

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on May 6, 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, Coordinator of Support Services.

Commissioner Crosco called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Chairperson Gearhart to approve the April 1, 2004 meeting minutes as corrected and the motion was second by Commissioner Fratz and approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

There was general discussion before the hearings in which, Debbe Owston informed the Board that the licenses for Lake View Pub were picked up on April 30th, 2004 by Keith Lucas after submitting all necessary requirements and payments as requested from the Board. She also updated the Board on the renewal applications that were not submitted by the May 1st deadline. It was noted that the Comptroller's Office did not release the license hold for Skeweris Tavern. It was determined that if this were not resolved by the next meeting, a show cause continuance hearing would be scheduled for July 1, 2004. The Comptroller's Office faxed a correspondence in which they released the delinquent tax hold for Shorty's Bar and Grill. The Board reviewed and approved the criminal background results for the licensees of Bud's Package Store and the Yough Motel. Gary Mullich told the Board that he had spoke with Howard Goodstein of the corporate office for BFS Foods, Inc. in reference to transferring the license from Rex Hoalcraft to BFS Foods, Inc. with Sandy Wotring as the local licensee along with the corporate officers. Once the license is transferred to BFS Foods, Inc., the location of the license would not be transferable from 1820 Maryland Highway, Mountain Lake Park.

A transfer hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the transfer of license 03-09, Class "A" Beer & Wine Off-Sale license for Slopeside Market located at 7857 Sang Run Road from James Railey to Lisa Sisler. Ms. Sisler was present for the hearing in addition to Gary Sisler. Ms. Sisler explained to the Board that she plans on having two full-time employees and four part-time employees. She plans to continue to run the establishment as it was in the past and will be cleaning the place up. Chairperson Gearhart explained to Ms. Sisler the fines and suspension guidelines for sales to minors. He also told Ms. Sisler that all alcohol must be purchased from a wholesaler licensed to sell in Maryland and that all invoices for purchased alcohol must be kept on site and made readily available for inspection. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the transfer and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A license hearing was held at 9:45 AM for a Class "B" BWL On-Sale with Catering Option and Draft Beer license for Ridgeline Hospitality Management, LLC operating as the Red Run Lodge located at 135 Red Run Road, Oakland. Applicant, Louis Wesley Strosnider, III was present for the hearing along with Sandi Flockart, restaurant manager and Sandy Boggs, bed & breakfast manager. Mr. Strosnider explained to the Board that they would be open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday from 11:00 AM until 12:00 AM. They will be closed on Sunday. They plan on using the Catering Option to cater off-site to banquets, weddings, etc. The bed & breakfast will not be part of the licensed premise. They will implement the catering option of the license to provide alcohol to the suites during regular business hours. Gary Mullich requested that Mr. Strosnider submit a signed lease, between the current owner of the property and Ridgeline Hospitality Management, LLC. Debbe Owston explained to the Board that the fingerprints needed to be resent due to incompleteness of the first card. Mr. Strosnider had a new set of prints taken and they would be mailed out immediately for approval. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to approve the licenses pending receiving the Health Permit, background check results, signed operating lease, 2004-2005 renewal application, the legal papers for Ridgeline Hospitality Management, LLC and the Fire Marshals approval, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved.

A hearing was held at 10:00 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-Day BWL License for the Town of Oakland. Applicant, Mayor Asa McCain was present for the hearing in addition to Charlie Ross, Chamber of Commerce President. Mr. Ross said they would be using the special license on May 7th, 2004 at the Oakland Train Station for the grand opening for the

Shoppe's of Heritage Square. Mr. Ross explained that the alcohol would be purchased from George Collins of McHenry Beverage. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" 2-Day BWL License and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. After the appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

A discussion session was held at 10:15 AM with Judy Day and Tina Tichnell of Long & Foster Resort Rentals of McHenry. Ms. Day explained that they will be providing a concierge services to rental guests and would like to be able to provide hospitality baskets with alcohol to guests wishing to purchase them. Mr. Mullich suggested that a legislative request be made for a gift basket permit / concierge license be added to Article 2B. In addition, they would like to promote a signature Long & Foster label on cabernet and chardonnay wines from Deep Creek Cellars. They would like for each office throughout the state to be able to obtain the wine. Mr. Mullich explained that Paul Roberts of Deep Creek Cellars would have to receive orders from the various real estate offices and invoice them individually.

Debbe Owston informed the Board that Mr. Robinson of the Avilton Inn submitted the application for the local resident licensee. He explained that Sharon Winebrenner would hold this position since they went into a management agreement together for the establishment. The fingerprint card as well as a change to the business papers to reflect the same was submitted at that time. A written request was received from Gary Warn of the Hen House West requesting permission to serve beer and wine at the Pavilion used for the dinner theater beginning June 18th running every Friday and Saturday through August 28th, 2004. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve this request and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. A request to consider a change of the local rules and regulations to allow Class "B" license holders to sell liquor off-premise was made to the Board from Kevin Potter of The Point View Inn. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to propose a hearing in which the Board will discuss adopting Rules and Regulations to allow a Class "B" license holders to sell liquor to go for an additional fee of \$1,300. Additionally, the Board will discuss the issuing fee in addition to the annual fee. Debbe Owston received a check from Deep Creek Gourmet for their request to add the tasting option to their current license and the new license was mailed.

After the general discussion, the next meeting day was set for June 3, 2004. There being no further business, Chairperson Gearhart motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioner Fratz.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

June 3, 2004
Date