

THOMASVILLE ABC BOARD

Minutes of May 16, 2023, Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Thomasville ABC Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Holladay at 10:00am at the store on 1144 Randolph Street with the following officers present: Tom Holladay, Chairman, Cran Plyler, Vice Chairman, and Neal Grimes, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present was the store general manager, Leigh Ann Lowe.

The chairman referenced the conflict-of-interest statement, and no member voiced any issue with anything on the agenda. The minutes of both the March 21, 2023, and April 18, 2023, meetings were approved as presented. **Motion-Plyler, Second-Holladay, Unanimous**

Payroll reports for weeks ending 5/1/23 and 5/13/23 were approved.

Ms Lowe presented a letter from the Thomasville City School Superintendent, Dr. Chris Kennedy expressing their disappointment in our board's action in splitting the recent quarterly Drug and Alcohol Education Contribution with Fairgrove Resource Center. Mr. Grimes mentioned that he would be in the presence of Dr. Kennedy at the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony and would speak personally with him addressing, again, our position. *And I did!* **ATTACHMENT A**

Ms Lowe then reviewed the several upcoming ABC pieces of legislation to come before the North Carolina General Assembly during the 2023 legislative session, of particular interest/concern for our board were the efforts to cause the stores to be open on Sundays, certain holidays, and to allow direct sales to mixed beverage accounts directly from distillers. Ms Lowe will keep the board informed as any of the bills are enacted or declined. **ATTACHMENT B**

The local law enforcement report was reviewed. No apparent issues. **ATTACHMENT C**

April sales were down only -.26% from 2022 and the state sales down just a little more at -.33%. We continue to average weekly sales more than \$100K - outstanding! **ATTACHMENT D**

The March Balance Sheet shows an increase in Equipment expenditure for the new lights at the register and the Income Statement profit is less in part to increased salaries tied to increased staff. The budget remains unchanged, but Ms. Lowe expects to make minor year-end adjustments next month. **ATTACHMENT E**

Ms. Lowe presented the board with her proposed 2023-2024 budget, like the current 2022-2023 budget. Highlights are mentioned on the cover page of the budget. A welcomed anticipated increase in income is through allowing the recent agreement with Truist allowing them a daily sweep of our checking account which pays us interest. **ATTACHMENT F**

By adopting the budget amendment resolution, the board is calling for a public hearing at 9:45am on Tuesday, June 27, just prior to our next meeting at 10:00am that same day.

ATTACHMENT G

The upcoming June 30 being the fiscal year end, the board traditionally discussed annual bonuses during this meeting. Mr. Plyler proposed to allocate \$24,250.00 for bonuses with \$7,000.00 for Ms. Lowe and the rest at her discretion. She is to provide her distribution recommendation to the board via email before the next meeting (June 27) for board approval.

Ms. reported scheduled vendor tastings on May 25 and 26.

Ms. Lowe also reported the upcoming retirement of Mike Bowers on May 26. She also announced the hiring of Janet Lawson and Nick Brewer as new part-time employees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **Motion-Plyler, Second-Grimes, Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Holladay, Chairman

Cran Plyler, Vice Chair

Neal Grimes, Sec/Treas

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