

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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, May 12, 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 Coordinator

Chairman Moses Saldaña called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Hall moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2016 and it was seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Extensions of Conditional Approvals-

**Stardust Lounge** . Phillip Swales- Requesting a 30 day extension of his conditional approval

Mr. Swales appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Swales stated that he needed additional time to complete the renovation to the building. The original request was for a 30 day extension but Chairman Saldaña suggested amending the request to a 60 day conditional approval. Member Currie made the motion for a 60 day extension to his conditional approval pending Use and Occupancy and was seconded by Member Mathis. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

- Applications:

**Twist Wine & Spirits** - Application of Purnima B. Patel to transfer The Lime Lounge at Twist Wine & Spirits (Twist Wine & Spirits, LLC) Class D BWL license & downgrade to a Class A-1 BWL license & t/a Twist Wine & Spirits (Lexington Twistom, LLC), 22608 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Ms. Patel appeared before the Board, was sworn in and attorney Michael Davis represented Ms. Patel as her counsel. Attorney Davis asked Ms. Patel a series of questions regarding her background. The approval of this license would be pending the Traders License and settlement. Chairman Saldaña stated for the record, that the modification of the premise approval of the Fire Marshall once all changes have been completed. Mr. John Winter, owner of the building was sworn in and stated that he understood he would be responsible until all modifications are completed. Member Mathis made the motion for a 30 day conditional approval pending the Traders License and settlement. Motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

**CoCoa's Caribbean Authentic Jerk** - Application of Neville Brown to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a CoCoa's Caribbean Authentic Jerk (Nevpau Corp), 21591 Great Mills Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Mrs. Paula Brown and Mr. Neville Brown appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mrs. Brown spoke on behalf of the couple and corrected their address on the application. Mrs. Brown stated that the license will be for On-Sale only and expressed the desire to use the drive through window for food delivery. The Board was in objection to the use of the drive through window, as drive through windows for licensed establishments are prohibited by law. Vice-Chair Palchinsky made the motion for a 60 day conditional approval pending the Traders License, Fire Marshall, Zoning (LUGM), Health Dept. and Use and Occupancy. Motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

**Pax River Ale House** - Application of Melissa Akaras & Jane D. Carroll to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a Pax River Ale House (Mana Restaurant Group, LLC), 46590 Corporate Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Ms. Akaras and Ms. Carroll appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Ms. Akaras spoke on behalf of the Pax River Ale House. Ms. Akaras stated that the license will be for On-Sale only and stated she will be attending the June TAMS certification class. Ms.

Akaras explained she has been in the restaurant / liquor sales business previously. The only changes that will be made to the building will be the addition of 2 wait / server stations. Member Currie made the motion for a 90 day conditional approval pending the Fire Marshall, Health Dept. and Use and Occupancy. Motion was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

**Patuxent Lodge 2393** - Application of William M. Griffith Jr., William E. Parron & Kenneth Scott Bean to purchase a Class D BWL license & t/a Patuxent Lodge 2393 (Patuxent Lodge 2393 Loyal Order of the Moose, Inc.), 23886 Mervell Dean Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636.

Mr. Griffith, Mr. Bean and new applicant Mr. Drew Dobbins appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Griffith stated he will be speaking on behalf of the Lodge. Ms. Hildebrand explained that there was a request for an officer change and that the Lodge seeks this approval as well as the request for a Class D license. This will be a final approval as all conditions have been met by the Lodge. Chairman Saldaña stated that the approval for the Extension of Premise for the horseshoe area, limits the use to 1 hour before and 1 hour after official games are in session. Member Mathis made a motion to approve the application and extension of premise for smoking and horseshoe pit. Member Mathis amended the motion to clarify the use of the horseshoe pits only an hour before, during and an hour after official games. Motion was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried. Also Board voted on action of the Officer change; removing William E. Parron; adding Drew A. Dobbins. Member Mathis made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Currie.

