

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Majewski. In attendance were Vice Chair Merchant, Commissioners Welch, Burdette, and Goddard along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and W. Michael Crabbs, General Manager.

MINUTES Motion was made and seconded to approve the July 13 minutes; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

October 5

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3651.72
State Comptroller	Withholding	1043.07
ConnectPay	Accounting	77.00
Payroll	Payroll	8974.69
State Retirement	Retirement	530.31

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Amy Finneran	Legal	1747.50
Kopin, LLC	Rent	2695.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephone	220.16
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	1801.76
Metro Data, Inc.	Computer Support	664.00
The Aegis	Subscription	53.50
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	369.54
Kopin, LLC	Security Deposit	120.00
Kopin, LLC	Rent	180.00
Sprint	Telephone	172.47

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Two First-Time Applicants - Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County – Per Diem B&W

First-time applicants Edward Roberts and Mark Davis appeared on behalf of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County in connection with a per diem beer and wine application to be used on October 22 at the Church Hall, 2515 Churchville Road, for a dinner and auction. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-Time Applicant – Harford County Public Library Foundation – Per Diem BWL

First-time applicant Courtney Tramontana and previous applicant Mary Hastler appeared on behalf of Harford County Library Foundation in connection with a per diem beer, wine and liquor application to be used on November 5 at the Abingdon Library, 2510 S. Tollgate Road, for their 18th Annual Gala. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Forest Hill Wine & Liquor, L.L.C. T/A Forest Hill Wine & Liquor – Outside Event Application

Forest Hill Wine & Liquor, L.L.C. has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on October 22 for a fundraising event to benefit “The Hero Rescue”. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Mexican Food II, Inc., T/A La Tolteca (Joppa) – Supplemental Application

Tania Gonzalez Ramirez, Secretary, David Carrillo, President, Mexican Food II, Inc. T/A La Tolteca, 1411 S. Mountain Road, Joppa, appeared in connection with a Supplemental Application. The purpose of the application is to remove Dayana Ortiz Viernes and replace her with Tania Gonzalez Ramirez. Interest in the corporation is held as follows: Ms. Ramirez 10%, Mr. Carrillo 10%, and DaveSillos Holding, L.L.C. holds 80%. Ms. Ramirez has taken and passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) Mint 1, Inc., T/A The Mint Room – Change in Class & Change of Officers Application (Postponed)

The hearing will be rescheduled.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1) Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. t/a Mr. Souvlaki – Alcohol Awareness Violation

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 a show cause hearing indicating violation of:

Charge 1: failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity, in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Sections 4-505(f) and 22-1903 as well as Board Rule 3:14.

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 Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Sections 4-505(f) and 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14; the vote was four "ayes" with Commissioner Goddard voting "naye". Motion was made and seconded to impose **a fine of \$250.00** for this violation; the vote was four "ayes" with Commissioner Goddard voting "naye".

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) The Island at Flying Point Marina, L.L.C. T/A The Island at Flying Point Marina – Seasonal Closing

The Island at Flying Point Marina, L.L.C. has submitted notice that the last day of their season will be October 30.

2) Bel Air Downtown Alliance – Request to Add Liquor to Per Diem License

A per diem beer and wine license was previously issued to Bel Air Downtown Alliance to be used on October 14 and 15 for the MD State BBQ Bash. Applicants have submitted a request to add liquor to the license and the additional fee has been paid. Commissioner Goddard disclosed that he is a previous member of the Alliance. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request to add liquor; the vote was unanimous.

3) September's Performance Budget

The September performance budget was distributed for review. The 2021-22 financial audit has not yet been finalized by the auditor.

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

1) St. Mark Fallston – Oktoberfest – 10/22

Issued to Juanita Cain and July Tomko on behalf of St. Mark Church for their Oktoberfest being held on October 22. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) St. Mark Fallston - Bull & Oyster Roast - 11/05

Issued to Juanita Cain and July Tomko on behalf of St. Mark Church for their bull and oyster roast being held on November 5. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Church of the Resurrection Copley Parish - 4th Annual Historic Fall Festival - 10/22

Issued to Colleen Rhine and Ronald Meyer on behalf of Church of the Resurrection Copley Parish to be used at their 4th Annual Historic Fall Festival on October 22. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD

Mr. Crabbs reported that he, Chair Majewski, and Joseph F. Snee, Jr., Esquire, toured Ramblewood Campgrounds and were impressed with security and the measures to control and contain alcohol for the music festival being held that weekend.

The files, etc., that are being stored at Self Storage Plus will be moved to the basement of our building which has been set up by the landlord as various size individual storage units resulting in annual savings of \$1400+ annually.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and seconded to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue with Board attorney; the vote was unanimous. Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 22-207(a)(1) states that the Board shall employ one full-time chief inspector. The Board determined that Inspector Colburn's title will now reflect Chief Inspector Colburn to comply with the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on October 12, 2022, have been reviewed and approved by the following:


Chair Paul J. Majewski


Vice Chair Frederic L. Merchant


James Welch, Commissioner


Susan Burdette, Commissioner


Wayne Goddard, Commissioner