

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Theodore Bellevoine, Chair
Linda Palchinsky, Vice-Chair
Betty Currie, Member
Kevin Hall, Member
Leonard Kohl, Member
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Suzan Whilden, Administrative Assistant
Garland Thompson, Inspector
Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator - VACANT

Chairman Theodore Bellevoine called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and introduced a representative from the Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Steve Myers to the audience. Chairman Bellevoine took a few moments to pay tribute to a few members of the community who had passed away recently: Mr. Charles "Snookie" Miedzinski had served on the Alcohol Beverage Board in the past, Ms. Dolores Gray who had passed due to a crime of violence and Nolan Scully, a 4 year old boy who had died of cancer and had been recognized nationally for his courageous fight. Next, Member Hall made a motion to correct the dates to the January 12, 2017 minutes: correction to reflect January 12, 2017 instead of 2016 in the title and in the first paragraph of the January minutes. Member Hall made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction; seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

New Business

- **Violations**

Stop 'N Shop- C.S. Chawla & Veena Chawla

- a) Commission of acts on licensed premises contrary to State law in violation of §5.04(b) ~~Acts~~ Contrary to Law+ of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County; to wit: Distribution of

Tobacco Product or Paraphernalia to Minor in violation of §10-107 of the Criminal Law Section of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Mr. Chawla appeared before the Board and was sworn in. A letter had been presented to excuse Mrs. Veena Chawla from the meeting. Mr. Chawla admitted to the violation. Board attorney, James Tanavage read into testimony the details of the violation. Member Hall asked if there had been any prior violations to the establishment. Ms. Hildebrand said there had been a previous alcohol violation in December 2015. Member Hall made a motion for a \$500.00 fine that must be paid within 10 days; if not paid within 10 days, licensee will be brought back in at the next Board meeting; seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Guenther's Fine Wine & Spirits - Daniel Guenther

- a) Sale of alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person in violation of Section 6-307 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 5.04(i) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Mr. Guenther appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Guenther admitted to the violation. Mr. Guenther explained to the Board the preventative measures he has implemented at this establishment which include himself and all his employees attending the RAST training in January. Chairman Belleavoine made a motion for a \$500.00 fine, \$250.00 held in abeyance, pending no further violations in the next three (3) years; payment to be made within 10 days; seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Motion carried.

Other Business

- **Board Administrator – Tammy Hildebrand**

a) Renewals LY17

Ms. Hildebrand stated that renewals have been mailed out. The only problems that have been with certain location post offices not delivering the packets. The issue has been resolved but if an establishment has not received their packet, please call the office.

b) Legislative planning for 2018 session

Ms. Hildebrand stated that the office has received several calls regarding the Beauty Salon Bill and the issue of free alcohol. No one can serve free alcohol. This is a State law, not a local law.

Phase I: discussion of addition of application/administrative fees for new applications, transfer applications, renewal applications & license changes.

Ms. Hildebrand discussed the subject of administrative fees for 2018. When comparing other counties, it appeared that administrative fees can be done through your local Rules and Regulations and not through legislation.

- **Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator - vacant**
- **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson**

Mr. Thompson stated that for the month of January, he inspected 14 establishments and did 12 follow-up inspections. Mr. Thompson also taught the Inspection module at the RAST training

- **St. Mary’s Licensed Beverage Association – Dave Dent**

a) Discussion of 2017 legislative proposals for creation of Beauty Salon & Art Establishment licenses

Mr. Dent appeared before the Board with Mr. Chris Shea of the CAC and Mr. Gary Rogow of the SMCLBA. The SMCLBA had come before the Board in opposition of the Beauty Salon, HB 538 and the Art Establishment, HB 526 bills and had requested a letter to be written in support of the opposition. Mr. Shea stated the CAC also supported the SMCLBA’s position and had submitted a letter to the Board office stating the CAC’s stance. Member Hall made the motion to send a letter to the legislators opposing both bills, seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried. Mr. Dent also discussed information on other legislation

- **Community Alcohol Coalition – Lauren Abell**

Ms. Abell has nothing new to add except she is still waiting for her approvals for the grant.

Adjournment

Member Hall made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Theodore A. Belleavoine, Chair