

**Minutes of the Liverpool City Liquor Accord General Meeting  
Held at Liverpool Catholic Club – 26th November 2019**

**In Attendance:**

Leigh S – DHI Hotels	Chris Donovan – Mercure Liverpool
Karen Murphy – El Toro	Kee Sisouvath – Liverpool Police
Michael Wang – VIP Karaoke	Paul McEvoy – Liverpool Police
Seng Ly – VIP Karaoke	Harry Hunt – Hunts Hotel Liverpool
Tanya Vassall – Dan Murphy's	Sabrina Zappia – Hunts Hotel
Damien Luck – Dan Murphy's	John Henry – Kemps Creek Sporting
Jack Rigby – Dan Murphy's	Stacey Stevens – Kemps Creek Sporting
Don Gouda – Dan Murphy's Casula	Mel Rua – Liverpool Hotel
Nina Peera – Liquorland Liverpool	Reece Conyers – Crossroads Hotel
Ajit Dias – Liquorland	George Garcia – Contint
Anne Madden – Liquorland Chipping Norton	Milos Inic – BWS Liverpool Westfields
Jason Frendo – BWS Cecil Hills	Chris Dower – Collingwood Hotel
John Zahija – BWS Miller	Marta Liversedge – Rossmore Cellars
	Troy Henderson – BWS Casula

**Apologies:** Rachel Palermo – Liverpool City Council

Apologies for May meeting: John Henry, Stacey Stevens (May minutes have been amended)

The chairman declared the meeting open at 11:05. Members present conducted self introductions. The minutes of the previous meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were read. Seng Ly moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Michael Wang seconded, and the motion was carried.

**AGM:**

Turnover for the year was just \$75. The chairman opened the floor to nominations for the executive committee, noting that the commitment is just an additional 4 meetings a year prior to each accord meeting. There being no volunteers, the current executive committee remained.

**General Business:**

Kee Sisouvath presented the Liverpool police report. All alcohol related incidents were down over the last quarter, including assault. Liverpool sat at 3%, which was much lower than state average of 7%.

John Henry asked whether an increase in drug use could explain the decrease in alcohol detection. Kee Sisouvath agreed that it was likely, evidenced by recent overdoses at Homebush when no drug dogs were present.

Chris Donovan informed members of a survey the EC intends to send out. Harry Hunt emphasised the importance of members completing the survey to help the EC improve accord meetings for all.

**Guest Presentation:**

Carl Stubbs from Strike Force Raptor (DCI Darren Beech sends apologies) presented to accord members about charting the way OMCG's are changing, including:

- The fact that they don't ride around in colours anymore, they are more hidden
- Raptor works with venues and community more closely now
- Momentum is harmful – stopping one person in colours is far easier than police trying to move 40 people on once they realised they can gather in numbers without opposition
- This motion has been passed by all but Liverpool and Bankstown, consorting under the crimes act is now an offence
- There are other offences that are occurring that may not be obvious to venues
- Strike Force Raptor recommends a ban on all OMCG members and associates from all accord venues
- The expectation on venues minimal – they tell patrons that they are banned under accord rule and contact police
- Training available for security staff by Raptor – contact them for assistance
- Enforcing this has led to at least 20 members to leave groups so far
- Current focus is bikie gangs but they can expand to include all gangs

M.L: What are soft colours?

C.S: Colours that are somewhat camouflaged and not obvious

J.H: Does this mean banned from all venues?

C.S: Yes

J.H: Is there signage available?

C.S: Some, there has been signage designed by other accords

J.H: Had concerns in the past about people in social clubs being targeted unjustly

C.S: Raptor knows the difference between 1% gangs and social clubs. Raptor wants to avoid ambiguity. They are targeting people who are already known to Raptor, not based on hearsay. Licensees have a bit more insight than the general public. If licensees aren't sure, don't say anything, or call police and ask about the insignia.

There are repercussions for venues that don't report to police.

R.C: They have been at Crossroads a few times in the last four months in colours – what do we do?

C.S: Tell police, chances are they are committing an offence. Raptor wants to stop problems before they happen.

C.S: Raptor has moved beyond colours to targeting any known member associate and barring them from all venues. Being an accord policy takes the heat off individual venues in terms of retaliation.

The chairman thanked Carl Stubbs for his presentation.

### **Meeting Close:**

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 11:50am.

Next meeting scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 11am.