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Quarterly Business Meeting Information and Agenda

This agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

Date and Time: March 30, 2026, starting at 9 am Mountain Time Zone

Location: 102 Sherman St., Deadwood, SD 57732 - Commission Chambers

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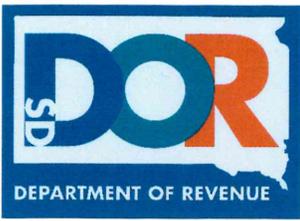
Zoom Webinar link: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93390700978> **Meeting ID:** 933 9070 0978

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1. Call Meeting to Order @ 9 a.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda
4. Approval of December 16, 2025, meeting minutes
5. Conflicts of Interest Disclosure
6. Administrative Hearing(s)
7. Acceptance of Stipulations and assurance of voluntary compliance
8. Executive Secretary Comments – Rules 20:18 and 20:04
9. Deadwood Licensing
10. Live Horse Racing
11. Comments by Shane Kramme / VBA and SD Horsemen's Assoc.
12. Overview of the last 3 fiscal years of gaming taxes remitted
13. Public Comment
14. Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 42-7B-8.1 and ARSD 20:18:08.01:02
15. Adjournment

Individuals wanting to testify or speak before the Commission will need to sign the attendance sheet and provide their name and who they are representing.

Note: This meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Individuals needing assistance should contact the South Dakota Commission on Gaming at 605-578-3074 in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.



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UNAPPROVED
South Dakota Commission on Gaming Rules Hearing
And Quarterly Business Meeting

MINUTES
December 16, 2025

The quarterly business meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. MDT. Chairman Harry Christianson, Vice Chairman Spencer Hawley, Commissioner Bob Goetz, Commissioner Mark Millage, and Commissioner Daryl Christiansen were present. Staff members present for the meeting were Doug Abraham, Commission Attorney; Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary; and Brandon Snyder, Enforcement Agent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christianson at 9:00 a.m. MDT, a roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Vice Chairman Hawley	Aye
Commissioner Goetz	Aye
Commissioner Millage	Aye
Commissioner Christiansen	Aye
Chairman Christianson	Aye

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to approve the agenda with removal of the Administrative Hearings and to add page 45A and 72A to the meeting packet. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

September 16, 2025, Quarterly Meeting

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted for the September 16, 2025, quarterly meeting. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

On a roll call no conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Vice Chairman Hawley	Nay
Commissioner Goetz	Nay
Commissioner Millage	Nay
Commissioner Christiansen	Nay
Chairman Christianson	Nay

Rules Hearing**20:18:16:15.25 Variations of the play-Heads Up Holdem**

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to adopt the rules with LRC style and form changes. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

20:18:35.01:02 Technical Standards-Based on the LRC recommendations will remove this amended rule for concerns delegating changes to the most recent version of GLI.

20:18:12.01:27 Use of recording device prohibited

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to remove this rule from the list. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

20:18:12.01:26 Self-exclusion plan**20:18:35:41 Self-exclusion plan****20:18:17:25 Drop Bucket****20:18:17:26 Keys to drop bucket****20:18:17:28.01 Required tax record****20:18:20.01:03 Cashier's cage****20:18:07:02 Qualifying licensee, manager, or agent****20:18:07:03 Termination of qualifying licensee, manager, or agent****20:18:07:03 Termination of qualifying licensee, manager, or agent****20:18:16:15.22 The play-Cover all bonus****20:18:12.01:11 Use of counting device prohibited****20:18:18:15 Maintenance of slot machines****20:18:12.01:07.01 Entitlement to slot machines credits or payouts and to abandoned monies****Appendix A-Count Schedule, Section 420.2, Section 520.1 5b, 5j**

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to adopt the rules as amended with the change for 20:18:20.01:03 to strike out Commission and change to Executive Secretary and with LRC style and form changes. Vice Chairman Hawley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Deadwood Licensing Matters**Key License Approvals**

Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the following:

Samuel Levin	Jelena Vidakovic	Leon Lazarus	Fabio Celadon	Thomas Shankey
Robin White	Matthew Reif	Dalibor Zejak	Robert Walsk	Scott Larson
David Ross	Lee Farrell	Joanna McGee	Cory McGee	April Gustafson
Steven Kopjo	Mark Lipparelli	Matthew Reback	Meredith Brill	Cheryl Kondra

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to approve the Key license approvals as staff recommended. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Business License Approvals

- Approval of Galaxy Gaming, Inc. for an associated equipment license.
- Assign retail numbers 14696-RT, 14698-RT, and 14699-RT to 196 Cliff Street and remove Retail licenses 11110-RT, 11111-RT, and 11112-RT.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the business license approvals as staff recommended. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2026 Key License Renewals

Deputy Executive Secretary Heltzel recommended approval of the Key license renewals as listed on pages 68-72A of the meeting packet.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the Key license renewals as staff recommended. Commissioner Christiansen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

OTB-Railbirds License Renewal

Vice Chairman Hawley made a motion to approve the OTB license renewal as staff recommended with the correction to the name on page 45A of the meeting packet. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Live Racing Matters

Release of Deposit In Lieu of Bond

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve Resolution 12-25-04. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Verendrye Benevolent Association Racing Dates

Commissioner Millage made a motion to approve the 2026 live horse racing dates as presented by the Verendrye Benevolent Association. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Overview of the last 3 fiscal years of gaming taxes remitted

The graph was for informational purposes only, so no action was taken.

