Application SP1225

IN THE MATTER the Sale and Supply of Alcohol

Act 2012

AND of an application by

IN THE MATTER King Country Boxing Club Inc

for a special licence

pursuant to section 138 of the

Act

DECISION OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for an on-special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.

- King Country Boxing Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at Les Munro Centre to any person attending the Local Corporate Boxing Fundraiser.
- 3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) A copy of this licence with all the conditions must be displayed in a prominent place so all persons can read it and all staff must be familiar with the conditions.
 - (b) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on Saturday 8 April 2017, from 5.30pm to 10.30pm.
 - (c) Alcohol may be sold or supplied to people present participating in the event this licence is issued for.
 - (d) The entire premises is designated as a supervised area (no persons under 18 can be in the area unless with their parent or legal guardian). The licensee must provide a colour coded wrist band to any minor attending the event that records the ticket number of their parent or legal guardian.
 - (e) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the Waitomo District Licensing Committee on 27 March 2017 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (f) The licensee must ensure compliance with the Alcohol Management Plan submitted to the Waitomo District Licensing Committee on 5 April 2017 and must ensure all staff receive training in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

- (g) The holder of a manager's certificate or a properly notified manager shall be on duty and on the premises at all times alcohol is sold and their name shall be on display.
- (h) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point of sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions.
- (i) Drinking water must be freely available from the bar and food serving counter and this must be clear to customers while the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- (j) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence, or variations of a similar range and standard.
- (k) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- (I) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport from the premises must be displayed.

REASONS

- This is an application by King Country Boxing Club Inc for a special licence for a Local Corporate Boxing Fundraiser to be held at Les Munro Centre on Saturday 8 April 2017, from 5.30pm to 10.30pm. This application was received more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137 of the Act.
- 2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health have no objection to this application for a special licence (s 141). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).
- 3. The purpose of the Act is to put in place a new system of control over the sale and supply of alcohol (s 3). The object of the Act is to ensure that the sale and supply of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is minimised (s 4).
- 4. In deciding whether to grant a special licence the District Licensing Committee must have regard to the criteria in s 142 of the Act. Therefore this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
 - a) What is the nature of the event? Does the applicant propose to engage in the sale of goods or provision of services other than those directly relating to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments and food?

- b) Is the applicant suitable?
- c) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be reduced to more than a minor extent by the effects of the issue of the licence?
- d) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
- e) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable? Are any areas of the premises designated restricted or supervised areas?
- f) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law? What steps will the applicant take to ensure that alcohol is not sold to prohibited persons?
- g) What proposals does the applicant have in relation to the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food, low-alcohol drinks and the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises?
- h) Have the Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health raised any relevant considerations?
- 5. Sections 146 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

Should the special licence be granted?

- 6. King Country Boxing Club Inc proposes to operate a Local Corporate Boxing Fundraiser at the Les Munro Centre. There will be a total of 12 boxing matches and presentation of trophies at the end of matches. It is expected that up to 250 people will attend. Entry to the event is by ticket only, although some tickets will be sold at the door if there are any available. The proposed trading hours are reasonable.
- 7. The licensing committee is satisfied that King Country Boxing Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence because they have successfully organised 11 previous events over the past ten years. The Licensing Inspector interviewed the Club Present, Mr Brightwell, and the Club Vice-President, Mr Watkinson, and found them well versed in the requirements of the Act.
- 8. The licensing committee is satisfied that suitable measures will be taken to ensure that alcohol is sold and supplied responsibly and that harm caused by inappropriate or excessive consumption of alcohol is minimised. An Alcohol Management Plan has been submitted which identifies how risks such as intoxication and underage drinking will be managed. An experienced certificated Duty Manager will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act. In addition, there will be experienced bar staff, four security personnel from Rhino Security and 10 local volunteers. As people are arriving there will be two security staff at the principal entrance. Four volunteers will monitor the car parks and outdoor areas.
- 9. The entire premises will be a supervised area. Minors attending the event will be asked to wear a wristband that will have the same ticket number as their parent/legal guardian. Staff will also request ID from the parent /legal guardian and will keep a record of the details. These steps show that there will be careful monitoring of the supervised area to ensure that no minors attend the event without their parent or legal guardian. It is a condition of the licence that all minors receive a wristband in accordance with the Alcohol Management Plan.
- 10. Given the nature of the event and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will be provided at the bar. Assistance with

transport home from the premises will be provided.

Conclusion

- 11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the grant of the special licence with the appropriate conditions will ensure the safe and responsible supply of alcohol and the minimisation of harm caused by excessive or inappropriate use of alcohol.
- 12. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated this 6th day of April 2017

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Sara Brown Commissioner