

TABLE GAMES INDUSTRY MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2009

1. Changes to rules regarding Amendment 50 are going to the Commission next week. Hank got some fantastic comment from the industry and many changes were made as a result. Hank asked everyone to make sure they have the most recent set of craps and roulette rules. The rules should be approved next week and will be ready to go in July.
2. The Fire Bet is a proprietary bet owned by Hopbet Inc.. This bet was initially included in the craps rules because the Division was going off New Jersey rules. Once it was realized that this is a proprietary bet it was taken out of the rules. The owner wanted to try and get it back in, however we don't believe the fire bet will meet the definition of craps as defined by the legislature it is not going to Commission next week and will not be an approved wager as of July
3. The Division talked with legal council at the Attorney General's office about changing the betting limits for proprietary games. Certain proprietary games in rules 8 and 10 mention the \$5.00 betting limit. This was done for the sole purpose of compliance with Colorado regulations, and has nothing to do with the game. The Division has decided to allow the \$100.00 wager in those games and those rules were changed. We sent out a letter notifying the game owners about the changes. At this time the owner of Bonus 6 is the only one who is making an attempt to adjust his game rules as a result of the higher limits. It will be a while before these changes go before the Commission.
4. The Division asks that any casinos needing initial approval for tables, surveillance coverage, roulette wheels, etc., notify us as soon as possible so everyone is ready to go as of July 2. Investigators will be doing initial approvals on these issues, but after that the field operations team will handle the ongoing compliance of the equipment for craps and roulette.
5. A question was raised about paying off winning wagers in Craps games. The betting structure may allow some odd payouts amounts, such as pennies. New Jersey rules say a casino cannot take a wager that cannot be paid out, which will also be acceptable in Colorado. To allow casinos to keep craps games going a little faster, Colorado rules will reflect that casinos can round up to the next smallest denomination chip. Colorado rules allow for 25¢ and 50¢ chips.
6. The ICMP comment period ends March 23. Hank Hasler asked that members of the industry submit their comments in writing so he can contact them. He can also take direct calls at 719-689-3362.
7. It was mentioned that when placing lay bets, odd denominations came up where the casino is taking up to a 5% commission. The casino will need to round down in cases where the rule says they cannot round up without risking exceeding the 5% commission limit.
8. There was some discussion about whether or not the craps box man must be considered a supervisor or not, and whether that person can take tips. The rules currently require that the box man act as a supervisor and the TGC has decided to stand behind that decision for the time being. Any mention of box man receiving tips will be removed from the rules. Several industry members expressed concern that requiring the box man to be a supervisory position makes running a craps game unaffordable. An industry member made the argument that in Las Vegas they do not require a constant box man at the craps tables. Instead the pit supervisor sits at the box for period of time, but not constantly. Hank Hasler asked that anyone with questions or suggestions submit them in writing, and informed everyone that we are talking to people around the country about these rules, especially in Nevada. We will continue to seek information from other states. It appears that most casinos will have a box man as a supervisor. The Division stated that it would be acceptable to go to a double box if the table is

very busy. It was pointed out that other jurisdictions may have had stricter rules when they first opened and were inexperienced, and that those rules may have changed as the industry and regulators gained familiarity with the games.

9. The Division stated that if the craps pit is connected to the black jack pit and there is no one at the craps table, the box man, if he is knowledgeable about the black jack games, can break the dealers etc. as long as he goes back to the craps table if patrons arrive.
10. It was asked if there has been any thought about capping the top payment on proprietary games. Hank Hasler said that the owner of Bonus 6 is working on something like this. Casinos can contact the owner of the games they lease about this. Right now these games don't allow for a cap. Hank said all the games give a strict pay table but don't have allowances for aggregate amounts.
11. The way that the rules are currently written requires two shifts if a casino is open for 24 hours. Geri Clerkin said that since we define the shifts in the ICMP, it will be fairly easy to change in the future. Two shifts make it easier to figure out where a problem occurs.
12. Our rules say that coaching at table games is not allowed. Craps often requires coaching and the Division stated that dealers can talk strategy as long as there are no cards in play. If a bet is violating the way the game is running, according to house rules, then the dealer should speak up. The dealer can help players as long as the dice are not out yet.
13. The Division has put out guidelines regarding the training of patrons:

The Division realizes that many operators will want to provide some training to their patrons on the games of craps and roulette. As a result, the following guidelines have been established:

Instructional table games may be offered to the public on the casino property, provided:

- (a) only cancelled dice are used,
- (b) gaming chips must be marked "no cash value" and must be distinctively different from any value and nonvalue chips used in the casinos and can be readily seen if intermingled into a stack of active chips of a similar color,
- (c) in the case of roulette, non-value chips must be distinctively different in design than those used on the gaming floor or must be drilled or otherwise cancelled to the Division's satisfaction,
- (d) no wagering is permitted,
- (e) no prizes of any kind are awarded in association with the games,
- (f) all participants are at least 21 years of age, and
- (g) all instructional tables must have signage indicating that the tables are for training purposes only.

Written notification setting forth the date, time, type of event, and event location, must be submitted to the Division of Gaming at least seven (7) days in advance of the instructional game being offered to the public. These guidelines are in effect through July 1, 2009.

14. An industry member asked if casinos could define when craps commissions are taken in their own house rules. Rule 23 is specific that commissions are taken when the bet is placed and it is too late to change the rule now. We are still welcoming comment because rules can be changed in the future as we gain experience. Will only look at rule changes once around the end of the year.

- 15.** The Three card poker progressive will go to the Commission next month, however, the game won't go into effect until June 3.
- 16.** The Division is creating a rule requiring bad beats to be given away within 6 months after the last rake has been taken. Bad beats offered at different rakes cannot be rolled into one bad beat. If bad beat is on a 2/5 game then it has to be paid on a 2/5. If the house is saying where the rake is being taken then they have to pay it out at that rake. If a patron has been playing 2/5 and has been paying into that jackpot, and comes in the next day to find that his game isn't being played any more and the money has been moved to 2/20, and he doesn't want to play 20/20, he has a legitimate complaint about no longer having a chance to win back the money. The Division did discuss allowing a one time opportunity to combine all bad beats into one and give it away but it was decided that this is not allowed legally. Casinos will have to drop the qualifiers enough that people will play the game, knowing they have a chance to win it that night.
- 17.** It was asked whether or not the players can take their blinds back instead of playing them to the finish. Hank said the Division isn't sure and will discuss it with Jimmy Wattles, who was unable to attend this meeting.
- 18.** Right now the dealers cannot stack their tokens behind the paddle. They have to drop them immediately. The Division will discuss whether or not they can save them up (i.e. one dollar chips saved until there are 25, and then convert them to a green chip and then drop).
- 19.** The next industry meeting will be May 27, 2009, 1:00p.m., at the Brass Ass, in Cripple Creek. This is the last meeting planned with the industry prior to July 2, 2009. The Division will look at having another meeting after July 2, 2009.