

MINUTES
BREVARD ABC BOARD
August 23, 2018

Approved
Riecke: <u>WCR</u>
Dinkins: <u>JD</u>
Jaisler: <u>JJ</u>
Crite: <u>EMC</u>

T.C.R.

The Brevard ABC Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Hall Administration Conference Room.

Members Present: Tim Robinson, Chair
 Geraldine Dinkins
 Jack Jaisler
 William Riecke

Absent: Eric Crite

Staff Present: Mark Balding, ABC General Manager
 Denise Hodsdon, Executive Assistant

Special Guests: Lt. Robert Shular, Transylvania County Narcotics Task Force

- A. Welcome & Call to Order**
- B. Quorum**

Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and a quorum was noted.

- C. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Jaisler, seconded by Ms. Dinkins, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2018**

Motion by Mr. Jaisler, seconded by Ms. Dinkins to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. New Business**

- 1. Lt. Robert Shular of the Transylvania County Narcotics Task Force – Law Enforcement Update and Discussion**

Mr. Balding informed Board Members that he and Lt. Shular have been trying to spend some more time together and they have identified some weaknesses and some things that we can do better as a team. Their vision is to change the mindset of how our mixed beverage accounts react to law enforcement. Mr. Balding contacted the North Carolina ABC Association regarding additional training for our officers. One recommendation was to join the ABC Law Enforcement Association. Dues for the Association are \$100 per officer (\$400 total) and it would give them the opportunity to attend annual conferences, networking opportunities, free training, and continuous law updates. Mr. Balding and Lt. Shular also met

with Al Bottego, the Chief Alcohol Law Enforcement Officer in Asheville. Lt. Shular said that Chief Bottego's approach is very community oriented and very similar to the way he envisions our approach being. Lt. Shular spent an evening with Chief Bottego and his team and was able to observe them doing an inspection. Chief Bottego has an excellent relationship with the owners of the establishments in Asheville and he has been very successful in coordinating a number of programs across the entire City. He also handles alcohol education in Asheville and has a great relationship with young people. He is willing to come talk to our schools for free and Mr. Balding would also like to invite him to attend the monthly law enforcement meeting with C.A.R.E. Coalition. Lt. Shular reported that the Justice Academy is starting a two-week ABC crash course for officers who don't work ABC to learn how to do it. Lt. Shular and Mr. Balding have discussed that the officers currently carry only their Drug Task Force unit ID's and badges and they would like to see the officers also have ABC Officer ID's and badges. The Board supported joining the ABC Law Enforcement Association, providing ABC badges to the officers and extending an invitation to Chief Bottego to attend an upcoming law enforcement meeting.

2. Manager's Report

Mr. Balding reported that there were no ABC Law violations or citations in July. June sales were up \$18,000 (5.4%), but he would say they were somewhat flat. We are seeing a real positive trend in mixed beverage sales, but we are starting to see a decline in retail sales. July retail sales were down approximately \$5,000 but mixed beverage sales were up 43%, resulting in an operating income of \$44,132 and 11.58% profitability. Approximately \$20,000 was retained for the Board's working capital in July.

F. Unfinished Business

- 1. Review and Approve Accountant's Report from June and July, 2018**
- 2. Review and Approve Reconciliation and Bank Statement for June and July, 2018**

Mr. Balding noted that June and July financial reports are considered as draft only until the audit is finalized. The final reports will be approved and signed at the next meeting.

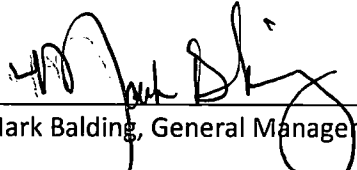
Ms. Dinkins updated the Board on the Tannery Skate Park project and fundraising efforts. They have received a \$10,000 donation and a commitment to provide volunteers from Can'd Aid. The Task Force has raised \$21,000 to date and they need to raise an additional \$39,000. A preview event will be held on September 15th, which will also include a fundraiser where kids can decorate a blank skateboard for \$20. She noted that the \$10,000 donation from the ABC Board is helping secure other donations.

Mr. Robinson noted that the Board has talked about appointing a new chair. Following brief discussion, Mr. Jaisler moved and Dr. Riecke seconded to appoint Geraldine Dinkins as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Jaisler moved and Ms. Dinkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting: The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 27, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.**

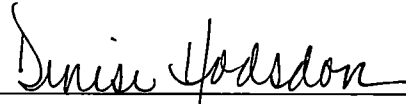


Mark Balding, General Manager



Tim Robinson, Chair

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