

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners/Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on June 5, 2003 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz; Chairperson Thomas Gearhart; and Debbe Owston, Administrative Assistant.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Crosco to approve the May 1, 2003 minutes and seconded by Commissioner Fratz with all in favor. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Before the hearings there was general discussion concerning many issues. Debbe Owston had the Board sign their names several times in order to scan the signatures on the liquor licenses. Fred Fulk of The North Glade Inn picked up the Class "B" B&B license on May 5, 2003. Len Kushner of Josies Restaurant picked up the Class "D" B&W On-Sale license on May 19, 2003. Tom Anderson of Silver Tree Restaurant picked up the Class "B" BWL & Draft Beer Licenses on May 22, 2003, which was transferred from Silver Tree Enterprises.

At 9:30 AM, Wendell Beitzel, a representative for Wisp Resort, made a request to the Board to allow the use of the Gazebo on the golf course to be considered part of the licensed premise as a seasonal serving area from May 1st each year till October 31st during golf session. Mr. Beitzel explained that the Gazebo is located between the 9th & 18th holes on the course and is used to sell beer, wine and snack foods to the golfers. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve this request and Commissioner Fratz seconded the motion with all in favor.

At 9:45 AM, Darrin Green, manager of Deep Creek Brewing Company was present to request approval from the Board for an increase in their premise size. This request was submitted in writing from Gregory Mortimer on May 27th, 2003 along with a copy of the floor plan showing the changes to the premise. In addition, a letter requesting the Catering Option be added to their existing Class "B" BWL On-Sale license was submitted. Mr. Green explained that the Catering Option would be used at the upcoming Highland Festival at the Garrett County Fairgrounds on June 7th, 2003. There will be two servers along with Darrin serving from kegs of beer and they will also have kegs of root beer. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to add the Catering Option to the existing Class "B" BWL On-Sale License and Draft Beer License and also to allow the increase in premise size for the additional serving area, Commissioner Fratz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, a new license with the catering option was issued.

A transfer hearing was held at 10:00 AM for the transfer of the licenses for McHenry Beverage Shoppe from George Collins to Debra Savage of Drinks, LLC. Applicant, Debra Savage was present for the hearing and explained to the Board that it is her intention at this time to continue operating the business as is had been in the past with the same hours of operation. Debbe Owston explained to Ms. Savage that the license has a Beer & Wine Tasting Option and that when there is a tasting held on the premise, the Board must be

notified at least 7 days in advance of the tasting in writing or by fax or phone. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the transfer of license 02-31 Class "D" BWL Off-Sale with Tasting Option and license 02-31D Draft Beer license to Debra Savage and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the licenses were issued.

At 10:15 AM, Ken Wishnick, Executive Manager of Deep Creek Liquors was present to request from the Board that Perkins Restaurant be an on-premise serving area for the current class "D" BWL Off-Sale license which allows up to 25 % of sales to be on-premise for that class of license. Mr. Wishnick explained to the Board that they intend to open on June 23rd, 2003. They would like to sell beer and wine only which would be served to a seated customer only. The house pour of the wine would be in 187ml bottles for wine by the glass or full bottles of wine could be purchased. Chairperson Gearhart questioned whether or not any one was currently trained in an alcohol awareness course and Mr. Wishnick stated that several managers were and that they were considering a training day for the staff. The restaurant is designed to seat 148 people and the entire restaurant will be non-smoking. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to grant the on-premise serving area of Perkins as an additional serving area on Deep Creek Liquors Class "D" BWL Off-Sale License which allows up to 25% of alcohol sales to be consumed on premise the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. The licenses were reprinted to reflect the additional serving area.

After the hearings the Board discussed late renewal fees totals. The total fee for late renewal applications was \$1,350.00. These fees are to be paid when the 2003-2004 licenses are picked up. Commissioner Fratz made a motion not to access late fees for the renewal application received from Winner's Circle Convenience Store on May 5th and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart with Commissioner Crosco opposed to the motion. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to accept the 2003-2004 renewal applications as turned in and the motion was second by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the expense reports from February 6th meeting through the June 5th meeting and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart with all in favor of the motion.

After the general discussion, the next meeting date was scheduled for July 3, 2003. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Crosco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

July 3, 2003
Date