

## MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on September 5, 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 with Calvin Shepard of the St. Moritz Boardwalk. After discussion with Mr. Shepard the Board accepted him as a licensee.

A license hearing was held at 9:40 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-day BWL License for the Catholic Daughters. Present for the hearing was applicant, Wendy Cardiff. The license is to be used at St. Peters' Parish Hall located at 208 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland on October 26, 2013. Ms. Cardiff said the license will be used for a dinner / dance fundraiser to benefit the House of Hope. Chairperson Gearhart questioned what kind of precautions they have set up to prevent underage drinking. Ms. Cardiff said they have TIPS training scheduled for next week. Ms. Cardiff said there will be Knights of Columbus representatives at the door checking for tickets and ID's if necessary. Ms. Cardiff said she thinks it will be an older crowd since the Mon River Big Band will be the entertainment for the event. The tickets will be \$25. She said the ticket cost includes dinner. Ms. Owston questioned if they would be having a cash bar for the beer and wine. Ms. Cardiff said they will have a cash bar set up in the kitchen area. The event will be held from 6:00 PM until 10:30 PM. Ms. Owston reviewed the various rules and regulations for a licensed event. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License for October 26<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Crosco and made unanimous by Chairperson Gearhart. The appropriate fees were paid and the license was issued. Ms. Owston provided Ms. Cardiff with samples of ID's for the surrounding states.

A license hearing was held at 10:00 AM for a Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event (5) License for the Garrett County Agriculture Fair, Inc. Applicants for the license are Debra Friend, Debra Bernard and John Brewer. Mr. Brewer was present for the hearing. The license is to be used at the AG Heritage Hall at the fairgrounds located at 270 Mosser Road in McHenry. Mr. Brewer said they will have a Cash Bash / Outdoor Show on Saturday, September 14, 2013. He said the doors will open at 9:00 AM and they will begin serving beer and food at noon and the last drawing will be at 6:00 PM at which time they will close down. Mr. Brewer said they will have several other raffles and tip boards as part of the fundraising activities. The cost of the ticket will be \$15 and they are planning on selling 1,000 tickets. Ms. Owston questioned where they plan on having the alcohol at the event. Mr. Brewer then presented the Board with a sketch of the licensed premise areas. Ms. Owston questioned how they plan to monitor the fairgrounds and the alcohol. Mr. Brewer said they will be utilizing wristbands and there will be fair board members monitoring the exhibit hall area. Mr. Brewer said the ticket cost includes food and beer. Ms. Owston reviewed the various rules and regulations for a licensed event and made suggestions on how to control the event. Ms. Owston mentioned that alcohol cannot be donated. She said all alcohol must be purchased from a licensed Maryland wholesaler or retailer. Mr. Brewer said they will be purchasing the beer from Lohr Distributors. Mr.

Brewer noted that the second planned event will be a New Year's Eve fundraiser with a dinner and entertainment by the Hub Caps. Ms. Owston provided Mr. Brewer with samples of ID's for Maryland and the surrounding states. The various forms of valid ID's were discussed with Mr. Brewer. In addition, Ms. Owston presented a handout on fake Maryland ID's. Ms. Owston suggested placement of this material at the main entrance. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event (5) License, seconded by Commissioner Fratz and made unanimous by Chairperson Gearhart. The appropriate fees were paid and the license was issued. Ms. Owston explained the renewal process.

