

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on November 6, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Michael Fratz, Commissioner Bea Crosco and Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston.

Chairperson Fratz called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets. The October 2, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board. Commissioner Crosco made the motion to approve them as written. Chairperson Fratz unanimously approved the motion.

A license hearing was held at 9:30 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-day BWL License for the Knights of Columbus # 1771. Present for the hearing was applicant, John Toston as well as Joe Sheffield. The license is to be used at St. Peters' Parish Hall located at 208 South 4th Street in Oakland on November 8, 2014. The tickets will be \$25 and includes dinner and beer. The event will be held from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Mr. Toston informed the Board that the event is a twenty-one and over event. Ms. Owston told Mr. Toston that if for some reason they allow anyone under twenty-one, they should utilize wristbands. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License for November 8, 2014, and made unanimous by Commissioner Fratz. The appropriate fees were paid and the license was issued. Ms. Owston provided Mr. Toston with samples of Maryland ID's.

A show cause hearing was held at 9:45 AM for Deep Creek Sweets. Licensee, Terry Fram was present for the hearing. The hearing was a result of an underage clerk being left in charge of running the store. Ms. Owston presented information surrounding the licensed establishment and the age requirements for employees. Ms. Fram acknowledged the occurrence. Ms. Fram stated that she had been at the store with the clerk and had to leave. Commissioner Crosco made a motion that a Letter of Reprimand be placed in the license file; the motion was seconded by Chairperson Fratz and unanimously approved.

A hearing that was scheduled at 10:00 AM for Santa Fe Grille was not held. Ms. Owston noted that the Health Department stated that the business is closed. Mr. Mortimer also contacted the office to report the business being closed and that he would not re-open until all issues have been addressed with the Board. He requested the Board place the licenses on a temporary hold and postpone the hearing until December 4, 2014. The Board approved placing the license on hold. Chairperson Fratz made a motion that the licenses be placed on hold as long as Mr. Mortimer attends the December 4, 2014 meeting that was rescheduled per his request, otherwise the licenses will be considered null and void. Proof of Garrett County residency will be required.

After the hearings, there was general discussion. Ms. Owston presented the Board with the unofficial election results for the Sunday sales referendum questions. Question A for limited take-out sales received favorable results in Swanton (1), Jennings (3-2), Accident (5), Sang Run (6), East Oakland (7), Finzel (9), Deer Park (10), The Elbow (11), West Oakland (14-1) and Avilton (15). Unfavorable results for limited take-out sales occurred in

Friendsville (2), Grantsville (3-1), Bloomington (4), Gorman (8-1), Pleasant Valley (8-2), Bittinger (12), Kitzmiller (13), Crellin (14-2) and Mt. Lake Park (16). Question B for limited Sunday sales with a meal was voted on in election districts and precincts of an election district that were not already authorized in the 1996 election and the 2008 election to sell on Sunday. There were favorable results in Friendsville (2), Grantsville (3-1), Jennings (3-2), Accident (5), Deer Park (10), Bittinger (12) and Mt. Lake Park (16). Unfavorable results were reported in Bloomington (4), Gorman (8-1), Pleasant Valley (8-2), Kitzmiller (13) and Crellin (14-2). The election votes will be finalized on November 14, 2014 after all absentee and provisional ballots are counted Ms. Owston mentioned that there would be a fake ID training on November 17, 2014 at Garrett College. Martin Johnson will be the presenter. The Board approved the 2015 meeting dates. The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month with the exception of the January and February meeting. The January meeting will be on January 8, 2015 and the February meeting will be on Friday, February 6, 2015. Ms. Owston told the Board that she submitted a request to the Secretary of States Office for an emergency appointment or priority appointment for the vacant Board position. The Board discussed the possible legislative requests in detail. It was determined that a requirement for alcohol awareness training for Special Class "C" Multi-Event licensees will be requested. Ms. Owston will follow up on other possible requests. Eastern Garrett County VFRD will hold an event on November 22, 2014. The Chamber of Commerce will have a business after hours event at The Inn @ Deep Creek on November 13, 2014. Oakland Mt. Lake Lions club will hold a Dodge Ball tournament at the Oakland Community building on November 15, 2014. Ms. Owston informed the Board that Garrett College has recently been having events on campus that include alcohol. Ms. Owston suggested that Garrett College apply for a Special Class "C" BWL Multi-Event license. Ms. Owston showed the Board material on the changes to the barn silo at Chanteclair Farm. Ms. Owston said she is waiting to hear back from the owners of the establishment as far possible legislation for a banquet facility license. The BPO Elks submitted a formal request to the Board for approval of Sunday sales. The BPO Elks had submitted their 2014-2015 renewal application requesting that the Sunday sales option be discontinued. The request from the BPO Elks asked the Board to waive the issuing fee since they had previously been approved. The Board discussed the request and said they would not waive the issuing fee since the option had been dropped. Commissioner Crosco approved the request to add the Sunday sales option to the BPO Elks license. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Fratz and unanimously approved. Ms. Owston said the license would be upgraded pending receiving the appropriate issuing and annual fees depending on when the change takes place. Ms. Owston informed the Board that Dutch's at Silver Tree would be catering food and alcohol for the Festival of Trees celebration at the McHenry Exhibit Hall on November 29, 2014. Dutch's at Silver Tree also requested approval to possibly increase their off-premise wines sales option from two-bottles to twelve-bottles. They are planning a wine pairing dinner and may want to sell a full case of wine. Commissioner Crosco approved upgrading the off-premise wine sales option from two-bottles to twelve-bottles for Dutch's at Silver Tree. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Fratz and unanimously approved. Ms. Owston said the license would be upgraded pending receiving the appropriate issuing and annual fees depending on when the change takes place. Mt. State Brewing inquired about the Beer Festival License. The Board agreed this new license should be handled in the same manner as the Wine Festival License. The Board approved a draft post-event letter to Deep Creek 2014, LLC. Ms. Owston and the Board reviewed various advertisements of promotions for painting

classes. The Comptroller's Office will be contacted about the language and then the promoter will be contacted with suggestions on the advertisement issues.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Fratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crosco seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for December 4, 2014.

Michael J. Fratz
Chairperson

December 4, 2014

Date