

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners/Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on December 5, 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 Crosco to approve the November 7, 2002 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Fratz with all in favor. The Board signed mileage sheets.

A license hearing was held at 9:30 AM for a Class "B" Bed & Breakfast On-Sale license. Applicant Fred Fulk was present for the hearing. Mr. Fulk explained to the Board that he had purchased the Harvey Farm House on North Glade Road and added an addition for 10 guest suites for The North Glade Inn Bed & Breakfast. He intends to have wine or champagne in the rooms when the guests arrive as part of a welcoming package. In addition, he would like to be able to sell miniatures of liquor to the guests as well as other alcohol products. These items would be added to the guest checks for payment. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion the license be approved contingent upon all administrative requests being made and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved.

An informational meeting was scheduled for 9:45 AM with Tom Shaffer of the Silver Tree Center and the Board to discuss the possible demolition of the existing building and possible transfer of the license to a new physical location with an opening date in March or April. Mr. Shaffer called to explain he was unable to attend due to the inclement weather. He told Debbe Owston that they were looking at the possibility of moving the business to the building next to The Creamery or Mr. Scislowicz building a new site on his lot next to Deep Creek Brewing Company in McHenry. The Board decided that they would need a more definite time of transfer and exact location before they would consider allowing the license to be transferred to a new location once construction or remodel is complete.

A meeting was held at 10:00 AM with Karen Myers of the Wisp Resort to discuss the McHenry House renovation that was occurring. Ms. Myers explained that they had built a 13,000 square foot addition onto the front of the McHenry House and that they would be moving the serving area for Pizzazz Pizzeria and that there would be two additional serving areas. The food court would have beer and twist-top wine available and with Pizzazz now located on the main level they would have a bar area inside with an outside deck connecting to it with a serving window. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the additional serving areas and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the travel expense reports for the Board members for the July–December 2002 meeting dates and seconded by Commissioners Crosco and unanimously approved. The Board signed the upgraded multi-event license for the Friendsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue to allow up to twelve events. Gary Mullich informed the Board that he had received a signed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement for Red Run Lodge & Restaurant and had Craig Ingram review it and it was suggested that some minor changes be made to the document, which will be explained to William Byrne. The Board discussed a letter that was sent to Delegate Edwards in reference to proposed legislative changes to Article 2B concerning Garrett County. Some of these changes include, allowing wine to be added to 2B, § 6-201 (m)(2)(iii), adding beer to the wine tasting section of 2B, § 8-406.1 (a)(3) and 2B, § 8-406.1 (a)(4), authorizing the holder of a Special Class “C” as defined in 2B, § 7-101(p)(1), (2) OR (3) to allowed to use the license on Sunday in conjunction with the serving of a meal if held in election district 11 or 15 which allows for Sunday sales. Add “non-refillable” to Article 2B, § 2-208 (d)(3)(ii) as a legislative change and increase the number of events for Article 2B, § 7-101(p)(ii) to allow 52 events for \$1, 000. Gary Mullich told the Board that a meeting was set up for December 9th, 2002 with the licensees of the Oakland Golf Club to discuss a change in the management of the restaurant and lounge. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to request Delegate Edwards to request that Garrett County be exempted from purchasing alcohol from a wholesaler and allowing them to purchase from another Garrett County licensed retailer as well as a wholesaler, Commissioner Fratz seconded the motion with Commissioner Crosco opposed to allowing retailers to purchase from retailers. Commissioner Crosco feels the licensees need to make the request to Delegate Edwards. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to eliminate the requirements on filling out the form associated with Article 2B, § 10-202 (2)(i). The motion died for there was no second to the motion.

After the general discussion, the next meeting day was set for January 2, 2003. There being no further business, Chairperson Gearhart motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Crosco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

January 2, 2003
Date