

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE
LAKESITE CITY BEER BOARD
NOVEMBER 21, 2002**

Chairman Robert Mullin called the meeting of the Lakesite Beer Board to order at 8:05 p.m. Roll was called with Chairman Mullin, Bernard Gloster, John McPherson and Ken Wilkerson present. Vice-Chairman Robert Curtis was absent. John McPherson made a motion to accept the January 17, 2002 minutes. Bernard Gloster seconded the motion. All members voted aye and motion carried.

Chairman Mullin reported the meeting was being held concerning reports from the Sheriff's Department on "Sports & More". After reviewing reports from the last year, he noted a trend. He talked with Mr. and Mrs. Higgins October 21, 2002 concerning the reports and gave them copies. Chairman Mullin noted reports mentioned serving too much beer to drinkers, the need to check underage customers and possible gambling in "Sports & More".

Emily Higgins, owner, said all reports did not mention "Sports & More" and they also share a parking lot with another bar. She said that "Sports & More" provides rides for customers. Jim Davis, peacekeeper, said some customers arrive intoxicated, therefore leave "Sports & More" in that state. Mrs. Higgins said the report with two underage youth and another of age were not served in the bar but were waiting in the parking lot for a customer in the bar.

Sgt. Templeton said persons do not have to be falling down drunk. If they become argumentative, go over the edge, are impaired in speech, motor skills, etc. they can be cited for public intoxication. He said some bars invite problems. The Sheriff's Department is concerned about intoxicated persons as a need to protect other citizens. Bars can be sued if an intoxicated person kills or injures himself or others. He stressed bars need to be more aware and head off problems.

Officer Ritter, who works the evening shift, said "Sports & More" has taken steps recently to deter problems. They provide rides. He keeps tracking forms of calls indicating what bars people have been to that day. If he smells alcohol or motor functions are impaired, he can cite the person. He cannot let the person drive or walk in that condition. He asked "Sports & More" to watch for fake ID's. He said "Sports & More" have the largest patronage of the bars in Lakesite therefore get more calls.

Chairman Mullin said many reports are after midnight. Bernard Gloster said to be sure to cut people's drinks off early. Mrs. Higgins said they do so about 2:20 a.m. and usually provide rides to late staying customers. Mrs. Higgins was asked to call the Sheriff's Department if there are arguments and be open which will help head off potential problems.

Chairman Mullin summarized the Beer Board's concerns and expectations as follows:

1. The police reports indicate a definite trend of "Sports & More" patrons being served excessive beer. Lakesite City ordinance prohibits serving beer to intoxicated persons. Drinkers should not be served when there is evidence of impairment.
2. On-premises gambling is prohibited by the Lakesite City ordinance and must not be allowed.
3. Customers with suspect I.D.'s should not be served. Servers should be trained in recognition of false I.D.'s.
4. Providing rides home to customers is a good practice and should be increased.
5. The parking lot should be monitored more closely. Also during busy periods someone should be stationed at the door to monitor and manage the conditions of persons arriving and leaving.
6. Since many of the problems noticed occurred at late hours, serious consideration should be given to closing at an earlier time.

Ken Wilkerson said this was the second meeting concerning "Sports & More". Next could be a formal hearing resulting in no penalty, suspension, revoking the license, or fines in lieu of suspension. The Beer Board asked to have reports on a regular basis from the Sheriff's Department.

Bernard Gloster moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Mullin adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

Minutes: Approved ()
 Amended ()

Recorder

Date

Chairman