

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2015

Present: Dot Duda, Maura McCann, Peter Duda, Roy Woodman, William Butynski, Ed Talbot

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM.

1. Dot called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.
2. A motion was made by Maura McCann and seconded by Bill Butynski to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015 board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Pete Duda gave the Treasurer's Report, which after donations and expenses left a balance of \$32,592.98. This reflected another donation of \$25,000 from the New Hampshire Lottery. A motion was made by Roy Woodman and seconded by Bill Butynski to approve the Treasurer's Report. This was approved unanimously.
4. In his Executive Director's Report, Ed outlined the following:
 - a. Requests for funding will be submitted to the New Hampshire Charitable Trust and to the Cosgrove Trust.
 - b. That NH Lottery Director Charlie McIntyre confirmed that their budget was approved and processed the donation of \$25,000 for the council.
 - c. We received notification from the Bank of New Hampshire that our grant request of \$1000 was not approved.
 - d. Attended the Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Drugs has indicated there is interest in expanding services to include gambling awareness among treatment providers. It was suggested by Charlie McIntyre that the council wait until the first of the year to start working with legislators to draft proposed legislation.
 - e. A recommendation to address problem gambling in the criminal justice was included in the meeting with D.H.&H.S. and it was recommended that Strafford County House of Correction would be a good place to start since they have a substance abuse treatment unit. Ed sent a letter to Supt. Bruce Pelkie offering to do a presentation and screen for problem gambling.
5. Dot handed out fact sheets that have been published on the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling website and she advised that in preliminary discussions the Mass Council has said that we could use the content on our site. Dot will follow-up with Mass Council to get more formal approval and then Maura will arrange to have them put up on the NHCPG site.
6. The website update. Maura distributed the current wire frames which the design company has developed further since our last meeting. Final graphics were reviewed and accepted. The 'Get Help' section, the fact sheets mentioned in #5 above, as well as the contact page are a good starting point to put up on the web. We will also work at getting some thumbnail profiles from two or three problem gamblers to offer personal insights.
7. NHCPG Event in spring 2016. The board approved going ahead with plans for an event in March as part of National Problem Gambling Awareness month. The Board is planning to host a press conference possibly in the Legislative Office Building. Details of the event are being worked on by Maura & Ed

8. Possible office. Ed Talbot has agreed to obtain firm pricing and rental space details from the New Hampshire Providers Association about available office space at their Ferry Street location in Concord, NH. Ed will poll the directors for their votes once he has the information, avoiding any delay.
9. No new business items for the March 16th meeting was brought up at this time.
10. Maura McCann made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Pete Duda and approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board will be March 16, 2016 at the Lottery Headquarters in Concord NH.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Woodman
Secretary