

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2023

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 Walters and seconded to approve the minutes for September 27; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the minutes for October 11; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3223.41
State Comptroller	Withholding	900.18
ConnectPay	Accounting	98.00
Payroll	Payroll	8479.84
State Retirement	Retirement	489.53
Comcast	Telephone	245.14
BG&E	Utilities	163.80
LEAF	Computer	615.00
Amy Finneran	Legal	1500.00
Kopin	Rent	2749.00
Kopin	Rent	120.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Metro Data	Computer	664.00
DRC Consulting	Personnel consulting	180.00
The Beverage Journal	Subscription	51.94
Modus Solutions, LLC	Office	22.57

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) XGMD, L.L.C., T/A X-Golf Bel Air – New License

Matthew Remsnyder, Member, Justin Bongiorno, Member, Michael Murphy, Member, XGMD, L.L.C. T/A X-Golf Bel Air, 5 Bel Air S. Parkway (Suite 1425), Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney Tyler J. Nowicki in connection with an Application for a New Class B1-BW-On Sale Only License. Interest in the L.L.C. is held as follows: Matthew Remsnyder, 40%; Justin Bongiorno, 40%; and Michael Murphy, 20%. All applicants have passed the licensee test, and Mr. Remsnyder will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski to approve the application and the motion was seconded; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski to approve a soft opening scheduled for November 9 and was seconded; the vote was unanimous.

2) Pat's Pizza Stathis, L.L.C., T/A Pat's Pizzeria – Supplemental Application

Efstathios Kotanidis, Member, Peter Anastasi, Member, Pat's Pizza Stathis, L.L.C. T/A Pat's Pizzeria, 1961 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, appeared along with their attorney Robert F. Kahoe, Jr., in connection with a Supplemental Application. The purpose of the application is to add Peter Anastasi to the license. Interest in the application is held as follows: Efstathios Kotanidis, 90%; and Peter Anastasi, 10%. Mr. Anastasi has passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) The Trio, L.L.C., T/A Route 22 Hatchet House – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

4) Harford Health & Fitness Club, Inc., T/A The Arena Club – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Harford County Sheriff's Office Foundation – 41st Annual Toy Drive – 12/09 – BWL

Application submitted by Stephen Thomas and Walter "Butch" Tilley on behalf of Harford County Sheriff's Office Foundation for the 41st HCSO Christmas Toy Drive being held at the Woodsdale Barn on December 9. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Harford County 4-H Clubs – Winter Barn Dances – 11/18, 1/6, 2/3, 4/6 – B&W

Application submitted by Michele Magness-Hill and Jessica Cochran on behalf of Harford County 4-H Clubs for Winter Barn Dances being held at Deer Creek Overlook on November 18, January 6, February 3, and April 6. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Ladew Topiary Gardens – A Ladew Christmas – 12/5, 6, 7, 8, 9 - BWL

Application submitted by Barbara Barnoff and Emily Emerick on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for "A Ladew Christmas" being held at Ladew on December 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott

A status update has been received that indicates construction has paused due to County permitting requirements. Work continues on architectural drawings to be submitted to the County.

2) October's performance report

October's performance report was distributed for review. Clarification was made that the accounts payable register indicates payroll net as withholdings are identified separately. Regarding the company vehicle, the damages are now at \$12,000.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

1) Business Cards

Business cards for the commissioners were distributed.

2) "Part-time" Inspector Position Posted on Indeed and LinkedIn

Two inquiries have been received in response to the advertisement. GM Crabbs will post an additional notice with deadline dates. Target start date is early January 2024.

3) Veterans Day Closure

The HCLCB office will be closed Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

4) Processing Fees for New and Transfer Applications

The new processing fees for new and transfer applications have been posted online and are effective January 1.

5) HCLCB Rules and Regulations

Revisions to the Board Rules will be scheduled for a December meeting.

6) Compliance Test

A compliance test is scheduled before the end of the year. Results will be posted on social media.

7) Increased Processing Fees

Mrs. Powell presented her research that indicates the Board could see an increase of \$11,000 as a result of the increased processing fees.

8) Harford County Government Request

Chair Goddard distributed an email that he received from County Attorney Jefferson Blomquist concerning the sale of alcohol at Stone View Farm. Also, Mrs. Powell has received an email from County Planning and Zoning Director Shane Grimm in connection with the Slate Farm Brewery truck that is parked on the Stone View Farm property. Mrs. Powell provided contact information for Lou Berman, ATCC. After much discussion, staff determined that this is an issue for the ATCC as the brewery is licensed by the State and not by the HCLCB. GM Crabbs will prepare and send an email to Chair Goddard with Mr. Berman's contact information to be forwarded to Mr. Blomquist.

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



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary