Tryst investor unhappy with liquor license suspension

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Chronicle file photo of Tryst Gentleman's Club.

CHEEKTOWAGA – A financial investor in Tryst Gentleman's Club is not happy to hear that the state liquor authority suspended the club's license to serve alcohol Wednesday morning.

"Who would be happy? Sadly it's out of my control," the investor said.

Cheektowaga Chronicle reached the investor by phone Wednesday to make sure Tryst was given the opportunity to discuss the accusations involving the Aero Drive strip club.

(We previously identified the investor by name, but he phoned later Wednesday asking to have his name removed from the article.)

He is one of the four principals listed on the club's liquor license. He says he was surprised to learn the club was formally charged by the liquor authority last night.

"We didn't even know about it until we read it online from you."

He tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that he is not involved in the day-to-day operations of the club and that a general manager was hired to oversee the club's operations. He is unhappy with the incidents that forced the liquor authority to suspend the club's license Wednesday morning.

The liquor authority says the club opened on February 8th and the first incident involving law enforcement occurred on February 14th. Between then and October 31st, Cheektowaga Police officers were called to the club 77 times for disturbances, fights, disorder, harassment, and incidents involving guns.

"I was not really happy to hear that was happening, but that's out of my control and hands. I hope for my sake and everyone else involved that everything works out and we get to move forward doing something."

Asked if the club was going to fight the suspension, the investor said he's just gathering information at this stage.

"We have no idea what the next steps are. We're in contact with the attorneys, and the town, and everything else, and we're trying to come up with a game plan, but as of right now we're just trying to figure out what the next step is."

The suspension does not prevent the club from operating, it only prevents the sale of alcoholic beverages.