

JSCA Food and Beverage Committee
DRAFT Liquor Control Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2009

Present: Gail Owen, Chair, Ian Upright, Sarah Crome, Sarah McGurk, Graham Abrahams, Benj Rummen, Mike Cotter, General Manager.

1) Approval of Agenda

2) Introduction of Members Present

3) Meeting purpose

Gail explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review JSCA policy with respect to Special Occasion Liquor Licensed events and make recommendations to the Board on any means of minimizing JSCA's liability.

Discussion was conducted in light of a recent court case in Ontario involving a golf clubs liability with respect to a fatal drunk driving accident.

The JSCA only allows Affiliated Clubs to have SOL events at the Jericho Sailing Centre. All such events require insurance certificates indemnifying the JSCA. JSCA's policy is that SOL events must fully comply with the law.

Graham Abraham's, whose company Jericho Foods Inc. professionally manages the JSCA's Food Primary Liquor License said he has noticed a significant improvement in Affiliated Club SOL management in recent years. However, he goes on to state that the challenge facing volunteer groups managing an SOL function is far greater than his. Jericho Foods operates a relatively confined and clearly defined licensed area utilizing professional staff who typically work an 8 hour shift. Their ratio of food to alcohol sales averages 80%-20%. SOL functions however will often involve primarily alcohol sales, a larger number of patrons, a larger area, and volunteer servers who cover short shifts. There have been instances in the past where not all organizers and volunteers displayed a clear understanding of their responsibility and liability under the Liquor Control Act.

4) Meeting Recommendations

1) That JSCA remind Special Occasion Licence holders at the Jericho Sailing Centre of their responsibility to strictly adhere to the law.

2) That JSCA contract a professional consultant to recommend an alcohol policy security plan which ensures compliance with the law.