

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND
16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Vice Chair Majewski and Commissioners Welch and Burdette along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell. Commissioner Merchant was excused.

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes for July 28 and August 11; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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| Harford Bank | Withholding | 2101.62 |
| Comptroller of MD | Withholding | 703.39 |
| Payroll | Payroll | 6190.35 |
| It's PayDay | Accounting | 77.00 |
| MD State Retirement | Withholding | 489.55 |
| Amy Finneran | Legal | 1500.00 |
| Kopin LLC | Rent | 2642.00 |
| Malissa Roche | Maintenance | 60.00 |
| Comcast | Telephone | 207.41 |
| Crystal Springs | Supplies | 44.91 |
| First Bankcard | Credit card | 81.66 |
| First Bankcard | Credit card | 910.98 |
| Kelly & Assoc. | Insurance | 2342.98 |
| Interconnect Services | Telephone | 154.50 |
| TASC | Health Insurance | 150.00 |

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-Time Applicants - Kennel to Couch - Per Diem Beer & Wine License

First-time applicants Tom Bohne and Amber Baum appeared on behalf of Kennel to Couch in connection with a per diem beer and wine application for an event scheduled for October 2 being held at "The Barn" behind Friendship Wine & Spirits. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-Time Applicants - Friends of Jessica Boyle-Tsottles - Per Diem Beer, Wine & Liquor License

First-Time Applicants Jessica Boyle Tsottles and Andrew Tsottles appeared in connection with a per diem beer, wine and liquor application (and changed to a beer and wine application) for a campaign fundraiser being held by Friends of Jessica Boyle-Tsottles on October 16 at the old Foard property at the corner of Bond Street and Churchville Road. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Bayou, Inc. T/A Bayou Restaurant - Supplemental Application

Lewis Ward, Secretary, Terri Ward, President/Treasurer, Bayou, Inc. T/A Bayou Restaurant, 927 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, MD appeared in connection with a Supplemental Application for this Class B-BWL-On/Off Sale License. The purpose of the application is to add Lewis Ward to the license. Mr. Ward will hold 10% interest in the corporation and Mrs. Ward will retain 90% interest. Mr. Ward will serve as the Responsible Operator and has passed the licensee test. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Forest Hill Wine & Liquor, L.L.C., T/A Forest Hill Wine & Liquor – New License – Tentative Approval
RESCHEDULED

This application is being protested and has been rescheduled to October 27 at the Bel Air Town Hall.

5) MTBR, L.L.C. T/A Bulle Rock Gourmet Pub & Grille – Show Cause Hearing

Damon Klepczynski, Member, MTBR, L.L.C. T/A Bulle Rock Gourmet Pub & Grille, 320 Blenheim Lane, Havre de Grace, MD appeared along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., and Matt Summers, Director of Golf, in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of:

- i. Did employ an individual under the age of 21 years, who was not the son or daughter of the owner of the licensed premises, to act as a bartender or serve alcoholic beverages at a permanent full-service bar, in violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 22-1902 and Board Rule 4:16.
- ii. Failure to have a licensee or designated supervisor certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, in violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14.
- iii. Selling or offering for sale alcoholic beverages during prohibited hours, in violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 22-2006 and Board Rule 4:09.

The violations are alleged to have occurred on May 4, 2021.

Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e. the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holder testimony, and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any) motion was made and duly seconded to find **no violation** of the Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 22-1902 and Board Rule 4:16 - Did employ an individual under the age of 21 years, who was not the son or daughter of the owner of the licensed premises, to act as a bartender or serve alcoholic beverages at a permanent full-service bar; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to find **no violation** of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14 - Failure to have a licensee or designated supervisor certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold; Commissioner Burdette voted "nay" and the remaining Commissioners voted "aye" and the motion passed.

Motion was made and duly seconded to find **no violation** of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 22-2006 and Board Rule 4:09 - Selling or offering for sale alcoholic beverages during prohibited hours; the vote was unanimous.