- Premise Change

**Olde Town Pub** . John MacDonald, Jason Burroughs & Joseph Drury - Requesting temporary extension of premise & extra serving counter for music event on June 10, 2016, 2:00 PM to midnight.

Mr. McDonald appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Letters were presented from absent licensees Jason Burroughs and Joseph Drury giving Mr. McDonald permission to speak on their behalf. Mr. McDonald had approval from the Corporate Town of Leonardtown for his request to hold an outside concert on June 10, 2016. Mr. McDonald had rented the Leonardtown parking lot for the event and has hired 6 security guards for the evening. Mr. McDonald stated there will only be one entrance into the event and the area will be surrounded by a 6qchain-link fence. Music will end

by 10:00 PM. Vice-Chair Palchinsky made the motion for approval pending the Health Dept. approval and was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

- Officer/Member/Trade Name changes

Sign of the Whale - removing Darlene T. Young; adding Don. L. Speck

Member Hall made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Currie.

Wicomico Shores Municipal Golf Course - removing Patricia L. Meyers

Member Hall made the motion for approval and was seconded by Member Mathis.

### **Other Business**

- Board Administrator- Tammy Hildebrand

1. MALA report . Ms. Hildebrand went over a few of the subjects that were discussed at the May 7, MALA meeting. The New Article 2B was explained and Jeff Kelly stated it is what is allowed. If not in 2B, it isn't allowed. Mr. Kelly also went over 2016 legislation. Another topic discussed was the need for State training of Alcohol Inspectors. Also over- service was another topic was of great concern to County Boards. Mr. Johnson did a presentation on interpreters; the need for them, and hired vs a family member.
2. Changes to Rules and Regulations: The new Rules and Regs will be sent out with as many legislations changes made as possible but a letter will be sent to explain more legislative changes may follow.
3. Ms. Hildebrand stated to the Board her concerns about the advertised Deputy Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator position. This position is a contract position. Ms. Hildebrand has concerns about finding another experienced AEC and the ABB now has a MOU with the Sheriff's Office for the current position. Ms. Hildebrand is requesting the Board to contact the Sheriff's Office about the future of this position.

- Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator - Cpl. James Stone

Cpl. Stone stated that Deputy Oresik had decided not to stay on as the AEC. Cpl. Stone spoke about the MALA Conference and some of the topics he felt were important. One of those topics was the issue of over-service and how it is a problem. Cpl. Stone

announced that Dave Dent was the new President for the Maryland Licensed Beverage Association. Cpl. Stone stated there would be a sobriety checkpoint in the northern part of St. Mary's County for the holiday weekend. Cpl. Stone reported that a package was discovered with fraudulent IDs sent from China that ended up in the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Saldaña spoke about the new MVA license coming out in June 30 that will have a whole new look.

- Board Inspector- Garland Thompson

Inspector Thompson performed for the month of April, 12 inspections, 6 follow-ups and participated in the RAST training class.

- St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association . David Dent & Community Alcohol Coalition . Lauren Abell

Together the SMCLBA and CAC have come up with a way to recognize retailers in the alcohol businesses who have worked diligently to follow alcohol rules and regulations in St. Mary's County. This award of excellence will be called the Responsible Alcohol Retailer Award. The criteria for this award are that the retailer must be a member of the SMCLBA and have had no alcohol violations in the last year. Mr. Dent and Ms. Abell have asked permission from the Board to present this award at the July board meeting and to make it an annual event. Also Mr. Dent spoke about proposed legislation to make it a penalty for any person who is underage and tries to purchase alcohol not using a fake ID but using their own ID that indicates they are underage the age of 21.

Chairman Saldaña stated there had been no word from Annapolis about the appointments of the members or his seat as Chairman.

## **Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was made by Member Mathis and seconded by Vice-Chair Palchinsky. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

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Theodore A. Belleavoine, Chair