

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022 @ 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, April 14, 2022, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Chairman David Willenborg  
Vice-Chair Richard Watts- ABSENT  
Member Leonard Kohl  
Member Richard Shin  
Member Barbara Hill  
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator  
Chris Beaver, Attorney  
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary- working remotely  
Kevin Hall, Inspector  
Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Willenborg amended the agenda by withdrawing Blue Wind Gourmet from the agenda and moving Outback Restaurant to be the first violation heard and the employee for Outback would not be present for the violation. Member Hill moved to approve the amended agenda. Motion was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Member Hill moved to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 2022 Renewal – Patuxent Fine Wine & Spirits

Member Kohl moved to approve the renewal for Patuxent Fine Wine and Spirits with no others seconding the motion. Motion failed. Member Shin moved to not approve the renewal of the license. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

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- Applications

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- Premise Change

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Peggy Binzel remained sworn in. Due to the need for special event permits for the garden area and portable serving counter use, the licensee withdrew the request for the garden area section of this premise change and is only seeking the beach area. Member Shin made a motion to approve the amended request of the extension of premise to allow only the beach area. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

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Richard Copsey appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Rachael Copsey also was sworn in to speak on behalf of Southern Trails. Mrs. Copsey explained that there were flower boxes that were used to delineate certain areas where alcohol was off limits. Member Kohl made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending LUGM approval and delineated area secured. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

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Member Shin made a motion for an approval of the extension of premise and portable outdoor serving counter for (3) events pending the approved special events permits. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried

**S-Kape Salon & Spa** – Karyn Hudson and April Woodburn - Requesting extension of premise – expanding into adjacent unit, increasing square footage by approx. 950 sq. ft. April Woodburn appeared before the Board and was sworn in. A letter was presented allowing Mrs. Woodburn to speak on behalf of Karyn Hudson. Member Hill made a motion to approve the extension of premise. Motion was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

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**St. James Deli & Spirits** – Sherry Thompson - requesting Refillable Container Permit

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- Violations

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Erica Jennelle Brawley was terminated from employment and was not able to be served for this hearing.

**Outback Steakhouse** Licensee(s): Brandy Vigotty and Vincent Whittles

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Brandy Vigotty and Vincent Whittles appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Attorney Nick Kallis was present to represent the licensees. Mr. Kallis explained that the licensees admitted that the violation did occur. Member Kohl made the motion for a fine of \$1000.00; \$250.00 held in abeyance, pending no further violations in the next three (3) years; payment to be made within 10 days or the license will be suspended until the fine is paid. The motion was seconded by Member Shin. Vote was 3 to 1; Chairman Willenborg against. Motion carried.

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Raymond Curtis appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Curtis explained that he was guilty of the violation. Member Shin made the motion for a fine of \$50.00. No one seconded the motion. Motion failed. Chairman Willenborg made the motion for a fine of \$250.00 payment to be made within 10 days. The motion was seconded by Member Hill. Vote was 3 to 1, Member Shin against. Motion carried.

**Antoinette's Garden** Licensee(s): Jonathan A. Boss

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