

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025 @ 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, April 10, 2025, 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.

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg
Vice-Chair Richard Watts
Member Barbara Hill
Chris Beaver, Attorney
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary
Kevin Hall, Inspector
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Not Present:

Member George Anas
Member Richard Shin
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Hill made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 13, 2025, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Extension of Conditional Approval**

Angelikas Kitchen – Angela Funya - Requesting 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application.

Angela Funya appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Funya explained that when the landlord was doing some of the renovations, mold was discovered. Mold remediation is expected to be completed by June. Vice-chair Watts made a motion for a 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Violation**

Lex Wine & Spirits - Roland Mellies - Commission of acts on licensed premises contrary to State law in violation of Section 5.04(b) "Acts Contrary to Law" of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County; to wit: Distribution of Tobacco Product or Paraphernalia to Minor in violation of Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Section of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Roland Mellies appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Mellies stated that the violation did occur. Vice chair Watts stated that this is the second time the licensee has come before the Board in 5 months. Vice chair Watts asked Mr. Mellies what changes he has implemented after the first violation. Mr. Mellies stated that he has put 100% ID checking of all patrons into place, put in software POS system which prompts clerks to ask for ID. Chairman Willenborg stated that this is the businesses second time before the Board, but it is their third violation. Chairman Willenborg asked Mr. Mellies if he understands that he could revoke his license. Mr. Mellies acknowledges and understands and respects the severity of these charges. Vice chair Watts reminds Mr. Mellies that he had \$1250.00 in fines held in abeyance from his previous violation and that those fines will have to be paid as well as what other penalties they impose today. Vice chair Watts made a motion for a \$1000.00 fine , along with the \$1250.00 from the previous fines. Member Hill seconded the motion; motion carried. During discussion Chairman Willenborg stated he would have preferred \$750.00 2:1 Willenborg opposed

- **Premise Changes**

Brudergarten – Geraldine A. L'Heureux - Requesting temporary extension of premises and outdoor serving counter for special event: Renfest, May 24 and 25, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Geraldine L'Heureux appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mrs. L'Heureux stated that the event was so successful last year, they are requesting to have the event for 2 days. Mrs. L'Heureux has implemented all the requirements of the Fire Marshal. Vice chair Watts made a motion to approve the extension of premise and outdoor serving counter, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of March, Deputy Myers reported:

- 22 Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance checks – 4 tobacco violation; only one being an ABB establishment
- 20 DUI's- Sheriff / 17 DUI's - MSP
- 2 stationary surveillance - no violations
- 4 Alcohol Violation Summon served.
- 5 State Park surveillance - no violations
- Attended Sheriff's Office firearms training

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of March, Inspector Hall reported:

- Did a few inspections
- Helped Suzi in the office
- Listened in on CAC and MALA meetings

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Guy Combs attended the meeting. Mr. Combs stated that the SMLBA would like the Board, when suspending a license, to not have it take effect until after the 30-day appeal process period. Chairman Willenborg requested that discussion on this matter be added to the May agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Hill made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 pm, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chairman