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

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2020

Due to restrictions regarding COVID 19, this hearing took place via teleconference. Anyone wishing to listen to or participate in the meeting was provided the below call-in information.

Call-in number is United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code 738-624-613

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Vice Chair Davis Kohl, Commissioners Merchant, Welch, and Majewski along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and General Manager Scott Baker.

MINUTES

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of March 11 and March 25, 2020, with all members voting in favor of the motion.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the accounts payable with all members voting in favor of the motion.

William Colburn	Covert expenses	60.16
BGE	Utilities	200.51
Crystal Springs	Maintenance	2.99
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	1909.53

Any parties that would be testifying were sworn in.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) KJIVAN, L.L.C., T/A One Stop Liquors – Transfer

Bivek Budha Chhetri, Managing Member, Dhvani A. Daru, Member, KJIVAN, L.L.C., T/A One Stop Liquors, 903 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, MD were present along with their attorney, Robert F. Kahoe, Jr., in connection with a Transfer Application for a Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License currently held by Joseph Avampato and Joseph Gilbert. Application indicates Mr. Chhetri holds 90% interest in the L.L.C. and Ms. Daru holds 10% interest. Mr. Chhetri will serve as the Responsible Operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. Applicants requested use of the drive thru window during COVID 19 restrictions, and after discussion the Board denied Applicants' request. Outstanding items include the fully executed lease for the property, fully executed copies of promissory notes and security instruments owed to the seller, and proof of settlement on the sale of the business (signed Statement of Settlement and/or Bill of Sale). Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application contingent upon receipt of the outstanding items; the vote was unanimous.

2) Bacco, L.L.C., T/A Bacco Italian Wine Bar

Ivano Scotto Di Perta, Member, Gennaro Di Benedetto, Member, Ciro Coppola, Member, Bacco, L.L.C., T/A Bacco Italian Wine Bar, 3459 Merchant Boulevard, Abingdon, MD were present along with their attorney Albert J. A. Young, in connection with an Application for a Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only License. The purpose of the application is to remove Joshua Lewis and add Ciro Coppola. Application indicates interest in the L.L.C. is held as follows: Mr. Scotto DiPerta 45%, Mr. Di Benedetto, 45%, and

Mr. Coppola 10%. Mr. Coppola will serve as the Responsible Operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. The only outstanding item is Fire Marshal approval. Due to the Governor's executive order, the Board agreed to allow Bacco 30 days to submit the Fire Marshal approval. This license will have an effective date of May 1 and will not require a 2020-2021 renewal application. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application with all members voting in favor of the motion.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Joseph F. Snee, Jr., has submitted a request regarding meeting options for applications that are contested. After discussion, the Board agreed that this topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

Motion was made and duly seconded that alcohol awareness training certificates do not expire until 30 days after the Governor's executive order is lifted; the vote was unanimous. Mr. Baker will notify license holders.

Ms. Finneran's contract has been sent out for signatures.

The budget ending March 31 indicates that 89% of the budget has been spent with one month remaining in the fiscal year.

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 April 15, 2020, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair	James E. Welch, Commissioner
Sheryl Davis Kohl, Vice Chair	Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner
	Paul J. Majewski II, Commissioner