



Association of Charitable Games of Missouri 21st Annual Convention and Trade Show

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Amendment 4

Will remove Advertising restriction- Ruled Unconstitutional in 1999 in law suit.

A vote YES lowers the 2 year time requirement to work Bingo to 6 months.

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Vote for Amendment 4 on the November 6th ballot

This bill has nothing to do with gambling laws. It has been on the ballot 2 times before. People will only vote for it if they know what it's all about. We have to work on getting yard signs out – flyers. Contact newspapers, write letters to editors, every charitable organization to put up flyers, Food banks etc. We also need to hand-out flyers to bingo players and talk about amendment 4 every night that we have bingo and members. **Citizens for Bingo**, 108 E. Green Meadows Road, Suite 1, Columbia, MO 65203.

Tom Murphy presented Barbara Whittle, Supervisor of Missouri Gaming Commission Bingo Division with an award for the serve she has provided to the Association of Charitable Games of Missouri.



You need to keep a look out for counterfeit money. I know of three halls that received counterfeit \$.

Sharing Ideas for Small & Large Bingo Halls

Lino Zamadio did a presentation with the group on sharing ideas from all the people in the convention. Some of the ideas were:

Advertise- leave flyers at grocery stores, gas stations, etc. Promote your business, **(the State has removed the 10% of Bingo gross**

sales to advertise).

Advertise on local radio stations. Check to see what if, anything it will cost for a non-profit to advertise. Use remote Microphones, put Flag on table of winner – speeds up game, call in the numbers to the caller. One free raffle ticket to everyone that

comes in the hall, and Free Daubers on holidays.



Election of 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. Three people from the floor were nominated and two were elected. Four people were re-elected to the board. A total of six people were elected to the board.



Open Panel Discussion



Gary Davis (Union Lions Club), Sondra Moore (BPO Elks Lodge 564) and Don Wooten (VFW Post 7630) took questions from the convention floor. Tom Murphy led the panel discussion about their bingo halls and how they operate. The biggest obstacle: – Is getting volunteers. Some halls have reduced the number of games – gone from 27 to 23 a night, cutting back on the pay out in order to make money.

Bills HB-349 / HJR-10 and SB 147 / SJR-9 2 year rule

Larry Krodinger and Phil Hanson gave a report on how we got the bill passed by the Senate. The board met with Representative Wanda Brown in Jefferson City. Senator Gary Romne putted the bill to get to a vote with support from Representative Wanda

Brown in the House. The bill passed and was put on the ballet to be voted on November 6, 2018.



Missouri Gaming Commission Bingo Supervisor Barbara Whittle



Ms. Whittle stated that Amendment #4 would be great for state office. She wants people to get out and explain to people just what the amendment is about. She also pointed out that the Gaming Commission is neutral on the issue. When asked about new workers when the amendment passes, she said

she will still need information on the new workers. Currently the 2 year rule is still there and 16 years of age still remains the same. She said she does not know if the change will take place immediately; but she will let everyone know as soon as she gets information. Advertising: The entire section regarding the 10% will go away at the end of the month. She took questions from the floor.

Membership Report

John Smithberg gave the membership report, the number of bingo halls are down to 224. When we asked the management of the bingos that closed down why they had ceased to operate, 85 percent of them said it was a lack of workers that was the issue. This is because of the two year rule. That is why we need Amendment 4 to pass.



The quarterly report can be completed on the web.



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See you next year at the
Lodge of the Ozarks in
Branson, August 16 & 17,
2019



The Association of Charitable Games of Missouri Board for 2018 & 2019. The first row: Convention Chairman Charles Brown, President Tom Murphy. Second row: Phil Hanson, Secretary Mary Barber, Peggy Olsen, Roger Hoffman. Third row: Treasurer Ralph How, Charles Peeters, Larry Geisler, Communication Director & Webmaster John S. Head, Larry Krodinger, Howard Hawkins. Vice President James Malson and Lino Zamudio not pictured.



Phil Hanson, CPA provided information on the ACGM financial report doing the convention.



Live Entertainment by Leroy New & his band

Leroy New & his band provided entertainment for the convention. If you enjoy songs from a variety of singers, you would have enjoyed this group.





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