The Board gave warning regarding the hours of operation and hours during which alcoholic beverages are sold with the expectation that the licensed establishment will be in compliance with those rules and regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) SLOK Liquor Mart, L.L.C., T/A BBX Liquors – Supplemental Application

SLOK Liquor Mart, L.L.C., T/A BBX Liquors, 2013 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, MD 21040 has submitted a Supplemental Application to remove Ashishkumar Mistry from the license. Rahul Patel now holds 100% interest in the L.L.C. and will continue to serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) American Legion 39, Inc. T/A Harford Post 39 – Outside Event 09/11 – Family Fun Day

American Legion 39, Inc. T/A Harford Post 39, 500 North Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on 09/11 for Family Fun Day. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) American Legion 39, Inc. T/A Harford Post 39 – Outside Event 9/18 – Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day

American Legion 39, Inc. T/A Harford Post 39, 500 North Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on 09/18 for Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) American Legion 39, Inc. T/A Harford Post 39 – Outside Event 09/24-25-26 – Oktoberfest

American Legion 39, Inc. T/A Harford Post 39, 500 North Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on September 24, 25, and 26 for Oktoberfest. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) Rockfield Foundation – Per Diem Beer & Wine License Change Request

On 8/25, the Board approved a Per Diem Beer & Wine License Application on behalf of Rockfield Foundation to be used on 9/25. Rockfield Foundation has submitted a request to add liquor to their event and has agreed to pay the additional \$15 fee. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

6) Fine Paid \$100 Alcohol Awareness Violation – B K Capital, L.L.C. T/A Tutto Fresco

B K Capital, L.L.C. T/A Tutto Fresco has paid the \$100 fine for an alcohol awareness violation.

7) Venetian Haco, L.L.C. T/A Venetian Palace – Trade Name Change

Venetian Haco, L.L.C. has submitted written notice that their trade name has changed to Venetian Italian Eatery. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the trade name change; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM BEER & WINE LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD1) St. Mark Fallston – Parish Picnic – 09/19

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| Issued to | Juanita Cain and Julie Tomko |
| On Behalf of | St. Mark Fallston |
| Type of Event | Parish picnic |
| Date(s) of Event | September 19 |
| Location Description & Address | McCall Center Auditorium 2407 Laurel Brook Road, Fallston |
| Outside Event? | No |
| Rain Date | N/A |

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) St. Mark Fallston – Men’s Oyster Night – 09/25

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| Issued to | Juanita Cain and Julie Tomko |
| On Behalf of | St. Mark Fallston |
| Type of Event | Men’s oyster night |
| Date(s) of Event | September 25 |
| Location Description & Address | McCall Center Auditorium 2407 Laurel Brook Road, Fallston |
| Outside Event? | No |
| Rain Date | N/A |

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) St. Mark Fallston – Oktoberfest – 10/09

Issued to Juanita Cain and Julie Tomko
 On Behalf of St. Mark Fallston
 Type of Event Oktoberfest
 Date(s) of Event October 9
 Location Description & Church campus
 Address 2407 Laurel Brook Road, Fallston
 Outside Event? Yes
 Rain Date October 16

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Havre de Grace Arts Collective – A Tribute to Barbara Streisand – 09/10

Issued to Rebecca Jessop and William Price
 On Behalf of HDG Arts Collective
 Type of Event Tribute concert
 Date(s) of Event September 10
 Location Description & Susquehanna Hose Co./HDG Opera House
 Address 125 N. Washington Avenue, Havre de Grace
 Outside Event? No
 Rain Date N/A

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) Havre de Grace Arts Collective – Evidential Medium – 09/23

Issued to Rebecca Jessop and William Price
 On Behalf of HDG Arts Collective
 Type of Event Evidential medium experience
 Date(s) of Event September 23
 Location Description & Susquehanna Hose Co./HDG Opera House
 Address 125 N. Washington Avenue, Havre de Grace
 Outside Event? No
 Rain Date N/A

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM BEER, WINE & LIQUOR LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD1) Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church – BINGO – 10/15

Issued to Pete Karas and Fotini Kamanaris
 On Behalf of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church
 Type of Event BINGO
 Date(s) of Event October 15
 Location Description & St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 Address 1200 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air
 Outside Event? No
 Rain Date N/A

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on August 11, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Paul J. Majewski, II, Chair

Susan Burdette, Commissioner