

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners/Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on July 3, 2003 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioner Bea Crosco; Chairperson Thomas Gearhart; Administrator to the Board, F. Gary Mullich and Debbe Owston, Administrative Assistant.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Crosco to approve the June 5, 2003 minutes and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Before the hearings there was general discussion concerning many issues. Debbe Owston informed the Board of compliance checks that had taken place in the County. BFS Foods was alleged to have sold for the second time within two years to a cadet and Engles Long Stretch Market and The Boardwalk at The Point View Inn were alleged to have sold for the first time within the past two years. During the meeting Matt Gibellino stopped in to pick up a transfer packet for obtaining an alcoholic beverage license.

A transfer hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the transfer of the license for Cindy's Place due to the death of Lucinda Drees. Applicant, Brenda Robeson was present for the hearing and explained to the Board that it is her intention at this time to continue operating the business as it had been in the past with the same hours of operation. There will be no dances and the hours are 11:00 AM till 2:00 AM. Chairperson Gearhart questioned about alcohol awareness training and Brenda said that Shawn Wilhelm is currently trained. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the transfer of license 03-44 Class "D" BWL On-Sale license and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the issuance of a Special Class "C" BWL 2-day license. Applicant, Senator Hafer, was present for the hearing. Senator Hafer explained to the Board that the license would be used at his campaign fundraiser at the Happy Hills Farm. Commissioner Crosco mad a motion the license be approved to be used on July 19th, 2003 and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

At 10:00 AM, Kevin Potter, General Manager of Maryland Hospitality Management, Inc. was present to discuss the upcoming sale of the Point View Inn from Beitzel Enterprises, Inc. and the compliance check conducted on June 4th, 2003. He explained that they reopened on Mother's Day and began managing operations on May 17th, 2003. Mr. Potter explained that they intend the establishment to be a family gathering place and not to cater to a young clientele as was done in the past. They changed the closing hours to 12:00 AM and have increased the food menu at The Boardwalk.

There was general discussion after the hearings. The Board signed an additional alcoholic beverage license for Browning's Foodland, which includes James R. Browning and Donald Browning, Jr. as the licensees. Also, it was discussed that all the paperwork was submitted to add Diane Kamp as the local resident licensee for the Avilton Inn. The Board discussed Our Town Theatre's request to use one of their events at a Reception Facility on Route 42 in Friendsville in October as part of a fundraiser. It was decided that the premise would need to be approved by the Board at the monthly meeting at least one month prior to the event, and if needed be licensed and approved by the Health Department as well as the State Fire Marshall's Office.

After the general discussion, the next meeting date was scheduled for August 7, 2003. There being no further business, Chairperson Gearhart motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Crosco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

August 7, 2003
Date

