

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650
MINUTES**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg
Vice-Chair Richard Watts
Member Leonard Kohl
Member Richard Shin
Member Barbara Hill
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Chris Beaver, Attorney
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Not Present:

Kevin Hall, Inspector

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Kohl moved to approve the agenda for November 9, 2023 and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – October 12, 2023

Member Hill moved to approve the minutes for October 12, 2023 and was seconded by Chairman Willenborg. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Extension of Conditional Approval**

The Creek – Arthur C. Brinkley and Celeste C. Baird - Requesting 90-day extension of approval.

Arthur Brinkley and Celeste Baird appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Ms. Baird explained they have the permit for the grease trap and are proceeding with the installation. Member Kohl moved to approve the 90-day extension and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Premise Change**

Water View Inn – Richard Thomas, David Thomas and Yolanda Butler - Requesting outdoor serving on deck.

Richard Thomas, David Thomas, and Yolanda Butler appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Richard Thomas explained to the Board that they would like to build a deck and be able to serve their patrons alcohol outside. Member Kohl made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending the LUGM, Health Department, Fire Marshal, and Comptroller's Office and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

- **Officer /Member Changes**

2000 Liquors – removing Hardik Kumar Patel

Member Kohl moved to remove Hardik Kumar Patel and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

Back Road Inn – adding James Kenneth Cryer and Jo Anne Klear

Member Kohl moved to add James Kenneth Cryer and JoAnn Klear and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

Morris Point Restaurant – removing Megan Bell

Member Kohl moved to remove Megan Bell and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

**Chairman Willenborg called for a 5-minute recess to consult with Attorney Beaver
1:15- 1:20 pm**

- **Violations**

Bradfor's Neighborhood Market:

Employee - Jessica Lynn Wood

Jessica Lynn Wood was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Jessica Wood appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Wood admitted the violation did occur. Member Shin made a motion for a \$150.00 fine and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Vote was 3:2 Chairman Willenborg and Vice-Chair Watts against. Motion carried.

Licensee - Christopher Bell

Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Christopher Bell appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Bell admitted the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$1000.00 fine, \$500.00 held in abeyance and RAST training and was seconded by Member Shin. Vote was 4:1 Chairman Willenborg against. Motion carried.

- **Applications**

Cather Marine - Application for Andrew L. Cather Jr. to purchase a Class D-Beer license and t/a Cather Marine (Cather Marine Inc.), 38270 Palmer Rd., Colton's Point, MD 20626

Andrew Cather and Justin Cheseldine-Gass appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Member Kohl moved to approve the application and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

Call Signs - Application for Sahil Malhotra and Danielle Malhotra to purchase a Class B (restaurant) BWL license and t/a Call Signs (CallSigns Bar and Grill, LLC), 46580 Expedition Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653. And permission for outdoor seating and catering privilege

Sahil Malhotra and Danielle Malhotra appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending the Trader's license, Use and Occupancy permit, Health Department and Fire Marshal and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that the budget for FY 25 will be due on January 12. Mrs. Hildebrand explained that New Years Eve permit information had been sent out and requests are due to the office before the December Board meeting. Mrs. Hildebrand talked about the "Save the Date" calendars sent to all licensees as a tool to help them remember important renewal dates. Several establishments have called to say they appreciated the calendars.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of October, Deputy Myers reported:

- 14 Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance checks – 2 violations
- 11 DUI's- Sheriff
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- 2 stationary surveillance - no violations
- 1 Alcohol Violation Summon served.
- 5 State Park surveillance - no violations
- RAST, National Law Enforcement Association Conference

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Member Shin stated that he was surprised by the difference in the price of the fines for violations that he had heard in discussion at the MALA conference. Some of those fines as high as \$20,000 for first offences. Member Shin went on to explain how some counties suspended licenses for first offenses as well. Chairman Willenborg stated that he learned that 4.2 million fake I.D.'s were sold in the US every year.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Shin made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 pm and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chair