

**Minnesota Hockey
Charitable Gambling Update
January 22, 2010
Marriott Minneapolis West**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Dennis Green.

Dennis introduced Ray and Peg Bohn who represents Allied Charities of Minnesota to discuss the charitable gambling tax bill proposal. Allied Charities currently has two things on the agenda – tax reduction and reform and electronic linked bingo. The strategy was to keep as many associations alive as possible. The group was successful in getting bingo in bars and would now like to move that to electronic linked bingo. Ray had a handout that explained electronic linked bingo and showed figures on gambling tax. The Indian community is their biggest competitor and they will have to agree on any changes that will be made.

Dennis introduced Joe Bagnoli who is a lawyer and lobbyist that represents bars and liquors stores in the legislature. Joe's group would like to see slot machines in the bars and pull tabs that are electronic to raise more money for the local charitable organizations. The preference would be to have slots as they raise the most money. Again, the Indian Community is the largest group to oppose these changes.

Joel Carlson was also present. He is a lobbyist at the capital and has helped MN Hockey with issues in the past. Joel had contact information so that we can contact our representatives at the state capital when we have concerns or want to express opinions.

We can't afford to wait until next session to get legislation passed to support charitable gambling and reform the taxes.

Joel will stay in touch with Minnesota Hockey as to where the issue is going and decide whether or not that we would want to attach our name. The goal tonight was to get the information to the board so that they can present it to their associations and contact can be made with the legislators.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol D. Carlson