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OLCC Commissioners Ratify Stipulated Alcohol and Licensing Settlements, Make Retail Appointments and Hear Presentations

Civil penalties, an overview of the legislative process and a review of distribution center performance were also discussed

PORTLAND, OR. – At its monthly meeting May 16, 2019, Commissioners heard testimony on the following topics:

Presentation by **Greg Astley** of the **Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association** on ORLA's desire for the Commission to look into the issue of lodging establishments being prohibited as alcohol licensees from hosting marijuana-related events or activities and the impact that is having on the growing marijuana tourism trade.

Commissioners appointed the following incoming retail liquor store agents at traditional retail liquor locations. The stores are pre-existing:

Springfield, East, #1196 – Ryan Greene
Vale, #1059 – Teresa Doran

Retail liquor agents are private, independent contractors; they are not state employees. The Retail Services Division of the OLCC works closely with liquor agents to help them understand and follow liquor regulations and store operating procedures.

Commissioners ratified the following alcohol violation fines and suspensions based on stipulated settlement:

GC Asian Fusion, 1116 Adams Avenue, La Grande, will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension for licensee permitting its employees to mix, sell and serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit. Licensee is Golden Crown Restaurant, LLC; Long Chen, Managing Member.

Finnigan's Mill, 2810 N Portland Rd., Newberg, will pay a \$2,310.00 civil penalty or serve a 14-day suspension for licensee permitting their employees, agents, servants or representatives to mix, sell or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit issued by the Commission. Staff added two days of aggravation to violation because employee worked without a service permit for more than six months. Additionally, licensee's employee, agent, servant or representative failed to verify the age of a minor before allowing her to buy or be served and alcoholic

beverage when she reasonably appeared to be under 26 years of age. Licensee is NJB, Inc.; Sonja Petrone, President/Secretary/Director/Stockholder.

Red Apple Restaurant, 28300 SE HWY 212, Boring, will either pay a \$1,815 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension for licensee permitting their employee, agent, servant or representative to mix, sell or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit issued by the Commission. Licensee is Red Apple Restaurant, Inc.; Hong Zhang, President/Director/Stockholder; James Cheung, Secretary/Director/Stockholder.

Flying Eagle Market & Videos, 14406 HWY 62, Eagle Point, will either pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension for licensee's employee, agent, servant or representative failed to verify the age of a minor before allowing him to buy or be served and alcoholic beverage when he reasonably appeared to be under 26 years of age. Licensees are Shawn and Bridget Oman.

Pitch's East, 236 6th St., Port Orford, will pay either a \$3,960.00 civil penalty or serve a 24-day suspension for licensee's employee, agent or representative selling, giving or otherwise making alcoholic liquor available to a visibly intoxicated person. Additionally, licensee and/or licensee's employee, agent or representative drank alcoholic beverages while on duty at the licensed premises. Staff added 10 days of aggravation because violation one resulted in injury and violation number two was repeated, involved more than one employee and was personally committed by licensee. Licensees are Emma and Forrest Rosenberry.

Amity Valet, will pay a \$450.00 civil penalty or serve a 18-day suspension. While a permittee at Pitch's East, 236 6th St., Port Orford, the permittee sold, gave or otherwise made alcoholic liquor available to a visibly intoxicated person. Additionally permittee drank alcoholic beverages while on duty.

Club Sinrock, 12035 NE Glisan St., Portland, will pay a \$3,795 civil penalty or serve a 23-day suspension for three violations:

- 1) Licensee and/or licensee's employees, agents, servants or representatives permitted disorderly activities on the licensed premises or in areas the licensee controls that are adjacent to or outside the premises when they failed to act after a disorderly incident involving two patrons.
- 2) Licensee failed to follow the enforceable compliance plan approved by the Commission when licensee failed to ensure that the outdoor areas on the premises, including the parking lot, were patrolled at least every 15 minutes by at least one DPSST-certified security person.
- 3) Licensee failed to follow the enforceable compliance plan approved by the Commission when licensee failed to ensure that any violent or illegal activity observed within or outside the premises was immediately reported to law enforcement.

Violations arose due to a dispute between a female patron and her boyfriend that began in the bar, but spilled into the parking lot. Licensee is operating under an Enforceable Control Plan due to a Notice of Warning for a History of Persistent Problems. Licensee is Club Sinrock, LLC; Timothy Lyons, Managing Member; Rebeckah Lyons, Member.

Commissioners ratified the following licensing stipulated settlements:

Winnie's Lounge, 7737 SE 82nd Ave., Portland, will have its Full On-Premises Sales license issued with eight restrictions. Licensee is Winnie's Lounge, LLC; Qin Pei, Managing Member.

Downtown Market, 123 West Main St., Medford, will have its Full On-Premises Sales and Off Premise Sales license issued with two restrictions. Licensee is Downtown Market Co., LLC; Nora LaBrocca, Member; Brain Witter, Member.

Commissioners additionally held discussion, heard staff administrative reports on the following:

- Report on Executive Director's Expenses
- Civil Penalty discussion
- Presentation on the rulemaking process
- Distribution Center Quarterly Review
- 2019 Legislative Briefing

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