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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Jeff Rodefer, Chairman 
Date: May 20, 2005
Subject: Minutes of May 20, 2005

Attendance. After being duly noticed, the following members of the Executive Committee (Committee), constituting a quorum pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Amended Bylaws (approved: May 9, 2001), participated in a meeting held at the corporate offices of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. on May 20, 2005: Jeffrey R. Rodefer, Chairman; Mark A. Clayton, Vice Chairman; Michael J. Bonner; *A.G. Burnett; Darlene Caruso; Jennifer Carvalho; Lou Dorn; John A. Godfrey; and Sean McGuinness.

*Via Telephone

Topics:

1. Review Minutes of Minutes of 22, 2005. No objections were noted and the minutes were approved.

2. 5th Annual Law Scholarship Golf Tournament. Jeff Rodefer updated the Committee on the May 6, 2005, golf tournament that drew 160 golfers and raised \$32,000 for the "Gaming Law Section Scholarship" at the William S. Boyd School of Law- UNLV. He also discussed some of the logistics issues that he and Jennifer Carvalho encountered in trying to coordinate this year's event. He informed the Committee that the final accounting for the golf tournament should be completed within the next week. Thereafter, the revenue-expense report would be finalized and forwarded to each member of the Committee and a check for \$32,000 would be delivered to Dean Richard Morgan at the law school.

3. 6th Annual Law Scholarship Golf Tournament. Jeff Rodefer informed the Committee that Walters Golf had reserved Friday, May 5, 2006, at Desert Pines Golf Club (1:30 pm shotgun start) for next year's tournament. The Committee agreed to:

(a) Raise the entry fee to \$100 per person for government employees (including UNLV faculty staff and students) and everyone else to \$150 per person. It was further agreed that no discount rate would be given for members of the Gaming Law Section, unless the individual otherwise qualified for the lower government rate.

(b) To increase the fees for tee sponsorships to \$600 each.

(c) To place only one foursome or team on each of the four Par 3s, thus reducing the total number of golfers to 128. This move was being done to help reduce the total amount of time spent playing 18 holes from the over six-hour round of golf this year to a more enjoyable four hours.

(d) To create a "golf committee" for the Chairman to delegate responsibilities to for coordination of the 2006 golf tournament. This item will be finalized at the next meeting in September or October 2005.

4. GLS Newsletter. Jeff Rodefer discussed with the Committee the first issue of the *GLS Newsletter*, as well as some of the problems that arose during its publication. Darlene Caruso informed the Committee that she will be unable to act as the editor for the next issue that is scheduled for publication in September 2005. Considering the positive response that had been received about the first Newsletter, including State Bar President, Ann Price McCarthy's correspondence to Jeff Rodefer dated May 12, 2005, the Committee believes this is a worthwhile project. Jeff Rodefer stated that he could no longer continue to devote the time necessary to oversee future publications as he had done with the first issue and requested a volunteer or volunteers to assume the role of editor or co-editors. The Committee agreed, but left the decision of selecting a new editor(s) to the Chairman.

5. 2005 Gaming Law Conference. The Committee received an update on the seminar scheduled to be held on Friday, November 4, 2005. Jeff Rodefer informed the Committee that the topics and speakers would have to be determined by July 1st so that a full-page advertisement could be placed in the September issue of the *Nevada Lawyer* (submission deadline is August 1, 2005). Additionally, the speakers would have to submit their outlines or PowerPoint presentations by October 1, 2005. The Committee further agreed on the following topics for this year's seminar:

- 1-Hour Indian Gaming Update (Sean McGuinness to coordinate)
- 2- Hour Ethics in Gaming Law (Coordinated by A.G. Burnett and Paul Bible)
- 1-Hour Regulator Panel with members of the State Gaming Control Board and Nevada Gaming Commission (Jennifer Carvalho to coordinate)
- 1-Hour Gaming Regulatory Update concerning recent audit and enforcement developments (Darlene Caruso to coordinate)

- 1-Hour Foreign Gaming Policy Panel (Jack Godfrey to coordinate)
- Keynote Luncheon Speaker – State Senator Mark Amodei (Mike Bonner to coordinate)

6. Vote on Nominations/Re-Nominations to Executive Committee. The terms of Michael G. Alonso, Michael J. Bonner, Lou Dorn and John A. Godfrey will expire the end of May 2005. Jeff Rodefer informed the Committee that Michael G. Alonso had declined to seek reappointment. The Committee discussed potential candidates. Jeff Rodefer promised to prepare a ballot that would be forwarded to the Committee and requested that their votes be submitted to Sean McGuinness no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005.

7. Other items of interest. Jeff Rodefer brought the following items to the Committee's attention:

(a) The State Bar of Nevada – CLE Department had requested that someone be assigned to present a one or two hour CLE on gaming that would be taped at the State Bar offices for release solely on WestLegalEd Center Online. The Committee declined and felt the State Bar should make an effort to simply tape the *2005 Gaming Law Conference* or some segment of it.

(b) Board of Governor, Gregory Kamer, Esq. sent a letter to Darlene Caruso dated May 12, 2005, with copies to the Committee, stating that the Board of Governors "were quite impressed with both . . . [the GLS Newsletter's] content and appearance." Moreover, since he had been designated as the liaison to the Gaming Law Section, he would like to attend the Committee's meetings. Although no invitation was forwarded for the May 20, 2005, meeting, the Committee requested the Chairman to contact Board of Governor Kamer to suggest having lunch with the Committee members to discuss the State Bar and the Board of Governors' ongoing support of the Gaming Law Section.

8. Adjourned. With no further business to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.