

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Liquor Control Board for Harford County was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Goddard at the Board's office. In attendance were Vice Chair Burdette, Commissioners Majewski, Sines, and Walters, Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran, and General Manager Crabbs.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the minutes for January 10; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the minutes for January 17; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve payment of the following bills.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3600.30
State Comptroller	Withholding	1058.51
ConnectPay	Accounting	104.49
Payroll	Payroll	10042.12
State Retirement	Retirement	670.97
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2210.06
BG&E	Utilities	499.63
Crystall Springs	Office	52.96
LEAF	Copier Lease	615.00
First Bankcard	Auto Rental	4058.50
First Bankcard	Office	699.37
First Bankcard	Fuel	103.35
Amy Finneran	Legal	3015.00
Kopin, LLC	Rent	2749.00
Kopin, LLC	Rent	120.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	1295.56
Metro Data	Computer Support	664.00
Metro Data	Computer Support	55.00
Metro Data	Computer-Inspector	1110.25
Modus Solutions, LLC	Office	25.67
The Shred Mill, LLC	Maintenance	47.50
Town Security, Inc.	Maintenance	167.50
Red Lobster of Bel Air	Refund License	750.00
Mike Crabbs	Telephone	105.00
Petty Cash	Office	178.20

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-Time Applicants – Tidewater Players – Per Diem BWL

First-time applicants M. Rebecca Flickinger and Richard Mahoney appeared on behalf of Tidewater Players in connection with a per diem application for beer, wine and liquor to be used on February 23, 24 and 25 and March 1, 2 (two shows), and 3 at the Havre de Grace Opera House for the play “Margaritaville”. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. (A refund of \$30 was later issued to the organization as they paid two license fees for March 2 and were only required to pay one license fee.)

2) Matthew’s L3 Pizzeria, L.L.C., T/A Matthew’s L3 Pizzeria – New License (Tentative Approval)

Christopher Maler, Member, Henry Tiburzi, Member, Matthew’s L3 Pizzeria, L.L.C., T/A Matthew’s L3 Pizzeria, 1517 Rock Spring Road (Suite B), Forest Hill appeared in connection with tentative approval of an Application for a New License for a Class B1-BW-On Sale Only License. Interest in the L.L.C. is held as follows: Mr. Maler, 50%; Mr. Tiburzi, 50%. Mr. Maler will serve as the responsible operator. Mr. Maler amended his response to #13b on page 3 of the application to be “no”. Chair Goddard disclosed that he has had past business dealings with applicants. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

1) B & S, L.L.C. T/A Looney’s Pub North – Outside Event Application

Joseph F. Snee, Jr., Esquire, appeared on behalf of B & S, L.L.C. T/A Looney’s Pub North, 312 South Main Street, Bel Air in connection with an Outside Event Application to be used on March 16 and 17 for their annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. After review of the application, motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1) Longobardi, L.L.C. T/A Garibaldi’s Italian Pizza & Grill (AA)

Roberto Longobardi, Member, Longobardi, L.L.C. T/A Garibaldi’s Italian Pizza & Grill, 686 Bel Air Road, Bel Air appeared along with their attorney Stephan W. Fogleman in connection violation of the following:

CHARGE 1: Failure to comply with Alcohol Awareness certification requirement in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 4-505(f) and 22-1903 (“Code”) and Board Rule 3:14 (a)(c) (“BR”).

CHARGE 2: Did fail to keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages purchased in violation of AB §22-1904, and BR 3:06 which provides that:

- (a) A license holder shall keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts, expenditures, and invoices in the form that the Board requires; and procure vouchers or purchase slips for all alcoholic beverages, food, and other items bought for sale (“Records”).
- (b) For purposes of this section, the Records required under paragraph (a) shall include either hard copy or digital Records in a downloadable format.
- (c) A license holder shall keep such Records for a period of two years from the date of each purchase, which shall include the following:
 - (1) The date of each purchase;
 - (2) The quantity purchased; and
 - (3) The name and address of each seller.

- (d) All Records shall be kept open to inspection at all times by the Board or a designee of the Board. The license holder shall continue to retain Records for any alcoholic beverages that remain on the premises after the initial two-year period. Records will be checked semi-annually.

CHARGE 3: Did fail to keep on the licensed premises all records containing legal names, aliases, addresses, dates of birth, and legible photocopy of government-issued identification of all persons employed by them. Such records shall be open for inspection at all times by a designee of the Board, any police agency of Harford County, and any other governmental agency in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 22-904 ("Code") and Board Rule 3:06 ("BR").

The alleged violations occurred on December 12, 2023.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Buchler), as well as applicable License Holder's testimony and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following findings:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to impose a fine of \$100.00; the vote was unanimous.

On Charge 2, motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to find License Holder in violation of paragraph (d). Roll call vote was taken: Vice Chair Burdette "yes"; Commissioner Majewski "yes"; Commissioner Sines "no"; Commissioner Walters "no"; Chair Goddard "no". The violation was not sustained.

On Charge 3, no motion was made thus the violation was not sustained.

2) Longobardi, L.L.C. T/A Garibaldi's Italian Pizza & Grill (Underage Sale)

Roberto Longobardi, Member, Longobardi, L.L.C. T/A Garibaldi's Italian Pizza & Grill, 686 Bel Air Road, Bel Air appeared along with their attorney Stephan W. Fogleman in connection violation of the following:

CHARGE 1: Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule 4:01.

