

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners/Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on November 7, 2002 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz; Chairperson Thomas Gearhart; Administrator to the Board, F. Gary Mullich and Deborah Owston, Administrative Assistant.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratz to approve the September 5, 2002 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Crosco with all in favor. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the expense report for Commissioner Crosco's travel expenses as reported for the MALA Fall Conference at the Waldorf Holiday Inn for October 18-20, 2002 and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to extend the hours of operation on New Year's Eve to establishments with a Class "B", "C" or "D" On-Sale privileges until 4:00 A.M. on January 1, 2003 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to accept that the 2003 meeting dates be held every first Thursday of each month and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the request by the Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department to upgrade their Special Class "C" BWL Multi Event license from five-events to twelve-events and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

There was general discussion before the scheduled hearings in which Gary Mullich showed an advertisement for Oak Grove Tavern stating they were having a "Going Out of Business" party on October 19, 2002. Gary also discussed a written complaint that was received in the office telling of possible violations at Shorty's Bar & Grill. Inspectors from the Field Enforcement Division of the Comptroller's Office inspected the premise and only found one bottle purchased from another licensed retailer. Debbe Owston mentioned to the Board that Skeweris Tavern had picked up their license on September 19, 2002. The MALA Spring Conference will be held in Ocean City on May 2-4, 2003 and the MALA Fall Conference will be in Garrett County at the Wisp Resort the first or second weekend of October 2003. Debbe also informed the Board that Red Run Lodge has still not submitted the requested administrative paperwork for the license transfer. The Board approved the Rules & Regulations with the recommended changes by Craig Ingram. The Board discussed the Special Class "C" Multi-Event license and decided to request a legislative change to Article 2B to also include 52 events for \$1,000. Bill Ferry of the States Attorney Office discussed the outcome of Phyllis Inglese's criminal charges in which she plead guilty to possession of controlled dangerous substance and was sentenced to one-year in jail. She served one month in the Garrett County Detention Center and the remainder of the sentence is to be served by house arrest. Mr. Mullich notified the Board that a letter was sent to the Wisp Resort requesting that they outline their premise change to the McHenry House renovation.

A show cause hearing was scheduled for 9:30 A.M. for the continuance of the license for Oak Grove Tavern held by Joe Healy as a result of the owner of the premise, Carl Hinebaugh withdrawing his consent. Both the applicant and owner were made aware of this hearing but neither showed up for it. Commissioner Crosco made a motion that license is void due to the closing advertisement and the fact that no one had notified the Board of the closing of the business for more than ten days and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

A hearing was held at 9:45 A.M. for a Special 2-Day Class "C" BWL License for the Saint Peter the Apostle Church's 150th Anniversary celebration. Applicant, Charles Thorne, was present for the hearing. Mr. Thorne explained the license would be used for an Italian dinner on November 22, 2002 at the Parish Hall. The ticket cost is \$6 per person for spaghetti dinner and they expect to sell 200 tickets. Chairperson Gearhart asked about what types of action will they take to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors and Mr. Thorne said they would be having a cash bar for wine with a bartender. The event will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Crosco made a motion the license be approved and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. After appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A hearing was held at 10:00 A.M. for the issuance of Multi-Event license (5) for Our Town Theater. Applicant, Judy Finkel, was present for the hearing. Mrs. Finkel explained to the Board that they would use the license for the sale of wine with a pasta dinner before the upcoming play on November 13th & 14th and 20th & 21st, 2002. Commissioner Fratz made a motion the license be approved and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. After appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A hearing was held at 10:15 A.M. for a Special 2-Day Class "C" BWL License for Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. Glenn Tolbert and Linda Weeks were present for the hearing to represent the licensees. Mr. Tolbert explained the license would be used for a gourmet dinner on November 22, 2002 at the Grantsville Senior Center, which would benefit the Meals on Wheels Program. The ticket cost is \$40 per person or \$75 a couple. Gary Mullich explained to Mr. Tolbert that in the advertisement for the event they used "complimentary" and that it implies free and that in the future it should be worded as "includes or comes with". Commissioner Fratz made a motion the license be approved and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. After appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

After the hearings, the next meeting day was set for December 5, 2002. There being no further business, Chairperson Gearhart motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Fratz.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

December 5, 2002
Date