

MINUTES

Record of the Meeting of the Liquor Control Board held July 12, 2017
at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont

LCB Members present: Martin Manahan Acting Chair, Julian Sbardella and Sam Guy, Members.

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner. Wesley Lawrence Board Counsel, Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General, Laurie Pecor, Administrative Coordinator

9:30 a.m. Meeting begins.

- Additions/Deletions to agenda: None
- Board action on draft minutes and meeting held on May 10, 2017 – Approved.
- Board action on new licenses and permits issued May 1, 2017 through June 29, 2017 – Approved.
- Board decisions: V-Twin, dba Corner Pocket – Board decision: Motion to Reconsider is Denied.

1. Public Comment - No one is here for Public Comment.

2. Enforcement

- **Docket number 2017-015** – Church Holdings, Inc., dba Church & Main, 156 Church St., Burlington. Re: violation of general regulation 7(a) (failure to cooperate), 16(drinking on duty), 17(non-segregated area) and 34 (entry door locked with patrons inside). Hours of sale regulation violation is waived. Officer Thomas Nash from the Burlington Police Department and Ned Church, owner of Licensee testifies.
- **Docket number 2017-016**– MKB LLC, dba Sugarhouse Bar & Grill, 733 Queen City Parkway Road, Burlington. Re: Violation of general regulation number 10 (Taxes). Lee Gable, Assistant Director of Tax Compliance, Department of taxes and Laurie Pecor, DLC Administrative Coordinator testified. The licensee did not attend the hearing.
 - a) States Exhibit 1 – Notice of hearing sent to licensee
 - b) States Exhibit 2 – Certified receipt from Notice of Hearing sent on 06/19/2017
 - c) States Exhibit 3 - USPS tracking results
 - d) States Exhibit 4 – Letter from Tax Department

3. Commissioners Comments:

- Hiring of new Director of Compliance and Enforcement. The process has been completed and a decision is expected within 4 to 5 days.

- Closing of fiscal year 17 and the upcoming fiscal year 18 showing additional revenue of about 3 million. Commissioner will have the figures before the next meeting for the Board. Commissioner notes that it has been a record setting year.
- Warehouse staffing has improved with no large turnovers.
- Sales growth discussion.
- DLC signage discussion.
- Point of Sale – Moving forward on this. This is critical to add more agencies.
- Annual marketing meeting – This will be November 7th and 8th this year.
- Annual report – preparing to revise our annual report. This will be even better than last year’s edition. DLC has received a positive response from the Legislature.
- Discussion on Liquor Control/Lottery merger. Governor Scott has signed off on creating a study group on this. The first meeting will occur before September 1, 2017.
- Number of new licenses for Licensing year 2016. Administrative Coordinator Pecor submitted an excel spreadsheet to the Board detailing the new licenses that were issued for 2016.

(Spreadsheet should be attached to Minutes)

11:05 a.m. Board recesses.

11:15 a.m. Board enters executive session

12:05 p.m. Board reconvenes.

Board votes unanimously as follows:

Docket number 2017-015 – Church Holdings, Inc., dba Church & Main, 156 Church St., Burlington violated general regulation 7(a) (failure to cooperate), 16(drinking on duty), 17(non-segregated area) and 34 (entry door locked with patrons inside) and imposes a \$1,790.00 administrative penalty which will be reduced by 50% if paid within 30 days.

Docket number 2017-016– MKB LLC, dba Sugarhouse Bar & Grill, 733 Queen City Parkway Road, violated general regulation number 10 (Taxes) and will receive an immediate and indefinite suspension of all liquor licenses.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS AUGUST 9, 2017