

STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation) NO. CR 2015-01068
of the License to Conduct Gambling)
Activities of:)
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Eric V. Bowman)
Wenatchee, Washington,) **NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE**
) **CHARGES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR**
) **AN ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING**
)
Licensee.)

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Eric V. Bowman the following license:

Number 68-32577, authorizing Card Room Employee activity, formerly with the Buzz Inn Casino in East Wenatchee.

The license expires on October 15, 2015, and was issued subject to Mr. Bowman's compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules.

II.

David Trujillo, Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, charges the licensee with the following violations of Chapter 9.46 RCW, and WAC Title 230:

SUMMARY:

On May 15, 2015, Eric Bowman allowed two minors to gamble and failed to pay the fine for a Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS¹).

FACTS:

1) On May 15, 2015, Washington State Gambling Commission Special Agents (agents) conducted underage compliance check at the Buzz Inn Casino located in East Wenatchee. The agents instructed two 17 year old minor operatives to enter the card room and attempt to gamble. Both minors were allowed to buy-in and gamble.

2) Both minors were stopped by Mr. Bowman, security, before entering the card room. Mr. Bowman checked their Washington State Intermediate Driver's License and allowed them to enter the card room.

¹ NOVAS –A Notice of Violation and Settlement identifies the violation and gives the licensee the opportunity to pay a fine to settle the matter.

3) Mr. Bowman was the primary licensed employee responsible for allowing the two minors to gamble. On May 15, 2015, Mr. Bowman was issued a NOVAS.

4) On June 11, 2015, the agent was notified that Mr. Bowman did not pay his fine. On June 12, 2015, the agent contacted Mr. Bowman and asked him if he intended to pay the fine. Mr. Bowman said he currently has no money to pay the fine. Mr. Bowman stated he lost his job with Buzz Inn Casino and has no way of paying his fine. The agent verified Buzz Inn had terminated Mr. Bowman and he is no longer linked to a licensed organization.

VIOLATIONS:

1) RCW 9.46.075 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license, application, or permit

The Commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or certified employee, or any person with any interest therein:

(The following subsection applies.)

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any Commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

2) WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit

We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

(The following subsections apply.)

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

(8) Poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by: (a) Prior activities.

3) WAC 230-15-425 Internal controls

(The following subsection applies.)

(2) Licensed card room employees must follow the internal control procedures for their individual functions.

4) WAC 230-06-010 Age restrictions for players.

(The following subsection applies.)

No person must allow anyone under the age of eighteen to participate in gambling activities

except:

(1) To play in licensed bingo games when accompanied by an adult member of his or her immediate family or a guardian, who is at least eighteen years old:

(a) "Immediate family" means only the spouse, parents, or grandparents of an individual; and

(b) "Guardian" means only a court-appointed, legal guardian of an individual; or

(2) To play bingo at agricultural fairs or school carnivals; or

(3) To play amusement games; or

(4) To sell raffle tickets for a charitable or nonprofit organization that:

(a) Has development of youth as a primary purpose; and

(b) Has at least three members or advisors who are at least eighteen years old and who supervise the operation of the raffle; and

(c) Has an adult member or advisor designated as the manager for the raffle.

Eric Bowman allowed two minors to gamble in violation of WAC 230-06-010 and failed to pay a NOVAS. As a result, the licensee poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities based on his activities. Therefore, there are grounds to suspend or revoke Eric Bowman's license based on his prior violations of RCW 9.46.075(1), and WAC 230-03-085(1) and (8).

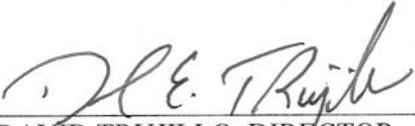
III.

Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on 9.46 RCW, Gambling, chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and WAC Title 230.

You have the right to a hearing. To have a hearing, or to settle the case, the Gambling Commission must receive the hearing request form back from you within 23 days. After we receive this form, we will call you about settlement options. If you do not return the form on time, your certification may be revoked (taken away) and you cannot work. (RCW 34.05.440.)

IV.

I have read this Notice of Administrative Charges and Opportunity for an Adjudicative Proceeding, know the contents, believe it to be true, and have executed this Notice in my capacity as Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission.


DAVID TRUJILLO, DIRECTOR 7-20-15
(Date)

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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COUNTY OF THURSTON)

I certify I have this day served a copy of the document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by mailing a copy, properly addressed with postage prepaid, by regular and certified mail to each party to the proceeding or his or her attorney or authorized agent.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this _____ day of _____, 2015.