

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on August 4, 2005 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, and Deborah Owston, Coordinator of Support Services.

Commissioner Fratz called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Crosco to approve the July 7, 2005 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

There was general discussion concerning the wine festival license and possible premise change for The Chalet Restaurant. The licenses for Red Run Lodge were picked up on July 26, 2005. The license for the Sugar Shack Tavern was picked up on August 1, 2005. The licenses were picked up for The Gas Lite Restaurant and Lounge on August 3, 2005.

A hearing was held at 9:30 AM for a Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event License for Wilhelm Recreation for five events. Applicant, Dallas Wilhelm was present for the hearing. The license will be used for functions held at the Wilhelm Recreation Area. Mr. Wilhelm told the Board that the two upcoming events would benefit their building fund. The first event will be a Cash Bash on August 13, 2005 and the second event will be a Bull Roast on September 2, 2005. Chairperson Gearhart questioned how they intend to monitor the event and Mr. Wilhelm responded that there would be four or five men who will be monitoring the consumption. Mr. Wilhelm told the Board that they intend on purchasing the alcohol from Chestnut Ridge Gas & Liquor. The ticket cost will include beer and then they will charge separately for mixed drinks. Commissioner Crosco made a motion the multi-event license be approved for five events to be used by June 30, 2006 and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and unanimously approved.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the transfer of license # 05-19 Class "D" BWL On-Sale License and the issuance of a new Draft Beer License from Dane Whisner to Hilltop Inn Restaurant & Lounge, LLC operating as Hilltop Inn Restaurant & Lounge with Richard Garlitz as the licensee. Both Mr. Garlitz and Mr. Whisner were present for the hearing. Mr. Garlitz told the Board that he will continue to run the establishment the same way. He may extend the hours in the lounge on Friday and Saturday until 1:30 AM. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the transfer of the Class "D" BWL On-Sale License and for the issuance of a Draft Beer License pending favorable background results and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved.

A transfer hearing was held at 10:00 AM for the transfer of license # 05-27 Class "D" Beer & Wine On-Sale license from Par-Matt Bowling Center, LLC with Barbara Dunbar and Thomas Dunbar as the licensees to Par-Matt Lanes, LLC operating as Par-Matt Lanes with Deborah Raynovich, Nancy Glotfelty and Curtis Glotfelty as the licensees. Deborah Raynovich and Curtis Glotfelty were both present for the hearing. Ms. Raynovich told the Board that they have been doing some small renovations to the establishment. They plan on possibly changing the hours and having church leagues on Sunday. They intend on putting new doors around the lounge area in order to block the area off from the bowling area and also to contain the smoke to the lounge. Mr. Glotfelty said that he would be the manager of the establishment and over see day-to-day operations. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the license transfer pending all administrative requests are made as well as favorable background results on all applicants and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

A hearing was held at 10:15 AM for the issuance of a Wine Festival License to be used on September 10, 2005. The Wisp Resort will be the license holder with the applicants being Karen Myers, I. Robert Rudy and Gary Daum. The following persons were in attendance to represent the Wisp Resort and the Wine Festival. Drew Strout, Marty McGreal, Vianne Bell, Paula Yudelevit and Judy Day. The Board discussed The Chalet Restaurant's request to reduce their premise for the day of the festival and the request was not granted. The committee discussed other possible unlicensed locations for the event and decided on trying for the Fairgrounds in McHenry. Paula Yudelevit explained to the Board the agenda for the event. She said on Friday area restaurants will have pre-fixed dinner specials with recommended wines that will be show cased at the festival. Saturday will be the festival,

which will have an entrance cost of \$20 that will include the \$5 admission charge and ten tasting tickets. They will have various activities including grape stomping, a large mural for children to color and small musical concerts. Sunday there will be a brunch held at the Wisp Resort and the Savage River Lodge. The brunch at the Savage River Lodge will feature the festival wines. The representatives left the meeting for a short while and returned after the 10:30 session was finished. They contacted the Fair Board and September 10th, 2005 was an open date to hold the event there. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the Wine Festival License as applied for by The Wisp Resort to be used on September 10, 2005 at the Garrett County Fair Grounds and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

A discussion session was held at 10:30 AM with Milton Bertholdt of Hillside Inn concerning the establishment's operational status. The renewal application was received on March 31, 2005. Chairperson Gearhart questioned Mr. Bertholdt on his intention of use for the license. Does he intend to open the establishment and if so, by when. Chairperson Gearhart told Mr. Bertholdt that he could reapply for a new license in the future if he does not open. Mr. Bertholdt did not give a definite answer to his intentions for the license and does not know when he may be able to open the business. Chairperson Gearhart told Mr. Bertholdt that in order to open he must obtain a Health Permit. The Board told Mr. Bertholdt that he needs to contact the office by next Thursday with an answer.

A discussion session was held with Drew Strout of The Wisp Resort concerning the licensed premise areas. The Board said that the condo owner's would need to submit a letter to allow the conference areas to be part of the premise.

There was general discussion after the hearings concerning The Pop Shoppe at Markwood Citgo. Sharon Markwood is considering transferring the license. The possibility of two separate businesses was mentioned. If this is the case, the Board agreed that the two businesses would need to be separated off by a wall.

After the general discussion, the next meeting date was set for September 1, 2005. There being no further business, Chairperson Gearhart motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Commissioners Fratz.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

September 1, 2005
Date