

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Theodore Bellevoine, Chair
Linda Palchinsky, Vice-Chair
Betty Currie, Member
Kevin Hall, Member
Leonard Kohl, Member
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Suzan Whilden, Administrative Assistant
Garland Thompson, Inspector
Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator - VACANT

Chairman Theodore Bellevoine called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Kohl moved to amend, correct and approve the April 13, 2017 minutes. Correction was on the second paragraph of the violation which read 'A witness at the scene,' this was amended to, 'Mr. John Mason, a witness at the scene'. The motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

New Business

- **Inquiry**

Guenther's Bistro - Suannie Guenther

The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County wishes to make inquiry into the following: Clarification of correct license for business operating licensed premises, to wit: Class B License issued for licensed premise as a restaurant where the food/alcohol ratio does not meet the requirements for a restaurant.

Suannie Guenther and Daniel Guenther appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Guenther spoke on behalf of the Bistro and stated that they would be doing a new marketing series. Mr. Guenther stated that the Bistro is currently doing a gaming theme and Japanese cuisine in the evenings and the plan is to increase food sales that will include adding a lunch menu with take out availability. Mr. Guenther also explained that

Chef Matt would be making changes to the menu that will increase pricing and possibly add delivery that should increase the food ratio. Mr. Guenther requested to continue as a Class B – restaurant license to see if the food ratio increases. The Board requested clarification of the name Phoenix Down and if the Guenther's planned to use the name incorporated with Guenther's Bistro. Mrs. Guenther stated that she was still running everything as Guenther's Bistro but the Phoenix Down is just for gaming purposes. Member Kohl made a motion to approve a conditional approval for Guenther's Bistro to continue to run under a Class B- restaurant license for 6 months at which time a new ratio report will be submitted to ensure that the business is operating as a restaurant as per definition in the Rules & Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried

- **Special Privilege Applications**

Apple Basket - Mary Charlene Tsirigotis -Requesting Beer Wine Tasting Permit for 52 days per year

Mary Charlene Tsirigotis appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Hildebrand explained the concept of the BWT permit to the Board and also explained to Mrs. Tsirigotis what the requirements of the permit will be. Member Hall made a motion to approve the BWT permit and was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

- **Premise changes**

Olde Town Pub – John MacDonald, Jason Burroughs & Joseph Drury

Requesting temporary extension of premise & extra serving counter for music event on June 3rd from noon to 10:00 pm & June 4th from noon to 8:00 pm

John MacDonald appeared before the Board and was sworn in. A letter had been presented to Ms. Hildebrand giving Mr. MacDonald permission to speak on behalf of the other licensees. Mr. MacDonald explained to the Board that where the concert will be held will be fenced in and all persons will be carded at the entrance. Mr. MacDonald stated that there will be activities for children during the day and that all outside activities will cease at 10 pm. Mr. MacDonald will have security during the times that alcohol will be served. The Fire Marshall had already given their approval. Member Currie made a motion for a conditional approval pending the Health Departments approval and was seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Motion carried.

- **Officer/Member/Trade Name changes**

Wicomico Shores Municipal Golf Course - deleting Brian M. Loewe

Member Hall made a motion to approve the deletion of Brian Loewe and was seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Motion carried.

Other Business

- **Board Administrator – Tammy Hildebrand**

1. Update Non Profit Application & Renewal forms

Ms. Hildebrand explained to the Board the reasons for the changes to the Non –Profit Application and Renewal Forms. Member Hall made a motion to accept the changes to update the non-profit applications and renewal forms and Member Currie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Rules and Regulation changes

Ms. Hildebrand explained that the packet that was distributed to the Board was to give them information as to changes that may be needed to the Rules and Regulations in light of the new legislation that was passed.

Ms. Hildebrand had discussion with the Board on the following subjects: addition of language to reflect corrected definitions of Beer, Wine & Liquor in the Beverage Article, the new Non Refillable Container Permit, the new Salon and Art Establishment licenses, as well as other changes that were suggested during the year.

3. 2018 Legislative Proposal discussion

Ms. Hildebrand suggested to the Board that they start to think about any changes of new legislation they may want to submit by September. Ms. Hildebrand stated that a change needs to be made to clarify Leonardtown versus Corporate Town of Leonardtown in the revised Alcoholic Beverages Article.

- **Sheriff Liaison – Sgt. Steven Myers**

Sgt. Myers had received several calls about complaints of underage drinking in nail salons. Sgt. Myers plans to conduct compliance check using underage informants. Sgt. Myers plans to inform beauty and nail salons that until July 1, 2017, it is illegal to have alcohol on the premise. After July 1, the salons will have to apply for the proper license to serve alcohol to their clients.

- **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson**

Inspector Thompson inspected 11 establishments and did 2 follow-ups for the month of April. Inspector Thompson also announced that it was Law Enforcement Week and he wanted to thank all persons who worked in law enforcement.

- **St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association – David Dent**

Mr. Dent brought up the subject from the previous meeting about charging administrative fees to licensed establishments. The SMCLBA would support the fees if they were to benefit the ABB. The SMCLBA would be in opposition if the fees were to go to the general fund. Ms. Hildebrand stated all fees go to the general fund & would check if changing that would be an option. Mr. Dent stated that the next meeting for the SMCLBA would be in September.

- **Community Alcohol Coalition – Lauren Abell**

Ms. Abell explained to the Board she was able to get the fake I.D. envelopes for the ABB. The next meeting for the CAC will be on May 23, 2017 at 1 pm.

Adjournment

Member Hall made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Theodore A. Belleavoine, Chair