



Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

LCB Headquarters - Boardroom

3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia WA 98501

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jane Rushford called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. Member Ruthann Kurose and Member Russell Hauge were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Member Kurose moved to approve the July 29, 2015 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Member Hauge seconded.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING 3A – Sports Entertainment Facility License Rules

Karen McCall, Agency Rules Coordinator, began the briefing with materials (HANDOUTS 3A 1-2). She provided a brief background noting that the petition for rulemaking was submitted by stakeholders to broaden the alcohol service area within a sport's entertainment facility venue.

Proposed rules were published on June 10, 2015. Karen received two comments, one from the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and another from Dave Malone with Century Link Field.

Proposed Changes

WAC 314-02-057: Definitions – Clarified event categories.

WAC 314-02-058: Sports/entertainment facility licenses – Operating plans. Clarified what is required in an operating plan and updated the operating plan matrix and clarified the types of events in each category. Repealed language requiring a licensee's hawking authorization be reviewed after the first year and then every two years.

Chair Rushford opened the public hearing and invited the first citizen to the podium to provide testimony.

Dave Malone with the Law Firm of Miller, Malone Tellefson representing Century Link Field –

Dave thanked Director Rick Garza and his staff for assisting his organization in the long process of reviewing the rules. Dave has three main items to discuss.

- The Responsible Vendor Program (RVP) – recommends an extension of the RVP to Sports Entertainment Facility Licenses. Benefits would include the deferred penalty program, signage, licensee education, and corporate policy and buy in. There is much documented success among current licensees in the state and he believes SEF could benefit from RVP.
- More freedom in trade show services – he has received requests among vendors to allow more alcohol beverage service throughout the tradeshow area rather than limits to a beer garden.
- Staffing ratios – recommend flexibility with 50 to 1 ratio for smaller events.

Karen McCall clarified that the 50 to 1 ration includes not only MAST trained staff but also security staff and others. Chair Rushford asked Karen to provide some of the basic qualifiers for RVP, Karen indicated no violations in the past two years which may limit participation among SEF, Dave commented that membership would be a goal that SEFs could work towards.

Chair Rushford closed the public hearing.

4. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / COMMENTS -

Lynn Domingo, Have a Heart CC

Lynn provided the Board with her perspectives on regulating the medical marijuana industry. Lynn recommends:

- Remove the lottery and go to a tier system
- Look at the good businesses in the market today and give strong consideration to them.
- Expend store openings to the good players
- Do not limit the number of stores a business can open.


The Board thanked Lynn for her comments and acknowledged that there will be other opportunities for Lynn to share her concerns.

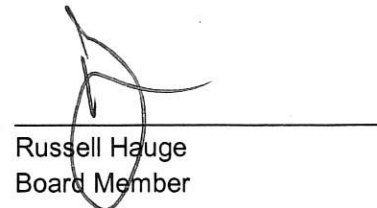
5. ADJOURN

Chair Rushford adjourned the meeting at 10:30.

Minutes approved this 26 day of August, 2015


Jane Rushford
Board Chair


Ruthann Kurose
Board Member


Russell Hauge
Board Member

Minutes prepared by: Gary Hacker, Management Analyst

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