## TABLE GAMES INDUSTRY MEETING MINUTES March 7, 2012

- 1. The most recent Rule changes went into effect as of March 1, 2012, with the exception of changes to Rule 10, which went into effect March 16th. The biggest changes to Rule were the changes to field trial procedures. Previously, at end of field trial the new game had to be removed from the casino floor until the end of the rule making process. The new procedures now allow the Division of Gaming (DOG) to begin the rule making process while the game is still on the floor. The DOG copied wording from Rule 10 into all the other table games Rules in order to standardize how casino house rules are posted. House rules for certain games did not previously require notification to the DOG. As a result Chris Moore asked everyone at the meeting to review the recent changes to ensure everyone is in compliance. The DOG has been approached by three different vendors who want to bring electronic tables into Colorado. We made changes to Rules 1, 8, and 10, to allow use of electronic tables, however we are still working on the details of implementation. These tables will have live dealers but use electronic betting terminals. Rules 22 and 23 were changed to allow craps and roulette tournaments. Casinos that want to run these tournaments will need to submit tournament rules to the DOG as is done for black jack and poker tournaments. We recently became aware that we had not included rules for calculating tournament AGP in Rules 22 and 23 like we did in rules 8 and 10. The DOG has decided to add those requirements to the ICMP and then repeal that portion of the various table games Rules. Finally, there were a few requests from game owners to change some pay tables.
- 2. There have been some requests to allow dealer tips collection devices on craps tables so that tips can be collected and dropped at one time instead of having multiple smaller drops. At this point proposed wording for this option in Rule has only been written for craps. Members of the industry requested that we try to make this an option for all table games. Chris Moore will discuss this with DOG upper management. There have also been requests to allow player controlled tip wagers in craps. The DOG will try to bring this rule change to the Commission in July 2012. If a casino wants to allow player controlled tip wagers they will be required to define them in house rules and to describe how the wagers will be administered. Someone asked whether player controlled tip wagers would be the dealers wager or the players wager if the DOG defined them. There is a pending rule change request to allow single and double decks in Buffalo Black Jack which currently specifies six decks. The DOG is discussing allowing non cashable chips for table games but it will be a couple months before this change can be taken to the Commission as there will have to be several rule changes to accommodate this option. When the proposed rule change is ready the DOG will send it out to the industry for comment.
- 3. The new field trial procedures now allow new games to be left in play on the casino floor until the rules are effective. As a result the Table Games Committee will need to tighten up our process in order to stay on top of trials in progress. We will need a lot of communication from the industry to evaluate new games in the time line we have set up. Field trials will begin on a quarterly basis going forward. We will be releasing the latest new games rules and field trial authorizations on March 15, 2012, and field trial locations can begin setting up equipment and training staff. This will allow the new field trials to begin on March 31st. Proceeding this way will allow us to be sure we do not lose track of a field trial or have one out of sync with the others. The TGC will send out one set of approved rules for new games that will be marked "Field Trial Rules". The TGC asks the industry to communicate diligently with the Point of Contact (POC) at the Division so we don't end up passing rules that need more adjusting. In

order for a field trial to be successful under the new program it needs to run for a minimum of 60 days. If the licensee decides a game isn't working for them and pulls the game out before 60 days then the DOG will consider that an incomplete field trial. We will have to arrange for a new field trial with the owner if they want to try again. It was mentioned at the meeting that having a game field trialed in more than one city will help ensure at least one trial makes it to completion. The DOG will not allow multiple field trial locations in one city because it is too difficult to keep up with multiple trials on one game.

- 4. The five new games going out to field trial are Spanish 21, 21 + 3, Double up Black Jack, Star Jack, and Bet Your Booty. Texas Shootout is the last game in field trial under the old rules because that trial started prior to March 1, 2012, when the new field trial rules went into effect.
- 5. The TGC has been discussing procedures for field trialing electronic table games. These tables are strictly electronic platforms for games that are already approved for play in Colorado. The field trial process for them will be similar to systems field trials which are used for games that are already approved. They can be in field trial for up to 90 days and effective at the end of that period if no problems arise. When possible we will approve new electronic tables before 60 days in trial so they can be made available for everyone earlier. These types of games are considered table games because they don't have the components that would make them slot machines. The TGC will be releasing a letter specifying the requirements for a successful field trial of a particular electronic game, which will include the GLI approval letter. These tables are an electronic product and there will eventually be software upgrades. The DOG we will be requiring licensees to notify us that a manufacturer wants to do an upgrade so we can be sure that upgrade has been approved for use.
- 6. The forms in the table games applications on the DOG website have been updated. Categories have been added to the forms so game owners can submit variation games for craps and roulette. The most current form for pit supervision plan approval is also on the web site under Forms. The forms are now dated on the top so we can keep track of which is the newest version. The TGC asks that everyone try to use the most recent version of all forms.
- 7. Geri Clerkin mentioned that the ICO meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. She is looking for a location to host the meeting in Central City/Black Hawk.
- 8. Chris Moore asked everyone to provide him with an email address so he can get information out to everyone who attended.