

Minutes – Wollongong Liquor Accord Meeting

Tuesday 1st December 2009

Wollongong Golf Club

1. Accord President/Chairman - Karl Gilmore opened the meeting and welcomed all members.
Apologies: Mark Stead (Beaches Hotel)
2. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 2nd March 2010 – 11:00 am at Wollongong Golf Club
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** were presented.
Acceptance proposed by Phill Driver (Ryan’s Hotel)
Seconded by John Williams – (Collegians)
No objections
4. **Finances** – Bank account has been established with St George Bank (Figtree Branch)
BSB: **112-879** Acc No: **473653191** Acc Name: **Wollongong Liquor Accord**

Deposits to date:

Bulli Workers Club	\$100.00
Lorenzo’s Diner	\$ 50.00
Illawarra Leagues Club	\$100.00
Emibarb Pty Ltd (Lagoon)	\$ 50.00
City Diggers	\$100.00
Total Deposit on 27/11/09	\$500.00

5. **Correspondence** – none
6. **General Business**
 - Nancy Clisby (Area Health) gave an update on the implementation of the Summer Bus.
 - Bev Thomson (RDL) presented a document proposing the formation of a “Sub Branch” or subsidiary of the current Accord (based on a similar structure as in Newcastle) which would address issues specifically within the Wollongong CBD. (A copy of the proposal is annexed to these minutes). Several discussions on this topic occurred with the decision made to structure the proposal not as a subsidiary, but to trial it as a committee of CBD Licensees which will report to the main accord. A major concern is the division of the current accord structure.
 - Discussions on signage relating to Outlaw Motor Cycle Gangs resulted in police assuring accord members that the current signage is valid and that if OMCG members take legal action it must be against OLGR and police, as the signage requirements are written into, and are part of, a venue’s Liquor License.
7. **Wollongong Police** – Lisa Westwood presented the “Take the Hint” program which is directed at educating the public of the repercussions of “Fail to Quit” offences. Signage is available from police while advertising is being displayed at cinemas. Lisa also spoke on a campaign targeting “secondary supply”. Police can also supply web links for ads and videos of the Take the Hint program to place on venue web sites.
8. Accord President/Chairman - Karl Gilmore addressed the meeting regarding contact he had with a Mr. James Stoor. Mr. Stoor has on previous occasions managed to “sit-in” on accord meetings

and sent Karl an RSVP for today's meeting. Karl contacted Mr. Stoor and explained to him that as an individual he was not an acceptable "resident participant" in the liquor accord as detailed in the constitution. If Mr. Stoor was an elected representative of a resident group that wished to become a member of the liquor accord then the correct protocol was to complete a membership application and wait for approval by the accord's committee and members.

Mr. Stoor also rang Nancy Clisby (Area Health – Summer Bus) and requested that she invited him to the meeting as her guest (which is not acceptable anyway). Nancy declined his request..

Karl asked of the meeting if all present accepted his interpretation of Mr. Stoor's position as an unacceptable member of the accord – all were in agreement and there were no objections.

Karl reminded those present that information regarding the accord may be obtained from the Accord Link on Gilmore's Hotel Coniston website (<http://www.hotelconiston.com.au>)

Meeting Closed.

December 1, 2009

Karl Gilmore
President Wollongong Liquor Accord

CBD Liquor Accord.

Due to many issues being raised in the Wollongong CBD with Licensing Police and through the new regulations being imposed on many of the Venues with in the Wollongong CBD, it is proposed that those venues whose business falls in the vicinity of the City of Wollongong proper form the Wollongong CBD Liquor Accord.

Many of the issues that are relevant to the immediate CBD area are not a concern to the Clubs and Hotels of the outer suburbs.

Having a subsidiary accord specifically for the CBD will therefore benefit both accords, as the need to meet and discuss issues only affecting those in the Wollongong CBD will not waste the time of those hotels and clubs which are not directly affected.

This new accord is not to divide the fledging Wollongong Accord but to address the needs and issues that seem to only concern the few.

It is foreseeable that in the future there may be another accord that will cater solely for those hotels and clubs in the North of the City.

This can only enhance the power that the Wollongong Liquor Accord will have as having subsidiary accords under one banner would show that the Wollongong Liquor Accord can be diverse and yet united for the improvement of the Responsible Service of Alcohol to the people of Greater Wollongong.

Bev Thomson
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