

## MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on March 6, 2014 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.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

The January 30, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board. Commissioner Crosco made the motion seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved by Chairperson Gearhart.

Prior to the license hearing, the Board had general discussion on various items. Ms. Owston updated the Board of the 2014 legislative session. She said that the inclement weather has had a small impact on the recent hearings. Ms. Owston stated that HB 208 for statewide growler legislation recently had amendments to the bill. The proposed amendments to the regulations will now satisfy the Board's concerns. She said that the Comptroller's Office will compile the standards for the refillable container. Ms. Owston informed the Board that she has created a link on the website for the various legislative requests for Garrett County. Ms. Owston told the Board that Mt. State Brewing has expressed an interest in having a Beer Festival. Ms. Owston is waiting to hear from the licensee with more details of the event. Ms. Owston spoke about the progress of the referendum bills for Sunday sales. She noted that there was an amendment to the on-premise bill to reflect the proposed question on the November ballot.

A transfer license hearing was held at 9:30 AM. The license issued to Par-Matt Lanes, LLC will be transferred to Deep Creek Lanes, LLC doing business as The Alley. The business is located at 21 Lewis B Naylor Drive, Oakland, Maryland. Present for the hearing was applicant / general manager, Tiffany Blackden as well as the operations manager, Gary Blackden. Applicants, Beverly Rains and Jack Rains were not present for the hearing. Ms. Owston noted for the record that the license will be changed from a Class "D" Beer & Wine On-Sale License to a Class "B" Beer & Wine On-Sale License and a new Draft Beer License is being applied for. Mrs. Blackden mentioned that they will be doing a major renovation of the bowling alley. She said they will temporarily close from the end of April until the end of May. Mrs. Blackden stated that the hours would be from noon until 10:30 PM seven days a week. Mr. Blackden informed the Board that he recently had alcohol awareness training. Ms. Owston reviewed in great detail the various rules and regulations with Mr. & Mrs. Blackden. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the license transfer to a Class "B" Beer & Wine On-Sale License and a new Draft Beer License pending the applicants receiving the SBA loan closing for the new entity. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

Following the hearing, Ms. Owston spoke with the Board on the license renewal holds. She noted that Santa Fe Grille filed for bankruptcy on March 3, 2014. Ms. Owston updated the Board on the licenses issued to Jearbryo's and the estate of licensee, Jerry Humberson. The personal representative requested the license be placed on hold while they try to sell the business. The Board approved placing the license on hold. Ms. Owston

noted that Eastern Garrett VFD had an event on March 1, 2014. Oakland VFD will have an event on March 8, 2014. The Samantha Funding the Arts Foundation event will be on March 15, 2014. Oakland – Mt. Lake Park Lions Club will be having an event on March 29, 2014. St. Moritz Boardwalk submitted their proposed Sunday menu. The Board approved the menu as submitted. The Town of Friendsville asked the Board to review their alcohol permit to be used at the pavilion areas within the town park. The Board had no issues with the regulations and agreed the Town could set these regulations without their input. Ms. Owston informed the Board that Emily Berry of the Cornish Manor at Deep Creek did not appeal the Boards decision of the license being null / void. Ms. Owston said that compliance checks were conducted on February 26, 2014. Twelve establishments were checked. Grantsville Exxon sold to the MSP cadet. The Board briefly discussed the proposed changes to the rules and regulations and the possibility of increasing the fines & suspensions guidelines for sales to a minor. Ms. Owston mentioned that the license for Long Stretch Market still has not changed. They have been delayed in satisfying the Health Departments requirements due to the weather conditions.

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

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for April 3, 2014.

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Thomas A. Gearhart  
Chairperson

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April 3, 2014  
Date