

THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, January 14, 2016 @ 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, January 14, 2016 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

Chairman Moses Saldaña called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Currie moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2015 and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

New Business

- **Violations**

Brass Rail . Charles B. Gatton- Allowing the licensed premises to be used for the purpose of gambling in any form in violation of Section 5.04(c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Mr. Charles %Dickie+ Gatton appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Gatton was represented by his attorney Mr. Joseph %Ernie+Bell. Attorney Bell spoke for his client and pled guilty of the charges. Attorney Tanavage read into the record facts of the case. Chairman Saldaña called for a motion on the penalty. Member Currie motioned for a \$1000.00 fine and was seconded by Member Mathis. Discussion was called. Chairman Saldaña did not feel that the original motion fit the penalty. Motion failed with all Members voting against the motion. Member Hall motioned for a \$1000.00 fine and 10 days suspension of the license. Motion failed with all Members voting against the motion. Final motion was made by Member Hall for a \$1000.00 fine and a 30 day suspension of the license effective immediately (1:40 p.m., 1/14/16), seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

- **Premise Changes**

Big Dogs Paradise Bar and Liquor- Brian Adkins- Request to expand square footage by 160 square feet to accommodate new walk in box and freezer.

Brian Adkins appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Adkins stated he is requesting an extension of premise to add a new walk in and freezer to his business property. The Board has granted a 90 day conditional approval pending the permit approval by LUGM and final inspection from the Health Department. Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

- **Officer/Member/Trade name changes**

Oga's Asian Cuisine . Removing Ting Yan Zeng ; adding Daniel A.M. Slade

Member Currie made the motion for approval and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Buffalo Wild WingsGrill and Bar- Removing Donald Joseph Rizzie, Jr.; adding Mark John Kracht

Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Vice-Chair Palchinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business

- **Historic Sotterley, Inc.** - Mellanie Teed- Discussion of annual Wine Festival

Mellanie Teed was accompanied by Nancy Easterling of Historic Sotterley and Kevin Atticks of the Maryland Wine Association to discuss the annual Wine Festival that takes place in October. Nancy Easterling was the spokesperson for the group and stated that the goal for the event is always to be a good safe event and a unique showcase for Southern Maryland Wines. The Boards concerns are the on/off purchases and consuming on premises and that the seller is responsible for the purchase, opening and the consumption of the purchased wines. It was clarified that any bottles of wine for on-sale consumption would have to be opened by the seller and no partially consumed bottles of wine would be recorked and removed from the premise by the purchaser.

- **Proposed Rules and Regulations change-** Adding language to §2.09 addressing conditional approvals for license transfers

The Board discussed the new language regarding the addition of the changes.

Member Mathis made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

- **Board Administrator** - Tammy Hildebrand- Budget Approval

Member Hall made the motion for approval and Member Mathis seconded. Motion carried.

- **Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator** . Cpl. James Stone

Cpl. Stone stated there had been a sobriety checkpoint conducted during the month of December. 20 DUI arrests were made. Cpl. Stone had conducted RAST training at Toots Bar. A grant has been awarded to the Sheriff's Office for tobacco enforcement. Cpl. Stone conducted several inspections with Inspector Thompson.

- **Board Inspector-** Garland Thompson

Inspector Thompson inspected 11 establishments and did 4 follow-ups for the month of December. Inspector Thompson also illustrated a letter that was added into the renewal packages that went out mid- January.

- **St. Mary's License Beverage Association-** David Dent

Mr. Dent stated that legislation opened on January 13, 2016 in Annapolis. The issues being discussed are:

Montgomery County dispensary is trying to privatize the beer breweries.

Breweries trying to obtain Class B licenses which would increase amount of beer going through breweries and would affect retail sector.

These are old issues that LBA is keeping an eye on:

Multiple licenses

Chain stores selling alcohol

Dram Shop law

- **Community Alcohol Coalition .** ABSENT

Adjournment - Member Hall made the motion for adjournment at 2:55 PM and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña, Chair