Approval of Dates of 2026 Quarterly Meetings

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- March 17, 2026
- June 23, 2026
- September 15, 2026
- December 15, 2026

Commissioner Christiansen made a motion to adopt the dates scheduled for the 2026 quarterly meetings. Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Comment

George Milos, Executive Director of the Deadwood Gaming Association, mentioned that Fanatic Markets just went live in South Dakota, and they will be sending out a letter and requested that the Commission send a letter stating that this is basically illegal. Also talked about going through legislation to get sports wagering online put on the ballot.

Comments by Mark Heltzel Executive Secretary

Staff will be in Deadwood for renewals on December 18, 2025, at the Deadwood Visitor Center and thanked George Milos for setting up a room at the visitor center.

Executive Session

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Millage seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

At 10:12 a.m. the Commissioners went into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 and 42-7B-8.1.

The Executive Session was concluded at 10:31 a.m. with no action taken.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed Commissioner Millage made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Christiansen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

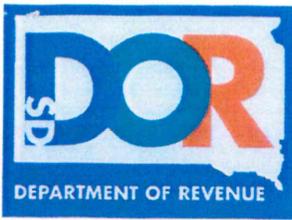
The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Beringer

Harry Christianson, Chairman

Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary



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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Wayne Gehring

Deadwood, SD 57732

In the matter of one slot machine listed below:

- "Emerald Rose", themed slot machine serial number 1261966, manufactured by IGT in May of 2003.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held before the South Dakota Commission on Gaming on March 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the City Commission Chambers of Deadwood City Hall, located at 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, SD 57732.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if the slot machine listed above, which was seized from Wayne Gehring, Deadwood, SD, on January 8, 2026, is contraband and may be destroyed pursuant to SDCL 42-7B-39.

The hearing is held by the authority of SDCL 42-7B-39 and 42-7B-39.2

The particular statutes involved are SDCL 42-7B-39, 42-7B-39.2, 22-25-13, 22-25-14 and 22-25-14.1

The matter to be asserted is that the slot machine described above is contraband and should be destroyed.

As a result of this hearing, the Commission on Gaming can order the destruction of the slot machine that was seized on January 8, 2026.

This hearing is an adversary proceeding. Any person who claims an ownership interest in the machines described above has the right to be present, to be represented by a lawyer, to call witnesses to testify on their behalf, and to question witnesses who testify against them. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.

SDCL 42-7B-39 provides that the slot machine that was seized may be destroyed after notice and without a hearing if you fail to appear at the time and place scheduled in this hearing of notice.

If the amount in the controversy exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars or if a property right may be terminated, any party to the case may require the Commission to use the Office of Hearing Examiners by giving notice to the Commission no later than ten days after service of this Notice of Hearing.

The decision of the Commission on Gaming may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

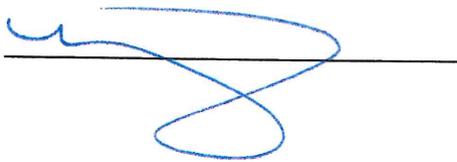
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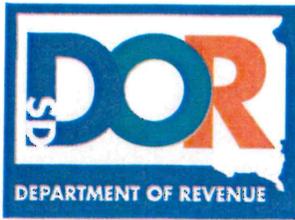


Mark Heltzel
Executive Secretary

Certificate of Service

I, Mark Heltzel, do hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing Notice of Hering upon:
By certified mail, return receipt requested with postage prepaid, there on the 9th day of January 2026.





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INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT: Possession of Illegal Slot Machine

INCIDENT NUMBER: 26-01-002

DATE OF INCIDENT: 01/08/2026

PLACE OF INCIDENT: i, Deadwood, SD 57732

REPORTING AGENT: S/A Nick Allender

DATE OF REPORT: 01/08/2026

SUSPECT:

Name: Wayne Victor Gehring
D.O.B:
Address: Deadwood, SD 57732
Phone:

OFFENCE(S):

**22-25-13. Keeping slot machines--Free play machines excepted--Misdemeanor--
Manufacture not prohibited.**

No person may have in his possession, custody, or under his control or permit to be kept in any place under his possession or control, any slot machine or device. A slot machine or device is any machine upon the action of which anything of value is staked and which is operated by placing therein or thereon any coins, checks, slugs, balls, chips, tokens, or other articles, or in any other manner as a result of such operation anything of value is won or lost by the operation of such machine, when the result of such operation is dependent upon chance. This section does not extend to coin-operated nonpayout pin tables and arcade amusements, with free play features. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

This section does not prohibit the manufacture, or any act appurtenant to the manufacture, of slot machines or devices in this state for distribution and sale.

