

STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 23, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Instant Bingo Machine Operations - Abner's Crab House & Restaurant

PRESENTER: Charles LaBoy, Assistant Director for Gaming

ISSUE SUMMARY:

COMAR 36.07.02.11 provides the requirements for approval of initial instant bingo machine operations and was used at the framework for approval of instant bingo machine operations. These regulations require that:

1. The facilities proposed hours of operation shall be submitted to the Commission for written approval.

The facility's current hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday from 11am until 1am, Friday from 11am until 3am, and Saturday from 11am until 2am.

The facility's proposed hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday from 11am until 2am, Friday from 11am until 3am, and Saturday from 11am until 2am.

2. Facility design standards are in compliance with the provisions of COMAR 36.07.03.02.

The facility is in compliance with all provision of the regulation.

3. All instant bingo machines have been tested and comply with standards established by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of COMAR 36.07.06.01, 36.07.06.02, and 36.07.06.03;

All instant bingo machines and associated equipment have been or are currently being tested by our independent testing laboratories and approved by the Commission. Abner's Crab House & Restaurant is authorized to operate 85 instant bingo machines.

4. The facility operator's gaming floor plan complies with the provisions COMAR 36.07.03.03;

The facility has provided a floor plan that is in compliance with regulatory requirements.

5. The facility operator's internal controls complies with the provisions of COMAR 36.07.04;

The facility has provided their internal controls for the operation of instant bingo machines. MLGCA staff has reviewed the internal controls and has determined that they meet all regulatory requirements and recommend Commission approval.

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6. The facility operator's surveillance plan complies with the provisions of COMAR 36.07.04.09 and 36.07.04.10.

MLGCA staff has reviewed the surveillance plans and has determined that they meet all regulatory requirements and recommend Commission approval.

7. The facility operator's security plan complies with the provisions of COMAR 36.07.04.11.

MLGCA staff has reviewed the security plans and has determined that they meet all regulatory requirements and recommend Commission approval.

8. The facility operator's responsible gambling plan complies with the provisions of COMAR 36.07.07.01.

MLGCA staff has reviewed the responsible gambling plan and has determined that they meet all regulatory requirements.

9. The facility operator is prepared to implement the internal controls, surveillance, security and responsible gambling procedures that are necessary to ensure that the operation of the instant bingo machines is conducted safely and legally;

The internal controls, surveillance, security and responsible gambling procedures have been reviewed and determined to be adequate for the legal and safe operation of instant bingo machines. MLGCA staff will continue to oversee the training of facility employees and will conduct an assessment of their performance.

10. The facility operator's principals and management employees are licensed by the Commission and trained in the performance of their responsibilities.

MLGCA staff continues to work with the facility to license all required individuals. MLGCA staff has reviewed training programs and will continue to oversee training of facility employees.

k. Minimum bankroll requirements comply with the provisions of COMAR 36.07.04.13.

MLGCA staff has reviewed the minimum bankroll and has determined that it meets all regulatory requirements.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED: Commission review and approval of instant bingo operations at Abner's Crab House & Restaurant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval.