

NH Council on Problem Gambling  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Present: Ed Talbot, Debi LaPlante, Heather Gray, Maura McCann

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm.

Executive Director Ed Talbot opened the meeting with a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on June 20, 2018. Debi LaPlante seconded the motion and the motion passed to accept the meeting minutes unanimously.

The Presidents Report was provided by Ed Talbot. Ed reported that the NE Consortium Meeting was being held today in Rhode Island. He was not able to attend due to prior commitments. Ed spoke to a class at Plymouth State University this morning and then had the quarterly council meeting here in Concord to attend. Ed did report further that voluntary self-exclusion at the casinos would be a topic at the consortium as well as sports gambling legislation. Ed forward ed an email with New Hampshire's status on such legislation to the group.. He will further check in with Nancy Murray and get feedback regarding that meeting.

Ed Talbot will be speaking on Saturday, December 1 to a graduate class from New England College here in Concord.

The finance report was presented. The balance as of June 20, 2018 was \$14,171.71. Expenses since then total \$9,457.52 leaving the council with a balance of \$6,504.19.

The council's annual report to IRS (990N) has been filed for the year.

The New Futures Office will be moving to 1 Eagle Square, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, effective January 1, 2019. All those offices that rent space from New Futures will be moving with them including the NH Council on Problem Gambling. The move will start on November 1, 2018 with everyone moved in by January 1, 2019.

As a result of the move, brochures, stationary as well as business cards will need to be reprinted and the NH Council on Problem Gambling's website address information will need to be updated.

The Charitable Casinos here in New Hampshire provided the Council with copies of their self-exclusion policies. From casino to casino, each self-exclusion policy varied. The NH Council on Problem Gambling would like to have one blanket standard self-exclusion policy for all casinos in New Hampshire and as part of that policy, contact information to reach out to the NH Council on Problem Gambling. Further, if a person self-excluded themselves from one casino that it would apply to all of them within New Hampshire. Maura McCann will look into the policy via Game Sense in Massachusetts.

Jim Rafferty of the River Card Room in Nashua suggested that the NH Council on Problem Gambling sign on for 10 nights at a different charitable casino in 2019. He further suggested that each charitable casino offer one night of gaming and all net proceeds from the night be earmarked for the Council. In support of Problem Gaming Awareness Month (March), Maura McCann will inquire if the charitable casinos may make a donation of some sort to support the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the 1% of KENO 603 sales that is earmarked to assist a problem gambling program at the Department of Health and Human Services. The Council has been waiting since May 2018 for an RFI (Request for Information) regarding problem gaming services to be issued by that office. It is unknown at this time how those dollars are being used to support problem gaming.

Maura McCann will look into having a letter sent to the sponsors of the KENO 603 legislation. That letter will introduce Ed Talbot as the Executive Director of the Council and further provide information as to what the Council does, how the Council is funded, etc.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Lottery Headquarters in Concord, NH.

Adjournment of the meeting took place at approximately 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Maura McCann, Vice President  
NH Council on Problem Gambling