

New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021 12:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCann at 12:03pm. The meeting was televised by Microsoft Teams.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING

Motion was made by Chairman McCann to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Talbot moved the motion and Commissioner LaPlante seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. REPORT BY THE COUNCIL OF PROBLEM GAMBLING

Commissioner Talbot provided a report of the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling (NHCPG). He attended the most recent meeting of the New England Consortium on Problem Gambling, held virtually on September 24, 2020. He or Commissioner Duda will attend the next New England Consortium meeting. There were 44 total calls to the New Hampshire Problem Gambling Helpline in 2020 (until 12/16/20). Commissioner Talbot reports an uptick of Helpline calls in the last month. Commissioner Talbot believes this is the busiest period of calls since the Helpline first launched. The NHCPG has received \$9,600 in funding from the State of New Hampshire to continue providing services (the quarterly cost of running the NHCPG). Commissioner Talbot will discuss with the charitable gaming venues dates for NHCPG fundraising during 2021.

Chairman McCann asked Commissioner Talbot if callers to the Helpline are mentioning certain gambling products above others. She stated that her impression is that the majority of gambling revenue comes from traditional lottery/scratch card sales, followed by sports betting, followed by Internet lottery. She asked whether calls to the Helpline mirror this pattern. Commissioner Talbot responded that they do, though he his sense from answering Helpline calls is that people are turning more and more to Internet lottery during this pandemic.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Talbot provided a budget discussion update. The balance of funds available to run the NHCPG was \$171.96 prior to receipt of the \$9,600. Commissioner Talbot reported that he would send a complete financial report to all Commissioners at the completion of the meeting. The report covers calendar year 2020.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gray asked if there were funds available for the Council to develop its own branding/logo. Chairman McCann responded that she believes we could pay for such work in the same way we paid for advertising of our recent RFP (i.e., through the regular Lottery channels). Chairman McCann indicated that she would seek a cost estimate and we would move on from there.

At 12:16pm Commissioner Talbot left the meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from noon to 2:00 PM.

Chairman McCann entertained a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A to discuss vendor procurement. Commissioner LaPlante moved the motion and Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. Upon rollcall, the following members reported: Commissioner McCann, Commissioner LaPlante, Commissioner Gray.

At 12:33pm, Chairman McCann move to seal the minutes pursuant to RSA 21-G:37 relating to confidentiality of procurements. Commissioner LaPlante moved the motion and Commissioner Gray seconded the motion.

Maura McCann, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gray
Commissioner
New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling