

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on July 2, 2009 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Commissioner Bea Crosco, Commissioner Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston and Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Glotfelty.

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

Before the meeting there was general discussion. Ms. Owston informed the Board that renewals went well. Every establishment with the exception of Silver Tree renewed their license. Ms. Owston then proceeded to inform the Board of a disturbance involving the Sheriff's Office at the Long Branch Saloon on June 21, 2009 at 1:10 AM. After review of the incident report provided by the Sheriff's Office, the Board agreed a letter should be sent to the Long Branch Saloon. Ms. Owston also advised the Board that St. Moritz Boardwalk's licenses were issued on June 8, 2009. Ms. Owston recently conducted inspections on the northern end of the county along with the Deep Creek Lake area and establishments in Oakland that are open in the morning hours. So far, she has not found anything to report on with the exception of some possible poker machines. Ms. Owston also advised the Board that Pawn Run Saloon revived their Certificate of Good Standing with the State.

A license hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the issuance of a Class "B" BDR Deluxe Restaurant BWL On-Sale & Draft License with Sunday Sales Option to Wisp Resort Lakeside Club. Applicant Karen F. Myers was present for the hearing. Ms. Myers reported that they had previously had plans to build a large facility, but with the present economy, they now plan to temporarily house the Club in the building that was eventually going to be apartments. Mrs. Myers reported that they do not have a complete U & O. They are still waiting on the Fire Marshall and Health Department. She is estimating that it should be a week to 10 days to receive a final inspection. The Club will be a family oriented club with light food served on a daily basis and catered food on weekends. The facility will have locker rooms, decks and children areas. The club has day use docks. Hours of operation will be Monday, Thursday and Sunday 11:30 AM until 7:00 PM. Fridays and Saturdays open until 10:00 PM. Commissioner Crosco questioned, that since this is a private club, what do you need to do to get in. Mrs. Myers responded that if you were not a recognized club member, you would be asked your name along with the showing of a club pass that will be given to members. Mrs. Myers also reported that she has staff trained in alcohol awareness. Ms. Owston questioned if all invoices would be on a separate account. Mrs. Myers said that they would not be run through the Wisp's main license. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to issue a Class "B" BDR Deluxe Restaurant BWL On-Sale & Draft License with Sunday Sales Option, pending Health Permit and Use & Occupancy Permit, seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved by Chairperson Gearhart.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the issuance of a Wine Festival License to be used on September 12, 2009 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry. The Wisp Resort will

be the license holder with the applicants being Karen Myers, Stephen Richards and Gary Daum. Karen Myers and Vianne Bell were present for the hearing to represent the Wisp Resort and the Wine Festival Committee. Ms. Bell reported that this is their 5th year having the Festival. Proceeds support the American Red Cross. Once again the Maryland State Police will be on hand in an education capacity for those interested in determining their blood alcohol content. This year they plan to change some things by having unlimited wine pours of 1 oz. portions and strongly encouraging those who like the tasting wine to purchase a full bottle from the Wine Store. They have arranged to have Fred Herath conduct a TIPS course on August 29, 2009 that will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes and will provide their celebrity pourers some guidance but will not certify them in alcohol awareness training. They have made arrangements with the distributors to take back wines not sold. They will have music entertainment and several free activities for children. Hours will be from noon until 6:00 PM with an extra hour at the wine store. The cost will be \$25.00 per ticket for individuals over the age of 21 that will be participating in the tastings. The entrance fee only will be \$5.00; children under the age of 5 will be free. Commissioner Crocco made a motion to approve the Wine Festival License, seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

There was no general discussion after the meeting.

The next meeting date was set for August 6, 2009. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

August 6, 2009
Date