive Secretary

### SDCOG vs. Victoria Aker revocation of support license

The purpose of the hearing is to act on a complaint that was filed against Ms. Aker that on October 15, 2019 she pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and received a suspended execution of sentence to this class 5 Felony. Ms. Aker was not present for the hearing. After receiving evidence, Commissioner Wordeman made a motion to revoke Ms. Aker's support license. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote motion carried

| Commissioner Wagner    | Aye |
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| Commissioner McFarland | Aye |
| Commissioner Fischer   | Aye |
| Commissioner Strommen  | Aye |
| Commissioner Wordeman  | Aye |
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### Trackside appeal of action by the Executive Secretary

Timothy Engel, Commission Attorney, advised the Commission that the appeal of Trackside, Inc. has been withdrawn per a letter from their legal counsel dated December 4, 2019. The original appeal letter and the letter withdrawing the appeal were made a part of the record. Mr. Engel presented the Commission with a proposed Order dismissing the appeal with prejudice. As for the money on deposit at BankWest, once the time for an appeal has passed, it would be appropriate based on the bankruptcy court order that the balance of the bond would be paid over to the bankruptcy trustee. Mr. Engel presented the Commission with proposed Resolution 12-11-19-1 which would direct Mr. Shaw and Mr. Eliason to release the remaining funds to the bankruptcy trustee once the time for an appeal has passed.

Commissioner Fischer made a motion to dismiss the appeal of Trackside, Inc. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wordeman made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-11-19-1 which releases the remaining funds on deposit with BankWest of Pierre, South Dakota, to a bank account designated by the Chapter 7 Trustee. Commissioner Strommen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### General Meeting

Commissioner McFarland called the general meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

### September 24, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted for the September 24, 2019 quarterly meeting. Commissioner Strommen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### Recognition of Craig Sparrow

Commissioner McFarland granted Executive Secretary Christian's request for an item of personal privilege. Ms. Christian then recognized Secretary Terwilliger, who in turn recognized and commended Craig Sparrow for his 24 years of service.

#### G2E Report by Executive Secretary

Susan Christian, Executive Secretary, gave a report on the G2E conference. Deputy Executive Secretary, Craig Sparrow and Larry Eliason also attended the conference. This was for information purposes only and no action was taken.

#### 2020 Legislative Session update Revenue Secretary Jim Terwilliger

Jim Terwilliger, Secretary of Department of Revenue, gave a brief report on the 2020 Legislative Session.

### Allotment of 2020 live racing dates for Verendrye Benevolent Association

### October 2020 Live Racing Dates

October 3, 2020 October 4, 2020 October 10, 2020 October 11, 2020

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve four dates for live racing in October 2020. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Renewal of Simulcast Provider License**

### AmWest Entertainment, OTB LLC

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the renewal of AmWest Entertainment, OTB LLC's simulcast provider license with the condition that on or before March 13, 2020 that they renew or extend the existing bond or replace it with a bond or surety which is acceptable to the Commission's legal counsel. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Renewal of Simulcast Site License**

### Triple Crown Casino

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the renewal of Triple Crown Casino's simulcast site license. Commissioner Strommen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Deadwood Licensing Matters**

#### Key License Approvals

Deputy Executive Secretary Sparrow recommended approval of the following Key Licenses:

- ✓ Emily Sprague
- ✓ Dillin Chambless
- ✓ Barry Lloyd

#### Key License Renewals-2020

Deputy Executive Secretary Sparrow recommend approval of the Key License renewals of 2020 as listed on pages 28-29 of the meeting packet.

Commissioner Wordeman made a motion to approve the Key License approvals and the Key License renewals as staff recommended. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Business License Approvals**

- ✓ Approval of Yashushi Shigata (11100-OW) as Owner on the Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. Associated Equipment license (10983-AE).
- Approval of Geoffrey Freeman (11113-DR) as Director on the AGS, LLC. Manufacturer license (0130-MA).
- ✓ Approval of Angel Dobitz (11400-OW) as an additional Owner on the Gold Run, LLC. Retail licenses (11110, 11111, & 11112-RT's) assigned to Super 8.
- ✓ Approval of CountR GmbH for an Associated Equipment license (11376-AE) with Rainer Seyer (11378-OW) and Dominik Winau (11377-OW) as Owners of the Associated Equipment license.
- ✓ Approval of M3 Technology Solutions, LLC for an Associated Equipment license (11293-AE) with Kent Bowden (11294-OW), Philip Bowden (11295-OW), Paul Cernuto (11296-OW), Stanley Kotova (11297-OW), and Michael Carpenter (11298-OW) as Owners of the Associated Equipment license.
- ✓ Approval of Dynamic Gaming Solution, LLC for a Distributor license (11328-DS) and Mark Larson (11329-OW) as Owner of the Distributor license.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Business License approvals as staff recommended. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

### Dates of 2020 Quarterly Meetings

Commissioner McFarland recommended to adopt the following quarterly meeting dates for 2020.

March 17, 2020 June 16, 2020 September 15, 2020 December 15, 2020

Commissioner Wordeman made a motion to adopt the quarterly commission meeting dates for 2020 as presented. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### DGA update Mike Rodman, Executive Director

Mike Rodman, Executive Director, of the Deadwood Gaming Association gave a brief report on events going on in Deadwood. Mr. Rodman reported at the 2020 Legislative Session, the Association will be asking to have Sports Betting placed on the ballot.

#### **Public Comments**

There was no participation for the comment period of the meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 9:50 a.m. the Commission went into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) (3) and (4), and 42-7B-8.1 (4).

The Executive Session was concluded at 9:55 a.m. with no formal action taken.

With no further business to be discussed Commissioner Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wordeman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Fredericksen

Dennis McFarland, Chairman

Susan Christian, Executive Secretary

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DATE: January 10, 2020

TO: SD Commission on Gaming

FROM: Craig Sparrow, Deputy Exec. Secretary

RE: Deals Publication, Inc (11567 & 11568-RT's)

We received applications along with the application fees for two retail licenses from Deals Publication Inc. who have been licensed by the SD Commission on Gaming as an Operator since 2001 when they owned and operated the Celebrity Hotel until selling it in 2012. The owners of Deals Publication, Inc. are Robert and Don Nelson. A background investigation was completed and have remain licensed in good standing since that time.

Deals Publication re-acquired the property in December 2019 and plan to re-open the Celebrity Hotel in February 2020. At the current time they only plan to offer gaming in two of the five retail buildings associated with the property.

Staff Recommends approval of two Retail licenses for Deals Publication Inc and that they be assigned to the Celebrity Hotel location at 629 Main St.



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DATE: January 15, 2020

TO: SD Commission on Gaming

FROM: Craig Sparrow, Deputy Exec. Secretary

RE: Aces Full, Inc (11575, 11576 & 11577-RT's)

We received applications along with the application fees for three retail licenses from Aces Full Inc. who has been licensed by the SD Commission on Gaming as an Operator and Route Operator since July 1, 2019 and before that as a Slot Machine Distributor since December 1999. The owner of Aces Full, Inc. is Bart Hamm. A background investigation was completed and has remain licensed in good standing since that time.

Aces Full, Inc. plans to open a casino in March at the Deadwood Gulch Saloon location which recently closed at the end of the December 2019.

Staff Recommends approval of three Retail licenses for Aces Full Inc and that they be assigned to the 560 Main St location.