

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on November 2, 2006 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, Administrator to the Board, Deborah Owston, and Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Glotfelty.

Commissioner Fratz called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Chairperson Gearhart to approve the October 5, 2006 and October 26, 2006 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and approved. Mileage sheets were signed by the Board.

Before the hearing there was general discussion. Chairperson Gearhart requested an update on the status of Sorelle's Pizza Shop. Ms. Owston reviewed with the Board some of the events that took place at the recent MALA Fall Conference including the discussion on the Code Revision of Article 2B and information presented by CJIS.

A hearing was held at 9:30 A.M. for the transfer of license #06-11 Class "B" BWL On-Sale License with Off-Premise Wine Sales Option and license #06-11D Draft Beer License from Sam Housley, Roger Cutright and Thomas Anderson of Silver Tree Enterprises, LLC operating as The Silver Tree Inn to The Thirsty Crab, LLC operating as The Thirsty Crab with John Ferrell as the licensee. Applicant, John Ferrell was present along with Ron Barnard, Beverage Manager. Mr. Ferrell explained to the Board that he would like The Thirsty Crab to be a place of enjoyment with food and entertainment. They currently offer on-premise catering and banquet facility capabilities. Ms. Owston informed the applicant that the current license does not allow off-premise catering of alcoholic beverages, however the catering option of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food is available. Chairperson Gearhart questioned if the dry storage area is the only section of the downstairs being used as part of the licensed premise. Mr. Ferrell replied that was correct, but he may be renegotiating the lease today. Mr. Ferrell informed the Board he would like to establish the entire building as the premise area. Mr. Ferrell was informed that if there are any changes to the premise or establishment, he is to notify the Board. Mr. Ferrell informed the Board that the hours of operation are currently Monday through Saturday 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the restaurant area, but the bar will remain open until 1:30 A.M. Sunday brunch will be from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and a limited buffet from 3:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Mr. Barnard questioned the hours of operation for a bar. Ms. Owston informed him that the hours of operation for the sale of alcohol is from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. Ms. Owston also mentioned everything needs to be shut down by 2:00 A.M. (no selling of alcohol, no consumption of alcohol, etc.) She also told the licensee all purchases of alcoholic beverages must be from a Maryland licensed wholesaler, bartenders must be 21 years of age or older and servers must be 18 years of age or older and can only serve alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a meal. Mr. Ferrell presented to the Board a copy of an employee agreement that has been implemented in his establishment. Mr. Barnard informed the Board he would like to have all staff certified in an alcohol awareness course. Ms. Owston encouraged both Mr. Ferrell and Mr. Barnard the importance of teaching their staff to properly read Identification Cards. Ms. Owston also informed Mr. Ferrell of the fines and penalties involved in association with sales to minors. Ms. Owston gave advice that alcoholic beverages cannot be free and to take this into consideration when

advertising. The renewal process in May was explained as well as the upcoming New Year's Eve hours. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the transfer of license #06-11 Class "B" BWL On-Sale License with Off-Premise Wine Sales Option and license #06-11D Draft Beer License to John Ferrell of the Thirsty Crab, LLC and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved pending a favorable background check. After the appropriate fees were paid, the licenses were issued.

There was general discussion after the hearing concerning the Wine Festival License and the possibility of needing to advertise the license availability. Debbe also mentioned the licenses for the Oakland Golf Club may be scheduled for transfer at the December 7th meeting. The Oakland Volunteer Fire Department will re-schedule the Mega Bash, which was to be held on October 28, 2006.

After the general discussion, the next meeting day was set for December 7, 2006. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

December 7, 2006

Date