DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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1345 Corporation, t/a The Big Hunt

1345 Connecticut Ave NW : Show Cause

Retailer CT - ANC 2B : Hearing (Status)

License No. 19333 : Case #18-CMP-00233 :

(No ABC Manager on Duty) :

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member BOBBY CATO, JR., Member MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

WALTER ADAMS, OAG STEVEN VALM, Licensee SIDON YOHANNES, Licensee's Counsel

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	9:49 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the next
4	case on our calendar is Case No. 18-CMP-00233,
5	The Big Hunt, License No. 19333.
6	Will the parties, please, approach and
7	identify themselves for the record, please?
8	MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr.
9	Chairman. Walter Adams representing the District
10	of Columbia.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
12	Mr. Adams.
13	MR. VALM: Good morning. Steven Valm
14	representing The Big Hunt.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, your
16	name, sir?
17	MR. VALM: Steven Valm, that's S-T-E-
18	V-E-N last name Valm, V-A-L-M.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your
20	relationship with the establishment?
21	MR. VALM: I'm the general manager at
22	The Big Hunt.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're the
2	general manager?
3	MR. VALM: Yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have you do
5	you have a Letter of Representation from The Big
6	Hunt?
7	MR. VALM: We I'm sorry?
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we have a
9	Letter of Representation saying that you are
10	authorized to represent The Big Hunt?
11	MR. VALM: No, I don't believe I do
12	have that. We do have representation from
13	Veritas Law Firm on their way, but they are
14	running late.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, who is
16	is this your attorney behind you?
17	MS. YOHANNES: Yes.
18	MR. VALM: Yes.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
20	MS. YOHANNES: My apologizes. Good
21	morning. Sidon Yohannes here as counsel for The
22	Big Hunt.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 2 Ms. Yohannes. 3 All right. Are there any preliminary matters in this case? 4 MR. ADAMS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there 5 is a preliminary matter in this case. 6 7 The parties have discussed the single 8 charge of their being no ABC manager and are 9 willing to propose an Offer in Compromise in order to resolve this case. The establishment is 10 11 willing to pay a fine in the amount of \$350 to be 12 paid within a period of 30 days. If the establishment does not -- if the establishment 13 14 fails to pay that fine within a 30-day period, 15 the establishment's license will be suspended 16 indefinitely until the fine is paid. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 18 Good morning, Ms. Yohannes. 19 It's my understanding that there is an 20 Offer in Compromise and the Offer in Compromise 21 is that there is a fine of \$350 payable within 30 22 If the fine is not payable in 30 days, the

1 license will be suspended until the fine has been 2 paid. Is this your understanding of the 3 4 Offer in Compromise? 5 Yes, it is. MS. YOHANNES: CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client 6 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, 7 8 that they are giving up their right to a hearing? 9 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, they are. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your 10 11 client also aware that by accepting an Offer in 12 Compromise, that they are giving up their right 13 to appeal this matter? 14 MS. YOHANNES: Yes. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 16 With this said, I then make the motion that an 17 Offer in Compromise of a fine of \$350 payable in 18 30 days, if the fine is not payable in 30 days, 19 the license will be suspended until the fine has 20 been paid. 21 Is there a second? 22 MEMBER ALBERTI: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Alberti has 1 2 seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye. 3 4 ALL: Aye. 5 Those opposed? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The matter passes 4-0-0. 6 I'm sorry, what's your name again, 7 8 sir? 9 MR. VALM: Steven Valm. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Valm. 10 And 11 the reason why if you are not an attorney --12 MR. VALM: Yes. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- then I 13 14 always ask that you have a letter from the 15 establishment saying that you are authorized to 16 represent the establishment, because anyone can 17 come and say that, you know, I'm here for The Big 18 Hunt, you agree to some type of agreement and then the owner comes in and says that person was 19 not authorized to make that. 20 21 Now, when an attorney comes and 22 attorney makes the representation, it -- now, if

1	you say that, I have no recourse against you.
2	But if an attorney comes and makes the
3	representation and that's untrue, then I do have
4	recourse against the attorney.
5	So I just wanted to explain to you why
6	is it that I didn't question her, but I
7	questioned you. It's just a matter of formality.
8	So I just wanted you to know that. Okay?
9	MR. VALM: Okay.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
11	Thanks.
12	(Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)
13	Hearing was concluded at 9:53 a.m.)
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