

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on July 6, 2006 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioner Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, and Administrator to the Board, Deborah Owston.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Chairperson Gearhart to approve the June 1, 2006 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and approved. The Board signed their mileage sheets.

Before the hearing there was general discussion concerning Friendsville Discount Liquors. Chairperson Gearhart mentioned that the license might be transferred and possibly Ms. Spears would remain on the license as the qualifying applicant until the new licensee meets the two-year residency requirement. Debbe Owston informed the Board that as of July 6th, 2006 the Grantsville Comfort Inn, Wilhelm Recreation Association and the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department had not picked up their renewed alcoholic beverage licenses. Also, JoAnn Connell of the Trackside Restaurant reduced her license from a Class "B" BWL On-Sale with Draft Beer License to a Class "D" Beer On-Sale License. George Brodak of Brodak's Discount Liquors notified the office that his District Court hearing will be rescheduled. He is to inform the office of the new trial date.

A hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the transfer of license 06-56, Class "D" BWL On-Sale License from John Simson of Spring Glade, Inc. operating as Pawn Run Tavern to J. & P. Enterprises, LLC operating as Pawn Run Tavern with Teresa Y. Foster, Virginia A. Foster and John P. Foster, Sr. as the licensees. Ms. Teresa Foster was present for the hearing. Ms. Foster explained to the Board they will continue to operate the establishment as a tavern serving the same menu plus offering homemade soup specials. The hours of operation will be the same. Debbe Owston told Ms. Foster to notify the office as soon as a final closing date is scheduled. In addition, the following items must be submitted prior to the transfer. The Bulk Transfer Permit, Sales & Use Tax Number, Trader's License, Health Permit, lease agreement or property deed, business entity paperwork in its entirety and copies of all applicant's Maryland Driver's Licenses. Chairperson Gearhart commented on alcohol awareness training requirements and good carding procedures. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the transfer of the Class "D" BWL On-Sale License pending all administrative requested documents are received in a timely fashion and the motion was second by Chairperson Gearhart and approved.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the issuance of a Wine Festival License to be used on September 9, 2006 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, Maryland. The Wisp Resort will be the license holder with the applicants being Karen Myers, I. Robert Rudy and Gary Daum. Marty McGreal, Vianne Bell, Paula Yudelevit and Drew Strout were in attendance to represent the Wisp Resort and the Wine Festival. The event hours will be from 12:00 PM till 7:00 PM. The event ticket cost will be \$20. Included in the ticket cost will be ten coupons good for one-ounce wine tastings and a commemorative wine glass. Various participating restaurants will offer a dinner wine pairing special on September 8, 2006. Kevin Atticks will represent the Maryland Winery Association. Hugh Umbel of McHenry Beverage will sponsor the kids grape stomping event. Paul Roberts of Deep Creek Cellars may participate as a Maryland winery. Fireside Deli, Accident Bakery, Bumble Q's, and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor food tents. There will be a wine store to purchase full bottles and cases of wine. They will utilize the Wisp's P.O.S. system to track the sales. Commissioner Fratz questioned whether the wholesalers charge a restocking fee for the unsold wine returned from the retailer. Marty McGreal responded that there is no fee on returned product from the event. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Wine Festival License as applied for by The Wisp Resort to be used on September 9, 2006 at the Garrett County Fair Grounds and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved.

There was general discussion after the hearings concerning the recent Highland Festival. Debbe Owston asked Drew Strout to provide a copy of the Wisp's catering contract for the event held at the Garrett County Fairgrounds on June 3, 2006.

After the general discussion, the next meeting date was set for August 3, 2006. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

August 3, 2006
Date