# OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD Board Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2010

Chair Foster called the regular meeting of the Washington State Liquor Control Board to order at 10:04 a.m., on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 in the Boardroom, 3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, Washington. Board Members Ruthann Kurose and Linda Bremer were also present.

# **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the August 25, 2010 Board meeting were approved.

## **Sports Entertainment Facilities**

Justin Nordhorn, Deputy Chief for the Enforcement Division, presented an optional alternative penalty track for second and third violations which would create a deterrent and maintain compliance. Member Bremer complimented Mr. Nordhorn for his thoroughness in researching pre-negotiated penalties in other states. This particular is based on the Minnesota model and the penalties would be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Violation - \$10,00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation - \$25,000; 4<sup>th</sup> Violation - Cancel License. It is not mandatory for licensees to participate in this penalty track. Some facilities are providing training to their volunteers and have already seen an increase in compliance. Dick Thompson, Consultant for the Seahawks, provided public comment that the Seahawks wants to be able to anticipate what a violation amount might be and feels that this is important not to force a change for everyone else. The majority of food and alcohol vendors serving at Seahawks games are volunteer groups and churches. The Seahawks' aspire to be in full compliance and have established in-house compliance checks to mitigate the risk of violations. Mr. Thompson complimented the Liquor Control Board and its staff for their work on this proposal. Member Kurose would like to ensure that this policy assures accountability of larger entities as well as smaller entities and provides for a fair deterrent based on scale. Member Bremer made a motion to approve the optional alternative penalty track. Member Kurose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **New Business**

The Board congratulated Justin Nordhorn for his appointment to the rotational assignment for Deputy Chief for Law Enforcement.

### Old Business:

There was no old business.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Sharon Foster, Board Chair

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