

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016 @ 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, June 9, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Theodore Belleavoine, 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
Cpl. James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Chairman Theodore Belleavoine called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Currie moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016 and it was seconded by Member Hall. A typo was brought to attention from the minutes for correction; page 4, paragraph 2. The motion then carried.

Announcement

Appreciation recognition for Member Aaron Mathis

Chairman Belleavoine presented outgoing Member Mathis with a plaque of appreciation for his service on the Alcohol Beverage Board.

Old Business

Big Dogs Paradise Bar & Liquor- Brian Adkins- Requesting a 60 day extension of their conditional approval for the extension of premise for the walk-in box.

Brian Adkins appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Adkins explains that there were issues with MetCom that have now been resolved since the previous meeting. The Fire Marshal's office wanted to make sure there was a fire baring wall where the walk-in was to be installed. Mr. Adkins now has the proper permits and can now proceed with the installation of the requested walk-in. The Board approved an additional 60 days to his conditional approval for the extension of premise for the walk-in. Member Hall made the motion for approval and was seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Motion carried.

New Business

- Applications

5 South Event Center - Application of John Joseph Winters to transfer Crystal Room (D&H Properties, Inc.) Class B (Restaurant)-BWL license from Hilda Mae Gatton & upgrade to a Class D-BWL license & t/a 5 South Event Center (5 South, LLC), 21030 Point Lookout Rd., Callaway, MD 20620

John Winters appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Winters gave a printed description to each Board member explaining his plans for his venue in Callaway. Mr. Winters went over each aspect of his plan with the Board. Mr. Winters stated that the current Fire Marshal capacity for the building was 599. Mr. Winters has an approved sign permit and plans to rent the event center out for different venues but will be providing the alcohol, staffing and security for all events. The Board approved a 30 day conditional approval pending the Health Dept., Fire Marshal approvals, Traders License, Use and Occupancy permit as well as the Comptrollers approval for D & H Properties to transfer the license. Member Hall made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Bottom of the Hill Tavern - Application of Michael A. Hicks to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a Bottom of the Hill Tavern (Bottom of the Hill Tavern, LLC), 40874 Merchants Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20601

Michael A. Hicks appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Hicks explained he has been a restaurant owner in the past. Ms. Hildebrand stated that all conditions have been met and that this would not be a conditional approval. Vice-Chair Palchinsky made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

The Toasted Foot Lounge - Application of Robert V. Oler & Scott Reeves to purchase a Class D-BWL license & t/a The Toasted Foot Lounge (SOMD Cigars, LLC), 20845 Callaway Village Way, Callaway, MD 20620

Mr. Scott Reeves, Mr. Robert Oler and Mrs. Cori Williams-Oler appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Oler explained that his wife was testifying because she would be managing the VIP member lounge that would be serving the alcohol and that Mrs. Williams-Oler had the alcohol experience and training. Mr. Oler stated that the VIP lounge would be for members only, and that an application process would be required. If accepted as a member, one guest would be allowed into the lounge accompanied by a member. This lounge is where all alcohol sales would be taking place. Cameras will be installed at various locations throughout the building. Mr. Oler stated that the sales from the alcohol will be no more than 30% of the total sales of the business and that he has an agreement with the Gridiron Grille for food sales. Ms. Hildebrand explained the RAST training. The Board approved a 90 conditional approval pending on the Health Dept. and Fire Marshal approval, Use and Occupancy permit and the completion of the Alcohol Awareness training on June 21, 2016. Also it is stated for the record that this will be an On-Sale-Only license. Member Currie made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

- **Premise changes**

Sunset Cove – Joseph Salvo & Samantha Irwin -Requesting Extension of Premise & Extra Serving Counter for July 1st & 2nd for Boat Docking Contest.

Joseph Salvo and Samantha Irvin appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Salvo stated that the hours of the event would be Friday 3 pm to 9pm and Saturday from 10 am to 6pm and he projects that there will be 500 people attending the event. Ms. Irvin stated that the area where alcohol would be served will be fenced off. Mr. Salvo explained that the local fire dept. and rescue squad would be available for safety and emergencies as well as for policing the area and manning the docks. Mr. Salvo also stated that the staff from his other marinas would be there to help. Ms. Irvin stated that about 25 people from the local American Legion would be there to help as well. Ms. Hildebrand reiterated to Mr. Salvo that Sunset Cove is responsible for all alcohol sale and service. The Board approved a 30 conditional approval pending the Health Dept. approval. Member Hall made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

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

Plaza Azteca- removing Miguel L. Lopez; adding Antinea L. Lopez

Member Hall made the motion for approval and was seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Motion carried.

Hampton Inn - removing Kimberly Aus

Vice-Chair Palchinsky made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

Other Business

- **Board Administrator- Tamara Hildebrand**

Ms. Hildebrand thanked the former Board members for their service and commitment for their years on the Board and welcomes the new Boards members. Ms. Hildebrand reported that Article 2B has been revised so all of the forms, the Rules and Regulations and other publications need to be updated. Ms. Hildebrand explained she does not expect to have the new 2B in hard copy until possibly next year. Ms. Hildebrand stated that the updated list of licensees will be printed soon for the Board and that there will be RAST training the end of July.

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

Cpl. Stone stated that Project Graduation, which is held at NAS Patuxent River, was again a success. On May 27, Cpl. Stone had conducted a sobriety checkpoint in Charlotte Hall with no DUI's. Cpl. Stone explained he is working with the National Liquor Law Enforcement on the issue of over- service of patrons. Cpl. Stone will propose an idea to the Sherriff's Office to send officers into establishments to observe if patrons are being over-served by bartenders/wait staff when those patrons are already impaired. Cpl. Stone also explained the background of the RAST program to the new Board members

and gave a big thank you to Member Mathis for his service on the Board for always going above and beyond his normal duties.

- Board Inspector . Garland Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported he did 13 inspections, 4 follow-ups and 1 re-inspection for the month of May.

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

Mr. Dent welcomed the new Board members and explained what the SMLBA does in St. Mary's County. Mr. Dent explained about the CAC and how the SMLBA plays its role in legislation.

- Community Alcohol Coalition . ABSENT

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Member Hall and seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Theodore Bellevoine, Chair