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Memorandum

To: Region Presidents, Deputy Region Managers
From: Rollie Abell, Region Manager
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Subject: Texas Hold'Em card game
Cc: Henry Glaus, Glenn Garbers, Assistants Region Managers

Gentlemen,

Some of Illinois Lodges are headed for trouble hosting the subject card game. I have attached the policy Moose International has adopted regarding this issue. While some view this activity as an event to increase revenue in their lodges, there is a need to understand the ramifications that follow when not operating within the General Laws and State Laws.

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS

Texas Hold'em Tournaments shall only be conducted in Moose Lodges when it is legal and involves members only. Lodges should contact local and authorities (law enforcement, ABC, etc.) to determine whether this activity is permissible, and if it is, the rules that must be followed.

Many lodges are scheduling this event with complete ignorance of the law. Kindly review this concern at Region and District meetings. A few have advertised in their lodge news letter that the public is invited and are hosting this event in the first week of April. Should you have concerns that a lodge in your Region is doing so before discussion at your meetings, it would be wise to call that lodge.

Fraternally,

Rollie