

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their July meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Lisa Herman, Commissioner David Moe, Commissioner Michael Fratz and Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston.

Commissioner Moe called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets. The mileage expense reports for January thru June 2017 were reviewed and approved.

The June 1, 2017 minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board electronically on June 28, 2017. Commissioner Moe made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Herman and unanimously approved by Commissioner Fratz.

There was general discussion prior to the hearings. The 2017 renewals were discussed. Ms. Owston noted that the majority were mailed out on June 15, 2017 upon payment. The 2016 sales ratio of Lodestone was reviewed. Cornish Café was inspected by the Comptroller's Office on June 2, 2017 and charged for operating without a current business license. Mr. Marple of the Comptroller's Office contacted Ms. Owston to come to the café during his inspection to witness the extensive inventory that was being stored. The license holder was instructed to immediately begin the application process for a Bulk Transfer Permit and Storage Permit from the Comptroller's Office.

A Wine Festival License hearing was held at 9:20 AM on the application submitted by Drinks, Inc. trading as McHenry Beverage Shoppe. Sherry Gosnell is the applicant for the license. Paula Yudelevit and Mary Callis attended the hearing to represent the Deep Creek Art & Wine Festival Committee. The festival will be September 9, 2017 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry from noon until 7:00 PM. Ms. Yudelevit discussed the details of the event with the Board. She mentioned the history of the event and noted that this would be the thirteenth year. HART for Animals and GLAF are the two main beneficiaries of the festival. Other local nonprofits that are on site and have booth space include Garrett Mentors, Deep Creek VFD, GC Arts Council, Humane Society, GCWCC, and Garrett College. In addition, the festival donates money to the Garrett College Athletic Department and Southern HS JROTC for their help with the festival. The advance ticket cost is \$30 and \$35 at the gate. They estimate approximately 2,800 people will attend the event. There will be one main entrance into the festival other than the handicap entrance. Everyone must present his or her ticket at the gate. Two different color wristbands will be used. Ms. Owston noted that Mary Callis and one of the volunteers recently took the TIPS for Concessions training. Ms. Yudelevit mentioned that several committee members and members of the security detail have current alcohol awareness training. In addition, the winery representatives have alcohol awareness certification. The wine samples will be ½-ounce pours. Ms. Owston remarked about the regulations for the wholesalers accepting returns after the event. She said recent legislative changes now allow for returns up to 5 days after the event. Commissioner Moe made a motion to approve the Saturday, September 9, 2017 Wine Festival License. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman and unanimously approved by Commissioner Fratz. All fees were paid and the license issued. Ms. Owston presented Ms. Yudelevit a vendor packet.

A transfer license hearing was held at 9:40 AM. Lerchen LLC applied for the transfer of the license issued to Andrea Howe of the New Germany Store. The business is located at 6876 New Germany Road. Applicants Andrea Howe and Harry Lerch were present for the hearing along with Joe Howe. Ms. Owston noted that Ms. Howe is the local resident applicant and plans on being removed from the LLC upon Mr. Lerch meeting the residency requirements. Ms. Owston reviewed the license issuance procedures and regulations. A discussion took place concerning transferring the alcoholic beverages. It was decided that since the license will be transferred today rather than the first week of July as originally planned, the small inventory will be depleted today and new alcohol would be ordered and delivered or picked up at the warehouse. Ms. Owston stated that this should take place later today as discussed. Mr. Lerch informed the Board that he recently completed the TAM alcohol awareness training in Frederick. Commissioner Moe made a motion to approve the transfer of the Class "D" Beer & Wine On-Sale 7-Day License. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Herman and unanimously approved by Commissioner Fratz. The transfer fee was paid and the license issued. Upon approval, the license holders completed the renewal application.

