

SERVING WITHOUT A PERMIT... DON'T DO IT!

It's only going to be members, we don't need to ...

Have you ever used this line before? We often think that we don't need to apply a lot of care when hosting an event that doesn't involve the public. Often clubs or district groups host events and training sessions and forget that there could be insurance implications. Things can happen during closed meetings, things that might be dangerous or not actually legal. It is important to always remember that just because the public isn't invited doesn't mean you do things any differently.

Recently, a club hosted a members-only meeting/event. The event was or should have been a low risk event. Unfortunately, things didn't go as planned. While investigating a separate incident, it was determined by police that liquor was being served without a permit. Members of the executive host club now find themselves facing charges for serving without a permit. Simply saying 'it's only members, we have been doing this for years' or ignoring potential issues will not protect you.

When hosting any event, for members or non-Kin, remember that the same rules apply; and that as a host club, you hold the responsibility.

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