

## MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

April 21, 2021

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2021, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and in attendance were Freddie Black, Chairman, Steve Smith, Pam DePriest, Jamie Anderson and Alex Blass.

The Board accepted the Director's Decisions, Violation Resume, Warning Letters and request for extension of inactive status letters. Board member Pam DePriest made a motion to approve, Steve Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Black announced that the next ABC Board meeting will be held on May 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is the third Wednesday of June and the meeting will be held in the 1515 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Director Chandler advised that at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the two new retail liquor stores would be heard.

First hearing on the agenda was the violation appeal for Ronald L. Allsup, Leonard Stark VFW #3543, located at 1989 Heber Springs Road, Tumbling Shoals, Cleburne County, Arkansas. A Director's hearing was held on or about August 21, 2020. The Director found that five (5) violations were supported by substantial evidence and suspended Leonard Stark VFW #3543, for one (1) year. The Director dismissed the charge of failure to cooperate. Ronald Allsup appeared was represented by Adam J. Childers, Trooper Drew Pannell of the Arkansas State Police Department, Eric Westhafer, Detective Brandon Long of the Cleburne County Sheriff's Department, Investigator Jimmy Logan of the IZARD County Sheriff's Department, and VFW Commander Terry Kemp appeared and offered testimony. After hearing all testimony, the Board upheld the Director's Violation Order to suspend private club permit no. 02018 for a period of one (1) year with a 5-0 vote.

Second hearing on the agenda was for Ford Compton, Civil Axe Throwing located a 107 East Markham, Little Rock, that applied for an on-premises wine and retail beer on premises permits. The application was denied by the Director on February 24, 2021, based on the business's activities would not comply with ABC Rules and it would not be to the public's convenience and advantage. Mr. Jared Welch and Mr. Jeremy Sartain testified on behalf of the business. Based on the testimony given, the Board made the decision to table this matter until the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board meeting.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.

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Freddie Black, Chairman

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Doralee Chandler, Director