

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes for June 9 and June 23; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

June 30

Harford Bank	Withholding	1805.84
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	516.22
Payroll	Payroll	4210.57
It's PayDay	Accounting	70.00
MD State Retirement	Withholding	489.55
First Bankcard	Credit Card	224.66
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July 14

Harford Bank	Withholding	2322.03
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	740.40
Payroll	Payroll	6454.05
It's PayDay	Accounting	102.00
MD State Retirement	Withholding	489.55
Amy Finneran	Legal	2115.00
Kopin L.L.C.	Rent	2590.00
Self Storage Plus	Rent	130.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephone	207.69
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	2342.98
Proshred	Supplies	50.00
Skylight Creative Ideas	Supplies	115.40

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1) Mint 1, Inc. T/A The Mint Room

Joseph F. Snee, Jr., appeared on behalf of Mint 1, Inc. T/A The Mint Room to request a continuance to August 25 in order to prepare for the hearing.

In addition, Mr. Snee advised that EBAN, L.L.C. T/A Mucho Gusto closed temporarily on July 10 due to mass defections and plans to reopen within ten days extension of the closing out of an abundance of caution in case it is not reopened after 10 days. In addition, Mr. Snee advised that Mucho Gusto would be having a private event on July 18.

Lastly, Mr. Snee confirmed that the license for Aberdeen Rose, Inc. T/A Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar has been turned in and the bulk transfer permit has been issued by Comptroller. A pro-rated license fee refund will be issued to license holder.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C., T/A Mr. Souvlaki – New License Hearing

Apostolos Karoutsos, Member, George Karoutsos, Member, Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki, 1521-A Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill, appeared in connection with an application for a new Class B-Café BW On/Off L On Sale Only License. Each member

of the L.L.C. holds 50% interest. Apostolos Karoutsos will serve as the Responsible Operator. With this class license, the Board is required to set a minimum and maximum seating. The restaurant currently has 24 seats. Also, not more than 10% of the establishment's total square footage may be dedicated to the display of beer and wine offered for off-premise sales. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous. Twenty-four was set as the maximum and minimum seating capacity for this establishment.

Kohler Food & Beverage, Inc. T/A Pairings Bistro – Expansion Plans

Jon Kohler, President, appeared on behalf of Kohler Food & Beverage, Inc. T/A Pairings Bistro, 2105 Laurel Bush Road, Suite 108, Bel Air, in connection with his plans for expansion. This is a Class B Café BW On/Off L On Sale Only license which was first issued in 2016; prior to that Mr. Kohler held a Class B Café BW On/Off Sale License that was first issued in 2008. At the time the Class B Café BW license was issued, the establishment had seating for approximately 31 patrons. In October 2011, Mr. Kohler presented plans to the Board for expansion that would have raised the seating to 55, which was approved. However, in August of 2012, Mr. Kohler advised the Board that the project was put on hold pending negotiations with the landlord for additional space.

Mr. Kohler then came back to the Board in October of 2012, with revised plans that ultimately raised the seating in the establishment to 75, while approximately 7 percent of the new square footage was dedicated to the display of products offered for off-premises sales. At that time, the Board set his maximum seating at 80.

Mr. Kohler is seeking permission to expand the premises again. This expansion will increase the square footage of the establishment by approximately 1800 square feet (current square footage is 3648). Guest dining seating will increase from 75 to 90 persons; bar seating will increase from 12 to 22 persons, and 6 counter seats and 4 tables will be added to the café.

Three (3) other Café BWL Licenses with limited seating that are currently issued are Aberdeen Harford Lanes (39 seats), 111 Main, and Route 24 Ale House (80 seats).

One Café BW License is currently issued to Savona.

There is a pending Café BWL License for Flying Point Marina (seating potentially more than 60).

Inquiries about the Café BWL license have been received from applicants at The Local and attorneys representing someone interested in the former Birroteca location.

Discussion was held regarding the request to increase the seating capacity. The Board set the maximum seating capacity for this establishment at 90 which cannot be increased except by a change in class.

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the expansion plan; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Fines Paid:

- a. \$2000.00 Fines paid for failed compliance test:
 - i. Khodiyar, Inc. T/A 7-11 Convenience Store Bel Air
 - ii. Hess Country Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Hess Country Spirits
 - iii. Coakley's Pub, L.L.C. T/A Coakley's Pub
- b. \$1000.00 Fines paid for failed compliance test:
 - i. Chili's of Bel Air, Inc. T/A Chili's Bar & Grill
 - ii. MacGregor's Inc. T/A MacGregor's Restaurant
 - iii. Madonna Seafood Restaurant, L.L.C. T/A Madonna Seafood
- c. \$100.00 Fine for alcohol awareness
 - i. Fallston VCH, L.L.C. T/A Vince's Crab House & Seafood Restaurant

2) V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post – Outside Event Application

V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post has submitted an outside event application to be used on August 28, 2021. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Naughty Dogs, L.L.C. T/A Naughty Dogs Pub & Grill – Reopening

John Roemer, license holder at Naughty Dogs, L.L.C., had requested that the license be held in escrow following a fire. Mr. Roemer has indicated that he plans to reopen on July 22nd and has requested that his license be released. Motion was made and duly seconded to release this license from escrow on July 22nd contingent on approvals from the Health Department, Fire Marshal, and the Use & Occupancy Permit; the vote was unanimous.

4) Performance Budget May and June, 2021

Performance budgets for May and June were reviewed. The health insurance will be put out for bid to several local agents at the appropriate time.

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

1) Havre de Grace Arts Collective – Concerts – 07/23, 07/24, 07/25, and 08/20

Issued to	Rebecca Jessop and William Price
On Behalf of	Havre de Grace Arts Collective
Type of Event	Concerts
Date(s) of Event	7/23, 7/24, 7/25, 8/20
Location Description & Address	121 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace
Outside Event?	No
Rain Date	N/A

2) National Wild Turkey Federation – Annual Banquet – 07/24/2021

Issued to	Thomas Maliszewski and Mimi Maliszewski
On Behalf of	National Wild Turkey Federation
Type of Event	Annual banquet
Date(s) of Event	7/24
Location Description & Address	Havre de Grace Community Center, 100 Lagaret Lane
Outside Event?	No
Rain Date	N/A

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

1) Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation – Wine & Jazz Festival – 08/07/2021

Issued to	Patricia Cole and Turshandah Cole
On Behalf of	Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation, Museum & Cultural Center
Type of Event	Wine and jazz festival
Date(s) of Event	08/07
Location Description & Address	Susquehanna Lock House Museum, 817 Conestee St.
Outside Event?	Yes
Rain Date	N/A

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and duly seconded to convene to executive session regarding a personnel matter. After convening to open session, the Board determined that a particular hourly employee will temporarily become a salaried employee beginning August 19.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on July 14, 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