

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

MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2021

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Vice Chair Majewski, Commissioners Merchant, Welch, and Burdette along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell.

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes for March 31 and April 7; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

04/21/2021		
Harford Bank	Withholding	1924.09
Comptroller	Withholding	550.81
Payroll	Payroll	4534.52
It's PayDay	Accounting	95.00
MD State Retirement	Retirement	489.55
BGE	Utilities	267.20
Metro Data	Computer Support	664.00
Sprint	Telephone	200.81
Staples	Supplies	1029.03
VIABIT	Computer support	180.00
04/28/2021		
First Bankcard	Credit card	80.03
First Bankcard	Credit card	304.86
05/05/2021		
Harford Bank	Withholding	2412.01
Comptroller	Withholding	766.15
Payroll	Payroll	6693.13
It's PayDay	Accounting	77.00
MD State Retirement	Retirement	489.55
Amy Finneran	Legal	1500.00
Kopin LLC	Rent	2590.00
Self Storage Plus	Rent	130.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-time Applicants & Event - Empower4LifeMD – Per Diem Beer & Wine Applications

First-time applicant Elizabeth Laverick appeared on behalf of Empower4LifeMD in connection with a Per Diem Beer & Wine License Application to be used on May 8 at Lockhouse Museum in Havre de Grace for a Mother's Day waterfront picnic. First-time applicant Jennifer Cox was unable to attend,

however, she will appear at the May 12 HCLCB meeting. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Bel Air Downtown Alliance – First Friday Events Expanded Area

Megan Gardner was present on behalf of Bel Air Downtown Alliance in connection with a Per Diem Beer & Wine License Application to be used for First Fridays being held on May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1. The events will take place in the parking lot adjacent to Black Eyed Suzie's, down Burns Alley, and west on Courtland Street. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Hyde Brothers, Inc., T/A Events Catering Company – Supplemental Application

Brian Hyde, President, Francis Pieper, Assistant Secretary, Brothers, Inc., T/A Events Catering Company, 217B Davis Road, Street, MD were present in connection with a Supplemental Application for this Class H – Caterers License. The purpose of the application is to add Francis Pieper to the license. Interest in the corporation is held as follows: Mr. Hyde 90% and Mr. Pieper 10%, and Mr. Pieper will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Mad Forest, L.L.C., T/A Black Forest Tap House – Supplemental Application

Mad Forest, L.L.C., T/A Black Forest Tap House, 2410 Pleasantville Road, Fallston, MD has submitted a Supplemental Application for this Class BNR License. The purpose of the application is to remove Matthew Wharton from the license. Mr. Wharton has gifted and transferred his 10% interest to Alexandros Theodoropoulos (5%) and Dana Theodoropoulos (5%). Each license holder now holds 50% interest in the L.L.C., and Alexandros Theodoropoulos will continue to serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) MTBR Golf Course, L.L.C., T/A Bulle Rock Gourmet Pub & Grill – Supplemental Application

MTBR Golf Course, L.L.C., T/A Bulle Rock Gourmet Pub & Grill, 320 Blenheim Lane, Havre de Grace, MD has submitted a Supplemental Application for this Class GC – Golf Course License. The purpose of the application is to remove Michael Burton from the license. Mr. Burton's 10% interest in the L.L.C. was transferred to MTBR Golf Course, L.L.C. who now holds 90% interest while Damon Klepczynski, Member, continues to hold 10% and serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post – Supplemental Application

V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post, 821 Old Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, MD has submitted a Supplemental Application for this Class C1 – BWL – On Sale Only License. The purpose of the application is to remove Harry Spencer and replace him with Travis Watson, Quartermaster, due to club elections. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Backfin Blues Group, Inc. T/A Backfin Blues Creole DeGraw – Outside Event Application for First Fridays

Backfin Blues Group, Inc. T/A Backfin Blues Creole DeGraw, 400 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD has submitted an Outside Event Application for First Friday events being held in Havre de Grace. Event dates are May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) MacGregor's, Inc. T/A MacGregor's Restaurant – Outside Event Application for First Fridays & Temporary Outside Service

MacGregor's, Inc. T/A MacGregor's Restaurant, 331 St. John St., Havre de Grace, MD has submitted Outside Event Application for First Friday events being held in Havre de Grace. Event dates are May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

