

**LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

May 20, 2020

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Vice Chair Davis Kohl, Commissioners Merchant, Welch, and Majewski along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and General Manager Scott Baker.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the accounts payable with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Harford Bank	Withholding	2427.83
Comptroller	Withholding	667.54
Payroll	Payroll	5681.13
It's PayDay	Accounting	71.40
Comcast	Telephone	192.72
Penn National	Insurance	4025.00
State Retirement	Retirement	651.09

All parties that would be testifying were sworn in.

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

1) EWF Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Earth Wood & Fire – Change of Officers

Carter Mason representing Mason C&C, L.L.C., Member, Lauren Bierman, Member, EWF Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Earth Wood & Fire, 214 Mountain Road, Fallston, MD 21047, appeared before the Board along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with a Change of Officers Application for this Class BNR BWL On Sale Only establishment. The application removes Kimberlee LaPlume and Mark Hoffman and replaces them with Lauren Bierman. Application indicates interest is held as follows: Mason C&C, L.L.C., 90% (Carter Mason holds 78.88% and his father Raymond Mason holds 22.22%) and Lauren Bierman 10%. Ms. Bierman will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Application contingent upon Fire Marshal approval and LiveScan results for Ms. Bierman; the vote was unanimous.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### **1) Seafood Festival, Inc. T/A Winters Run Inn – Outside Service Application**

Seafood Festival, Inc., has submitted an Outside Service Area Application and is seeking temporary approval once restaurants are allowed to reopen for outside service. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

The Board determined that the Outside Service Area Applications that are being submitted as a result of COVID 19 restrictions are temporary and will expire on April 30, 2021 with the end of the licensing year.

## **RENEWALS TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the 20 renewal applications attached hereto. Fifty two renewal applications are being held pending resolution of various issues.

## **STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT**

The legislation that was submitted by HCLCB was not signed by the Governor because of COVID 19, however, the bills did become law.

**LR 1103 – Hotel Lobby License** – allows hotel without restaurant to sell BWL with size limitations for on premise consumption. Prohibits sale through vending machines and mini bars in rooms. Subject to alcohol awareness training and record keeping.

**LR 1187 – Class MT Movie Theater** – amending to allow a licensee to have up to 5 licenses.

**LR 1003 – Record Keeping and Enforcement** – permits temporary storage of records off premises with board approval, allows electronic records and provides alternatives to revocation of the license as the penalty for failure to comply with the rule. Delegates approved bill that allowed storage anywhere in Harford County and requires the inspector to give a licensee 5 days' notice to inspect records.

**LR 1106 – Golf Course Restaurant** – the current golf course license is for service of alcohol in buildings and the land which is used for golfing purposes only. This license brings into compliance golf courses that have gone outside of the rule and have meetings, showers, receptions etc. Meaning the buildings and land are not being used for golf purposes only.

**LR 1420 – Class 3 License** – changes the membership requirements for a social organization from being an active/retired policeman to a first responder.

**LR 1001- Waiver From Place Of Worship** – City of Aberdeen is seeking help with revitalization efforts. Wants to include breweries and distilleries as an automatic exception to the distance requirement of 300 ft. All others would have to go through a process similar to that of schools. (this is what the senate bill provides)

The residency requirement bills that were submitted by HCLCB did not pass. The Beverage Association and former Senate President Mike Miller presented the Maryland Durational Residency Requirement which basically states that someone (corporation, LLC, partnership, or sole individual) has to be a resident of the County at the time of the license application and must be a County resident for the time that they hold the license.

The legislation is being worked into the Board Rules and other proposals for the Board to review and discuss. A meeting will be scheduled with the delegation and interested parties regarding

Rules and Regulations. Staff is working on several proposals that are designed to assist the businesses.

A payment plan will be available for license fees. The plan will require 10% down, and three equal monthly payments.

(At this point, the internet connection was lost and the meeting ended.)

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on May 20, 2020, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

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Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

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James E. Welch, Commissioner

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Sheryl Davis Kohl, Vice Chair

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Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

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Paul J. Majewski II, Commissioner