NARRATIVE:

On January 7th, 2025, I observed a Facebook Marketplace post for a slot machine labeled, "China slot machine". The Facebook page listing the post was a Wayne Gehring, WWW.Facebook.com/wayne.Gehring. The post stated it was located near Deadwood, SD. Using a fictitious Facebook account, I contacted Wayne stating I was interested in the slot machine. He replied a short while later and said it was sold and no longer available. I requested I would pay more if he would keep it for me, but he offered another slot machine for sale.

He sent me a video of a "Emerald Rose" with a functioning slot machine. Some of the buttons were sticking and he said they needed work. He sent me a picture of the slot machine plate which provided the serial number and information for the slot machine. The manufacture date is May of 2003 with a serial number of 1261966. It is an IGT model # 96438300.

We set up that I would come to his home at Deadwood, SD 57732 on January 8th, 2026 and 1400 hours. I performed a Facebook preservation request on his Facebook account on January 8th, 2026 at approximately 1158 hours (Case #21319988).

I contacted Lawrence County Dispatch and found that Wayne was listed in their records. They ran his South Dakota drivers license and reviewing the picture, it matches the Facebook picture of the account. I took Wayne's information and reviewed it in our gaming system and found he has never been a Licensed Gaming Employee in the State of South Dakota.

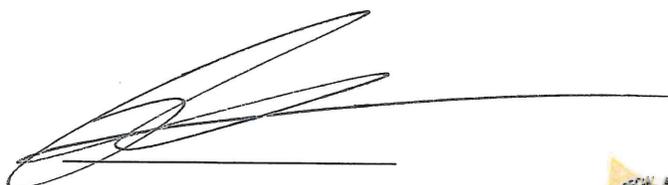
On January 8th, 2026, at approximately 1400 hours, Special Agent Randall and myself drove to Wayne's address. We wore plain clothes with our identification concealed. Our vehicle was not identified except for the South Dakota State Licenses plates showing it was a government vehicle with except tags.

Wayne welcomed us into his home and showed us to his garage where he had the slot machine which he had showed me on Facebook. He walked through it on how it works and advised everything worked the way it should. At this time, we identified ourselves as Special Agents with the South Dakota Commission on Gaming. I advised we would be seizing the slot machine, but would not be charging Wayne for the possession. I filled out a receipt of the seizure and provided the caselaw on the crime. I

also notified Wayne he would be getting a hearing notice in the mail which he would need to sign for.

SA Randall and I loaded the slot machine into our vehicle. I later placed the slot machine into our evidence room located at our office in Spearfish, SD. I took pictures of the slot machine and attached them to this case.

End of report.



Nick Allender
Special Agent
South Dakota Commission on Gaming







IGT 9295 PROTOTYPE DRIVE
775/448/7777 RENO, NEVADA 89511 USA

SERIAL NUMBER
1251966

DATE OF MFG: 5/03

GAMING EQUIPMENT 120/230V 6/3A 50/60Hz
FOR INDOOR USE ONLY

MODEL NO. **96438300** W/O NO. **100000101063**

THIS DEVICE COMPLIES WITH PART 15 OF THE FCC RULES. OPERATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS: (1) THIS DEVICE MAY NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE, AND (2) THIS DEVICE MUST ACCEPT ANY INTERFERENCE RECEIVED, INCLUDING INTERFERENCE THAT MAY CAUSE UNDESIRABLE OPERATION.

THIS MACHINE AND THE COMPONENTS CONTAINED THEREIN MAY BE COVERED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PATENTS:

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number 82238, Japanese-style }
machine manufactured on }
February 1 2017. }
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MEADE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SUBSTITUTE
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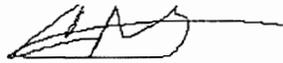
I, **Cody Holzer**, Deputy Sheriff of Meade County, SD hereby certify and return that the **Notice of Hearing** came into my hand for service on **13th day of January, 2026**.

I endeavored to serve the same on **SHAUN CHRISTOPHER HANSEY** but **SHAUN CHRISTOPHER HANSEY** could not conveniently be found, and I made substitute personal service to **ELIZABETH RENEE HANSEY** at **8078 BLUCKSBERG DR, STURGIS, SD 57785** on the **31st day of January, 2026** at **9:37 AM**.