The alleged violation occurred on December 18, 2023.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Buchler), as well as applicable License Holder's testimony and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following findings:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine of \$1,200.00; the vote was unanimous.

3) Bacco Pizzeria, L.L.C., T/A Bacco Pizzeria

John Kosmakos, Ciro Coppola, Gennaro DiBenedetto, Steven Diddlemeyer, Bacco Pizzeria, L.L.C., T/A Bacco Pizzeria, 3468-70 Emmorton Road, Abindon appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

CHARGE 1: Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule 4:01.

The alleged violation occurred on December 18, 2023.

Commissioner Walters disclosed that he has a business relationship with Mr. Kosmakos.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Buchler), as well as applicable License Holders' testimony and with further consideration to License Holders' relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following findings:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine of \$1,200.00; the vote was unanimous.

4) Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki

Apostolos Karoutsos, George Karoutsos, Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki, 1521 A Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

CHARGE 1: Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule 4:01.

The alleged violation occurred on December 18, 2023.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Buchler), as well as applicable License Holders' testimony and with further consideration to License Holders' relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following findings:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to find License Holders in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine of \$1,500.00; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) St. Mark Fallston – Fish Fry – 02/23 & 03/15 – B&W

Submitted by Julie Tomko and Michael Tomko on behalf of St. Mark Fallston for a beer and wine license for their fish fry events to be held on February 23 and March 15. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Kevin, Division 1 – St. Patrick's Day Celebration – 03/02 – BWL

Submitted by James Cosgrove and Deanna Hoppe on behalf of Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Kevin, Division 1 for a beer, wine and liquor license to be used at their St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 2

at Prince of Peace Church. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) St. Ignatius Church – “Pot of Gold” Bingo – 03/02 BWL

Submitted by Virginia Barger and Concetta York on behalf of St. Ignatius Church for a beer, wine and liquor license to be used at their “Pot of Gold” Bingo on March 2 in the church hall. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) North Harford High School Class of 81 – Bull & Oyster Roast – 03/09 – B&W

Submitted by Ruby Comer and Robert Peck on behalf of North Harford High School Class of 81 for their Bull & Oyster Roast for a beer and wine license to be used on March 9 at Jarrettsville Gardens. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) St. Patrick Church – Irish Dinner – 03/17 – B&W

Submitted by Fr. Francis Ouma and Judith Plitt on behalf of St. Patrick Church for a beer and wine license to be used at their Irish Dinner on March 17. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

6) Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella – Tsiknopempti - 03/07 – BWL

Submitted by Peter Karas and Dyonynos Kougionos on behalf of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella for a beer, wine and liquor license to be used at their Tsiknopempti on March 7. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

7) Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella – BINGO – 3/15 – B&W

Submitted by Peter Karas and Dyonynos Kougionos on behalf of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella for a beer and wine license to be used at Bingo on March 15 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

RENEWALS FOR APPROVAL

Eight renewal applications were presented to the Board for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the following renewal applications:

Beards Hill Plaza Liquors, Ltd. T/A Beards Hill Plaza Liquors
 Freebooting Friar, Inc. T/A Vagabond Sandwich Company
 Radha-Kishan Acquisition, L.L.C. T/A Mountain Road Deli & Spirits
 Rainbow King, Inc. T/A Rainbow King
 Rickie, Inc. T/A CR Wings & Things
 Saucey Enterprises, L.L.C. T/A Das Bierhalle Bel Air
 Valleybrook Country Club, L.L.C. T/A Valleybrook Country Club
 Z Food Schtor, L.L.C. T/A Z Vault

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Post No. 55, Inc. T/A Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Post No. 55 – Supplemental

This is a Supplemental Application that was submitted as a result of club elections. Joe Berry, 2nd Vice Commander, will be removed, and Vernard Ervin, Commander, will be added. Henry Allen's elected office will change from Commander to Finance Officer, and Owen Fowlkes will remain on the license as Adjutant.

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

2) Winters Run Golf Club, Inc., T/A Winters Run Golf Club – Supplemental

This is a Supplemental Application that was submitted as a result of club elections. The purpose of the application is to replace William Buchel, Jr., Denise L. Cooper, and Stevent P. Martin with Mark Utz, Kevin P. Bradley, and Timothy S. Wessel. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Valleybrook Country Club, L.L.C. T/A Valleybrook Country Club – Season Opening

Valleybrook Country Club has submitted written notice that their season will open on May 24. The club will remain open through September 2. Depending on weather, they may open on September 7, 8, and 14. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the summer season schedule; the vote was unanimous.

4) January's Performance Budget

The performance budget for January was reviewed. Mrs. Baxter confirmed that Chair Goddard and Vice Chair Burdette have signed the authorization for the certificate of deposit.

5) Delegation Request- Ripken Stadium Reduction of license fee, question for the Board

The Board agreed not to submit a letter in support of or against the reduction of the stadium license fee.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

GM Crabb suggested that the review of revisions to the Rules and Regulations be scheduled for February 28.

Michael Scheuerman, license holder at Friendship Wine and Liquor, reported that he attended a legislative Zoom meeting last Thursday; the chain store bill was dropped by a Baltimore City delegate but it does not look like it will go through, the drone bill was amended to increase the number of licenses per person from one to four, and discussion was held in connection with third party delivery.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary