



**Minutes of the Liverpool City Liquor Accord General Meeting
Held at Liverpool Catholic Club
Tuesday 27th May 2014**

In Attendance:

Harry Hunt – Comfort Inn Hunts Liverpool
Chris Donovan – Liverpool Catholic Club
Matthew Lopez – Moorebank Hotel
Rachel Palermo – Liverpool Council
Kerne White – Liverpool Council
Justin Penney – Collingwood Hotel
Genevieve Porter – Collingwood Hotel
Elizabeth Peters – Green Valley Police
Kee Sisouvath – Green Valley Police

Dean Johnstone – Liverpool Police
Anthony Lynes – Liverpool Police
Jillian Gibson – Liverpool Police
John Turnbull – Liverpool Catholic Club
Kimberley Kamp – ALDI Stores
Clare Brockbank – Club Liverpool
Robert Muller – Club Liverpool
George Garcia – Content Wine Wholesalers
Marta Liversedge – Rossmore Cellars

Apologies: Paula Jamett-Caru, Liverpool City Council

Harry Hunt declares the meeting open at 11:10am.

Welcome of Accord members and individual introductions.

Chris Donovan reads the minutes from the previous meeting. Jill Gibson moves to accept the minutes and the motion is carried.

New Business:

The new Liverpool City Liquor Accord Website has been launched. New mailing list functionality allows improved Privacy Act compliance. Further updates will be made in the coming months.

Correspondence: There being no correspondence the chairman moves on.

General Business:

Jill Gibson presents the Liverpool LAC report. The area is on track for a 25-30% reduction in alcohol related violence in a two year period. Bottle shops in the area have reported a 10-15% drop in profit since the 10pm sales restriction came into effect. This is indicative of a reduction in pre-loading. Liverpool licensing police are looking at applications relating to packaged liquor and liquor outlet density in response to alcohol related domestic violence.

There is a need for licensees to drive attendance at Accord meetings amongst each other. This is important in keeping abreast of changes in licensing laws.

Jill Gibson gives a presentation on the new risk based liquor licensing. The changes are based on systems already in place in Victoria, Queensland and the United States. Changes will not take effect until the 2015/16 financial year. All licensees need to check that their details are up to date with OLGR as failure to do so may result in suspension or cancellation of licences for licensees who do not comply with new requirements.

Patronage in the CBD has dropped since changes in the CBD Entertainment Precinct, resulting in increased patronage in other areas such as Parramatta.

Implementation of the new alcohol fuelled 'one punch' assault laws rely heavily on the input of licensees given the 4 hour alcohol test window. This is designed to target offenders, not licensees.

Other changes included the 10pm take away sales restriction, which primarily affected Hotel and Club take away sales. Online RSA training was suspended after it was found that the integrity of the system was questionable.

Risk based scheme will look at a number of factors including location, trading hours, patron capacity and compliance record. Risk base increases as more factors come into question for a venue. More risky venues will pay a risk-based loading depending on their risk factor in addition to the base fee. There are exemptions for trading hour risk loadings for some venues. Liquor accords can choose to impose a location risk loading on a financial member should it be deemed necessary. It is unlikely that this would be the case in the Liverpool area.

If OLGR has not received payment of the initial licence fee by 26th June 2015, the licence may be suspended. If not paid by 24th of July 2015, the licence may be cancelled. Deadline for licence reinstatement will be the 18th of September each year. OLGR uses contact details in their database to contact and invoice licensees. It is therefore crucial that licensees ensure OLGR has their correct details on file, as failure to receive notices from OLGR will not be deemed a reasonable excuse.

Licensees have the opportunity now to improve their risk rating prior to the introduction of the scheme to reduce the amount they will have to pay. Further information is available on the OLGR website.

George Garcia asks about the effectiveness of the recent one punch awareness campaign. Jill Gibson explains that it has been anecdotally effective but it is too early to have statistical evidence.

John Turnbull points out that the risk of deterring patrons from consuming alcohol at licenced premises is that unsupervised consumption at home increases leading to possible increases in domestic violence.

Jill Gibson explains that as the recipient of the Michael O'Brian Scholarship, she will be travelling to the UK and USA to observe licensing laws and issues in other countries, and will be able to report back to the Accord about her experience.

Kee Sisouvath presents the Green Valley LAC report. Only 5% of total incidents in the past 3 months have been alcohol related. 22% of assaults and 40% of domestic violence incidents were alcohol related. Last place of consumption was steady with licensed premises remaining at 11%. 67% of incidents occurred within domestic residences.

Harry Hunt opens the floor to general business. He provides an update on the new airport, which is earmarked for an opening in 8-10 years. The new train line is not due to open at the



same time as the airport as the initial projections of passenger numbers are insufficient to support a train line.

There being no further business the chairman thanks the Liverpool Catholic Club for their hospitality and declares the meeting closed at 12:00pm.

Proposed agenda for next general meeting, 25th November 2014 (proposed AGM):

1. Welcome, introduction of new members and apologies
2. Adoption of previous minutes
3. Business arising
4. Correspondence
5. Nomination and election of executive officers
6. Treasurer's report
7. Liverpool/Green Valley Police report
8. General business
9. Close of meeting and confirmation of next general meeting – 24th February 2015

Next Executive Committee Meeting: 30th October 2014 at 11:00am

Next General Meeting: 25th November 2014 at 11:00am

Signed as a true record.....

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