Comments

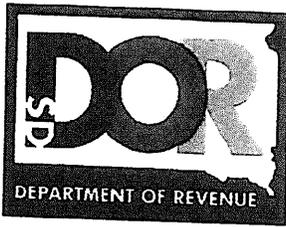
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Cody Holzer
Meade County Sheriff's Office
1400 Main Street
Sturgis, SD 57785
Phone: (605) 347-2681

Date 02/02/26

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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Shawn Hansey

Sturgis, SD 57785

In the matter of one slot machine listed below:

- Mecca Easy Rider, themed slot machine serial number 82238, Japanese-style machine manufactured on February 1st, 2017.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held before the South Dakota Commission on Gaming on March 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the City Commission Chambers of Deadwood City Hall, located at 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, SD 57732.

The purpose of this hearing is to determine if the slot machine listed above, which was seized from Shawn Hansey at 120 Industrial Drive, Spearfish, SD, on October 17, 2025, is contraband and may be destroyed pursuant to SDCL 42-7B-39.

The hearing is held by the authority of SDCL 42-7B-39 and 42-7B-39.2

The particular statutes involved are SDCL 42-7B-39, 42-7B-39.2, 22-25-13, 22-25-14 and 22-25-14.1

The matter to be asserted is that the slot machine described above is contraband and should be destroyed.

As a result of this hearing, the Commission on Gaming can order the destruction of the slot machine that was seized on October 17, 2025.

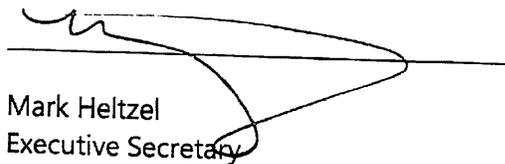
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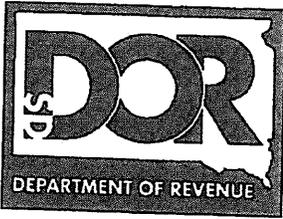
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The decision of the Commission on Gaming may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated at Spearfish, South Dakota, the 12th day of January 2026.



Mark Heltzel
Executive Secretary



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INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT: Illegal Possession of Slot Machine

INCIDENT NUMBER: 25-10-074

DATE OF INCIDENT: 10/17/2025

PLACE OF INCIDENT: 120 Industrial Dr. Suite 1
Spearfish, SD 57783

INVESTIGATING AGENT: Jarle Randall

DATE OF REPORT: 10/17/2025

Suspect: **Shawn C Hansey**
Sturgis, SD 57785

NARRATIVE:

On 10/17/25 The Clark Hoyt at the front desk transferred a call to me at my desk. I answered the call and spoke with a male subject that identified himself as Shawn. Shawn advised he had purchased a slot machine from a coworker a few days prior. Shawn advised the coworker had contacted him and advised Special Agent Cargill had spoke with him about the slot machine and advised it was illegal to poses. Referred to Special Agents report for further details of this information. Shawn stated had loaded the slot machine into his vehicle and was going to transport it to Rapid City to have checked but then was advised we were in Deadwood. I advised Shawn our office was actually in Spearfish. Shawn advised he would bring the slot machine to the office to have checked as he did not want to be in any trouble. I provided Shawn our address and explained to Shawn the law and advised him if he brought the slot machine to our office and I confirmed the machine was 25 years old or newer I would be seizing the machine. Shawn advised he understood and stated he would be at our office with a drive time from Piedmont. Shawn arrived at the office a short time later. I walked out to Shawns vehicle where the slot machine was at in the back of his suv. I checked the machine, a Mecca Easy Rider Japanese Slot machine, and found the manufacture date of February 1st, 2017. I advised Shawn of this

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and advised I would have to seize the slot machine. I completed a property receipt for the slot machine and provided Shawn with a copy of the receipt. I also provided Shawn with a copy of the laws of the possession of the slot machine. I advised Shawn there would be a hearing at the December Commission meeting and he would be notified prior to the meeting. I then took possession of the slot machine and took it into the office. Once inside the office I took photographs of the machine and manufacture plate with the date on it. The machine was then placed into evidence. I also completed the evidence log and property placement form. I maintained a copy of the property form and provided one copy to the evidence custodian. I printed out copies of the photographs and placed all paperwork into a case file.

