

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on March 7, 2013 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, Commissioner Bea Crosco, Commissioner Michael Fratz and Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston

Commissioner Crosco called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

A discussion session was held at 9:30 AM with Mr. Philip St. Moritz of the St. Moritz Boardwalk. Chairperson Gearhart presented Mr. St. Moritz with a copy of an emailed picture sent to the Board showing a patron of the St. Moritz Boardwalk consuming alcoholic beverages directly from the pour bottles. Chairperson Gearhart asked Mr. St. Moritz if he was aware of the occurrence or if he knew who was working at the time. Mr. St. Moritz said he has no way of knowing when the picture was taken. Mr. St. Moritz told the Board that he is starting over with all new staff and management. He said that kind of stuff is unacceptable. Mr. St. Moritz presented the Board with a list of the new management team at the Boardwalk. Mr. St. Moritz said the new manager will be Calvin Shepard. Ms. Owston informed him that there has to be a two-year resident of Garrett County as one of the licensees. Mr. St. Moritz said that will not be a problem. Mr. St. Moritz took the opportunity to request that the Board reconsider the upcoming suspension and fine, offering to pay a larger monetary amount in place of a suspension. The Board said their original fine and suspension will not be changed. No additional action was taken by the Board.

There was general discussion. Ms. Owston updated the Board on the legislative session and a few amendment corrections to the text. She said there were favorable results in the House and Senate on both of the legislative bills. Commissioner Crosco questioned when the changes would take place. Ms. Owston replied that all approved bills will go into effect on June 1st. Ms. Owston spoke on a few statewide bills. The upcoming renewal process was discussed including the various license renewal holds. Ms. Owston informed the Board that the Sheriff reported no activity at Honey's Pawn Run Saloon on Sunday, February 3, 2013. Ms. Owston mentioned the upcoming transfer hearings for The Local to Lisa Jan and The Lakeside Club to Adrian Spiker and Betsy Spiker Holcomb. The Crab Shack will have some membership changes including a new local resident licensee. Mr. Craig Gebhart has informed Ms. Owston that they will re-open in mid-May and requests that the license be active again at that time. Ms. Owston presented the Board with the February sales report for the Black Bear Tavern & Restaurant. The food sales exceeded the alcohol sales. Ms. Owston mentioned that she spoke to Tina Buckel about Brenda McDonnell's new restaurant at Will O' the Wisp. She said they are on schedule to possibly open at the end of April. The Board discussed the Minutes.

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

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for April 4, 2013.

April 4, 2013

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

Date