Application number: 036/SOL/097/2022

**IN THE MATTER** of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

<u>AND</u>

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by **Hockey Whanganui** 

**Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 138 of the Act on the occasion of a

'NZ Masters Games Hockey'.

#### BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Mr Stuart Hylton

## **DECISION**

#### 1. Introduction

This is an application by **Hockey Whanganui Incorporated** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at their sports facility, 80 Alma Road, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is the NZ Masters Games Hockey.

The dates and hours sought are -

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2023
 SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2023
 SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023
 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## 2. Application

The application was received on 22 December 2022 and included a site plan, s. 137(2) waiver and menu.

The application was not advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received under section 141 of the Act. Accordingly we deal with the matter on the papers in accordance with section 202(1).

In considering the application for special licence the committee had regard to the following criteria under section 142 of the Act:

- (a) the object of this Act:
- (b) the nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought and, in particular,—
- (i) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods; and
- (ii) whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:
- (c) the suitability of the applicant:
- (d) any relevant local alcohol policy:
- (e) whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:
- (f) the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:
- (g) the design and layout of the premises concerned:
- (h) whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law:
- (i) any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas:
- (j) any steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that the requirements of this Act in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:

(k) the applicant's proposals relating to-

- (i) the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food; and
- (ii) the sale and supply of low-alcohol drinks; and
- (iii) the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises:

(I) any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health, or an inspector made under section 141.

# 3. Reporting Agencies

The following reports were received under section 141 of the Act.

Police Report – No opposition within report received on 11 January 2023.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received on 16 January 2022.

**Licensing Inspector Report** – Full report provided by the inspector including assessment of application against section 142 criteria. The Inspector concludes that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria of the Act. Draft conditions are also offered by the inspector.

The inspector noted the following pertinent points in their report –

- The applicant is an incorporated society (sporting club).
- The applicant requires an on-licence special licence to sell to those that will be attending the Masters Games
  event.
- The applicant has held similar type special licences previously and has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The facility has been in existence for some years, is located within an appropriate zone, and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The site is suitable for the type of event and layout has been suitable in the past. The area to be licensed is the clubrooms, hockey field and surrounds, similar to past NZ Master's Games events. A 'supervised' designation is applied for and endorsed.
- The hours appear reasonable for the event being undertaken.
- The applicant has nominated two non-certified managers to be on duty for this licence.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application

# 4. Decision

The application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspectors report.

**DATED** at Whanganui this 19 day of January, 2022.

Secretary

Whanganui District Licensing Committee