END OF REPORT

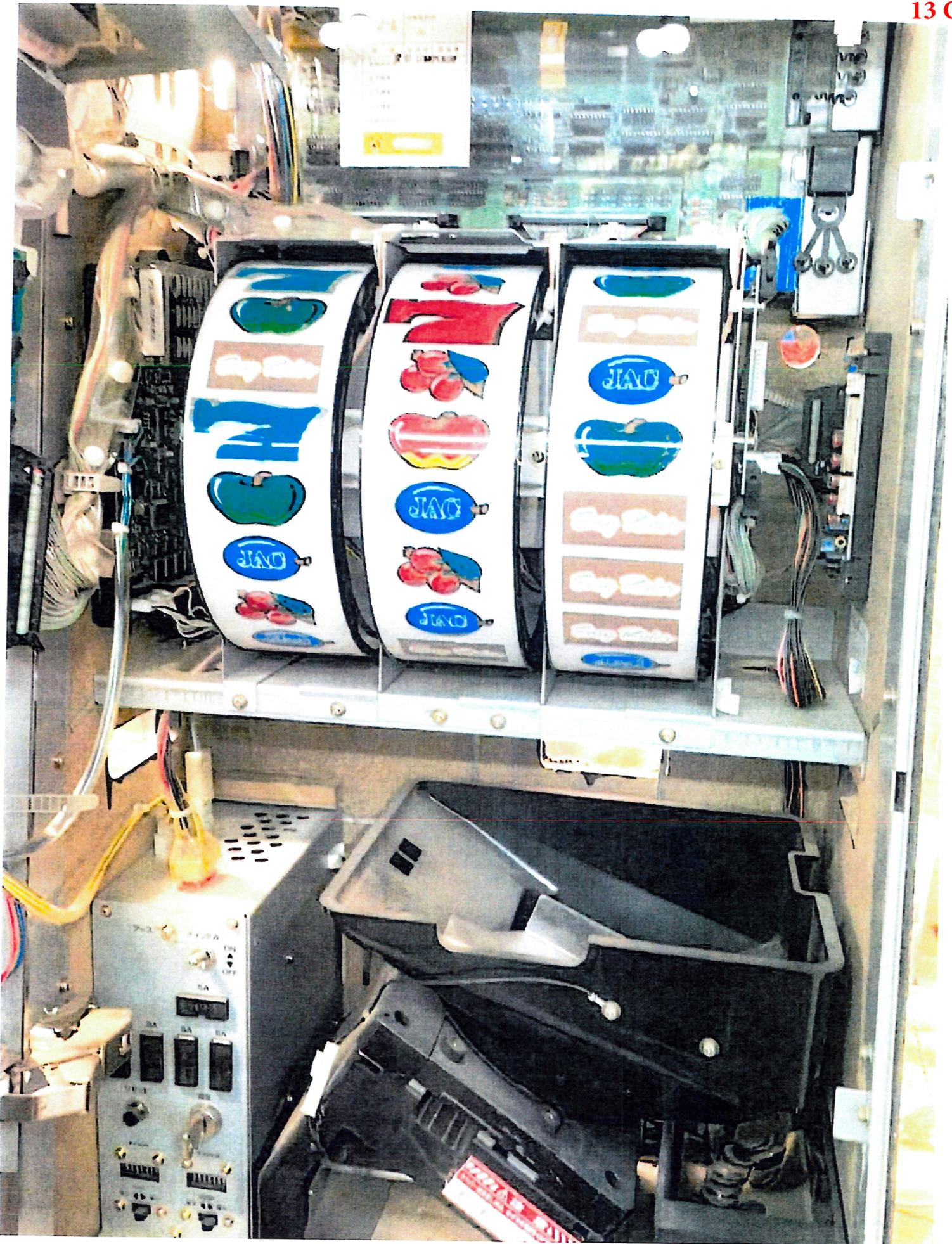


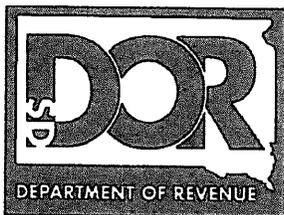
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Lawrence County States Attorney
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90 Sherman St. #8
Deadwood, SD 57732

To Whom It May Concern,

Included please find a copy of SDCG case report 25-10-074 on an illegal slot machine that was seized in Lawrence County on 10/17/2025. The device is in our possession, and we will proceed with an administrative hearing to have the device declared contraband and have it destroyed.

Upon destruction of the device, we will consider the matter closed unless you wish to proceed further. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact me at the number above.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Snyder'.

Brandon Snyder
Director of Enforcement



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To: Commissioners and Doug Abraham
From: Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary
Subject: Stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliance for Randy Olson
SDCG license # 7938-SP, SDCG complaint # 26-01-007-A

Per ARSD 20:18:10:03, an informal consultation was held on February 23, 2026, to resolve the violation alleged in the Initial Complaint filed by Enforcement Agent Jarle Randall on February 5, 2026. The complaint alleged that the Defendant engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The Defendant was employed as a gaming employee without having an active gaming license, violating SDCL 42-7B-27.

A review of the incident and the defendant's response was conducted. Based on that information, the licensee was fined \$150.00. The licensee has paid the fine that was imposed.

Staff is recommending that the Commission accept the stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.



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SOUTH DAKOTA COMMISSION
 ON GAMING,

PLAINTIFF

STIPULATION AND ASSURANCE

VS.

OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

Randy Olson
 SDCG License # 7938-12-SP
 SDCG Complaint #26-01-007-A

DEFENDANT

RECITALS

A complaint was filed against the Defendant on February 5, 2026, by Jarle Randall, an Enforcement Agent of the South Dakota Commission on Gaming.

The parties wish to resolve the complaint by a Stipulation of Assurance and Voluntary Compliance.

An Informal Consultation was held between the Executive Secretary and the Defendant on February 23, 2026.

I

The complaint filed on February 5, 2026, alleged that the Defendant engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action by working for a retail license as a gaming employee without having an active gaming license.

II

The Defendant answered the complaint on or about February 12, 2026. The Defendant's answer admitted to the conduct alleged in the Initial Complaint.

III

In January 2026, the licensee worked for a licensed retail as a gaming employee without having an active gaming license. This is a violation of SDCL 42-7B-27.

The Executive Secretary imposes a monetary penalty of one hundred dollars (\$150.00). The fine is to be paid no later than 5:00 pm MDT on March 2, 2026. Please remit the penalty payment to:

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Spearfish, SD 57783

IV

The Defendant recognizes that this Stipulation of Assurance and Voluntary Compliance will be made a public record.

V

Defendant recognizes that this Stipulation of Assurance and Voluntary Compliance is subject to the approval of the South Dakota Commission on Gaming and that execution of this document does not prohibit the Commission from reopening this matter for further investigation, which could lead to an administrative hearing before the Commission and further disciplinary action against the Defendant.

DATED at Deadwood, South Dakota, on the 23 day of February 2026.



Mark Heltzel
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Commission on Gaming



Randy Olson

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To: Commissioners and Doug Abraham
From: Mark Heltzel, Executive Secretary
Subject: Stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliance for SGMSD,LLC.
SDCG license # 13176-OP, SDCG complaint # 26-01-007-B

Per ARSD 20:18:10:03, an informal consultation was held on February 23, 2026, to resolve the violation alleged in the Initial Complaint filed by Enforcement Agent Jarle Randall on February 5, 2026. The complaint alleged that the Defendant engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The Defendant, a retail licensee, employed a gaming employee without having an active gaming license, violating SDCL 42-7B-27.

A review of the incident and the defendant's response was conducted. Based on that information, the licensee was fined \$500.00. The licensee has paid the fine that was imposed.

Staff is recommending that the Commission accept the stipulation and Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.



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PLAINTIFF

STIPULATION AND ASSURANCE

VS.

OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

SGMSD, LLC
 SDCG License #13176-OP
 SDCG Complaint #26-01-007-B

DEFENDANT

RECITALS

A complaint was filed against the Defendant on February 5, 2026, by Jarle Randall, an Enforcement Agent of the South Dakota Commission on Gaming.

The parties wish to resolve the complaint by a Stipulation of Assurance and Voluntary Compliance.

An Informal Consultation was held between the Executive Secretary and the Defendant on February 23, 2026.

I

The complaint filed on February 5, 2026, alleged that the Defendant engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action by the retail licensee employed a gaming employee who did not have an active gaming license.

II

The Defendant answered the complaint on or about February 12, 2026. The Defendant's answer admitted to the conduct alleged in the Initial Complaint.

III

In January 2026, SGMSD, a retail licensee, employed a gaming employee who did not have an active gaming license. This is a violation of SDCL 42-7B-27.

The Executive Secretary imposes a monetary penalty of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid no later than 5:00 pm MDT on March 2, 2026. Please remit the penalty payment to:

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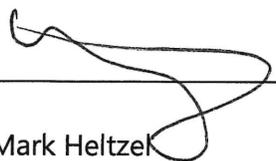
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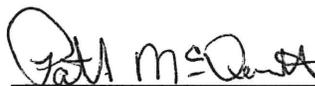
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DATED at Deadwood, South Dakota, on the 23 day of February 2026.



Mark Heltzel
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Commission on Gaming



Pat McDermott
SGMSD, LLC representative

Deadwood Licensing Matters

Key License Approvals:

Helen Ashton
Christine Tierney
Daniel Feltz
Tijana Harper
Jacqueline Huiner
Stephen Morro
Constance Purcell James
Leah Rauchwater

Key License Renewals for 2026:

Brenda Alexander
Rosa Gonzalez-Costa
Hector Fernandez
Jim Vinson



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: S/A Angela Wilkerson
SUBJECT: Helen J. Ashton

Helen Ashton is a non-executive director for Entain PLC and Entain Holdings Limited based in England. She is applying for licensure due to this association with Entain which conducts business in South Dakota.

Mrs. Ashton is presently licensed in a few other state gaming jurisdictions and has applications pending in others. She has had no known disciplinary actions since receiving any licensure.

