

## **GBG The Gambling Business Group**

### **Gambling Business Group Conference Call notes.**

**Held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 11.00pm.**

#### **ATTENDEES ON GBG CONFERENCE CALL FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2016 AT 11.00 AM**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Simon	Burnell	Coral Racing
Peter	Hannibal	GBG
Jim	O'Halleran	INGG
Nick	Harding	Praesepe
Simon	Levingston	RCPA
Patrick	Kerr	Coral Racing
Chris	Grunert	John Gaunt Partners
Mike	Heaton	Roadchef
Brian	Jamson	Roadchef
Paul	Monkman	Talarius
Chris	Wilkinson	SG Gaming
Nick	Arron	Poppleston Allen
Ewen	MacGregor	Bond Dickinson
Jim	Sinclair	Gala Bingo
Wayne	Ellard	SG Gaming

#### **Apologies**

Barney	Horne	Deloittes
Andy	Walker	Carnaby Gaming
Rob	Capener	Talarius
David	Lucas	Fraser Brown
Grainne	Hurst	Ladbrokes
Mark	Summerfield	KPMG
Simon	Reynolds	Gala Coral Group

1. Welcome & Introduction. Firstly, NH and PH apologised for the delay in the call starting but welcomed everyone.
2. Previous meeting action points from Nov 10<sup>th</sup>;
  - a. All continue to push for new members. PH to write to those non-members who attended the 'controlling machines' meeting on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Actions relating to The Gambling Commission will be addressed in a meeting coming with Sarah Harrison. PH to also invite SH to the next GBG meeting. List of discussion points;

- i. Delays in processing changes to technical standards.
    - ii. Issues in the content of the GCs annual review.
    - iii. Concerns about the implementation of the new self-exclusion requirements.
    - iv. Anti-Money Laundering effective risk assessment/exclusion of sectors - along with the timing of the consultation on crime.
    - v. Compatibility of Innovation and regulation.
    - vi. Controlling Machines Consultation document
  - c. GBG are meeting with the Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO) on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss 'red tape' issues.
3. Responsible Gambling. The call was updated on the recent RGT Harm Minimisation conference held in December, on developments with RGSB and their strategy review consultation. The call also discussed Neil Goulden's resignation from RGT and John Hagan's appointment as Chair of IGRG. PH to arrange a meeting to discuss GBG future engagement with IGRG. PH also brought everyone up to speed with the developments of a Responsible Gambling Training Accreditation – further update at the next meeting.
4. The Gambling Commission.
  - a. Consultation on the prevention of crime. The point has been made that this consultation came out ahead of the commissions own AML risk assessment and also ahead of the treasury's consultation on AML.
  - b. Consultation on controlling where gaming machines may be played. This was the subject of much debate following a previous meeting with members and non-members on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. PH has a meeting arranged with the Commission after this call and also the trade bodies are attending a further meeting next Tuesday. The agreement is that the GBG will re-group after those meetings to agree next steps/action.
  - c. Developments on sector local area self-exclusion were discussed. There has been no news regarding the situation with the on-line self-exclusion proposition put forwards to the DCMS by the Commission. PH to look into with the DCMS.
  - d. There was a general discussion around the recent people changes at the GC plus the inevitable change of Chair coming in 2016 and what it might mean for future regulating.
5. Government;
  - a. Already mentioned that we are still awaiting the Treasury consultation on the 4<sup>th</sup> AMLD.
  - b. The DCMS are still sat on the MOSES (multi operator self-exclusion solution) paper.

- c. Triennial review. Ambiguous messages coming out of the DCMS. Expecting the review of the B2 £50 staking criteria first (imminently), that may partially inform a triennial review, for which there is no official timeline.

6. AOB;

- a. Clarion have almost completed the GBG website. PH/NH to review and agree final changes before going live.
- b. MSG. Latest revision of the Cashless Protocol that includes AML and non-cashable credits (for promotional purposes) is well in progress & should be ratified at the next MSG meeting.
- c. ICE Show Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. PH to put out a pre-show note to members with pointers.
- d. Date of next meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> – NOW CHANGED TO April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm in central London.