

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016 @ 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, November 10, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Theodore Bellevoine, Chair - ABSENT
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
Cpl. James Stone, AEC

Vice-Chair Linda Palchinsky called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Hall moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2016. Motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Responsible Alcohol Retailers Award Ceremony

Twenty seven members of the St. Mary's County Licensed Beverage Association were presented with awards for being found without any violations of any State or local laws regulating alcoholic beverages during the previous license year. This makes them eligible to receive the Responsible Alcohol Retailers Award from the Community Alcohol Coalition. These awards were presents by David Dent, SMCLBA and Lauren Abell of CAC.

Old Business

- **Extensions of Conditional Approvals**

Hacienda Los Guayabos . Maria Ruiz - Requesting extension of conditional approval

Ms. Ruiz appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Ruiz requested more time to complete the plumbing issues at her establishment. Member Hall made a motion for a 120 day conditional approval and was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

Pax River Ale House . Melissa Akaras and Jane Carroll - Requesting extension of conditional approval

Ms. Akaras appeared before the Board and was sworn in. A letter was presented to the Board stating that Ms. Akaras would be representing Ms. Carroll in her absence. Ms. Akaras requested more time to finalize construction and get all final inspections. Member Kohl made a motion for a 30 day conditional approval and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

- **Inquiry Follow up**

Village Liquors . Nalini H. Vaidya and Joseph W. Fender

Pursuant to Section 6-204 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County wishes to make inquiry into the following: Clarification of correct license for business operating licensed premises, to wit: Class D-BWL license issued for licensed premise as a bar although the health department has not issued a permit for a bar.

Ms. Nalini H. Vaidya and Mr. Hement Vaidya appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Attorney David Martinez, counsel for the Vaidya's was present. This is a continuation from Octobers meeting that the licensees would have approval by the Health Department. No final approval by the Health Department has been given. The licensees will come back to the January meeting. Suspension of the on-sale privilege is for 60 days. Member Kohl made a motion for a 60 day off-sale only approval and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

New Business

- **Violation**

Boatman's Mini Mart . Helen C. Bush

Commission of acts on licensed premises contrary to State and/or local law in violation of Section 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 Products in violation of Section 1-1203 of the Local Government Section of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Ms. Bush appeared before the Board and is sworn in. Ms. Bush admitted that the violation did occur. Ms. Bush has also been issued a civil citation from the Sheriff's department. . Member Hall made a motion for \$500.00; \$250.00 held in abeyance, pending no further violations in the next three (3) years; payment to be made within 10 days. The motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

- **Applications**

Pal Liquors & Gas

Application of Barinder Pal Singh & Harold Starr to transfer Pal Liquors & Gas (Sran & Sran, LLC) Class A-1 BWL license from Harold Starr & continue to t/a Pal Liquors & Gas (Sran & Sran, LLC), 25965 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Mr. Singh and Mr. Starr appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Attorney Daniel Slade was present to represent the establishment. Member Currie made a motion for the transfer approval and was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

- **Special Privilege Applications**

Wildewood Wine & Spirits . Ronak A. Sharma - Requesting Beer Wine Tasting Permit for 365 days per year.

Mr. Sharma appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Hildebrand explained that all unused alcoholic beverages must be disposed of at the end of each day. Member Currie made a motion for approval and was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

- **Officer/Member/Trade Name Changes**

Wicomico Shores Municipal Golf Course - Adding Nicholas H. Isom

Member Kohl recused himself from this action due to a conflict of interest. Member Hall made a motion for approval and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Other Business

- **Board Administrator- Tamara Hildebrand**

- 1. MOU with Sheriff**

Member Currie made a motion for approval and was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

- 2. FY18 Budget Recommendations**

Request increase budget for RAST classes to cover full year of expenses now that grant is fully exhausted & will not be available for any of FY18 and request extra hours for Assistant during renewal season & when Administrator is out of the office.

- **Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator** . Cpl. James Stone

For the month of October, Cpl. Stone reported (17) DUI stops. Cpl. Stone conducted RAST classes on October 1, at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge and October 25 at the Potomac Building. Cpl. Stone conducted underage tobacco compliance checks at 30 establishments; (4) sold to the underage CI and (1) establishment had a liquor license and was issued a citation. Cpl. Stone informed the Board that Officer Peggy Smolarsky was going to be retiring later in the month.

- **Board Inspector** . Garland Thompson

For the month of October, Mr. Thompson conducted 15 inspections and performed 6 follow-ups as well as participate in the October 25 RAST class.

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

Mr. Dent reported that Race-N-In had received a fraudulent ID that was turned over to Mr. Dent. Mr. Dent will be in contact with Delegate Deb Rey to discuss legislative proposals for Specialty Alcohol licenses.

- **Community Alcohol Coalition** . Lauren Abell

CAC will be conducting a fraudulent ID training on November 16. Cpl. Stone will be assisting in this training session. CAC is in the process of getting letters and posters out to the schools, colleges, establishments etc. to make people aware of the dangers of underage and over consumption during the upcoming holiday season.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Member Hall and seconded by Member Kohl.
Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Theodore A. Bellevoine, Chair