

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 1:00 P. M in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chairman
Linda Palchinsky, Vice Chairman
Aaron Mathis, Member
Betty Currie, Member **(ABSENT)**
Kevin Hall, Member
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Suzi Whilden, Sr. Office Specialist
Garland Thompson, Inspector
Cpl. James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Officer

Chairman Saldaña called the meeting to order and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Mathis moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014 and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Palchinsky. Motion carried.

➤ **New Business**

Applications:

Hampton Inn - Application of Kimberly S. Aus, Michael W. Fruin & Amber R. Hill to purchase a Class A-1 BWL license & t/a Hampton Inn (LPH Holdings, LLC), 22211 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Kimberly Aus, Amber Hill and Cheryl Butler, General Manager, on behalf of Michael W. Fruin appeared before the Board. The request is for the purpose of selling alcohol to the guests of the Inn. The alcohol will be kept in a locked cabinet at the front desk and the alcohol can only be consumed in the rooms of the guests. Member Hall made the motion to approve the request and Member Mathis seconded. Motion carried.

Hibachi & Grill Buffet - Application of Ren Xun Yang & Ren Hang Yang to downgrade their Class B (restaurant) BWL license to a Class B (rest) Beer & Wine license & t/a Hibachi & Grill Buffet (Yang's Brothers, LLC), 21800 N. Shangri La Dr., #2, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

The license holders appeared before the Board to request the downgrade because of low liquor sales. Vice Chairman Palchinsky made the motion to approve the downgrade and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

Premise changes:

The Front Porch - Requesting extension of premise for 755 sq ft deck added to existing porch. Robert Plant appeared on behalf of the license holder, Carol Andrews. The addition will be accessed only from the front porch. Member Mathis made the motion for 90 day conditional approval of the request and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Palchinsky. Motion carried.

Morris Point Restaurant - Requesting extension of premise to include on site cinder block building for alcohol storage. Chris Soussanin appeared with a letter from the license holder with permission to speak on her behalf. Member Hall made the motion for a 60 day conditional approval and it was seconded by Member Mathis. Motion carried.

Officer/Member/Trade Name changes:

Cheeseburger in Paradise - Removing Christine E. Basham; adding Clifton M. Worth. Vice Chairman Palchinsky made the motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

➤ **Other Business:**

Proposed Rules & Regs changes: Mr. Dent joined in the discussion for the placement, size and wording of signage. More discussion at next month's meeting.

Board Administrator – Tamara Hildebrand

Tammy reported that the Licenses have to be picked up by April 30, 2014 or signs will be posted on the businesses that the establishment cannot sell alcoholic beverages. The FY 15 recommended budget was sent to the Board Members.

Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator – Cpl. James Stone

There were 22 DUI's in March. There was a sobriety checkpoint on March 27 and there were 0 impaired founded. There were safe driving festivals held at all the High Schools.

Board Inspector – Garland Thompson

Mr. Thompson performed 13 inspections in March and two follow ups.

License Beverage Association

Mr. Dent appeared on behalf of the License Beverage Association. The Legislation ended with several bills passing. Some of those passed that will affect St. Mary's are the Growler Bill. The local Liquor Board will have to define how it's going to be affected in our County. There will have to be a Growler permit issued. The minimum wage was increased to 10.10 in 2018. Grain alcohol bill was passed which bans the sale of any alcohol of 190 proof or more. The Chain and box store Bill was defeated from selling alcohol.

Community Alcohol Coalition

Jenna Mulliken appeared before the Board and presented the consequence matrix requesting the Board approve and work it into the Rules and Regulations. Vice Chairman Palchinsky made the motion to add the matrix to the Rules and Regulations and it was seconded by Member Mathis. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Palchinsky made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Mathis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Hammett
Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña, Chairman