

LAGO VISTA LIONS CLUB ALCOHOL POLICY

PRINCIPLES:

The Lions Club of Lago Vista does not encourage drinking alcohol. It provides alcoholic beverages during a limited “*Social Hour*” period prior to its regular meetings only as a courtesy to its members and guests. This practice could be discontinued at any time if there are any problems. Beverages are provided on a donation only basis. Lions International does not encourage serving alcohol or cover the associated liability.

All members and their guests are expected to act responsibly and in accordance with Lions principles. The Club will not tolerate anyone coming to or becoming intoxicated at a Lions meeting or event. Repeated abuse of alcohol at Lion activities is grounds for termination of membership in the Lions Club of Lago Vista.

PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS:

Control of alcoholic beverages

- Lion members and guests are requested to limit their consumption of alcohol to no more than **(2) two drinks** during the “*Social Hour*” period.
- Alcohol will only be served during the “*Social Hour*” period prior to the business meeting.
- No BYOB, self-service or unlimited service of alcoholic beverages will be allowed.
- No alcoholic beverages may be provided to or consumed by any underage person.
- Alcohol service will be refused to anyone appearing intoxicated.

Club Safety Officer

- The Board of Directors (BOD) will designate a Club Safety Officer responsible for safety, security and alcohol control matters. This position may be filled by any club member.
- The Safety Officer will be trained in an alcohol awareness program approved by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).
- The Safety Officer will meet regularly with the Bartenders/Servers to review responsibilities and issues.
- The Safety Officer or any other Club officer will assist the Bartenders/Servers in resolving any issue concerning serving alcoholic beverages.
- The Safety Officer or other Club officer will arrange a ride home for anyone upon request or if deemed prudent for safety reasons.
- The Safety Officer will not consume alcohol while on-duty.

Bartenders/Servers

- Only authorized Bartenders/Servers will be allowed to serve alcoholic beverages.
- They will be trained in an alcohol awareness program approved by the TABC.
- They will not consume alcohol while serving.
- They may exercise their judgment when deciding to serve a member or guest.

POLICY:

This policy will be provided to all members, posted at Club meetings and on the Club's website.

For any special event where it is proposed to serve alcohol, the event coordinator will develop specific alcohol control procedures consistent with this policy. The procedures must be approved by the BOD and posted at the event.

This policy will be adopted, amended or rescinded only by approval of a majority of the Club BOD. It will be effective immediately following approval by the BOD. The Board of Directors request that all members help ensure that this policy is observed.

Approved by Board of Directors on October 5, 2009