A license hearing was held at 10:20 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-day BWL License for the Deep Creek VFC, Inc. Applicants for the license are Brian Schlossnagle and John Miller. Both applicants were present for the hearing. The license is to be used at the Garrett County Fairgrounds / AG Heritage Building on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Mr. Schlossnagle stated that the license will be used for a crab feast fundraiser. The ticket cost will be \$40 and they have 500 tickets printed. The ticket cost includes beer. The event will be from 3:00 PM until 10:00 PM. The crabs will be served from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Mr. Miller said prior to the dinner they will be selling tip boards to help raise some funds for their new building. Mr. Miller said they will be serving the beer. He noted that there will be no self-service. He said this way they can monitor alcohol consumption better. Chairperson Gearhart questioned if they will be serving pitchers of beer. Mr. Miller said that has not been determined. Chairperson Gearhart said the Board discourages use of pitchers. Mr. Miller said he doubts they will use them. Ms. Owston questioned where they would be purchasing the alcohol from. Mr. Miller said from Wantz Distributors. Ms. Owston reviewed that alcohol cannot be donated. Ms. Owston reviewed the various rules and regulations for a licensed event and made suggestions on how to control the event. Ms. Owston provided the applicants with samples of ID's for Maryland and the surrounding states. The various forms of valid ID's were discussed with the applicants. In addition, Ms. Owston presented a handout on fake Maryland ID's. Ms. Owston suggested placement of this material at the main entrance. Mr. Miller mentioned they plan on having a band or dj at the event. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License for September 28<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Crosco and made unanimous by Chairperson Gearhart. Appropriate fees were paid and the license was issued.

A discussion session was held after the hearings with Lisa Sisler of Slopeside Market. Ms. Sisler and her husband were present to discuss the Sunday sales regulations that exclude off-premise sales. Ms. Sisler told the Board that she sent Delegate Beitzel and Senator Edwards an email requesting a referendum vote to allow limited off-premise Sunday sales of alcohol in Garrett County. The possibility of take-out sales of brewed beverages at Class "B" establishments was also mentioned. Specifically, growler sales of beer were brought up for discussion. The Board listened to Ms. Sisler's concerns on the current regulations and requested that she attend an upcoming meeting with the specifics of the request. Ms. Owston explained that after they propose the limited Sunday sales regulations, and the Board concurs, she will draft the requested legislative changes for Article 2B. Ms. Owston mentioned that this will need to take place before the Garrett County Commissioners meeting with Delegate Beitzel and Senator Edwards on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room. Ms. Sisler was notified to be

prepared to present the proposed changes at the October 3, 2013 meeting at 10:00 AM. Ms. Owston said this way the final draft of the legislative requests can be approved by the Board at the November 7, 2013 meeting.

There was general discussion after the hearings. The July sales report for Black Bear Tavern & Restaurant was reviewed. Ms. Owston said she spoke to Bill DeVore about the monthly reports and he agreed an annual report at the renewal of the alcoholic beverage license will be sufficient. Ms. Owston said she notified Nick Clapsaddle of the change. Ms. Owston noted that there were several compliance checks conducted on August 1, 2013 and there were no violations. Ms. Owston said Dfc. Eric Parks of the Sheriff's Office was assigned to forward any reports mentioning a licensed establishment to her attention. Mr. Robert Sines of the Sugar Shack Tavern submitted a request to the Board to place the license on hold. Mr. Sines said he is going to possibly sell the business and transfer the license. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to place the license on hold. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved. The anticipated transfer application for Friendsville Discount Liquors was withdrawn prior to advertisement. The Board reviewed an Incident Report received from the Maryland State Police involving a patron of Black Bear Tavern & Restaurant. Ms. Owston provided a copy of the report to the licensees. No action will be taken until the final report is received from the MSP. Ms. Owston mentioned that this could take several months. The Board discussed the Cornish Manor Café at Deep Creek and their questions on utilizing the catering option. Ms. Fram inquired about the possibility of selling food and alcohol at the Autumn Glory parade. The Board and Ms. Owston agree that the Catering Option cannot be used at any self-sponsored events. Ms. Owston noted that the regulations for the Catering Option require that you must provide food. Ms. Fram also inquired about having tastings at catered events. Ms. Owston and the Board agreed this would be permissible at an invitation ticketed event. Ms. Owston noted that the Wine Festival will be held this weekend on September 7, 2013. Ms. Owston and the Board discussed the pending 2013 minutes. Ms. Owston said she will have them all prepared for the next meeting.

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 October 3, 2013 pending any public hearings.

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Thomas A. Gearhart  
Chairperson

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October 3, 2013  
Date