## THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 @ 1:00 PM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM CHESAPEAKE BUILDING 41770 BALDRIDGE STREET LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Maryos County was held on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chair, Linda Palchinsky, Vice-Chair Aaron Mathis, Member Betty Currie, Member Kevin Hall, Member James Tanavage, Attorney Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator Suzan Whilden, Administrative Assistant Garland Thompson, Inspector, Cpl. James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Officer, **Absent** 

Chairman Moses Saldaña called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Currie moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2015 and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

• Extension of Conditional Approvals

Hollywood Shakers . Donny Dunbar and Sean Earley Requesting 30 day extension of conditional approval of transfer of license. Conditions met. Withdrawn from meeting schedule

## **New Business**

• Applications

The Cow and the Fish - Application of Michael Jerome Chance to purchase a Class B (restaurant) BWL license and t/a The Cow and the Fish (The Cow and the Fish, LLC), 25188 Three Notch Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636. And permission for extension of premise for detached walk-in.

Michael Chance appeared before the Board and was sworn in. The following persons were sworn in at that time as well: Glenn Woods, Kenneth Woods, Virginia Woods and Thomas Watts. Mr. Chance stated to the Board he has been working in the restaurant business for many years and now desires to own his own business along with his wife. Mr. Chance gave a brief description of the upscale casual dining experience he plans to provide as well as descriptions of how the parking will be laid out and the valet parking for over flow as business continues to increase. Mr. Chance states that there will be 22 on-site parking spaces and 10 off-site valet parking spaces when needed. He stated his wife has taken the RAST training and plans to attend the training himself. Mr. and Mrs. Chance are both TAMS certified. Glenn Woods testified in opposition to the granting of said Class B license. Mr. G. Woods also spoke on behave of Harold Herndon, a former Board member, who could not

attend the meeting. Mr. G Woods lives 2/10 of a mile from the establishment and concerns about the safety and general welfare of the community with the granting of this license. Mr. G. Woods stated that parking is inadequate and that parking on Route 235 is too unsafe. Kenneth Woods lives 12 miles from the establishment but whose mother Virginia Woods has lived next door to the establishment for over 50 years. Mr. K. Woods has similar concerns about the parking, safety and general welfare of the community but has additional concerns that changes will be made to the building in the future at which time he may be living on his mothers property. Mr. K. Woods has always been in opposition of a liquor license being at the establishment but the Board couldnot recall him ever coming before them to testify in opposition. Virginia Woods, mother of both Glenn and Kenneth, concerns were about the off sale of alcohol. During her testimony, Mrs. Woods stated she felt that people have not been honest with her about the way the things have been done. Mrs. Woods testified that the owner had previously never come to introduce himself or get to know her. When visiting the Board office, she felt that the license had already been granted before the hearing ever took place. Mrs. Woods questioned the procedures of the application of obtaining signatures on the petitions. After Mrs. Woods delivered her opposition letter to Ms. Hildebrand, Mr. Chance left Mrs. Woods a menu in her door and later came to invite her to take a tour of the establishment. Mrs. Woods was very unhappy to see an 8 seat bar at the establishment. Thomas Watts, the property owner, testified in support Mr. Chance. Mr. Watts stated he has turned down others interested in renting the building as he felt they were not a good fit for the community. Mr. Watts stated when Mr. Chance approached him about renting the building; he was willing to invest in the repairs and renovations to bring the building up to rentable conditions. The Board has approved a 90 day conditional approval pending the Fire Marshall, Health Department and Use and Occupancy permit. The permission of the extension of premise for the detached walk-in was granted on the condition no alcohol was to be stored in this area. Member Mathis made the motion for approval. Member Mathis amended to reference in light of testimony given in opposition. Chairman Saldaña stated for the record that Mr. Chance will take care of all parking concerns. Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

• Premise Change

Sunset Cove . Samantha Irwin and Joseph Salvo Requesting temporary extension of premise and outdoor serving counter for boat docking contest on October 2-3, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Samantha Irwin and Joseph Salvo appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Ms. Irwin spoke for Sunset Cove. Ms. Irwin stated she has received her Temporary Event permit from LUGM but has not gotten a Health permit as of the meeting. A copy of the Event permit was provided to Ms. Hildebrand. Ms. Irwin will be applying for the Health permit through the Health Department. The Board approved the temporary extension of premise on the condition of obtaining the Health permit. A copy will be provided to Ms. Hildebrand prior to the event. Member Hall made the motion for approval. An amendment request motion was made to change the date to only have event for October 3 and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

## **Other Business**

• Board Administrator . Tammy Hildebrand

FFY16 Highway Safety-Better Business Practices to Promote Responsible Alcohol Service grant award.

The 2016 grant was approved for RAST and TIPSY Taxi. Ms. Hildebrand will need to get signatures from the County Commissioners and State Highway Administration before any monies can be spent. The State Highway Administration has given the Alcohol Board the release to purchase items that are made outside of the U.S.A. A portable projector and screen have been purchased to use when trainings are done on-site. No adjustments were made to the budget and with the release to purchase outside the U.S.A., I.D. checks kits will be easily purchased on-line. Ms. Hildebrand has letters for the Board to sign addressed to Guy Brothers and the Community Alcohol Coalition to thank them for their donations of the I.D. check kits from 2015. Ms. Hildebrand wanted to remind the Licensed Beverage Association that the list of establishments requesting New Year¢ Eve permits need to be summited by the December Board meeting.

- Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator . Cpl. James Stone . Absent
- Board Inspector . Garland Thompson

Mr. Thompson inspected 13 establishments and 3 new establishments.

• St. Maryos Licensed Beverage Association - Dave Dent

No new business to share with the Board

• Community Alcohol Coalition . Absent

Adjournment - Member Hall made the motion for adjournment at 3:30 PM and Vice-Chair Palchinsky, seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña, Chair