

Liquor and Lottery Control Board Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Liquor and Lottery Control Board held **January 9, 2019** at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont.

Members Present: Thom Lauzon, Acting Chair, Ed Flanagan, Sabina Haskell, Sam Guy

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner, Jacob Humbert, AAG, Wesley Lawrence, Board counsel (via conference call), Jo Perreault, Administrative Assistant, and Laurie Pecor, Program Technician

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

- Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: 3 Agency changes
- Approval of Board minutes for meeting held December 12, 2018, Motion approved.
- Board Decision – Vitality Market: Motion Approved.

1. **Public Comment** None

5. Licensing

- John Varner, Farrell Distributing re: New Solicitor's Permit. Testimony from Martin Prevost – favorable – Motion to issue license on condition no violations reported and license renewal pending Martin Prevost's discretion. Motion approved.

6. Commissioner Comments

- Recap of DLC sales performance for the month of December 2018.
- Beginning second round interviews for Deputy Lottery Commissioner, scheduled Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Board input/attendance requested.
- Governor's request re: finding Warehouse/Office space to buy or lease. RFP process to be completed within the next few weeks. Gary also addressed his own site visit results. Acting Chair questioned privatizing distribution option.
- Educational Office – Total number of people trained inhouse/ in-person/ on-line
- POS system update – Going well. Done by the end-of-the-month. Phase II in 2 weeks. On schedule / within budget.

Acting Chair Lauzon – Requested need to schedule a meeting with Agents to speak to the Board.

7. Lottery Updates

- DLC / Lottery has reserved State House Card Room for Monday, January 18th for a special event.
- Alburgh Store will not be operating on Sunday for a period-of-time – their request.
- Lottery Agent Contract What time? Modifications

4. **Enforcement**

- Saints of Pub 42 d/b/a The Venue, 12 Wales Street, Rutland Re: Violation of Gen. Reg. #10 (Taxes). Per Jacob – Parties negotiated a payment plan. Taxpayer in good standing. Complaint withdrawn. Previous violation issued also now in good standing.
- Racking has been repaired and protective devices installed to eliminate future damage.
- Acting Chair requested copy of Warehouse Study to be sent to Governor and all Board members before next meeting.
- Acting Chair inquired – Discussion w/ Administration re: Privatization. Last Report done 2014.
- Acting Chair inquired – Statistics on violations per licensee; Compliance checks for Alcohol & Tobacco; Awards received by Department for same and info obtained from Police re persons serving and licensee violations.
- Commissioner – In-house training option a failure. \$60,000 grant received from N.A.B.C.A. to upgrade on-line training materials.
- Commissioner - Meeting soon with the Agency of Commerce & Tourism and Vermont Brewer’s Assoc. re: modifying current permits to better address festival requirement.
- Commissioner – Motion to amend the current Lottery Agency Contract to Include “Officers and employees cannot cash their own lottery ticket if they are presently working. Approved pending Board approval. (Requested Board Members get back to him a/s/a/p re: language.
- Acting Chair requested – “In the future, any changes made during the meetings should be attached to Board minutes of the next meeting.”
- “Discounting” discussed. Sabina suggested waiting before appearing at the Legislature re: any changes being made to the Liquor Agency Contract. Acting Chair inquired if there was any particular statute DLC could point to if Legislature asks re: fraud in discounting for child support payments, etc.

Meeting recessed to go into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m.

Out of Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 13, 2019