A Special Class "C" 2-day BWL license hearing was held at 10:00 AM for the Allegany / Mineral County Crime Solvers. Applicant for the license is James L. Meyers. Ray Presley and Marty Walsh were present to represent the organization. The license is to be used on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the McKenzie Pavilion on McKenzie Road in Ailton, MD. The event will start at 3:00 PM and will end around 6:00 PM. They will be selling 225 tickets at \$40/person. The ticket cost includes a raffle ticket, steak dinner and alcoholic beverages. Ms. Owston noted that they have four individuals with current alcohol awareness training. Mr. Presley said no one under twenty-one will be attending the event. Everyone attending the event will have to present his or her ticket and ID upon entrance. Ms. Owston reviewed the administrative requirements and regulations. Commissioner Moe made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License to be used on Sunday, August 13, 2017. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Herman and unanimously approved by Commissioner Fratz. All fees were paid and the license issued. They received a vendor packet from the Health Department.

A Special Class "C" 2-day BWL license hearing was held at 10:20 AM for the Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad. Applicants for the license are James P. Rook Jr., Michael C. Saunders and Joel A. Rush. Rich Ford was present at the meeting to represent the organization. The license will be used on September 16, 2017 at the Donald M. Browning Rescue Squad building located at 200 Baltimore Avenue. Ms. Owston read the responses from the questions on the Special Class C "Notification of Event" form that was submitted with the application. The event will start at 11:00 AM and end around 7:00 PM. They will be selling 500 tickets at \$25/person. They estimate 300 in attendance. The ticket cost includes a raffle ticket, food and beer. Ms. Owston noted that they have three individuals with current alcohol awareness training. Mr. Ford said they would be carding at the entry to the event when taking tickets and utilizing wristbands for those 21 and older. He also said there will be some individuals under twenty-one attending the event. Ms. Owston cautioned Mr. Ford that since minors will be present to make sure that all volunteers are aware of wristband issuance. She said that anyone with an alcoholic beverage should have a wristband on. Ms. Owston reviewed the administrative requirements and regulations. She informed Mr. Ford that BYOB is strictly prohibited. She told him that alcohol could not be donated. Special Class C license holders can purchase alcohol from a MD wholesaler or retailer. She also

mentioned no serving minors, no serving visibly intoxicated persons and informed him that they have the right to refuse service. She also noted that due the event being several hours they will need monitor levels of consumption closely. Mr. Ford acknowledged her statement. Mr. Ford informed the Board that Company 120 from Gorman would be joining them in the fundraiser. Commissioner Moe made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License to be used on September 15, 2017 and September 16, 2017. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Herman and unanimously approved by Commissioner Fratz. All fees were paid and the license issued. Ms. Owston presented Mr. Ford with a vendor packet from the Health Department along with wristbands.

The general discussion continued after the hearings. Oakland Mt. Lake Park Lions Club will conduct a BBQ Grillin & Chillin event on July 8, 2017 at the AG Heritage Hall. Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours event on July 13, 2017 at Fitzwater Furniture. Tomanetti's will be catering events at Smoke N Mirrors. Marjie White of Smoke N Mirrors recently took the TIPS for Concessions training. The first planned event will be held on June 30, 2017. Compliance Checks were conducted on June 5, 2017. FireFly Farms, Slopeside Market & Friendsville Liquor Store sold to the MSP cadet. It was noted that the employees District Court hearings would be held on July 11, 2017 and July 25, 2017. Several staff members of the Health Department plan to attend the hearings. Ms. Owston said she would send out more information the Board about the details of the hearings. Ms. Owston mentioned that December meeting needs rescheduled to the week of December 4-8, 2017 or sometime during the last week of November. The legislative meeting with the Garrett County delegation will most likely December 4, 2017 or December 5, 2017. The Board reviewed and approved a few amendments to the Delivery Option regulations. This was a result of the revised delivery form that allows a "receiver" to sign for the delivery on behalf of the intended recipients. The Board read a letter from Mike Koch at FireFly Farms about the recent compliance check the business failed. Ms. Owston noted that the violation hearings would be scheduled for September 14, 2017. The Board discussed the late renewal application for Corish Café. The application was considered complete on June 9, 2017. MoonShadow scheduled their final inspection with the Permits Office next week.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2017.

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

Lisa M. Herman
Chairperson

August 10, 2017
Date