

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	1343.54
Comcast	Telephone	239.42
Crystal Springs	Supplies	52.90
Harford Mutual	Liability insurance	3313.00
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	2487.73
Metro Data	Computer support	88.58
Metro Data	Computer support	664.00
Sprint	Telephone	167.31
Staples	Supplies	827.78

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-Time Applicants – Tabitha’s House – Per Diem Beer & Wine Application

First-time applicants Susan Sinclair and Linda Underhill appeared on behalf of Tabitha’s House in connection with a per diem beer and wine application for a wine festival to be held at 3520 Woodsdale Road in Abingdon on April 30. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-Time Applicant – Knights of Columbus Council 2002 – Per Diem Beer & Wine Application

First-time applicants John Marley and M. Frank Jackson appeared on behalf of Knights of Columbus Council #2002 in connection with a per diem beer and wine application for a fundraising dinner to benefit four area seminarians to be held at St. Joan of Arc church hall on May 7. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) First-Time Applicants – Bel Air Downtown Alliance – Per Diem Beer, Wine & Liquor Application

First-time applicants Shelby Tittle and Emma Knight appeared on behalf of Bel Air Downtown Alliance in connection with a beer, wine and liquor application for First Friday events being held on May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, and October 7. Commissioner Goddard disclosed that he was a previous Board member of the Alliance. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Get It Done, L.L.C., T/A The Local – Change in Class & Change of Officers

Robert Windsor, Member, Natalie Piccirilli, Member, Get It Done, L.L.C. T/A The Local, 1918 Bel Air Rd., Fallston appeared along with their attorney, Mark E. Shach, in connection with an Application for Change in Class and Change of Officers. The purpose of the application is to make two changes; the first is to change the license class from Class B-Café-BW-On/Off Sale-L On Sale Only License to a Class B-BWL-On Sale Only License. Food sales over the past six months have ranged between 65% and 80% versus the alcoholic beverage sales. The current seating capacity is 74 seats.

The second change is to add Natalie Piccirilli, Member, to the license. Robert Windsor will remain on the license holding 12.5% interest, Ms. Piccirilli will hold 10% interest, and the remaining 77.5% is held by Evolved Hospitality, L.L.C. Ms. Piccirilli will serve as the Responsible Operator and has passed the licensee test. Motion was made and seconded to approve the change in class and the change of officers; the vote was unanimous. The two changes will take effect as of May 1, 2022, eliminating the need for a renewal application to be filed.

5) Battery Island Brewing Company, L.L.C. T/A Battery Island Brewing Company – Change of Officers

Kyle B. Hurst, Managing Member, Samantha M. Sammons, Member, Battery Island Brewing Company, L.L.C. T/A Battery Island Brewing Company, 101 N. Washington Street, Havre de Grace, appeared in connection with a Change of Officers Transfer Application. The purpose of the application is to remove Kevin M. Wilson from the license and to add Samantha Sammons, Member. Kyle B. Hurst, Managing Member, will remain on the license. Mr. Hurst now holds 90% of the interest in the L.L.C. and Ms. Sammons holds the remaining 10% interest. Samantha Sammons will serve as the Responsible operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. Motion was made and seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous.

6) Wining Out, L.L.C., T/A Vineyard Wine Bar – Supplemental Application

Joseph Lertch, President, Suzanne Cronin, Treasurer, Angelia Milburn, Secretary, Wining Out, L.L.C. T/A Vineyard Wine Bar, 142 N. Washington Street, Havre de Grace, appeared along with their attorney, Bradley R. Stover, in connection with a Supplemental Application. The purpose of the application is to remove Jarrod Cronin and add Angelia Milburn to the license. Joseph Lertch, President, and Suzanne Cronin, Treasurer, will remain on the license. Mr. Lertch holds 51% of the interest in the L.L.C., Ms. Cronin holds 16%, and Ms. Milburn holds the remaining 33% interest. Mr. Lertch will continue to serve as the responsible operator. Motion was made and seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous.

7) Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C., T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits – New License (Final Approval)

Ankit P. Desai, Sole Member, Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C., T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits, 1027 and 1029 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, appeared along with their attorney Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with A new Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License. The Board issued tentative approval on June 9, 2021; the build-out is complete, and Mr. Desai is seeking final approval. Motion was made and seconded to issue final approval; the vote was unanimous.

8) Ish Krupa, L.L.C., T/A Hilton Garden Inn Bel Air – Final Approval Hearing (POSTPONED)

This hearing has been postponed and is rescheduled for May 4.

9) Logos, Inc., T/A 510 Johnny's – Change of Officers Transfer

Ioannis Korologos, President, Nicholas Tsirlis, Secretary, and Mohammed Jadoo, Vice President, Logos, Inc. T/A 510 Johnny's, 510 Marketplace Drive, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, Peter A. Prevas, in connection with a Change of Officers Transfer Application. The purpose of the application is to remove Spiros Korologos from the license and add Mohammed Jadoo, Vice President. Stock ownership has changed and Trantafillos Korologos (who was not a license holder) no longer has an interest in the business. Ioannis Korologos now holds 40% of the stock, Mr. Tsirlis holds 10%, and Mr. Jadoo holds 50% of the stock in the corporation. Mr. Tsirlis will continue to serve as the responsible operator for the business. Mr. Jadoo has been in contact with Inspector Colburn to schedule the licensee test. A state tax release was received allowing the hearing to take place today, however, the State still has a hold in place for renewal. This will have to be resolved by April 29 for the license to be released. This approval would be made effective as of May 1, 2022, to eliminate the need for a renewal to be filed. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application contingent on Mr. Jadoo passing the licensee test and receipt of a State tax release; the vote was unanimous.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING –

1) Rainbow King, Inc. T/A Rainbow King - Alcohol Awareness

Wei Rong Jiang, President, Rainbow King, Inc. T/A Rainbow King, 554 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of

- A. Alcoholic Beverages Article (“AB”) § 4-505(f) and § 22-1903 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (“Code”) as well as Board Rule 3:14 - failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity.

