

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 @ 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, December 13, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Kevin Hall, Chairman
April Trossbach- Member
Leonard Kohl, Member
Mark Denietolis, Member- **ABSENT**
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 p.m. Member Willenborg moved to approve the November 8, 2018 minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

Announcement

- Recognition for members Betty Currie and Linda Palchinsky

Chairman Hall requested Mrs. Currie and Ms. Palchinsky to join him and Mrs. Hildebrand in recognition for their service as members of the Alcohol Beverage Board. Chairman Hall and Mrs. Hildebrand gave farewell speeches, presentation of plaques and had pictures taken.

At this time, the Chairman introduced the Board members.

Old Business

- **Inquiry continued - The Pax Lounge – Dimple Oberoi**

Pursuant to § 6-204, The Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County wishes to make inquiry into the following: The Board has been informed by the Health

Department the above property has an on-site sewage disposal system (septic) that has been determined to be in failure by the Health Department. Further, the Health Department may suspend or revoke their permit for the property if the violation is not corrected. If the Health Department suspends or revokes their permit for the property, the licensee will be in violation of the conditions for holding an alcohol license. The Board wishes to be updated regarding this matter.

Dimple Oberoi appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Oberoi stated that the business will be closing due to lack of funding to make the repairs needed to keep the business running. Mrs. Hildebrand explained that all the liquor needed to be removed from the business and that the license is to be returned to the Alcohol Board. Ms. Oberoi answered that she will be turning the liquor license in a few days. Sgt. Myers asked if anyone was residing in the apartment on the premise and Ms. Oberoi stated that no one was living there.

New Business

- **Applications**

Lex Liquors Wine & Spirits - Application of Ajit Singh to transfer Lexington Village Wine & Spirits (Lexington Village Wine & Spirits, LLC) Class A-1 BWL license from Hung Nguyen & t/a Lex Liquors Wine & Spirits (WE R7, LLC), 46400 Lexington Village Way, #103, Lexington Park, MD 20653 , and to request a BWT 365 privilege.

Ajit Singh appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Singh requested to transfer a liquor license from Lexington Village Liquors and also have a 365 BWT permit. Mr. Singh explained he has completed the required RAST training and also is Alcohol Awareness trained. Member Kohl made a motion for the 90 day conditional approval pending the closing of the sale of the business, Traders license, Use and Occupancy permit and signed lease. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. Motion carried.

Pier 450- Application for Peggy Binzel to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a Pier 450 (Smith Creek Chandlery, LLC), 48342 Wynne Rd., Ridge, MD 20680. And permission for catering privilege & extension of premise for outdoor seating.

Peggy Binzel and Robert Plant appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Ms. Binzel has requested outdoor seating when weather permitting as well as catering privileges. Ms. Binzel would like to be assured that she would be able to get approvals from all agencies before actually making the purchase of the property. Member Kohl made a motion for the 90 day conditional approval pending the Health Department, Land Use and Growth Management, Fire Marshal, Traders license, Use and Occupancy permit, Alcohol Awareness

training, RAST and the closing of the sale of the property. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. Motion carried.

- **Premise Change**

Pier 450 – Peggy Binzel- Requesting extension of premises and extra serving counter on two platforms off 400qpier. ****Correction 450qpier****

The Board could not hear the request for the extension of premise for the 450q pier due to current law that prohibits any non-water dependent activities on piers in St. Marys County. The request was withdrawn.

- **Special Privilege application**

Early Bird – Rajwinder Kaur- Requesting BWT 365 privilege

Rajwinder Kaur appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Kaur requested to add the BWT 365 day permit to her license. Chairman Hall made the motion to approve the request for a BWT 365 day permit. Motion was seconded by Member Trossbach. Motion carried.

Other business

- **Board Administrator- Tammy Hildebrand**

- 1. 2019 New Years Permits-**

Mrs. Hildebrand stated to the Board that are 8 businesses requesting New Year permits. Chairman Hall made the motion to approve the request for the New Year permits. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

- 2. FY20 Budget Discussion**

Mrs. Hildebrand explained the expenses to the Board and gave a financial report. No increases will be requested for the FY20 budget. She will present the budget to the Board next month for approval.

- 3. May 2019 meeting date change from May 9 to May 16, 2019**

Mrs. Hildebrand explained to the Board that the May Board meeting date will be changed due to a scheduling conflict with the MALA meeting. Mrs. Hildebrand reported that all the legislation submitted by the Board was received favorable at the Joint Commissioners meeting. Chairman Hall stated that nominations for the Vice Chair position will be voted on at the next meeting.

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

Sgt. Myers stated that for the month of November there were 10 compliance checks with 0 violations, 10 tobacco checks with 1 violation, 15 school tobacco checks, 6 DUI arrests, the COPS unit wrote 14 citations for open containers for alcohol and he attended no trainings. No report for MSP

- **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson**

Mr. Thompson stated that for the month of November he inspected 11 establishments and performed 1 follow-up inspection.

- **St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association – David Dent**

Mr. Dent provided an explanation to the new members of the Board of what the St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association does in St. Mary's County. Mr. Dent explained the SMLBA is a retail trade association for licensees of alcohol establishments in St. Mary's County as well as a State and National retailers level association that supports the 3 tier system. Mr. Dent stated that he wanted to clarify a question that Member Kohl had asked at the previous month's Board meeting concerning the economic data that Mr. Dent had presented. Member Kohl questioned the data source of how the numbers of indirect jobs figured. Mr. Dent answered by stating that all suppliers of indirect jobs were allocated, based on the percentage of the State's employment in each of the counties, which was based on an info group that was gathered on the sales in St. Mary's County. Mr. Dent did not have any legislative information to report at this time.

- **Community Alcohol Coalition- Mary Ellen Krease**

Ms. Krease, St. Mary's County Health Department, Prevention and Outreach Administrator, explained to the Board who and what the CAC is. Ms. Krease stated that CAC is part of the Health Department, Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health, that deals with issues of substance abuse and mental health. Ms. Krease stated that she had been meeting with focus groups of high school students, asking them where they are getting their alcohol from as part of the Youth Risk Behavior survey. Ms. Krease also stated that she had interviewed some of the Resource Officers that are posted at the high schools to get more information about underage drinking in the schools. Ms. Krease explained that once this information has been compiled, she would be sharing it with the Board. Mr. Krease also stated that by January 3, 2019 the new CAC coordinator position should be filled.

Adjournment- Member Kohl made a motion to adjourn at 2:37 pm. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Whilden, Recording Secretary

Kevin M. Hall, Chair