

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on August 2, 2007 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Administrator to the Board, Deborah R. Owston and Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Glotfelty.

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

Before the meeting there was general discussion. Ms. Owston informed the Board that at the July 5, 2007 meeting when a special time was granted to the Sons of the American Legion, due to the incorrect time being preprinted on their tickets, it was later discovered that the printed time was for 1:00 PM on Sunday, which is in accordance with Article 2B and therefore the motion that was made at the July meeting to allow the event to take place at 12:00 PM will not be necessary and will be amended to 1:00 PM. Ms. Owston also informed the Board that Stonebow Inn, after paying appropriate fees, upgraded their alcoholic beverage license to a Class "D" Beer & Wine On-Sale License and that Town Shares were down this year due to Track Side no longer being in business. It was also discussed that Tina Buckel, Environmental Health, notified the office that Silver Tree Restaurant opened for business on Saturday, July 27, 2007. Ms. Owston also advised the Board that the Class BDR Deluxe Restaurant License, which is based on seating and capital investment, became effective on July 1, 2007 and recommended that the Board look into adopting local Rules and Regulations.

An administrative hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the American Legion Post #71 to discuss the incident, which occurred on June 21, 2007. Licensee, Charles "Andrew" Damon was in attendance as well as Jack Turney, Mayland Yost and Sheridan Green. Commissioner Crosco explained that the reason for the hearing was due the Liquor Control Board being notified by the Oakland Town Police of an incident which occurred on the premise where the manager was uncooperative with law enforcement and then requested the licensee to proceed forward with explanation. Mr. Damon informed the Board that he was not made aware of the incident until Ms. Owston notified him. Mr. Damon then notified the House Committee; they met on Monday and then proceeded forward with investigating the incident. The dispute that occurred in the parking lot involved two employees. The Board was made aware of the details involving the dispute and that both employees were reprimanded and placed on probation, with the understanding that if the occurrence happens again they will be let go. Mr. Green informed the Board that it is procedure for their employees to notify a member of the House Committee of any occurrences. Ms. Owston gave the licensee a copy of the local Rules and Regulations. Ms. Owston also mentioned that they currently only have one officer on their alcoholic beverage license and if they are a corporation with more than four officers, then at least three officers need to be on the license. Ms. Owston recommended that they move forward with adding two additional officers to their alcoholic beverage license.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the issuance of a Special Class "C" BWL two-day License for the State Trooper Lodge #40, Crime Solvers. Bernie Zlomek and Otto Artfitch were present for the hearing. Commissioner Crosco stated that the event is to take place at the McKenzie Pavilion in Avilton, Maryland and asked for further information about the event. The event will take place on Sunday, August 19, 2007, but the request was made for two days in order to purchase alcoholic beverages the day before. Mr. Zlomek informed the Board that 225 tickets are to be sold with a ticket price of \$30.00 each. The ticket will include a steak dinner, drinks and raffle. The event will be open to the public and will begin at 3:00 PM for social hour, dinner at 4:30 PM and closing by 6:00 PM. A bartender will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages and Mr. Artfitch will be checking identification. No one under the age of 21 will be permitted to attend the event. Commissioner Fratz made a motion the license be approved to be used on August 18 and 19, 2007 and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. After appropriate fees were paid, the license was issued.

There was general discussion after the hearings. Ms. Owston informed the Board that North Lake Café was approved for their alcoholic beverage license on May 3, 2007 and have not yet opened for business and the office has not been notified as to the delay. The Board recommends that a letter be sent requesting the status of their anticipated date of opening.

After general discussion, the next meeting day was set for September 6, 2007. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Commissioner Crocco.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

September 6, 2007
Date