

**THOMASVILLE ABC BOARD**  
**Minutes of March 15, 2022 Meeting**

The March meeting of the Thomasville ABC Board was held at 10:00am, March 15, 2022, at the store 1144 Randolph Street, Thomasville, NC,

The following members were present: Tom Holiday, Chairman (arrived at 10:30am)

Cran Plyer, Secretary/Treasurer

Neal Grimes

Leigh Ann Lowe, General Manager

Lt. Raymond Widner, Thomasville Police Department alcohol enforcement offices was also present. There was no representative from the Thomasville City Council.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Sec/Treas Cran Plyer.

The minutes of the February 15 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Conflict of Interest Statement was read by Sec/Treas Plyer with all members indicating they were in compliance. Sec/Treas Plyer reminded the Board of all conflicts of interest requirements of the state ABC Commission. All members of the Board indicated that they were aware of no conflicts of interest.

By action of the Thomasville City Council at their February 21 Meeting, two appointments to the ABC Board were made. Cran Plyer was re-appointed and Neal Grimes was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bill Mills.

Cran Plyer made a motion that Tom Holiday be reelected Chairman and Neal Grimes be elected Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Cran Plyer then made a motion that, because of the amount of time and work involved with preparing the minutes, the Secretary/Treasurer's monthly compensation be increased from \$100 to \$125. Motion carried.

The law enforcement report for February was presented by Lt. Widner. No problems were observed or reported. The law enforcement report was reviewed by the Board, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. One license holder, The Finch House appears to have their enforcement and supply agency as Davidson County. The Finch House, being inside the Thomasville city limits, is legislated to have the Thomasville ABC Board as it's enforcement and supply agency. Lt. Widner and Ms. Lowe are working on correcting that error.

Ms. Lowe presented financial information for February as follows:

- 1) Payroll records were presented and approved by the Board for the weeks ending 1-22-22 and 2-5-22.
- 2) Ms. Lowe provided for Board approval by initial four expense checks she signed not having time to obtain normal Board approval/signature.

- 3) February 2022 sales were down -9.23% versus statewide up +12.37% against February 2021 activity. Again, Ms. Lowe attributed this year-to-year loss to the decreased operating hours due to staffing shortages. With anticipated hirings, she is hopeful to return to normal store hours by the last week in March. While none of us want to lose sales, the Board is still very understanding with this reasoning and fully expects the problem to dissipate when normal store hours resume.
- 4) Comparative income and balance sheet information for February showed a net profit of \$43,848.40 versus a net profit of \$56,444.44 in February 2021. Year-to-date figures show an eight-month net profit of \$276,776.69 versus an eight-month net profit of \$279,466.69, or only (\$2,690.00)!
- 5) There were no needed budget amendments at this time.
- 6) There was an unfortunate inventory adjustment because 13 bottles valued at \$173.00 fell and broke because some boxes below their height were unstable. MS. Lowe reported that the next physical inventory will be held at the end of March.

In personnel matters, Ms. Lowe reported two new part-time employees started last week, and another part time to start the end of this week. With those three needed additions, Ms. Lowe expects the store to resume normal 9am – 9pm operating hours to resume the last week in March.

In another personnel related matter, Ms. Lowe reported that the veteran applicant that accused her of discrimination in hiring had pretty much evaporated. She again stated that she did not offer him an interview because his salary expectations on his application were far and above our offerings. She did not see any reason to call him for an interview.

The Board offered Ms. Lowe and staff their appreciation for the outstanding reception provided to former long-time Board member Bill Mills on last Thursday, March 10. The Board presented a plaque honoring and highlighting his dedicated and loyal service on the ABC Board from 199 -2022. Mayor York read and presented Bill with a certificate of appreciation from the city. The reception was very well attended and Bill and his family were very appreciative.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted:

Neal Grimes, Secretary

Approved:

Tom Holliday, Chairman