BOARD OF LICENSING OF AUCTIONEERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 05, 2019
Androscoggin Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:  STAFF PRESENT:
Raymond Williams, Chair  Karen Bivins, Administrator
Mark Bradstreet  Deborah Fales, Board Clerk
William Macomber  Samantha Morgan, Assistant Attorney General
Elsie Andrews  Kim Baker, Board Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT:  OTHERS PRESENT:
Jim Keating

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Raymond Williams.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS
None.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL
A motion was made by Andrews and seconded by Bradstreet to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting. Unanimous.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS
Andrews recused and left the room.

2018-AUC-14142 – A motion was made by Macomber and seconded by Bradstreet to set the matter for hearing pursuant to 32 MRSA §§ 291-A(1) and 298(1) for late payment to consignor and contract issues. In lieu of a hearing a consent agreement is to be offered to include: $800 civil penalty to be paid within 60 days and a reprimand. The motion was withdrawn by agreement of Macomber and Bradstreet.

Another motion was made by Bradstreet and seconded by Macomber to offer a consent agreement to include: $800 civil penalty to be paid within 60 days and a 90-day suspension. The motion was amended by Macomber and seconded by Williams to extend the suspension to 6 months. Bradstreet, Macomber and Williams voted in the affirmative; Andrews recused. Motion carried approving the amendment to the motion.

Bradstreet, Macomber and Williams voted in the affirmative to approve the amended motion to offer a consent agreement with an $800 civil penalty to be paid within 60 days and a 6-month suspension; Andrews recused. Motion carried.

2018-AUC-14144 – A motion was made by Macomber and seconded by Bradstreet to dismiss the case. Bradstreet, Macomber and Williams voted in the affirmative; Andrews recused. Motion carried.

2019-AUC-15386 – A motion was made by Bradstreet and seconded by Macomber to dismiss the complaint and refer to the Department for further investigation regarding unlicensed practice. Bradstreet, Macomber and Williams voted in the affirmative; Andrews recused. Motion carried.

Andrews returned to the room.
2018-AUC-15079 - A motion was made by Bradstreet and seconded by Andrews to table the complaint and request a copy of the consignment, list of items consigned, and all other documents related to the sale. Unanimous.

APPLICATIONS

Members were provided with monthly licensing reports for the months of April and May 2019.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The Board discussed L.D. 1640 – An Act To Exempt Auctioneers from Certain Record-keeping Requirements. The Board will need to develop rules to define adequate record keeping.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ruth Lind of the Maine Auctioneers Association spoke in support of L.D. 1640 and a review of Board Rules.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.