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Minnesota Gambling Control Board

Request to Conduct of Raffle Using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

"Chicken Bingo" Raffle – DENIED

October 20, 2008, Board meeting

Proposed conduct of the game

The basic concept of this alternative raffle would involve releasing a live chicken in an enclosed cage/pen and waiting for the chicken to make a "deposit" on a grid with correlating numbers to raffle tickets. While the basic concept is similar to the approved Cow-a-Bunga bingo, the proposed use of chickens would involve different parameters. Under the approved game with a cow, the cow is allowed to be in their "natural environment" – a pasture – while the chicken(s) would be restricted in a cage.

Denied

The alternative raffle request is denied for the following reasons:

- Without going into more detail of the proposed conduct of the game, it is important to note that the Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 343, imposes certain restrictions specifically on the use of chickens (for advertising purposes) including limitations and restrictions for "caging" and care of the animals. The law also defines "torture" or "cruelty" as every act, omission, or neglect which causes or permits unnecessary or unjustifiable pain, suffering, or death.
- The Board must take care to ensure all known statutory requirements and prohibitions that could affect proposed raffles using animals are enforced and abuses prevented. To that end, this alternative raffle method is denied.