

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 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, July 13, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, and Leonardtown, Maryland.

Theodore Belleavoine, 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 - ABSENT  
Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator . VACANT

Chairman Theodore Belleavoine called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced the Board to the audience. Chairman Belleavoine moved to correct the minutes from June 8, meeting. Correction was to change Ms. Watson to Ms. Lewis in the second sentence. Member Currie moved to approve the June 8, 2017 minutes; seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- **Applications**

- 1) **Riverside Pub-** Application of John F. Bean Jr. to transfer Riverside Bistro (Riverside Bistro, LLC) Class B-BWL license from Cynthia W. Salvo & Joseph L. Norris & t/a Riverside Pub (Riverside Pub, LLC), 46555 Dennis Point Way, Drayden, MD 20630. And permission for extension of premise & extra serving counter for deck & picnic area.

John Bean, Cynthia Salvo and Joseph Norris were sworn in and appeared before the Board. Mr. Bean explained to the Board that he will be conducting business just as it has been done by the previous owners. Ms. Salvo clarifies that Mr. Bean has been managing the restaurant for the last 3 years. Member Hall made the motion to approve the 60 day conditional approval pending the Traders license, Use and Occupancy, Alcohol Awareness, RAST, and Retail Sales Tax clearance. Motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

**2) Sawatdee Thai Seafood and Grocery-** Application of Primprapa Thipwong & Joshua Elmer Hernandez to purchase a Class B-BW (restaurant) license & t/a Sawatdee Thai Seafood and Grocery (Sawatdee Asian and Seafood Carryout, LLC), 21525 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Primprapa Thipwong, Joshua Elmer Hernandez and Attorney Michael Davis, counsel for Sawatdee, were sworn in and appeared before the Board. Attorney Davis gave a brief background on the establishment. The licensees have voluntarily made the license an On-Sale-Only. All conditions have been met with no opposition from the audience. Member Currie made the motion for the approval of the license and was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

**3) The Pax Lounge-** Application of Dimple Oberoi to purchase a Class D-BWL license & t/a The Pax Lounge (Patuxent, LLC), 28275 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650. And permission for extension of premise to include rear patio area for outside seating.

Dimple Oberoi and her husband Jay Faruque were sworn in and appeared before the Board. Mr. Faruque explains to the Board that his plan for this establishment will be a relaxed atmosphere with cultural music. The Board and Sgt. Fleenor expressed concern about the parking, late night noise, and traffic issues on Rt. 5, and keeping with the peace and safety of the community as this establishment has had issues in the past. The Board explained that the neighborhood will be aware of the activity going on and they should be sure that the neighborhood will be notifying the Board if there are any issues. Ms. Oberoi and Mr. Faruque reassured the Board that they understood this after talking with the neighbors and they have a security plan in place for the parking lot, the bar and the extension of premise area outside. Member Kohl made the motion to approve the 90 day conditional approval pending the Health Department, Use and Occupancy and Alcohol Awareness. Motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

## **Other Business**

- **Board Administrator-Tammy Hildebrand**

### **1. Rules & Regulation changes**

Ms. Hildebrand stated to the Board that the Rules & Regs have not been printed for 2017. Ms. Hildebrand discusses with the Board if they would like to make any more changes to the Rules & Regs at this time. Ms. Hildebrand informed the Board of a rule that may need to be corrected in light of the Direct Ship law.

Attorney Tanavage will review the law before any changes will be made. The decision was made to print the Rules & Regs as they were approved from last month's meeting.

## **2. Legislation 2018**

Ms. Hildebrand explains to the Board that there needs to be corrections made to the Alcoholic Beverages Article §28-1310 pertaining to Class C Per Diem beer licensing and §28-1410, adding back the Town of Leonardtown as the as Comptroller's Office did not know the difference of Town of Leonardtown versus the zip code area of Leonardtown and removed that distinction. Chairman Bellevoine read into record the legislative proposal that will be submitted as a corrective bill to the AB Article for the 2018 legislative session. The Board members voted to approve the submission. Ms. Hildebrand discussed with the Board about some state laws that had been in place but when the Alcoholic Beverage Articles was revised, it raised questions to whether St Mary's fell under those laws anymore. Chairman Bellevoine addressed the issue by leaving the current laws in place.

- **Sheriff Liaison – Todd Fleenor**

Sgt. Fleenor reported that the alcohol violations that have been reported to the Sheriff's office have been addressed.

- **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson- ABSENT**

Mr. Thompson was absent on that day but his report was given by Suzi Whilden. For the month of June, Mr. Thompson inspected 13 establishments and conducted 9 follow-ups as well as participated in the June RAST training.

Chairman Bellevoine has requested a monthly report on new and existing licenses.

- **St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association- Dave Dent**

Mr. Dent informed the Board that there will be an alcohol forum on Wednesday, July 19, at 5:30 pm at the Fraternal Order of Police.

- **Community Alcohol Coalition – Lauren Abell**

Ms. Abell presented the Board with a Power Point presentation showing the Board the current statistics for alcohol use for underage and young adults in St. Mary's County. The CAC has established through this data source that St. Mary's County has a higher rate of underage and binge drinking than the State of

Maryland as a whole. Also, the data has established where and how youths are obtaining their alcohol. The next meeting will be on July 25, at 1:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Member Hall made the motion for adjournment and Chairman Belleavoine seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

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Theodore A. Belleavoine, Chair