

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015 @ 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, July 9, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chair, **Absent**
Linda Palchinsky, Vice-Chair
Aaron Mathis, Member
Betty Currie, Member
Kevin Hall, Member
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Suzan Whilden, Sr. Office Specialist
Garland Thompson, Inspector
Cpl. James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Officer

Vice Chairwoman Linda Palchinsky called the meeting to order and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Currie moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2015 and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

New Business

- **Violations:**

Dew Drop Inn . Judith M. Ragan & Gordon H. Ragan Jr.

1. A change in the trade name of the establishment without prior approval of the Board in violation of Section 4.09 of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

2. A sale or assignment of a license or a sale or assignment of a license holder's business or stock in trade without prior approval of the Board in violation of Section 10-503 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 2.12 of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Ms. Judith M. Ragan & Mr. Gordon H. Ragan Jr. appeared before the Board and were sworn in. The Ragan's were represented by their attorney Nathaniel Chapman. The charges were read and the Ragan's plead guilty to both charges. On charge # 1, they were fined \$1000.00 which is payable in 10 days. . Member Currie made the motion for approval and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried. On charge #2, they were fined \$500.00 and the Class . D license was suspended through July 17, 2015 if Alcohol Board Office receives transfer application; if no application, the suspension will be until application is into the Alcohol Board Office. They had 30 days for an appeal. Member Hall made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

- **Applications:**

Canopy Liquors- Application of Nehaben D. Patel to transfer Canopy Liquors (Shree Dev, LLC) Class A-1, BWL license from George Edward Bryant & Mukesh Kumar S. Patel & t/a Canopy Liquors (Shree Dev, LLC), 21636 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653

Ms. Nehaben D. Patel appears before the Board and is sworn in. Ms. Patel is represented by her attorney Mr. Matthew Tedesco. Mr. Tedesco asked Ms. Patel if she understands the responsibilities of being the sole owner of the business in which she stated she has been very active in the running of the everyday operation of the business for many years. Member Currie made the motion for approval and Member Mathis seconded. Motion carried.

Quality Street Kitchen & Catering- Application of Sharon Ann Purcell to transfer Quality Street Kitchen & Catering (Quality Street, LLC) Class B (restaurant) BWL from Joann M. McKeown & t/a Quality Street Kitchen & Catering (Q Street Catering and Culinary Arts, LLC), 41675 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. And permission for catering.

Ms. Sharon Ann Purcell appeared before the Board and was sworn in. The Board granted a 90 conditional approval pending the Use and Occupancy permit and Traders License. Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Seaside View Bar & Grille- Application of Kevin Lee Graham to purchase a Class B (restaurant) BWL license & t/a Seaside View Bar & Grille, 48591 Seaside View Rd., Ridge, MD 20680. And permission for extension of premise for outside service for picnic area in front & rear of building.

Mr. Kevin Lee Graham appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Graham stated he will be putting up fencing to keep patrons from drinking alcohol from his establishment outside of the limits of his extension of premise, on the docks and in the camping area and he will be posting signs as well. The Board granted a 90 day conditional approval pending Fire Marshall, Health Department approvals, Use and Occupancy permit and Traders License. Member Hall made the motion for approval and Member Mathis seconded. Motion carried.

- **Premise changes:**

Moose Lodge 495 . Warren E. Hunt, Carl E. Spraker Jr., Thomas W. Maddox- Requesting extension of premise for a 20qx 40qopen air shed to accommodate smoking patrons.

Mr. Warren E. Hunt, Mr. Carl E. Spraker Jr., and Mr. Thomas W. Maddox appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Maddox spoke for the group to answer all questions the Board had about access to and from the bar, whether persons can access

from outside the surrounding fenced area and the camera monitoring system. Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

MIR Beer . Donna L. Gagnon- Requesting temporary extension of premise to host Spartan Race on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Ms. Donna L. Gagnon appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Gagnon explained to the Board about the event and where the mobile beer trailer would be located. An amendment to the event times were made to the original request to reflect the hours of 8 am to 4 pm. Member Hall made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

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

Thai Inter Restaurant- Adding Naruchol Ketmeteekaroon

Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business:

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

Mr. Dave Dent came before the Board to present the St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association views on legislation. Mr. Dent had requested to speak at the meeting earlier than what was on the agenda as he had another meeting to attend. The SMLBA was in support of all legislation that was presented to the Board at the meeting with the exception of the Beauty Salon Bill as they feel it opens all businesses up to seek licenses for alcohol.

- **Proposals for legislation**

1. Amend 20-109(c) to clarify intent of law to include all premises under the control of an unlicensed for profit business establishment.

Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

2. Adopt language adding §8-219.2, creating a Special beauty salon beer & wine license for St. Mary's County, similar to Montgomery County §8-216.5

Ms. April Woodburn from a local hair salon S-Kape testified in favor of this legislation and will be presenting her support to our local delegation. The Board decided to table their decision for the August meeting.

3. Adopt language under §16-507(t) giving the Board authority to also fine an employee found guilty of sales to an underage person, similar to Charles County §16-507(j)(2)(ii)

A letter was presented to the Board from the Charles County Alcohol Enforcement officer, M/Cpl. Judy Thompson, explaining the violation process of this law. Charles County has already adopted this law. Member Hall made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

4. Discussion to add an annual beer & wine tasting license.
The Board decided to table their decision for the August meeting.

5. Discussion to make RAST attendance a requirement for all applicants.
Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried.

- **Board Administrator – Tammy Hildebrand**

Ms. Tammy Hildebrand discussed with the Board about the adding of a new form that the Comptroller's Office wants counties to use. Ms. Hildebrand has concerns about the use of this form as it lacks many of the requirements that St. Mary's County Alcohol Board requires. The Board agrees that this can be added to the Rules and Regulations at a later date as more research is done.

- **Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator – Cpl. James Stone**

Cpl. James Stone reported that there will be a sobriety check-point sometime in July. Cpl. Stone checked 70 under-age tobacco sales. Cpl. Stone will be attending Civil Service Training in Montgomery County sometime in August.

- **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson**

Mr. Garland Thompson conducted 14 new inspections and went to two (2) follow-up inspections.

- **Community Alcohol Coalition**

A letter of support the implement RAST as a requirement for new licensee applicants was received.

Adjournment- Vice-Chair Linda Palchinsky made the motion to adjourn and Member Mathis seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña, Chair