

**Minutes of the Liverpool City Liquor Accord General Meeting
Held at Liverpool Catholic Club – 27th August 2019**

In Attendance:

Sean McDowell – Macquarie Hotel
Matthew Lopez – DHI Hotels
Karen Murphy – El Toro
Michael Wang – VIP Karaoke
Seng Ly – VIP Karaoke
Reg Deane – Green Valley Hotel
Joanne McAvley – Club Liverpool
Justin Renney – Collingwood Hotel
John Turnbull – Liverpool Catholic Club
Danielle Tucic – Liverpool Catholic Club

Harry Hunt – Hunts Hotel Liverpool
Cheryl McLeod-Whitely – Macquarie
Monarch Hotels
Jason Frendo – BWS Cecil Hills
John Zahija – BWS Miller
Heidi Eagles – Club Liverpool
Teresa Weir – Collingwood Hotel
George Fonmoa – ACP Security
Glen Pocklington – Crossroads Hotel
Nina Peera – Liverpool Liquorland

Apologies: Chris Donovan, Kee Sisouvath, Paul McEvoy

The chairman declared the meeting open at 11:06. Members present conducted self introductions. The minutes of the previous meeting held 26th February 2019 were read. John Turnbull moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Seng Ly seconded, and the motion was carried.

General Business:

There was no police report presented as Liverpool Police were unavailable for this meeting. The chairman noted that during the Executive Committee meeting held earlier in the month, police had been happy with the region generally and that alcohol related incidents were all down compared to the previous quarter.

Guest Presentation:

John Green from AHA NSW presented to accord members about AHA's recent initiatives and updates including:

- The 'Ask for Angela' campaign
- RSA Bridging courses
- State liquor accord conference
- Strike Force Raptor: liquor accords using their powers under the liquor act to bar OMCG members even when not in colours

The focus was the Ask for Angela campaign:

- AFA is a patron safety campaign necessitated by the rapid growth of internet based social dating
- Why Ask for Angela – verbal cue to the staff that the patron is in an uncomfortable situation and requires the assistance of staff to leave discretely
- Implemented in most recently in Kings Cross
- Started in the UK in Lincolnshire County
- Took off quickly in the northern hemisphere

- First NSW roll out in Wagga Wagga two years ago
- Received a lot of media attention when it was launched in the Mid North Coast
- Reinforces the perception of licensed premises as a safe place
- Participating venues use posters to alert patrons that they are an AFA venue and train their staff on how to respond accordingly
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MK_Rd_BJCBw (campaign ad)
- What can staff do?
 - Be aware of the situation
 - Monitor
 - Arrange transport
 - Arrange discrete exit
 - Call security or senior staff members
- Patrons aren't committing a crime until they become aggressive or argumentative, at this point they can be evicted from the premises under the Liquor Act
- Accords wishing to launch AFA should first inform Liquor & Gaming who will arrange to have the artwork produced with the local accord logo on it
- There is no point putting up the posters without training the staff
- Needs to form part of the induction kit and ongoing training

John Turnbull – moved that the executive prepares information to be put to the accord at a future meeting about a potential introduction of the AFA campaign within the Liverpool accord. This was seconded by Reg Deane.

John Green noted that the NSW digital driver licence will be rolled out in the next 2 months across NSW.

The chairman thanked John Green for his presentation.

Meeting Close:

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 11:55am.

Next meeting scheduled for 26th November 2019 at 11am. This will be the AGM.