Association of Charitable Games of Missouri 19th Annual Convention and Trade Show

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Special points of interest:

At the end of Bingo, workers need to Thank players for coming...

If someone wins Pull Tabs as we pay off the winner, take some pull tabs with you to sell to the winner.

Bingo Angles – Work w/ new players

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Missouri State Gaming Commission

This year’s Association of Charitable Games of Missouri Convention had the Executive Director of Missouri Gaming Commission William K. Seibert, Jr. as the speaker. He talked about the Gaming Commission and Bingo. The number of Bingo Halls that are open and what was going on in the bingo halls.

The Supervisor of Missouri Gaming Commission, Barbara Whittle talked about three robberies by gun point in bingo halls in rural Missouri. The robberies took place during bingo. She also talked about an audit of a Bingo Hall in Southern Missouri where a volunteer was stealing $500 per week from Event tickets. Because of this case, a proposed Bingo regulation (law) change is under review. The proposal is that all winning tickets should be kept for three months. This would give the State Auditor time to review the event tickets. Suggestions were made about the robberies. Queen of Hearts money should be kept in a separate fund. Queen of hearts raffle needs preapproval from the Barb’s office prior to starting.

Welcome / Introductions

Charles Brown as Convention Chairman did the welcoming and introductions to this year’s Association of Charitable Games of Missouri Convention. He also welcomed the first time members to the Convention. We had eight organizations attend the convention for the first time this year.
Sharing Ideas for small & large Bingo Halls

Lino Zamudio opened his session on Sharing Ideas.
1. Give away a package of meat at the end of each month. Provide each participant with a tally card. At the end of the night the player will sign the card and turn it in, so that it can be entered into a drawing for the meat. The money for this incentive comes from a 50/50 raffle. Money cannot be taken from Bingo funds to pay for this.
2. At half time give away a gift certificate worth $10.00, that can be used the next time they come to Bingo. This gift comes from the tally cards. Queen of Hearts is not part of Bingo. 50/50 raffle, must be playing Bingo and must be present to win. The rules for this game is dependent upon the house rules.
3. Acknowledge death of a player with bud vase and by turning the chair up and no one can sit in that place for the evening.
4. Weekly promotion. One example was to choose a King and Queen on the first Bingo game of the month.

Membership Report

You can now start selling event tickets three (3) hours prior to the start of Bingo.

There are approximately 240 operating Bingo Halls. The recruiter Verna Charles calls all the halls starting in April and ending in August. She spoke to 130 people and left 76 messages. Halls close because of poor attendance and lack of workers (because of the 2 year rule). John Smithberg.

Selection new Board members

Gerald Seelinger conducted the election for Board members for the Association of Charitable Games of Missouri. He had a ballot with names on it and took nominations from the floor. Once the nominations were closed members voted for new board members.

Each organization gets to vote on one ballot. The new board members are Charles Peeters, Roger Hoffman and John Smithberg. Picture of the Board is on Page 4, top.

Page 4, bottom page picture is from the trip to the Southern Gaming Summit Bingo World Conference that some of the Board members attended.

15 Bingo Promotions that Work: One Big Key to Success – Fun Bingo Ballers - Players Club – Gift give away, get ticket once a month Bingo Loves you night – Drawing Text Club – Tell them progress amount, promotions.
Speaks about 2 year rule

Phil Hanson and Larry Krodinger gave a presentation on how the 2 year rule hurts smaller halls – the bill to change this made it through the House this year, but not the Senate. Please use sample letters that were provided at the convention, or one of your own to contact your Missouri State House Representative or Senator regarding this rule. If you put your email address on the response sheet you will be kept abreast of the progress of the bill. The bill number changes every year, so it was not provided with the sample letters.

Demonstration of new Products

All-American Bingo gave a talk about the new products they are offering this year. Some of the new games are: Lucky Ducky, Pig Race, Money Bags, High Flying, Space Monkeys, Bully Big Bucks & Forget Me Knot. They demoed some of the games during the convention.

The quarterly report can be completed on the web.

Next Years Convention Information

Next year’s Association of Charitable Games of Missouri 20th Annual Convention and Trade Show will be held at the Radisson Branson. The convention will be from August 25 and 26, 2017. The Hotel’s address 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO 65616. The hotel is centrally located in Branson, with 472 guest rooms, including 27 Spa suites, complimentary high speed wireless internet access, Heated indoor outdoor pool. Fitness center, free parking, on site dining at the Wildwood Bistro. The hotel has 37” flat screen TVs, refrigerators in every room. Meeting facilities and services with 13 meeting rooms. The hotel is a short distance from downtown Branson just off Hwy 76, putting guests in the heart of the theatre and entertainment district.
The Association of Charitable Games of Missouri Board for 2016 & 2017. The first row: Phil Hanson, Vice President Gerald Seelinger, President Tom Murphy, Lino Zamudio, Charles Brown. Second row: Mary Barber, Charles Peeters, Kevin Gurlen, Secretary & Communication Director John S. Head, Roger Hoffman, John Smithberg and Treasury Ralph How. Larry Krodinger not pictured.

Live Entertainment

Mike Walker proves that there’s nothing more entertaining than a gifted impersonator. An incredibly talented, Walker brings his repertoire of artists. Some of the variety of singers included Elvis Presley, Conway Twitty, Ray Charles, Willie Nelson and Rod Stewart. If you enjoy songs from a variety of singers, you would enjoy Mike Walker & Friends.