MINUTES OF THE NHLC DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT & LICENSING MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2024

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACCEPTED THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024.

2. <u>TABLED ITEMS</u>:

None

3. SCHEDULED HEARINGS AT LIQUOR COMMISSION OFFICES, 50 STORRS STREET, CONCORD, NH:

February 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.:

a. Bacovino LLC, 3225 S 116th Street #169, Seattle, WA 98168 Direct Shipper Permit/ Wine Manufacturer #8331033 pursuant to RSA 178:27. Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Liq. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month. Date of violation: 11/16/2023. Case #: 23-1592-OF.

February 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.:

b. El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, 1458 Lake Shore Road, Gilford, NH 03249. Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1636703 pursuant to RSA 178:21. Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I – served or sold alcoholic beverage to a patron who was under the age of twenty-one. Date of violation: 09/23/2022. Case #: 22-550-OF.

March 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.:

 c. Soho, 20 Old Granite Street, Manchester, NH 03101. Cocktail Lounge-Full Service Restaurant License #1646003 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q)/ RSA 178:21, II(a)(1). Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, II – allowed an under-aged individual to possess or consume alcoholic beverage. Cited for violation of RSA 179:8, I – failed to require the purchaser whose age was in question to furnish identification that such person was 21 years of age. Date of violation: 11/03/2023. Case #: 23-1472-OF. THE LICENSEE REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE FOR THE HEARING SCHEDULED ON JANUARY 23, 2024, GRANTED ON JANUARY 17, 2024.

4. NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:

a. American Legion Post 46, 47 Tasker Hill Road, Conway, NH 03818. Veterans Club License #22039 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(h). Cited for violation of RSA 178:22, V(h)(1) – failed to file a signed financial statement by the 15th of the following month. Cited for violation of RSA 179:57Liq. 603.05 – failed to comply with the requirements of a Commission Order. Date of violation: 08/16/2023. Case #: 23-1304-OF. c.

For violation of RSA 178:22, V(h)(1) – An administrative fine of \$100 and the licensee shall remain in compliance with all statutes and administrative rules pertaining to the filing of financial statements pursuant to RSA 178:22, V (h) (1).

For violation of RSA 179:57Liq. 603.05 – An administrative fine of \$100. **COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.**

 b. Sbragia Family Vineyards LLC, 9990 Dry Creek Road, Geyserville, CA 95441. Direct Shipper Permit/ Wine Manufacturer #8134433 pursuant to RSA 178:27. Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Liq. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month.

Date of violation: 01/16/2024.

Case #: 24-110-OF.

An administrative fine of \$250 and the licensee shall remain in compliance with all statutes and administrative rules pertaining to the filing of reports by the 15th of the following month pursuant to RSA 178:27, V/Liq. 1103.01.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Wine Design/McCarron Winery, 900 Civic Center Drive, National City, CA 91950.

Direct Shipper Permit/ Retail #8322833 pursuant to RSA 178:27.

Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Liq. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:57Liq. 603.05 – failed to comply with the requirements of a Commission Order.

Date of violation: 12/16/2023.

Case #: 24-73-OF.

An administrative fine of \$500 and the licensee shall remain in compliance with all statutes and administrative rules pertaining to the filing of reports by the 15th of the following month pursuant to RSA 178:27, V/Liq. 1103.01.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

5. NON-CONTESTED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

a. 325 Bowery Inc DBA Jiant Kombucha, 722 Pier Avenue, Unit 4, Santa Monica, CA 90405.
 Beverage Vendor License #113431 pursuant to RSA 178:15.
 Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 – failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to

expiration. Date of violation: 11/17/2023.

Case #: 23-1607-OF.

Warning.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

b. Buckey's Restaurant and Tavern LLC, 240 Governor Wentworth Highway, Moultonborough, NH 03254. Cocktail Lounge-Full Service Restaurant License #1217703 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q)/ RSA 178:21, II(a)(1).

Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 – failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

Date of violation: 01/03/2024. Case #: 24-55-OF.

