

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

MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2021

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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, Majewski, and Welch along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell.

MINUTES

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of the meeting held February 24, 2021; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

03/03/2021		
Amy Finneran	Legal	1500.00
Kopin LLC	Rent	2590.00
Self Storage Plus	Rent	130.00
First Bankcard	Credit card	75.50
First Bankcard	Gasoline	92.20
Interconnect Services	Telephone	154.50
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	2342.98
03/10/2021		
Harford Bank	Withholding	1890.85
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	541.92
Payroll	Payroll	6578.39
It's PayDay	Accounting	70.00
MD State Retirement	Retirement	524.55

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Miller's Ale House of Bel Air, L.L.C., T/A Miller's Ale House – Change of Officers Transfer
Michael T. Lane, Jr., Authorized Person, Miller's Ale House of Bel Air, L.L.C., T/A Miller's Ale House, 601 Bel Air Road, Bel Air, MD was present along with their attorney Linda C. Carter in connection with a Supplemental Application for this Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only License. The purpose of the application is to replace Sean M. Johnson with Michael T. Lane, Jr., Authorized Person. Interest in the L.L.C. will now be held as follows: Michael T. Lane, Jr. and James Kuehnhold each hold 10%, with the remaining 80% held by Miller's Ale House, Inc. Mr. Lane currently resides in Harford County, and will serve as the Responsible Operator of the business. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Liquor Stop, Inc. T/A The Liquor Stop – Supplemental Application

Peter LaClair, President, The Liquor Stop, Inc., T/A The Liquor Stop, located at 1510 C Conowingo Road, Bel Air, MD was present in connection with a Supplemental Application for a change of officers for this Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License. The purpose of this application is to remove Ettore Tristani and add Judith L. Tristani as Vice President and Personal Representative of the Estate of James Tristani. Peter LaClair, President, remains on the license. Stock ownership in the business will now be as follows: Peter LaClair 62.5%, with the remaining 37.5% held by the Estate. Mr. LaClair will continue to serve as the Responsible Operator of the business. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) WGAS, L.L.C., T/A Double Groove Brewing Company – Supplemental Application

Mark F. Moody, Member, Kyle T. Waters, Member, WGAS, L.L.C., T/A Double Groove Brewing Company, 1659 D Robin Circle Drive, Forest Hill, MD were present in connection with a Supplemental Application for a change of officers for this Class DBR-On Sale Only License. The purpose of this application is to replace Craig G. Willig, Member, with Kyle T. Waters, Member. Donna S. Willig, other Member, has also sold her interest in the L.L.C. Mark F. Moody, Member, and Lisa M. Moody, Member, remain on the license. Interest in the business will now be held as follows: Mark Moody 35%, Kyle T. Waters 40%, and Lisa Moody 25%. Mark Moody will continue to serve as the Responsible Operator of the business. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Mint 1, Inc., T/A The Mint Room – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing has been rescheduled for March 24th.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1) Mryia, L.L.C., T/A C.R. Wings & Things – Show Cause Hearing

Mariia Vakulovska, Member, Mryia, L.L.C. T/A C. R. Wings & Things, 546 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014, was present along with their attorney Perry W. Lericos in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of:

- (1) Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 6-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (“Code”) and Board Rule 4:01.

The violation is alleged to have occurred on January 6, 2021.

Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (*i.e.* the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holder testimony, and with further consideration to License Holder’s relevant past record (if any), the Board determined the following:

Motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 6-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (“Code”) and Board Rule 4:01 (Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years); the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to impose a fine of \$500.00 for License Holder’s sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 6-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (“Code”) and Board Rule 4:01; the vote was unanimous.

2) Tacos Tijuana, Inc., T/A Taco Tijuana – Show Cause Hearing

Jose Orellana Benitez, President, Santos Orellana, Vice President, Tacos Tijuana, Inc. T/A Tacos Tijuana, 1709 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, MD 21040, were present in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of:

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) SPOA, L.L.C., T/A Basta Pasta – Supplemental Application

A Supplemental application for a change of officers was filed for SPOA, L.L.C., T/A Basta Pasta, 2745 Fallston Road, Fallston, MD for this Class B-BWL-On Sale Only License . The purpose of this application is to remove Anastacia Christos from the license. Mihail (Mike) Sakellis, Managing Member, and Kalliope (Colette) Sakellis, Member, remain on the license. Each of them now hold 50% of the interest in the business. Mike Sakellis will continue to serve as the Responsible Operator of the business. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this application;

2) Venetian Palace, Inc. T/A Venetian Palace – Request to Escrow

A transfer application for this license has been scheduled for March 24th. Current license holder Emmanuel Hapsis has submitted a request to hold the license in escrow until that time. The business has been closed to make minor repairs prior to the transfer. Motion was made and duly seconded to hold the license in escrow until the day of the hearing; the vote was unanimous.

3) Tidewater Grille, Inc. T/A Tidewater Grille – Restaurant Reopening

Tidewater Grille, Inc. has been closed due to the pandemic and license holder has submitted written notice that that he intends to reopen today, March 10th.

4) Performance Budget

The performance budget for February was distributed and reviewed.

5) Keshar Bhavani Corporation T/A 7-11 Convenience Store

Keshar Bhavani Corporation was issued a fine by the Board on February 24th totalling \$1,000.00; the fine was paid on February 26th.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

The hearing for Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. will be held on June 9th. As this is a protested hearing, a large meeting room will be required; Board members are researching local venues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on March 10, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Sheryl Davis Kohl, Vice Chair

Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

Paul J. Majewski, II, Commissioner