

Spotlight Organization



AMERICAN LEGION POST 34 LAWRENCEBURG, KENTUCKY

During a recent visit to the Lawrenceburg American Legion Post # 34 in Anderson County, I had the pleasure of interviewing the Post Commander Bobby Thornberry and the American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary President, Pam Rice.

Commander Thornberry has held the position as Commander of Post 34 for eight (8) years. Commander Thornberry is also a veteran having served his county in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Commander Thornberry said that as a result of the Charitable Gaming Bingo sessions, funds were available and used by Post 34 to help in erecting two special memorials to veterans on the post property. One of the memorials is a wall dedicated to the veterans of Anderson County, both living and deceased, who served in the armed forces. The second special memorial is called the "Healing Field". The post has erected, as of this date, 88 flag poles flying the American Flag 24/7, in honor of those service men and women from Anderson County killed in action during the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. At the base of each flag pole is the name of the veteran who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Commander Thornberry further indicated that numerous other community donations are made from the bingo profits. He indicated that the bingo sessions are run by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Post 34.

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 34 President Pam Rice said that bingo sessions held at the post are under the control and direction of the Ladies Auxiliary. She said that more than ninety-five percent of the funds generated by the American Legion Post are from Charitable Gaming. The American Legion has two organizations that conduct gaming sessions at their facility. They are the Anderson County Athletic Boosters Club and the American Legion Unit 34 Auxiliary. Besides the Healing Field and the Veterans Wall Memorials, the post also uses gaming funds for a number of local community projects.

In the past, Post 34 has donated bingo funds to purchase exercise equipment located around the walking track of the City Park. (The Legion has a land use agreement with the City of Lawrenceburg to operate and maintain the park on the Legions land. This 30-year agreement was negotiated several years ago by a past mayor of Lawrenceburg.)

Pam Rice said the most important service the American Legion offers is to veterans, community and local children. These services would not exist if not from the funds generated from bingo. President Rice further stated you have to be a 100 percent volunteer organization, show proper respect to the gaming public and run the bingo sessions by the book (referring to the State Statutes and Gaming Regulations). The American Legion Post has over 181 members with the Ladies Auxiliary membership at 242 members.

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Compliance Corner

Bingo Gaming Occasion Program – Did you know that if your organization wishes to lower the bingo prize payouts based on attendance, then your bingo program must have an “Alternate Prize Payout” noted on the program? A statement included in your “House Rules” such as “We have the right to change or lower prize payouts if the attendance is low” is no longer allowed.

Pulltabs - New and improved pulltab games authorized for sale and distribution are being produced almost monthly. Check with your distributor and ask about the new games. Perhaps these newer games may please your patrons, as well as, bring in more revenue for your charity.

Advertising - Your organization must have a gaming license issued (i.e. original license, CFE, SLCFE) before the organization can advertise their gaming events. It is very important that Special Events (Texas Hold'em, Casino Nights, and Festivals) Applications are submitted well in advance so that you can get the word out regarding your event.

KRS 238.540 Restrictions on location for charitable gaming -- Display of license -- Conduct and management -- Prohibited donated prizes -- Advertising.

(5) No licensed charitable organization shall contract with, or otherwise utilize the services of, any management company, service company, or consultant in managing or conducting any aspect of charitable gaming.

(6) A licensed charitable organization shall not purchase or lease charitable gaming supplies and equipment from any person not licensed as a distributor in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(7) A licensed charitable organization shall not accept any merchandise prizes donated by any owner, officer, employee, or contractee of a licensed manufacturer, distributor, charitable gaming facility, or any of their affiliates, or any member of their immediate families.

(8) Any advertisement of charitable gaming, regardless of the medium used, shall contain the name of the charitable organization conducting the charitable gaming and its license number. An advertisement for a bingo session or sessions shall not advertise a bingo



Pulltabs Given Away

Many organizations give away prizes other than cash for bingo, such as pulltabs and door prizes. Pulltabs that are given away as a prize for a bingo game are to be treated as cash. The volunteer in charge of bingo payouts will take cash in the amount of the pulltabs to be awarded and purchase the pulltabs from the volunteer selling the pulltabs. In return, the bingo volunteer will receive pulltabs to give to the winner of the game. The organization will report the dollar amount of pulltabs given away as Bingo Cash Prizes on the Attachment B of the financial report as well as Total Pulltab Receipts on the Attachment C.

Pulltabs are also given away as door prizes. In order to report them correctly, an organization must report the amount of pulltabs given away at Fair Market Value in the Bingo Payouts Per Session to Determine \$5,000 Payout Limit section of the Attachment B. The amount is also included in the Total Pulltabs on the Attachment C and then deducted as Pulltabs Given Away. Pulltabs given away as a promotion are also reported this way. Please remember that promotion means any item available at no charge to all participants at an event.

Finally, pulltabs are also given away as pulltab prizes. In this case, the pulltabs are to be treated as cash. The amount of pulltabs given away should be included in Total Pulltabs on Attachment C and as Pulltab Cash Prizes.

It is very important that pulltabs are reported correctly. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Progressive Pulltabs

A progressive pulltab game is a game consisting of one or more deals designed by the manufacturer so that a portion of the deal's predetermined prize payout is designated to a progressive jackpot and the jackpot value may accumulate from one deal to the next deal until won. When reporting progressive pulltab games, they are to be treated and reported as any other pulltab. The jackpot needs to be deposited separately from regular deposits each session and withdrawn separately from startup each session. Monies earned for jackpot sales are only reported for the session in which they are earned and payouts are recorded on the nights in which they are paid out, whether the jackpot is paid out in whole or just partially. Jackpot monies are gaming receipts and should be deposited within two business days. There are worksheets available on the Department's website that will assist in recording and reporting these games properly. You can also contact your compliance officer or as always, call the office for assistance.

Fee Increase

Pursuant to KRS 238.570, as of Oct. 1, 2011, the fee on charitable gaming receipts will be increased to .00764.

The new rate will be applied beginning with all 4th quarter 2011 Financial Reports and 2011 Annual Financial Reports.

Please contact the Accounting Branch if you have any questions relating to this fee change.



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Outstanding Issues

Please be aware that any unaddressed issues with a license must be handled before a renewal license will be issued. These include, but are not limited to unpaid fines and/or fees, unresolved legal matters, outstanding financial reports or acceptable financial plan.

Please help keep your requirements up to date so that we can timely assist your organization in obtaining and maintaining their charitable gaming license.



Helpful Tips

Please do not use staples on documentation submitted to the office. This slows down production when having to remove staples to scan documents into the system.

Please do not submit 2-sided documents.

Please include licensee name and file number on all documents and correspondence submitted to our office.

Please do not file a whole application for revisions. These should be listed on letterhead and signed by an officer of the organization.

The start time of a bingo session is when the first ball is called. Pulltabs can be sold before and after a session, if the facility is in agreement and no other licensee is conducting gaming during that time. Please be sure this information is included in the lease agreement should your organization wish to sell pulltabs outside of their "bingo session".

If your organization is interested in being "Spotlighted" in a future edition of the Charitable Chatter Newsletter, please contact Bryant Smith at the Department of Charitable Gaming!