



**Minutes of the Liverpool City Liquor Accord General Meeting
Held at Liverpool Catholic Club
Tuesday 28th November 2017**

In Attendance:

Silvana Pignataro – Liverpool Catholic Club	Seng Ly – VIP Karaoke
Cong Doan – The Corner Pub	Paul McEvoy – Liverpool Police
Troy Higgins – Moorebank Hotel	Amanda Warren – Liverpool Police
Chris Dower – Collingwood Hotel	Peter Suggett – Club Liverpool
Tyler Wakefield – Liquor & Gaming NSW	Clare Brockbank – Club Liverpool
Kee Sisouvath – Green Valley Police	Michelle Smith – Club Liverpool
Adam Smith – ATC Warwick Farm Racecourse	Adam Perkins – ATC
Darko Palavra – Dan Murphys Warwick Farm	Chris Donovan – Liverpool Catholic Club
Aden Liddell – Liverpool Hotel	Kush Mghta – Dan Murphys Carnes Hill
Ajit Dias – Liquorland Green Valley	Alex Slilassy – Costco
John Zahija – BWS Miller	Ben Atkins – Liverpool Catholic Club
George Garcia – Contint	Craig Judge – Liquorland
Stacey Stevens – KCSB	Rachel Flay – Liverpool Catholic Club
John Henry – KCSB	Kylie Pirrone – Liverpool Catholic Club
Matthew Lopez – DHI Hotels	Maria Kalofonos – BWS Moorebank
Mary Watson – Green Valley Police	John Turnbull – Liverpool Catholic Club
Brett Lane – Workers Hubertus	Glen Pocklington – Crossroads Hotel
	Margaret Hellrye – Railway Hotel
	Harry Hunt – Hunts Comfort Inn

Apologies: None

The chairman declared the meeting open at 11am.

Accord members present conducted self-introductions. The minutes from the previous meeting held 29th August 2017 were read.

Peter Suggett moved that the minutes be accepted as read. John Turnbull seconded the motion and it was carried. Harry Hunt explained the nature and benefits of the Accord and encouraged members to tell other venues to attend the meetings.

Election:

Harry Hunt commenced the AGM portion of the meeting. John Turnbull moved that the existing board be maintained for another term. The motion was seconded by Peter Suggett and was carried.

Harry Hunt opened the floor to any objections to the way the Accord is currently being run by the Accord Executive Committee. No objections were raised. Harry noted that the Accord will continue to be run informally, and will continue to operate with a one off joining fee and no ongoing membership fees.

General Business:

Paul McEvoy presented the Liverpool Police report. He noted that Green Valley and Liverpool police will be merging under one Special Area Command and that nothing will change from venues' perspectives. He explained that venues should continue to contact their existing LAC until the change is more concrete.

Kee Sisouvath presented the Green Valley Police report. He noted that the previous quarter had seen the lowest number of alcohol related incidents since 2009 at 3%. Licensed premises as last place of consumption had increased but was likely related to seasonal influences. Private residences as last place of consumption had decreased. He encouraged venues to be vigilant of RSA and intoxication, as incidents flagged as seriously affected will result in police investigating the last place of consumption venue.

John Henry asked whether police ask for last place of consumption when attending a private residence incident. Kee explained that police will still ask but will use discretion in evaluating the response.

Guest Presentation:

Tyler Wakefield from Liquor & Gaming NSW gave a guest presentation to Accord members. He explained some of the significant reforms that had taken place over the previous 12 months, including releasing a new vision and mission statement. L&G is trying to work more closely with venues with regard to common problems and encourage open discourse directly with venues.

He explained the pillars of the new strategy:

1. Targeted oversight of high risk venues
2. Address compliance in emerging and at risk businesses such as microbreweries
3. High risk indicators in packaged liquor including online and delivery
4. Gambling ads and inducements
5. Sports betting integrity
6. Gaming machine integrity and custody arrangements
7. Ensuring clubs are effectively governed
8. International rebate and anti-laundering
9. Internal controls and systems

From 1st October 2017 licensees should begin to see changes:

- Reduced red tape
- Improved regulation
- 3 Strikes scheme: strike goes to licensee rather than venue
- L&G and ILGA keeping an eye out for 'licence cycling'
- After 6 months licensee can request review of strike and potentially have it removed based on sufficient improvement
- Minor Sanctions Scheme: good RSA practices required; bar staff to check ID regardless of door staff checks
- Small bar midnight restrictions removed

Tyler also noted the following:

- Christmas Eve and NYE fall on Sundays in 2017, licensees need to await the pending decision on approved trading hour changes
- Violent Venues Scheme: round 17 of the scheme saw a 30% reduction in violent incidents with only 8 listed venues
- Venues can accept international driver licences as an acceptable form of photo identification, new signage makes this clearer
- Keypass from Australia Post has changed its look, door staff need to be aware of this
- Digital Driver Licences are being trialled in Dubbo and may potentially be rolled out state-wide by 2019
- With the new Interim Restaurant Authorisation, restaurants and cafes can serve alcohol as soon as an application is lodged
- Staffies are now acceptable for a maximum of 2 hours, only for the staff who were working on the close shift and no other guests

Meeting Close:

Harry Hunt thanked Tyler for his presentation and there being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:45am.

Proposed agenda for next General Meeting, 27th February 2018:

1. Welcome, introduction of new members and apologies
2. Adoption of previous minutes
3. Business arising
4. Correspondence
5. Liverpool/Green Valley Police report
6. Guest presentation
7. General business
8. Close of meeting and confirmation of next meeting