

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019 @ 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, February 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Kevin Hall, Chairman
Mark Denietolis, Vice - Chairman
Leonard Kohl, Member
April Trossbach, Member
David Willenborg, Member
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Suzan Whilden, Administrative Assistant
Garland Thompson, Inspector
Sgt. Stephen Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and introduced the Board and staff.

Member Kohl moved to approve the January 10, 2019 minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Trossbach. Motion carried.

New Business

- **Applications**

Leonardtown Wine & Spirits - Application of Karlee Elizabeth Kettles and Malak Singh to transfer Guenther's Fine Wine & Spirits (D&S, LLC) Class A-1 BWL license from Daniel J. Guenther and t/a Leonardtown Wine & Spirits (Gurshabad Singh, Inc.), 25470-B Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Karlee Kettles, Malak Singh and Daniel Guenther appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. David Martinez, the attorney for the owner Mr. Singh, also appeared before the Board. Mr. Martinez explained that Mr. Singh will hold 85% stock and Ms. Kettles will hold 15% of the remaining stock in the business as the resident agent. Member Kohl made the motion for the 90 day conditional approval pending the Comptroller release, Fire Marshal approval and close of sale of the business. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Denietolis. Motion carried.

Willows Recreation Center - Application for Trisha R. Post to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a Willows Recreation Center (Willows Recreation Center, LLC), 46961 Bradley Blvd., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Ms. Post appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Shane Mattingly, Ms. Post attorney also appeared before the Board. Mr. Mattingly had Ms. Post explain to the Board what the features of the facility will be and explain the business proposals. Ms. Post has instituted an On-Sale-Only restriction to the Class B license application. Chairman Hall made a motion for the 90 day conditional approval pending the Fire Marshal, Health Department, Use and Occupancy and Traders license. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. During discussion, Member Willenborg questioned the Board if they could increase the pending approval to 180 day approval. Chairman Hall amended the motion to a 180 day conditional approval pending the Fire Marshal, Health Department, Use and Occupancy and Traders license. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. Motion carried.

- **Special Privilege Applications**

Breton Bay Fine Wines & Liquors – Thomas McKay - Requesting Refillable Container Permit

Mr. McKay appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. McKay explained the Board his desire to add refillable containers to his premise. Member Willenborg made a motion to approve the application. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

- **Premise changes**

Breton Bay Fine Wines & Liquors – Thomas McKay - Requesting 1150 sq. ft. extension of premise

Mr. McKay remained before the Board in his request for an extension of premise and explained his plan for the expansion of the premise into an area currently used by the grocery store adjacent to his premise. Mr. McKay explained that the separation between the two businesses would comply with the law. Member Trossbach made a motion for the 90 day conditional approval pending the Fire Marshal, Health Department, and Use and Occupancy permit. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Denietolis. Motion carried.

- **Officer/Member/Trade Name changes**

Texas Roadhouse - Removing Donald Murray & Emily Valcarcel; Adding Amber R. Hill

Member Kohl made a motion to approve the application. Motion was seconded by Chairman Hall. Motion carried.

Other Business

- **Board Administrator – Tammy Hildebrand**

Ms. Hildebrand reported to the Board that as of today, there were 112 bills introduced into legislation concerning alcohol, 19 were State bills and 93 were local bills that various counties submitted. Two bills in particular, HB 360 and HB 982 were bills introduced by St. Mary's County. HB 360 is a bill correcting language in the revised article to reflect full bar and counter service at bars and restaurants on Sunday. HB 982 creates an exception to per diem licenses to the prohibition of holding multiple licenses. This will allow retail license holders to sit on boards or act as officers for non-profit entities that apply for per diem licenses. Due to the Maryland Alcohol Licensing Association meeting on May 9 -11 the May Board meeting has been changed to May 16th. She reminded everyone that license renewals have begun and if a business had not yet received their package they needed to contact the office immediately.

- **Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator – Sgt. Steve Myers**

Sgt. Myers informed the Board that a bill has been introduced into legislation to increase the tobacco sales law to 21 from 18. For the month of January, Sgt. Myers reported 10 alcohol compliance checks with no violations, 10 tobacco checks with no violations, there were 12 violations for tobacco in the schools, 8 DUI arrests and 8 COPS violations of open containers. Sgt. Myers also attended 3 meetings for the month.

- **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson**

For the month of January, Mr. Thompson reported performing 15 inspections and completed the Ethics Commission report for 2018.

- **St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association- Dave Dent**

Mr. Dent wanted to clarify the requirements to HB 1057 that anyone making the point of sale of alcohol would be required to have the Alcohol Awareness certification. In regards to the tobacco bill, not only will the age be raised but the fee will be raised as well. Mr. Dent also informed the Board of another bill being introduced to raise minimum wage to \$15.00.

- **Community Alcohol Coalition- Maryellen Kraese**

Ms. Kraese introduced Mr. Chris Shea, the new CAC Coordinator. Legislation has been introduced on Social Hosting which makes it a civil citation when an adult provides alcohol to a minor. Ms. Kraese informed the Board of a training that will be held on June 3 at the Forrest Center for retailers and enforcement. Ms. Kraese also reported that the CAC will be working with St. Mary's College Task Force on problems that they experience with alcohol on campus.

Adjournment- Member Willenborg made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 pm. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Denietolis. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Kevin M. Hall, Chair