

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Harford Bank	Withholding	2271.42
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	714.91
Payroll	Payroll	4455.74
ConnectPay	Accounting	77.00
MD State Retirement	Withholding	489.55
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Amy Finneran	Legal	2962.50
Kopin LLC	Rent	2642.00
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2487.73
Proshred Security	Maintenance	50.00
VIABIT, LLC	Maintenance	180.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Naran, L.L.C., T/A Cork & Barrel – Transfer Application

Naranbhai Patel, Sole Member, Naran, L.L.C. T/A Cork & Barrel, 1830 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, appeared along with his attorney, Craig M. Schwartz, in connection with an Application for Transfer of this Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License. This license is transferring from Michael R. McDonald, Member; McDonald Ventures, L.L.C., T/A Cork & Barrel. As sole member, Mr. Patel holds 100% interest in the L.L.C. Mr. Patel will serve as the Responsible Operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. The only outstanding item is a fully executed copy of the bill of sale and a copy of the signed settlement statement which will be submitted prior to license issuance. Settlement is scheduled for 2/16/22. Additionally, applicant has submitted a Retail Delivery application for the Board's approval. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Transfer Application contingent on the completed bill of sale and settlement documents.

2) QSA Foods, Inc., T/A All American Steak House – New License

Dominic J. Rose, Co-President, Daniel P. Santoro, Co-President, QSA Foods Corporation T/A All American Steak House, 3720 Churchville Road (Building B) in Aberdeen has submitted a New License Application for a BNR-BWL-On Sale Only License. Stock ownership in the corporation is split between Mr. Rose and Mr. Santoro, each of whom holds 50% of the stock. Mr. Rose will serve as the Responsible Operator, and both applicants have taken and passed the licensee test. As required for a Class BNR License, a capital investment of \$310,353 in newly installed kitchen equipment and dining room facilities has been substantiated, which meets the requirement for the license. There are no outstanding items with this application. For the first one or two months, the intention is to open at 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday with a lunch and dinner menu and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to open at 11:30 a.m. Motion was made and seconded to approve the New License Application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Rainbow King, Inc., T/A Rainbow King – Supplemental Application

Wei Rong Jiang, President, Rainbow King, Inc. T/A Rainbow King, 554 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, was present in connection with a Supplemental Application to remove Joseph Sliwka from the license. Mr. Jiang, President will remain on the license. Mr. Sliwka has transferred his 10% interest to Mr.

Jiang. There are no outstanding items. Additionally, Mr. Jiang has requested that his license be downgraded from a Class B-BWL-On Sale Only License to a Class B1-BW-On Sale Only License. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Supplemental Application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Get It Done, L.L.C., T/A The Local – Expansion of Licensed Premises

Robert Windsor, Member, Zack Trabbold, Chef, and Marc Shack, counsel for Get It Done, L.L.C. T/A The Local appeared to request approval of their expanded licensed premises prior to approval of the Change of Class Application that has been submitted. Motion was made and seconded to approve this request; the vote was unanimous.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1) Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki

Apostolos Karoutsos, Member, George Karoutsos, Member, Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki, 1521-A Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violations of:

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

Charge (2) - Failure of the license holder, or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity, to be certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program; and be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, in violation of Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 4-505, AB § 22-1903 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Code) and Board Rule 3:14.

The violations occurred on November 23, 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 Holders’ testimony, and with further consideration to License Holders’ relevant past record (if any) motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders **in violation** of Charge (1) - Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 6-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (“Code”) and Board Rule 4:01.

Motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders **in violation** of Charge (2) - Failure of the license holder, or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity, to be certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program; and be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, in violation of Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 4-505, AB § 22-1903 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Code) and Board Rule 3:14.

Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$1,000.00 for Charge 1; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to impose a fine of \$100.00 for Charge 2; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) The Deck Seafood & Tiki Bar, L.L.C., T/A The Deck – Request to Escrow License

The Deck Seafood & Tiki Bar, L.L.C., T/A The Deck is currently closed to the public. License holder Johanna Chicas has submitted a request to escrow the license pending possible sale of the business. Motion was made and seconded to approve this request to escrow the license; the vote was unanimous.

2) Harbor Wine & Spirits – 60 Day Update

Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C., T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits has submitted another 60-day update. They are still in the construction phase. Painting and lighting installation is complete. Flooring was scheduled to be installed last week. HVAC installation and electrical work is complete. Framing and installation for the bathrooms and office are complete. The outdoor sign has been installed. The front counter has been ordered. The projected completion date for the build out is still unknown.

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

1) Havre de Grace Arts Collective

- a. 02/12 – Theater Performance
- b. 03/03 – Play Reading
- c. 03/11 - Irene Jarenti Concert
- d. 04/02 - Caleb Stine Performance
- e. 04/07 – Play Reading
- f. 05/05 - Play Reading

Applications for per diem beer and wine licenses for the above dates and events have been submitted by Rebecca Jessop and William Price on behalf of the Havre de Grace Arts Collective. Motion was made and seconded to approve the six applications; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Vice Chair Majewski reported that all three bills passed through the delegation and discussions are being held with Senators to have the bills amended. All three bills will adversely affect the HCLCB budget.

Regarding the Class L license, the Board members and staff agreed that the license fee should be \$3,000.00. Tastings will be limited to the same as Class A licenses. A food requirement should be added to include food over and above prepackaged snacks and/or food must be available. Limit other manufacturers to local Maryland manufacturers.

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 February 9, 2022, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

Paul J. Majewski, II, Vice Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Susan Burdette, Commissioner