Recommendation: Recommendation as a result of this background investigation is that Helen J. Ashton be **approved** for licensure with the SDCG due to her association with Entain. No information was found during the course of this investigation that would preclude this applicant from licensure.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 01/20/2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: John Cargill
SUBJECT: Christine Lorraine Tierney
LIC. #: 14855-25-KY

The applicant is a Players Club Attendant at the Silverado/Franklin in Deadwood, SD. She is seeking a key license for her current position. She has had a support license since 08/27/2025 with no derogatory action on her license.

Concerns: None.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the applicant be approved for a key gaming license.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 20th, 2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: S/A Nick Allender
SUBJECT: Daniel Feltz / 15046-25-KY

Applicant Summary:

Applicant has had his support license since June of 2025 and has had no derogatory issues during that time. He is currently applying for his Key License due to his role as Assistant Gaming Manager at the Mineral Palace.

Concerns:

None

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Daniel Feltz be **approved** for a South Dakota Key License.

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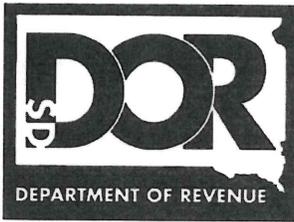
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 01/21/2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: John Cargill
SUBJECT: Tijana Harper
LIC. #: 14902-25-KY

The applicant is a Manager at Deadwood Gulch Resort in Deadwood, SD. She is seeking a key license for her current position. She has had a support license since 07/11/2025 with no derogatory action on her license.

Concerns: None.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the applicant be approved for a key gaming license.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/28/2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: Jarle Randall
SUBJECT: Jacqueline Huiner
LIC. #: 15047-25-KY

The applicant is currently working at Rocksino and has been since July of 2023. The applicant's current position is cashier. This is the applicant's first job in the gaming industry. The applicant currently has a support license and works at the Rocksino Casino. The applicant has no derogatory actions on her license.

Concerns: None

Recommendation: Approval



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: S/A Angela Wilkerson
SUBJECT: Stephen William Morro (0105-KY)

Stephen Morro is a Director with Scientific Games, Inc. (SG), a gaming device manufacturer, based out of Las Vegas, NV. Morro has held this position with SG since 2022. He is applying for licensure with the South Dakota Commission on Gaming (SDCG) as a requirement of his office.

Morro has held and currently holds gaming licenses throughout the United States and other countries. There are no known disciplinary actions against any gaming license he has held.

Recommendation: Recommendation that Stephen Morro be approved for a license with the SDCG. There was nothing found during this investigation that would preclude him from licensure.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: S/A Angela Wilkerson
SUBJECT: Constance Purcell James (4843-14-KY)

Constance P. James is the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Corporate Secretary for Light & Wonder, Inc., and is a Treasurer, Secretary, and Director for SG Gaming, Inc. (a subsidiary company of Light & Wonder, Inc.), which are gaming device manufacturers based out of Las Vegas, NV and which conduct business in South Dakota. James has held these positions starting in 2021.

She is applying for licensure with the South Dakota Commission on Gaming (SDCG) as a requirement of the offices she holds. She has held and currently holds gaming licenses in jurisdictions throughout the United States and other countries. There are no known disciplinary actions against any gaming license she has held.

Recommendation: Recommendation that Constance P. James be approved for licensure with the SDCG. There was nothing found during this investigation that would preclude her from licensure.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/02/2026
TO: South Dakota Commission on Gaming
FROM: Jarle Randall
SUBJECT: Leah Ann Rauchwater
LIC. #: 15132-26-KY

The applicant is currently working at Mineral Palace in the accounting department as a revenue auditor. She has been there since December 2025. Previously Leah had worked at Celebrity as a manager and First Gold Casino at the players club desk. Leah received her support license in May 2025. Leah has had no derogatory actions on her license.

Concerns: None

Recommendation: Approval

Fort Pierre

Day 1

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Enter Tuesday, September 29, 2026

SD Bred QH Futurity
Quarter Horse Futurity
Certified South Dakota Bred

FIRST RACE

1 Purse \$16,500-Estimated. For Certified SD Bred Two Year Olds that Paid \$500 Nomination Fee Due at Time of Entry. Purse Includes \$12,500 from SD Bred Fund and 100% of Nomination Fees. Weight.....128 lbs.

SD

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS

Thoroughbred Maiden Allowance

SECOND RACE

2 Purse \$5,000. (Includes \$3,000 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$2,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Maidens, Three Years Old and Upward.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older..... 128 lbs.

