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
  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 Complaint withdrawn.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**