



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE ABC BOARD

Monday, May 19, 2025
3:30 P.M.

This Meeting was held at the Arcade Building Conference
Room

Present: Mr. Richard Sayles, Chair
Mr. Bob Cassano, Vice Chair
Mr. Trace Boswell, Board Member
Mr. Peter O'Leary, Board Member
Patricia Crain, Store Manager
Rhonda Cook, Accountant

Absent: Ms. Esther Lusk, Board Member

I. Call to Order

Board Chair, Richard Sayles called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Agenda Adopted

Bob Cassano made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Trace Boswell seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

III. Conflict of Interest Statements

There were no conflict of interest.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment

V. Approval of the March 17, 2025 Regular ABC Board Meeting Minutes

Trace Boswell made a motion to approve the minutes for April 21, 2025 meeting as presented. Bob Cassano seconded the motion and all were in favor.

VI. New Business

A. Discuss ABC Store Operations

Store Manager Patricia advised she is working on setting up a Facebook page for the ABC Store. Has run into a few issues, but hopeful to have it up and going in the next week or two.

Hours are set to change for this weekend. Will make the change tomorrow so everyone is aware. Will remain closed for Memorial Day.

Oak Lured had a testing on May 9th, 2025 and will have another on May 30th.

We have sold 15 bottles from Southern Distillery.

I have a new hire. Kim Silva will begin working as a clerk. Will train and see how well things go. Looking to fill assistant manager position.

July 1st will begin the audit with Terry.

B. Review Financial Report

Rhonda Cook gave an overview of the financial report. Discussion

C. Discussion of Budget for the 2025-2026 year

The previous year budget was presented. Rhonda Cook asked how the board would like to proceed. Whether they would like to keep the budget the same as previous or adjust it higher or lower. The board began discussion. Peter O'Leary suggested that we lower the budget 20% throughout.

Trace Boswell made a motion to make the budget 20% less for the 2025-2026 year. Bob Cassano seconded the motion and all were in favor.

D. Internet Discussion

Richard Sayles advised that the internet went down again at the store and was only accepting cash. This has become an issue for the last several months. We currently have Spectrum because they offer phone and internet. Patricia will look into other option for the store. Will discuss at next month's meeting.

E. Discussion of Barrel Pick from Southern Distillery

Scheduled to go to Statesville on June 4, 2025 at 1:00 pm. This will be to tour the Southern Distillery and have a tasting to pick a barrel for the store. Patricia, Richard, Kimberly, Trace, Bob, and Esther will all be in attendance. Discussion ensued.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business, Bob Cassano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter O' Leary seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Attest:

Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk

Richard Sayles, Board Chair