FIVE FURLONGS

*VBA Open QH Futurity
Quarter Horse Futurity*

THIRD RACE

3 Purse \$15,000-Estimated. (Includes \$3,000 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund) (Includes \$2,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Two Year olds that Paid \$1,250 Nomination Fee Due At Time Of Entry. Purse Includes 100% of Nomination Fees.
Weight.....128 lbs.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS

Thoroughbred Claiming

FOURTH RACE

4 Purse \$6,000. (Includes \$3,000 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$3,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older..... 128 lbs.
CLAIMING PRICE \$5,000

FIVE FURLONGS

Quarter Horse Allowance

FIFTH RACE

5 Purse \$8,000. (Includes \$3,000 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$3,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward \$250 Pass The Box Fee Due at Time of Entry. Purse Includes 100% of Pass The Box Fees.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older..... 128 lbs.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS

*Fort Pierre Mile
Thoroughbred Allowance*

SIXTH RACE

6 Purse \$10,500. (Includes \$2,500 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$6,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward \$250 Pass The Box Fee Due at Time of Entry. Purse Includes 100% of Pass The Box Fees.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older..... 128 lbs.

ABOUT ONE MILE

*Governor's Feature
Thoroughbred Allowance*

SEVENTH RACE

7 Purse \$8,000. (Includes \$3,000 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$3,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward \$250 Pass The Box Fee Due at Time of Entry. Purse Includes 100% of Pass The Box Fees.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older..... 128 lbs.

SIX AND ONE HALF FURLONGS

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Fort Pierre

Day 1

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Enter Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Thoroughbred Allowance

SUBSTITUTE RACE NO 1

S1 Purse \$5,000. (Includes \$2,500 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$2,500 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward NW2L.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older 128 lbs.

FIVE FURLONGS

Thoroughbred Allowance

SUBSTITUTE RACE NO 2

S2 Purse \$5,000. (Includes \$2,500 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$2,500 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward NonWinners in 2026.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older 128 lbs.

FIVE FURLONGS

Thoroughbred Claiming

SUBSTITUTE RACE NO 3

S3 Purse \$5,000. (Includes \$2,500 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$2,500 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older 128 lbs.
CLAIMING PRICE \$7,500

FIVE FURLONGS

*Thoroughbred Allowance
Fillies & Mares*

SUBSTITUTE RACE NO 4

S4 Purse \$8,000. (Includes \$3,000 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$3,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward \$250 Pass The Box Fee Due at Time of Entry. Purse Includes 100% of Pass The Box Fees.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older 128 lbs.

FIVE FURLONGS

Thoroughbred Claiming

SUBSTITUTE RACE NO 5

S5 Purse \$5,000. (Includes \$2,500 from SD Commission on Gaming Revolving Fund)(Includes \$2,500 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) For Three Year Olds and Upward.
Three Year Olds 128 lbs. Older 128 lbs.
CLAIMING PRICE \$2,500

FIVE FURLONGS

*VBA Open QH Derby
Quarter Horse Derby*

SUBSTITUTE RACE NO 6

S6 Purse \$10,000-Estimated. (Includes 100% from Nominations) (Includes \$2,000 from Verendrye Benevolent Association) \$1,000 Nomination Fee Due at Time of Entry.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS

*SD Bred QH Derby
Quarter Horse Derby
Certified South Dakota Bred*

SUBSTITUTE RACE NO 7

S7 Purse \$10,000-Estimated. \$500 Nomination Fee Due at Time of Entry. Purse Includes \$6,000 From SD Bred Fund and 100% of Nomination Fees.
Weight..... 128 lbs.

SD

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS

**2026 Verendrye Benevolent Association (VBA) – Fort Pierre Horse Racing
Funding Request and Source Amounts**

SDCG – Special Race Revolving Fund: The VBA formally requests that \$22,000.00 in funding be approved for release from the Special Race Revolving Fund which is to be utilized as purse structure for “Open” races at 2026 VBA – Fort Pierre Horse Racing. A list of proposed races seeking approval from the Commission is also attached. Any and all funding not utilized for any reason will be sent back to the Commission for deposit in the Special Race Revolving Fund. .

SDCG – SD Bred Fund: The VBA formally requests that \$18, 500.00 in funding be approved for release from the SD Bred Fund which is to be utilized as purse structure for specific SD Bred races involving certified SD Bred horses. This includes the SD Bred QH Futurity – (\$12,500.00) and the SD Bred QH Derby-(\$6,000.00). In the event that the SD Bred QH Derby doesn’t occur we ask that these unused funds be approved to be used as a portion of the allowed 25% utilized allocation from the SD Bred Fund, which are allowed to be used as purse structure for “Open” races. This amount would not exceed \$3,000.00. Any and all funding not utilized for any reason will be sent back to the Commission for deposit in the SD Bred Fund.

The VBA is committed to providing funding as proposed in the amount of \$22,000.00 which will work cooperatively with above requested funds to provide purse structure for approximately seven or eight live races in 2026.

