

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on April 1, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. 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 March 4, 2004 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

An unadvertised hearing was held at 9:00 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-Day BWL License for the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department. Applicant, Fred Callis, was present for the hearing. Mr. Callis thanked the Board for allowing the hearing prior to the advertisement. It was explained that the hearing would be conducted and that the advertisement would state that written or verbal comments should be directed to the Board office by April 16th, 2004. Mr. Callis said they would be using the special license on May 1, 2004 at the Oakland Fire Hall for a cash bash fundraiser from 11:00 AM till 7:00 PM. Mr. Callis explained that fire department members who had been trained in an alcohol awareness-training course would distribute the beer. The ticket price will be \$100, which includes food, drink & the raffles. They intend on selling 1000 tickets for the event. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" 2-Day BWL License to be used on May 1st, 2004 pending any verbal or written comments due to the hearing being held before the notice was advertised and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

There was general discussion before the scheduled hearings in which, the Board reviewed the written request from Deep Creek Gourmet requesting that the tasting option be added to their current Beer & Wine License. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to approve adding the beer and wine tasting option to their current Class "A" B&W license, and if desired by the license holders, they can change their class from an "A" to "D", the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved.

A discussion session was held at 9:30 AM with Rolfe Saunders on licensee changes to take place at renewal time for The Pub At The Club located at the Oakland Golf Club. Mr. Saunders will be transferring the Mighty Oaks Brewing, Inc. license to Keith Lucas, which he was a licensee along with William Weeks. Mr. Saunders will then be increasing his percentage interest at The Pub At The Club from 0.09% to 99.1%, thus eliminating the current resident licensee, Timothy Wilson who held 99.1%. William Weeks will then hold the remaining 0.09% for Mighty Oaks Pub South, LLC operating as The Pub At The Club. Chairperson Gearhart told Mr. Saunders that the updated LLC paperwork showing the changes would need to be submitted with the renewal application, due by May 1st, 2004. In addition, the Bulk Transfer Permit would need to be completed.

A transfer hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the transfer of license 03-77, Class "B" BWL On-Sale and license 03-77D Draft Beer License, for Mighty Oaks Pub located 200 Quarry Road, from Rolfe Saunders and William Weeks of Mighty Oaks Brewing, Inc. to Keith Lucas of Keith Lucas Enterprises, Inc. operating as Lake View Pub. Both Keith Lucas and Rolfe Saunders were present for the hearing. Mr. Lucas explained to the Board that he has a lease with Karen & Joe Walsh, who are the new owners of the property. He intends to be open Monday through Thursday from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 AM – 2:00 AM and Sunday from 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the license pending receiving requested documents and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

A transfer hearing was held at 10:00 AM for the transfer of license 03-14, Class "D" BWL Off-Sale license for Bud's Package Liquors located at 2370 Hutton Road from Willard Reckart to Thomas Hickey. Mr. Hickey was present for the hearing and explained to the Board that he had been leasing and managing the establishment from Mr. Reckart for the past several months and the license needed to be transferred prior to the renewal. Mr. Hickey submitted copies of the Health Permit and Trader's license issued to him. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the transfer and the motion was seconded

by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A discussion session was held at 10:15 AM with Eugene & Pamla Dixon of the Yough Motel located in Friendsville. They had questions regarding the application process involved in getting an alcoholic beverage license. They would like to open a lounge with bar foods in the fall. The Dixons were given the application procedure advice and submitted their fingerprints as part of the process.

A hearing was held at 10:30 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-Day BWL License for the Wilhelm Recreation Association. Applicant, Gilbert Wilhelm was present for the hearing. Mr. Wilhelm said they would be using the special license on May 21st & 22nd, 2004 at the Wilhelm Pavilion for a cash bash fundraiser to benefit the building fund. Mr. Wilhelm explained that the alcohol would be purchased from Chestnut Ridge Gas and Liquor. The ticket price will be \$25, which includes food, drink & the raffles. They intend on selling 500 tickets for the event. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" 2-Day BWL License and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

There was general discussion after the hearings in which the Board reviewed a written request from the Silver Tree Inn to add Off-Premise wine sales. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the request at the renewal of the license and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. A letter was received from Diane Kamp, the local resident licensee for the Avilton Inn removing herself. A follow-up letter was sent to Mr. Robison explaining to him that a local resident licensee needed to be added by the May 1st renewal deadline. The Board reviewed the premise changes for Brenda's Pizzeria. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the increased premise and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. In addition, Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to approve the remodeling as submitted by Brenda's Pizzeria and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. Chairperson Gearhart informed the Board that Ken's Tavern in Friendsville might be sold. Jim Torrington of the Planning & Zoning office informed the office that Savage River Lodge had moved their bar into the library section of the building.

After the hearing, the next meeting day was set for May 6th, 2004. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Crosco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

May 6, 2004
Date