Warning.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

c. Eastern Depot Restaurant LLC, 443 Main Street, Gorham, NH 03581.
 Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1592703 pursuant to RSA 178:21.
 Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 – failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

Date of violation: 03/03/2023. Case #: 23-320-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. d. Gokali Restaurant LLC DBA Ayasofia Mediterranean Restaurant Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1615703 pursuant to RSA 178:21. Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 - failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration. Date of violation: 12/12/2023. Case #: 23-1636-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. e. Le Club Aplin de Raquetteur, 175 Putnam Street, Manchester, NH 03102. Social Club License #10301 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(h). Cited for violation of RSA 178:22, V(h)(3) - failed to request a supplemental license five days prior to an event. Date of violation: 02/01/2024. Case #: 24-162-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION: THE MOTION PASSED. f. Lemerise, Keith and Kathleen DBA Trends Gift Gallery, 85 Water Street, Exeter, NH 03833. Retail Wine License #3159746 pursuant to RSA 178:19. Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Lig. 704.01 - failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration. Date of violation: 01/04/2024. Case #: 24-59-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM: CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION: THE MOTION PASSED. Rideau Cellars LLC, 1562 Alamo Pintado Road, Solvang, CA 93463. g. Direct Shipper Permit/ Wine Manufacturer #8287533 pursuant to RSA 178:27. Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Liq. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month. Date of violation: 12/16/2023. Case #: 23-1647-OF. \$250.00 administrative fine. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. Riverbench LLC DBA Riverbench Vineyard & Winery, h. 6020 Foxen Canvon Road, Santa Maria, CA 93454 Direct Shipper Permit/ Wine Manufacturer #8280033 pursuant to RSA 178:27. Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Lig. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month. Date of violation: 11/16/2023. Case #: 23-1590-OF. \$250.00 administrative fine. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. i. Santa Barbara Winery DBA Lafond Winery, 6855 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton, CA 93427. Direct Shipper Permit/ Wine Manufacturer #8019933 pursuant to RSA 178:27. Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Lig. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month.

Date of violation: 11/16/2023. Case #: 24-20-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. Upper Pass Beer Company LLC, 321 Sharon Meadows, South Royalton, VT 05068. j. Beverage Vendor License #108931 pursuant to RSA 178:15. Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 - failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration. Date of violation: 01/08/2024. Case #: 24-57-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. Upper Valley Spanish Institute DBA Duende, 15 Lebanon Street, Hanover, NH 03755. k. Retail Wine License #3170146 pursuant to RSA 178:19. Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 - failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration. Date of violation: 12/08/2023. Case #: 23-1635-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM: CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION: THE MOTION PASSED. Ι. Whiteface Hollow LLC, 251 Hackett Hill Road, South Tamworth, NH 03883. Wine Manufacturer License #568830 pursuant to RSA 178:8. Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Lig. 704.01 - failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration. Date of violation: 12/22/2023. Case #: 24-54-OF. Warning. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM: CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

Family Dollar LLC DBA Family Dollar 27481, 154 Main Street, Colebrook, NH 03576. a. To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3420347 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a. 30-Day Temporary License issued 02/13/2024. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. Frogg Brewing LLC, 580 Sawyers Crossing Road, Swanzey, NH 03446. b. To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1689103 pursuant to RSA 178:20. 30-Day Temporary License issued 02/14/2024. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. Frogg Brewing LLC, 580 Sawyers Crossing Road, Swanzey, NH 03446. C. To be issued Beverage Manufacturer License #300618 pursuant to RSA 178:12. 30-Day Temporary License issued 02/14/2024. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. Ledge Brewing Company LLC at Settlers Green, 2 Common Court, North Conway, NH 03860. d. To be issued Beer Festival License #4022714 for 02/20/2024 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

pursuant to RSA 178:30. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED. e. Mahi Two LLC DBA North Country Family Restaurant, 12 Main Street, Groveton, NH 03582. To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1687103 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

90-Day Temporary License issued 02/16/2024. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

 f. Park Street Imports LLC, 1000 Brickell Avenue, Suite 215, Miami, FL 33131. To be issued Beverage Vendor License #133731 pursuant to RSA 178:15. Manufacturer: Sprinter Spirits 30-Day Temporary License issued 02/20/2024.
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

7. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

8. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE DIRECT SHIPPER PERMITS ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 2024: 1,364.

a. J.A. Imports LLC
 520 Airpark Rd., Napa, CA 94558
 Direct Shipper Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27.
 (Winery)
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

9. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

10. NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED PETITIONS:

- a. Cathedral Ledge Distillery Inc, 3340 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860. Liquor Manufacturer License #289219 pursuant to RSA 178:6. Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Great New England Craft and Artisan Show-Rim Sports Complex, 311 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH 03842 for 03/16/2024 and 03/17/2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a. COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.
- b. Cathedral Ledge Distillery Inc, 3340 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860. Liquor Manufacturer License #289219 pursuant to RSA 178:6. Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Great New England Craft and Artisan Show-Rim Sports Complex, 311 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH 03842 for 11/23/2024 and 11/24/2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.
 COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.
- Pints LLC DBA Biederman's Deli, 83 Main Street, Plymouth, NH 03264.
 Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1647903 pursuant to RSA 178:20.
 Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an outdoor area (patio) with a capacity of 45 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05.
 COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

- Pup's Cider Co. LLC DBA Pup's Cider/Houndstooth Brewing, 193 East Road, Greenfield, NH 03047. Beverage Manufacturer License #288918 pursuant to RSA 178:12. Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Peterborough Farmers' Market/Peterborough Community Center (outside), 25 Elm Street, Peterborough, NH 03047 on Wednesdays between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. from 04/01/2024-10/31/2024 pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.
 COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.
- e. Pup's Cider Co. LLC DBA Pup's Cider/Houndstooth Brewing, 193 East Road, Greenfield, NH 03047. Beverage Manufacturer License #288918 pursuant to RSA 178:12. Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Milford Farmers' Market, 300 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055 on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. from 06/01/2024-10/31/2024 pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a. **COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.**

11. PETITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

- Brown-Forman Corp, 850 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40210.
 Beverage Vendor License #13231 pursuant to RSA 178:15.
 Requests approval of Jack Daniel's Whiskey & Ginger Ale with an alcohol content of 7% at 60 degrees
 Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, LXIV-aaa.
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA
 SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- b. Comfortable Waters LLC DBA Three of Strong Spirits, 35 B Diamond Street, Portland, ME 04101. Beverage Vendor License #124231 pursuant to RSA 178:15. Requests approval of Hibiscus Lime Rum Punch and Pineapple Mate Rum Punch each with an alcohol content of 7.9% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, LXIV-aaa.
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

13. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

14. NOTIFICATION OF ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS SCHEDULED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS:

- a. Bedford, NH;
- b. Belmont, NH;
- c. Concord, NH;
- d. Conway, NH;
- e. Derry, NH;
- f. Dover, NH;
- g. Epping, NH;
- h. Goffstown, NH;
- i. Hanover, NH;
- j. Hooksett, NH;
- k. Jackson, NH;
- I. Keene, NH;
- m. Lebanon, NH;
- n. Littleton, NH;
- o. Londonderry, NH;
- p. Manchester, NH;
- q. Mount Washington, NH;

- r. Nashua, NH;
- s. New London, NH;
- t. North Hampton, NH;
- u. Portsmouth, NH;
- v. Rochester, NH;
- w. Rye, NH;
- x. Salem, NH;
- y. Sandwich, NH;
- z. Somersworth;
- aa. Tilton, NH; and
- bb. Waterville Valley, NH; COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

15. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR</u> <u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>:

None

16. NOTIFICATION OF TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS SCHEDULED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS:

- a. Ashland, NH;
- b. Bath, NH;
- c. Bethlehem, NH;
- d. Bristol, NH;
- e. Enfield, NH;
- f. Farmington, NH;
- g. Franconia, NH;
- h. Hebron, NH;
- i. Holderness, NH;
- j. Laconia, NH;
- k. Lebanon, NH;
- I. Manchester, NH;
- m. Meredith, NH;
- n. Milton, NH;
- o. New Hampton, NH;
- p. Nashua, NH; and
- q. Sanbornton, NH;

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

17. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR</u> <u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>:

None

18. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISION PENDING:

None

19. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISIONS:

None

20. <u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY</u>:

None