

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Majewski. In attendance were Commissioners Burdette and Goddard along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and W. Michael Crabbs, General Manager. Vice Chair Merchant and Commissioner Welch were previously excused.

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for April 13; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

June 29

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	2502.38
State Comptroller	Withholding	717.21
ConnectPay	Accounting	70.00
Payroll	Payroll	5983.09
State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
First Bankcard	Credit	103.69
First Bankcard	Fuel	345.56

July13

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3754.13
State Comptroller	Withholding	1072.53
ConnectPay	Accounting	77.00
Payroll	Payroll	9246.75
State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
Amy Finneran	Legal	1500.00
Kopin LLC	Rent	2642.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
AlphaGraphics of Bel Air	Office	63.07
DRC Consulting Services	Professional	260.00
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	1764.08
Metro Data	Computer Support	664.00
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	604.88
Sprint	Telephone	172.53
Staples	Office	599.25

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Project Millions More Movement – Per Diem BWL License Application - First Time Applicants

First-Time Applicants Ertha Harris and Juan Johnson appeared on behalf of Project Millions More Movement for a per diem beer, wine and liquor application to be used July 23rd for B&B Taste of Soul 4th Annual Pop Up Shop being held at Aberdeen Festival Park. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) The Island at Flying Point Marina, L.L.C. – License Transfer & Change in Class

Rosemary Cianelli, Member, Philip A. Cianelli, Jr., Member, Flying Point Marina, Inc. T/A Flying Point Marina, 324 Flying Point Road, Edgewood appeared along with their attorney, Eric E. MacLauchlin, in connection with an Application for Change in License Class and Transfer to a new entity, namely The Island at Flying Point Marina, Inc. Currently the License Class is A-BW-Off Sale Only, and license holders are requesting a change to Class B Café-BW On/Off-L On Sale Only License. Interest in the L.L.C. is split evenly between the two members. Rosemary Cianelli will continue to serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer and change in license class; the vote was unanimous.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1) Fisheye, L.L.C. T/A Short Stop Beverage Barn

Swapnil R. Parikh, Managing Member, Vivek G. Parikh, Member, Fisheye, L.L.C. T/A Short Stop Beverage Barn, 719 S. Philadelphia Boulevard, Aberdeen, MD appeared along with their attorney, Anthony D. Pastina, in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of the alcoholic beverage laws as they pertain to Harford County, Maryland, name that Fisheye, L.L.C.:

- 1) Did illegally purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages by violating Alcoholic Beverage Article (“AB”) Section 6-311 and Board Rule 4:18, which state a license holder / retail dealer may not keep or allow to be kept any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises except those that have been purchased by the retail dealer.

Mr. Crabbs amended the violation to include the subsections of the AB Section 6-311 to include (a) (3) Keep or allow to be kept any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises except those that have been purchased by the license holder; Mr. DePastina confirmed that his client would not be prejudiced by the amendment.

The Violations are alleged to have occurred on or about June 7, 2022.

Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and seconded by Commissioner Burdette to move to Executive Session for legal advice. Upon returning to open session, a decision was rendered in this case.

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’s 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 § 6-311(a)(3) of the Annotated Code of Maryland; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$500.00; the vote was unanimous, the fine was paid this date, and the 30 day appeal was waived.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO

3) MARTBR, L.L.C., T/A Short Stop Beverage Barn – Transfer Application

Raghunath R. Tulsulkar, Managing Member, Tejash Maisuria, Member, Reshmaben Patel, Member, MARTBR, L.L.C., T/A Short Stop Beverage Barn, 719 S. Philadelphia Boulevard, Aberdeen, MD 21001 appeared along with their attorney, Robert F. Kahoe, Jr., in connection with a License Transfer Application for this Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only license. The license is transferring from Michael R. McDonald, Managing Member, McDonald Ventures, L.L.C. T/A Cork & Barrel. Interest in the L.L.C. is held as follows: Raghunath R. Tulsulkar holds 25% interest, and Tejash Maisuria holds 10%. Raghunath Tulsulkar will serve as the Responsible Operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. Outstanding items include fully executed copies of promissory note, security agreement, bill of sale, and settlement statement and will be provided before the license will be released. Motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer application; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Shambhavi, Inc. T/A Old School Tavern – Update

As the result of a violation and subsequent suspension, Shambhavi, Inc., turned in their license on July 11 as required, posted the \$1000 bond, and paid the \$2000 fine was paid. License holder may pick up the license on Thursday, July 14.

2) V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post – Outside Event Application

An Outside Event Application has been submitted by V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. for an event titled “The 80’s & 90’s Throwback Extravaganza” to be held on July 16. Motion was made and seconded to approve the license; the vote was unanimous.

3) Aberdeen Harford Lanes, L.L.C., T/A Aberdeen Harford Lanes – Change of Hours

Inspector Colburn’s recent Premises Inspection at Aberdeen Harford Lanes, L.L.C. T/A Aberdeen Harford Lanes has determined that the business is not in compliance with the requirement that it serve full course meals at least twice daily (to be served during customary hours for such meals) at least five days per week. Mr. Crabbs has discussed with license holder Sarah Letscher options for the business to modify hours of operation for the 2 meals daily/5 days a week requirement. Based on a lack of business during the “summer months” she requested a modification of the operating hours on Tuesdays to 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and requests that the Board consider approving the 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours. The business will provide both a lunch and dinner menu with different items on Sundays that will comply with the regulations. These modifications will only be effective between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The business will return to its original operating hours immediately after Labor Day and they will remain in effect until the next Memorial Day when the business will return to their summer hours. Motion was made and seconded to approve license holder’s request; the vote was unanimous.

4) Tidewater Grille, Inc., T/A Tidewater Grille – Change of Hours

License holder Ralph Shapot has advised that the business will be closed on Thursday as BGE will be installing a new gas line. Additionally, Mr. Shapot requests permission to close on Thursdays until he can bring up staffing levels sufficiently to reopen on Thursdays. Motion was made and seconded to approve this request; the vote was unanimous.

5) Deck Seafood & Tiki Bar, L.L.C., T/A The Deck – Request to Escrow the License

License holder Johanna Chicas has requested that the license be placed in escrow pending the sale of the business and the transfer of the license. Motion was made and seconded to grant the escrow request; the vote was unanimous.

6) Salute, Inc., T/A Lib’s Grill – New License (Final Approval) (POSTPONED) – Request for Extension

Salute, Inc. T/A Lib’s Grill has requested an extension of the tentative approval issued by the Board. Motion was made and seconded to approve the extension of tentative approval; the vote was unanimous.

7) Bruno’s Land & Sea Restaurant, L.L.C. T/A Bruno’s Land & Sea Restaurant

Bruno’s Land & Sea Restaurant, L.L.C. T/A Bruno’s Land & Sea Restaurant has requested that the license be placed in escrow pending relocation of the business. Motion was made and seconded to grant the escrow request; the vote was unanimous.

8) Performance Budget

The performance budget for June was distributed and reviewed.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENTThe attorney for KDP Group, Inc. T/A Moores Mill Convenience with Beer and Wine requested December 7 as the date for the protest hearing at Water’s Edge Event Center, however, Water’s Edge is not available on that date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Welch made a motion to move into executive session to confer with counsel; Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion; and the vote was unanimous. The Board determined that our insurer should be advised that we are awaiting a response from the MD Civil Rights Commission. The delegation meeting will be scheduled after the general election. Motion was made by Vice Chair Merchant and seconded by Commissioner Welch to move back into open session; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


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



Paul J. Majewski, II, Chair



Susan Burdette, Commissioner



Wayne Goddard, Commissioner