

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on August 5, 2010 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, Commissioner Mike Fratz, Commissioner Bea Crosco, Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston and Administrative Assistant, Amy Baker.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. 9:05 AM. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratz to approve the July 1, 2010 minutes, seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and unanimously approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

There was a general discussion before the hearing to be held at 9:30 AM. Ms. Owston reported the Celebrity Pourers Committee for the Art & Wine Festival on September 11, 2010 informed participants of an alcohol awareness training opportunity on August 31st. Barbara Williams contacted Ms. Owston about Bud's Package Store. They are considering applying for an alcoholic beverage license and appearing before the Board on September 2, 2010. Ms. Owston reported that she was contacted by Illiano Properties. Illiano Properties is a commercial real estate company. They start restaurants and called to ask what is required to obtain a license. They were interested in a possible McHenry area start-up. Ms. Owston reported that Friends of Deep Creek Lake is having an event to benefit the State of the Watershed on August 6, 2010. Ms. Owston reported that she did an inspection at Table Rock and found no liquor license posted. Matt Lucas thought that he may have lost his license, however, he did find his license, and Chairperson Gearhart is going to stop and check that the license is currently posted. Ms. Owston stated that Ashley Crawford of Curt's Corner may move his business to Kitzmiller. Mr. Crawford would then need to transfer his license to the Kitzmiller location. Ms. Owston reported that Raymond Monk, Exalted Ruler of the BPO Elks Lodge, needs to be approved as a licensee. Ms. Owston reported findings from Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners. Mr. Monk was the licensee for Chuck's Place in Baltimore. Ms. Owston stated that Mr. Monk could be called in to report to the Board about findings. Chairperson Thomas Gearhart made a motion to notify Mr. Monk that after reviewing records obtained from the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners they feel he is not qualified to hold a license in Garrett County, Commissioner Fratz seconded the denial and the decision was made unanimous by Commissioner Crosco.

A license hearing was held at 9:30 AM for a Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License for Allegany / Mineral County Crime Solvers. Present for the hearing was Ray Presley and Bernie Zolemak. The license is to be used on Sunday, August 15th at the McKenzie Pavilion on McKenzie Road in Avilton, MD. Mr. Presley reported that the F.O.P. Lodge is located in Garrett County and the lodge will be used for fundraising. Mr. Presley reported that 225 tickets at \$30/person will be sold. The hours for the fundraiser will be from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Mr. Presley stated that only persons 21 years of age and older will be able to purchase tickets. The bar will have beer, wine and liquor. The bartender will be a police officer. Mr. Presley said the beer will be obtained from a retailer. Ms. Owston gave a packet referring to laws and regulations in Garrett County. She also noted that the event is on a Sunday in an approved election district for Sunday sales and all Sunday regulations will be satisfied. A motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License to be used on August 15th was made by Commissioner Crosco and seconded by Commissioner

Fratz and made unanimous by Chairperson Gearhart. All fees were paid and the license issued.

A license hearing was held at 9:45 AM for a Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event (5) License for Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department. Present for the hearing was applicant, Stephen D. Smith. The first event for the license is to be used at the Grantsville Fire Hall at 178 Springs Road in Grantsville, MD. Mr. Smith reported that two sportsman bashes will be held. One event is planned for August 21st and the other in April 2011. The tickets will be sold for \$30/person and will be all you can eat / all you can drink. One member of the fire department has been trained in TIPS alcohol awareness. Chairperson Gearhart asked what measures would be taken for those violating the law by supplying alcohol to minors. Mr. Smith said that any person drinking underage or supplying to minors would be asked to leave the event. Mr. Smith reported that the hours of the event will be 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The event will be beer only and will be supplied by Lantz Distributors. Ms. Owston reminded Mr. Smith that the Board is to be notified one week prior to any event. Ms. Owston also stated that alcohol cannot be donated and must be purchased by the licensee. A motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event (5) license was made by Commissioner Crosco, seconded by Commissioner Fratz and made unanimous by Chairperson Gearhart. All fees were paid and the license issued.

A license hearing was held at 10:00 AM for a Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event (5) License for Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department. Present for the hearing was applicant, Ronald W. O'Brien. The license is to be used at the Deer Park Community Fire Hall at 5353 Maryland Highway in Deer Park, MD. The first event for the license will be used for September 4th for a Cash Bash. Mr. O'Brien reported that Kenny Collins managed the underage persons at the last event and will do the same at this event. Mr. O'Brien reported that persons underage or persons supplying alcohol to those underage would be removed from the building and their ticket would be voided. The hours of operation will be from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Mr. O'Brien reported that 500 tickets will be sold. The price for tickets will be \$30/person. Mr. O'Brien reported that if this event goes well then another event will take place in May. Lohr Distributors is supplying the beer. Ms. Owston reminded Mr. O'Brien that the Board will need to know one week in advance before the next event and no alcohol can be donated. A motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event (5) license was made by Commissioner Fratz and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and made unanimous by Chairperson Gearhart. All fees were paid and the license issued.

A license hearing was held at 10:15 AM for Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License for the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Present for the hearing was applicant, Phillip Workman. The license is to be used on October 22nd & 23rd at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD. Mr. Workman reported that they plan to have a Cash Bash. The cost for a ticket is \$25/person. The hours of operation will be from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Fire Department. Lohr Distributors will be supplying the beer. Persons entering the fairgrounds will be carded. Those who are 21 years and older will be given wristbands. They will also be checking wristbands and identification throughout the day. After a suggestion from Chairperson Gearhart, Mr. Workman reported that those who supply alcohol to minors will be escorted off the premise. Ms. Owston reminded Mr. Workman that the alcohol must be purchased and not donated. Ms. Owston

also reminded Mr. Workman that those who are visibly intoxicated could not be served alcohol. A motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL two-day license to be used on October 22nd and 23rd was made by Commissioner Fratz and seconded by Commissioner Crosco, and made unanimous by Chairperson Gearhart. All fees were paid and the license issued.

Following the hearing, several additional items of general discussion were reviewed by the Board. Ms. Owston reviewed that Terry Helbig and Jim Johnson were hoping to host Wine-Tasting Events to benefit GOBA in the town of Oakland. Bruce Tharp and Jim Johnson came in to report about Open Main Street. Mr. Johnson wanted to have different Oakland stores host wine vendors. In the process, the businesses in downtown Oakland would be promoted. Chairperson Gearhart noted that an issue with the Wine Tasting would be different premises that require multiple licenses. Ms. Owston reported that a Special Class "C" license could be an option with no off-premise "to-go" sales. Ms. Owston is going to work towards finding a solution for GOBA to be able to host this event. Mr. Johnson reported that he would write out a plan for the wine tasting to give to Debbe to review at her upcoming MALA meeting where the focus is tastings. Mr. Johnson is planning to attend the September meeting for new ideas from Ms. Owston.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and made unanimous by Commissioner Crosco.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2010.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

September 2, 2010
Date