



Blowing Rock ABC Board

Town of Blowing Rock ABC Board
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Susie Greene, Chairman
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The members of the Blowing Rock ABC Board held a closed meeting on September 9, 2019. All members were present. Chair Susie Greene called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The focus of this meeting was to review the 2019-2020 grant applications. A decision was made to invite a representative from Mountain Alliance to the regular September meeting to discuss their program and to defer the distribution of grant monies until the 18th. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The members of the Blowing Rock ABC Board held their meeting on September 18, 2019. All members were present. Jason Carpenter, CPA, was also present. Chair Susie Greene called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The other members were then given the opportunity to excuse themselves from any business items that posed possible conflicts. None were reported.

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

The Finance Officer gave her report on sales that ended on August 31, 2019. Sales were \$230,871.84. This was an increase from \$194,349.35 in August 2018.

Old Business:

- 1) Jason Carpenter, CPA, was first on the agenda to discuss the 2018-2019 audit. His report was very positive and especially complimentary of the store's management processes.
- 2) The 2019-2020 grant information was reported in the local media. The Board invited Zack Green, a representative for Mountain Alliance, to discuss the importance of a grant for his organization. Zack was very informative about Mountain Alliance's efforts to keep students busy with various activities for after school programs and to teach students about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.
- 3) Dalcom is scheduled to install the new registers in October.

New Business:

- 1) The Manager attended the innovative committee meeting that she was invited to in Raleigh. A lot of positive feedback was discussed. Many great ideas were shared.
- 2) The Manager presented the Board with a proof of the two signs to be placed at the entrance and the exit for the ABC Store on Hwy 321. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the signs.
- 3) The Board reviewed the 2019-2020 grant applications. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense the allotted \$12,000.00 as follows: \$4000.00 to Club 12, \$4000.00 to Alcohol Education headed by Mary Howell, and \$4000.00 to Mountain Alliance. All grants include programs involving alcohol education.
- 4) The Manager was asked to attend another meeting in Raleigh on September 25th. This meeting was called to discuss Rule 15A.1301 (d) - Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws Book. Discussion centered on whether or not various ABC Boards should be allowed to pick up allocated and special items at the warehouse even when other Boards cannot do so. The Blowing Rock ABC Store Manager voted for the



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- ABC Commission to abide by the rule and do not let Boards within the area to come and pick up liquor at the warehouse unless it is an emergency and that permission is given by the ABC Commission.
- 5) The end of year audit has been completed. Susie Greene will send an e-mail to the Town of Blowing Rock to inform Town Officials of the amount of monies the Blowing Rock ABC Store has distributed to the town since such distributions began.
 - 6) A motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the ABC Stores distribution to the Town of Blowing Rock to \$25,000.00 per quarter. This increase will begin with the third quarter distributions.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on October 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Blowing Rock ABC Store.

Edith Nations