

**REPORT TO THE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION
ON BINGO ADVISORY MEETING:**

November 15, 2018

- I. *The Bingo Advisory Committee met on November 15, 2018, in Austin Texas @ 10:00a.m. members present were Kimberly Rogers, Emile Bourgoyne, Tommy Duncan Jr, Melodye Green, Will Martin, Jason Phol. Mr. William Smith was absent due to illness, Mr. Brian Malone resigned from the B.A.C. and there is nothing from Ms. Laveda Brown.*
- II. *Meeting minutes from the prior meeting were voted on and accepted by the Bingo Advisory Committee.*
- III. *The work group, Negative Net Proceeds, headed by Ms. Melodye Green was discussed. It is the thought of the committee that some charities are getting caught up in this and it is extremely difficult to provide the forms and paperwork needed in order to get out. Many different ideas were discussed. The BAC would like to ask that the following is considered to make this issue more workable for all involved:*
 - a. *Extend the time from 12 to 24 months*
 - b. *All charities/Units are given a first-time automatic waiver*
 - c. *Look at the operating capitol, funds in bank*
 - d. *Minimize or make FORMID 119 easier for charities to provide: especially the business plan portion.*
- IV. *BAC members discussed the issue on Back Rent for Lessors. It was discussed in depth if a lessor should have the right to go back and collect rent that was forgiven in a prior month, quarter or year. BAC members discussed there should be a time frame put in place on how long a lessor can go back. That time was 90 to 120 days.*
- V. *BAC members discussed the issue on background checks. BAC members voted they would like to support and make the following recommendation to Commissioners:*
 - a. *Amend the BEA license eligibility provisions to re-insert the 10 year "look back" limit on convictions so that only a conviction of an enumerated offense if less*

than 10 years has elapsed since termination of a sentence, parole, mandatory supervision, or community supervision served for the offense is a bar to licensure.

- VI. *Bingo Annual Report was looked at.*
- VII. *The discussion of the Pull Tab-Instant Winners workgroup was discussed. Mr. Bourgoyne brought up this issue, at this time, would not benefit Texas bingo. This item and workgroup are deferred to a later date.*
- VIII. *The discussion of a progressive pull-tab work group was also deferred to a later date.*
- IX. *BAC members discussed and listen to the public comment on changes that are being introduced to the Legislators in reference to adding more days and or time that a charity can conduct bingo during their license period. BAC members are all in favor for this to be looked at and possibly changed. Temporaries on demand is something that could greatly assist charities. BAC would like to ask that Staff look in to this to see if it would be possible with the computer system. It was said that other states do have something like this.*
- X. *BAC members discussed the paperless workgroup. Ms. Rogers brought examples of the large packets that are sent out every quarter. It was discussed that there might be a slight cost to the IT department at first to have this set up, but the saving over a year are way greater. Ms. Rogers gave example figures that at this time TLC spends around \$15,000 a year in these packets. This cost would no longer be this high with an Opt-Out box on the BSP. BAC members would like to ask the commissioners:*
 - a. *Advise staff to proceed with adding this Opt-Out box to the BSP for charities and lessors.*
- XI. *The discussion of legislative recommendation from the industry was discussed in great length. Mr. Michael Farrell brought up two legislative bill that need to be watched. HB 78 & HJR 18. The Bingo Interest Group will be bringing forward in this Legislative period a few items that the BAC agrees with and would like to support:*
 - a. *Worker waiting period-expand from 14 days to 30 days.*
 - b. *Local Option Prize Tax-Require local governments to opt in or out for bingo funds.*

c. *Added Occasions-Add additional occasions to bingo license.*

XII. *The BAC web-page was discussed. Mr. JD Lawrence was noticed for his outstanding work on providing the BAC with a great web page. Members and public discussed how they would like to see more forms interactive and fillable online. It was talked about that forms that are available on line may not need to be sent out in all packets. BAC Members were asked if they would like to have an email on this web page specifically for public to reach out to the BAC. Members are skeptical, due to the overwhelming issues with managing this email. BAC would like to look in to this more before moving forward.*

XIII. *New items were brought forward by members and the public. BAC Member Mr. Will Martin brought forward some issues that the Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo will be recommending for statutory changes:*

- a. *Carryover Pull-Tab Bingo-Carry over a prize amount to be added to a jackpot and ends once a player wins.*
- b. *Folded/Banded Paper Ticket-Authorize Texas to play Banded type Pull Tab **BAC Members voted on this issue. Vote was 4 in agreement 3 vote to defer.***
- c. *Occasion Hours-Increase playing time from 4 to 6 hours.*
- d. *Also brought forward by a public member Mr. Chris Keller is the adding of additional cards to computers. At this time if a customer wants to play more than 66 cards, they must purchase additional computers. This sometimes discourages others by seeing one person playing so many computers. Mr. Keller would like for staff to look in to changing the rule and allow manufactures to make it possible for charities to add additional cards to computers. A work group was formed and will have the following members on it: Mr. Chris Keller will head this group, Mr. Emile Bourgoyne, Danny Moore, Richard Bunkley and Will Martin will assist in this work group.*

XIV. *BAC member Ms. Rogers brought to the attention of the members an issue of attendance. There has been a member that has been absent for the past 2 meetings. It was discussed that members should not be allowed to miss 2 consecutive meeting unless an issue out of their control has kept them from the meetings. BAC members voted on this and unanimously agreed. We ask that Mr. Smith find out why Ms. Brown has been absent and if she still wants to serve on the BAC. BAC members would like to ask the Commissioners and staff:*

- a. *To fill the position of Mr. Malone, and Ms. Brown if she no longer would like to serve.*

- XV. *Members were made aware that the next Commissioners meeting will be held on December 13, 2018. Mr. Smith will be presenting the Commissioners with the meeting summary.*
- XVI. *BAC members decided to hold the next Bingo Advisory Meeting on January 10, 2019 @ 10 a.m. at the Texas Lottery, Austin, Texas. This date is subject to change.*