The violation is alleged to have occurred on February 22, 2022.

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 License Holder in violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 4-505(f) and § 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14 - failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity. Motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and duly seconded to impose a fine of \$500.00; the vote was unanimous.

2) Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz, L.L.C. T/A Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz – Sale to Underage

Kosmas Koukoulis, Jr., Member, Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz, L.L.C. T/A Uncle's Hawaiian Grindz, 2315 Bel Air Road, Suite 2B, Fallston, appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of

- A. Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 6-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland ("Code") and Board Rule 4:01.

The violation is alleged to have occurred on February 11, 2022.

Kosmas Koukoulis, License Holder, had previously agreed that the cadet and deputy could be excused from appearing today. Discussion was held concerning due process and if it was indeed necessary for the deputy and cadet to be present. Commissioners Burdette and Welch and Chair Majewski agreed that the hearing would proceed without the officers' presence. After Inspector Colburn read the violation report into the record, Ms. Finneran indicated that the last sentence of the violation report should be stricken ("This failure constitutes violations of Board Rule 4:01 and AB § 6-304.").

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 License Holder in violation of Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 6-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland ("Code") and Board Rule 4:01 - Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years. Motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and duly seconded to impose a fine of \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Neil & Sahil, L.L.C., T/A Greenbrier Wine & Spirits – Change in Trade Name

Neil & Sahil, L.L.C., T/A Greenbrier Wine & Spirits, 225 Brierhill Drive, Suite L, Bel Air, has submitted written request for a trade name change from Greenbrier Wine & Spirits to Greenbrier Liquors. Motion was made and seconded to approve the trade name change to be effective May 1, 2022; the vote was unanimous.

2) Maryland Country Club, Inc. T/A Maryland Golf and Country Club – Wine Corkage

Maryland Country Club, Inc. T/A Maryland Golf and Country Club, 1335 East MacPhail Road, Bel Air, has submitted an Application for Wine Corkage. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Salute, Inc. T/A Lib's Grill – Status Update

Joseph F. Snee, Jr., attorney for Salute, Inc. T/A Lib's Grill, 1204 Agora Drive, Suite E, Bel Air, has submitted a 60-day status update indicating that the building permit has been obtained and build-out will begin April 13 with an anticipated opening for June to mid-July.

4) Performance Budget

The March performance budget was submitted for review.

RENEWALS TO BE APPROVED

Twenty seven renewal applications were presented to be approved, 27 renewal applications are being held for various outstanding issues, 32 renewals have been received and are in review; 1 application has not been filed as it will not be renewing; and 125 renewals were previously approved. Motion was made and seconded to approve 27 renewal applications that were presented; the vote was unanimous. Additionally, motion was made and seconded to approve the remaining 32 renewal applications contingent on resolution of all outstanding issues; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM BEER & WINE LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Friends of Alison Healey – Family Fun Day – 04/23

Issued to	Alison Healey and Emma Hohner
On Behalf of	Friends of Alison Healey
Type of Event	Political fundraiser
Date(s) of Event	April 23
Location Description & Address	Grimmel Pond 1112 Old York Road, Monkton
Outside Event?	Yes
Rain Date	April 30

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

2) Harford Artists Association – Lecture “Wyeth on Wyeth” – 05/20

Issued to	Annabelle Thurlow and Wanda Arrington
On Behalf of	Harford Artists Association
Type of Event	Lecture “Wyeth on Wyeth”
Date(s) of Event	May 20
Location Description & Address	Harford Artists Gallery 37 N. Main Street, Suite 104
Outside Event?	No
Rain Date	NA

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

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

At the April 6 HCLCB meeting, the transfer application for Rickie, Inc. T/A C.R. Wings was approved contingent on settlement documents; Mrs. Powell confirmed that settlement was held, the outstanding documents were submitted, and the license was issued on April 12.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and seconded to move to executive session to obtain legal advice; the vote was unanimous. For future underage compliance test failures, the commissioners determined that the Sheriff’s Deputy and the Cadet will be required to sign each violation report as being true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Once the Sheriff’s Deputy and Cadet have verified the accuracy of the report and signed same, it shall be finalized and processed accordingly.

Mrs. Powell’s title will change from Special Projects Manager to Licensing Coordinator.

Commissioners that are interested in setting up an email address for HCLCB business may contact Mrs. Sporre.

Motion was made and seconded to return to public session; the vote was unanimous.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on April 13, 2022, have been reviewed and approved by the following:



Paul J. Majewski, II, Chair



James E. Welch, Commissioner



Susan Burdette, Commissioner



Wayne Goddard, Commissioner