

Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

August Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held on August 10, 2022 via web and phone.

Members Present: Martin Manahan, Chair, Thom Lauzon, Megan Cicio, Ed Flanagan

Others Present: Wendy Knight, Commissioner; Andrew Collier, Deputy Commissioner; Wesley Lawrence; Jacob Humbert; Skyler Genest, Tonia Pryce, Purchasing Coordinator; Katie Fleury, Program Technician; Brandon King, David Hamlin, Rich Morey, Daniel Landry, Joseph Tyrrell

Meeting Start: 9:00 am.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

- Second hearing for Powerball / Mega Millions game rule changes -
- Alburgh agency Bid

Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes from July 2022 Board Meeting – Moved and approved. motion Thom Lauzon and Megan Cicio unanimous
- Approve licenses issued July 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022 – Moved Thom and Second Megan.
- Richford and Alburgh Agency Bid – Moved Thom Second Megan

Public Comment: None

Licensing:

Enforcement:

- **Docket Number 2022-008 – The American Legion Post #91 Inc.**
 - Re: Alleged violations of General Regulation 17, 29, 36.
 - Propose settlement – reduced or eliminated penalty
 - Proposed settlements: Accept warning for Gen Reg 17, admission of violation for Gen Regs 29 and 36 with reduced fine of 260 for gen reg 29 and \$0 fine for 36 - Department will submit a proposed settlement to Wesley for Chair signature – motion Thom second Ed – Unanimous

Commissioner Comments:

- Successful move
- Lottery sales - Mega million and Powerball are up; other tickets are decreasing
- Liquor sales down slightly from last July- 3.5%; sales of flavor tequilas were up 134%
- Online license system to go live the week of August 22nd
- Lottery conversion still a go live date of September 18th
- Working on foundational aspect of running two businesses and the integration of the department
- Team is working on year-end close outs
- Staffing – moving forward with candidate for financial director, two candidates for executive assistant, recruiting for lottery assistant position, have two warehouse worker vacancies
- Shout-out to OCE Team for pitching in to help department whenever needed
- Cocktail rack program studies show it is successful sales up 22% in the 10 stores with the cocktail racks
- Lobbyist for Powerball jackpot winner has talked to Jacob but has not officially claimed the prize

Other Business:

- July Listing – delisted 17 items
- Revised Powerball /Mega Millions game rules changed (terminology changes) second hearing – closed second hearing – duly warned that action will be taken in next board meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 9:53am

Next Meeting: September 14, 2022