Additionally, MacGregor's Restaurant has submitted a request for Temporary Outside Service. Tables and chairs would be set up on the sidewalk and the area would be contained with vinyl fencing. The City of Havre de Grace has granted permission for this use. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

6) 5:31, Inc. T/A Laurrapin's River City Public House – Outside Event Application for First Fridays
5:31, Inc. T/A Laurrapin's River City Public House, 209 N. Washington St., Havre de Grace, MD has submitted an Outside Event Application for First Friday events being held in Havre de Grace. Event dates are May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

7) V.F.W. Post 8672, Inc. T/A Jarrettsville Manor Memorial Post 8672 – Outside Event Application
V.F.W. Post 8672, Inc. T/A Jarrettsville Manor Memorial Post 8672, 1714 Morse Road, Forest Hill, MD has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on May 8 on their parking lot for a memorial benefit fundraiser. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

8) Venetian HACO, L.L.C., T/A Venetian Palace – Transfer Update
On March 24, 2021, the HCLCB approved this transfer contingent upon final Health Department walk through, a copy of the Purchase & Sale Agreement including exhibits, promissory notes, bill of sale, and proof of settlement. Additionally, the Board approved holding the license in escrow until April 30. Settlement was held and proof has been provided. License holders' counsel has requested an extension to May 17 in order for additional cosmetic improvements to be completed. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve license holders' request; the vote was unanimous.

9) Flying Point Marina, Inc., T/A Flying Point Marina – Seasonal Opening Letter
Flying Point Marina, Inc., T/A Flying Point Marina, 324 Flying Point Road, Edgewood, MD has submitted written notice that the convenience store will open on May 21 for the summer season.

10) KJIVAN, L.L.C. T/A One Stop Liquors – Retail Delivery Application
KJIVAN, L.L.C. T/A One Stop Liquors, 903 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, MD has submitted a Retail Delivery Application. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this Retail Delivery Application; the vote was unanimous.

11) Renewal Update
One license has not been picked up (Backfin Blues Creole de Graw).

Four licenses did not renew (Birroteca, Giovanni's, Neo Pizza, Joppatowne Memorial Post 5838).

Four Supplemental Applications pending approval today (Events Catering Company, Black Forest Tap House, Bulle Rock Gourmet Pub & Grill, Aberdeen Memorial Post 10028), which can now be released.

Three licenses have not been released (Sizzling Bombay, Venetian Palace, and Otter Point Yacht Club).

A timeline of communication with Otter Point Yacht Club was presented. The 2020-2021 License Renewal was not finalized due to an outstanding supplemental and a state tax hold. The supplemental was filed in September 2020 (following new club elections) and scheduled for presentation to the Board on 10/26/20, but was postponed as none of the outstanding items have were resolved. To date, despite several conversations and numerous other attempts to contact license holders, the supplemental application filed in September 2020 remains unresolved, and a 2021-2022 Renewal application was never filed. The club continues to operate on their 2019-2020 license. Mrs. Finneran will review the timeline and Executive Orders from the Governor to determine if a certified letter allowing license holders five business days to resolve outstanding items would be appropriate.

12) Fines Paid

Fines imposed by the Board were paid by the following license holders: Neil & Sahil, Inc. T/A Greenbrier Wine & Spirits (\$1000); Edgewood Sunoco, L.L.C. T/A Sunoco (\$1000); Red Lobster of Bel Air, Inc. T/A Red Lobster (\$100); Locksley Manor, Inc. T/A Wetlands Golf Course (\$2000); J. Cullum, Inc. T/A Herb's on the Curb (\$1000)

PER DIEM BEER & WINE LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Havre de Grace Arts Collective – Havre de Grace Jazz & Blues Fest – June 4th and 5th

Issued to	Rebecca Jessop & William Price
On Behalf of	Havre de Grace Arts Collective
Type of Event	HDG Jazz & Blues Fest
Date(s) of Event	June 4 th and 5 th
Location Description & Address	Concord Point Park 700 Concord St., HDG
Outside Event?	Yes
Rain Date	N/A

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

The performance budget was reviewed; it was noted that absences are pre-audit and will change when the audit is complete.

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 May 5, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Paul J. Majewski, II, Vice Chair

Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

Susan Burdette, Commissioner