

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 2010 @ 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, October 14, 2010 at 1:00 P. M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chairman
Tom Sacks, Vice-Chairman- *absent*
Betty Currie, Member
Linda Palchinsky, Member
Joann Wood, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Tommy Thompson, Inspector
DFC James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Officer
Fran Hammett, Recording Secretary

Chairman Saldaña called the meeting to order at 1: 00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Saldaña entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2010. A motion was made by Member Currie to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Member Palchinsky to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Island Bar & Grill – Bree Whitlock
 - Requesting extension of conditional approval for extended premise
 - Requesting catering permit

Ms. Whitlock appeared before the Board to request a 90 extension, as she is waiting on all the approvals from the Health & Fire Departments. Member Currie made the motion to approve the request and Member Palchinsky seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Whitlock is withdrawing her request for a catering permit at this time.
- Officer Change – St. James Pub
 - Deleting Carmel McCadden & adding John W. Langley

Member Palchinsky made the motion to approve the change and it was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Hildebrand reminded everyone that because next month's meeting falls on a Holiday, the next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 10. Her baseline budget meeting with the Finance Department is coming up and she will keep the Board apprised.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

Deputy Stone reported 9 DUI's for the month of September. For the same period last year there were 23, so the decrease is a notable one. There were 35 CDS arrests and 32 compliance checks with no violations. He passed out some literature on a product being sold in some liquor stores called K2. It is a synthetic cannabinoid and it produces many of the same physiological effects as marijuana. It also produces side effects such as increased heart rate and blood pressure, increased reaction times, short term memory and an altered state of consciousness. It doesn't show up in drug tests and there is no age limit to purchase. At this time, there is no federal ban on most of these cannabinoids, but they have been banned in a half dozen states and in some local jurisdictions. The Board hopes that the establishments in St. Mary's will make a responsible decision when deciding whether or not to sell these products.

Mr. Thompson reported that so far this year, he has done 127 inspections and spot checks. There were no violations to report.

RETAIL BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Dent appeared on behalf of the Retail Beverage Association and stated that the RBA is as concerned as everyone else about the sales of K2 and they are going to research how many establishments are selling the product. The State convention was the first week in October and Mr. Dent requested that the State match the donation that they gave to the State's Attorney's office of \$1000 for Project Graduation. The State couldn't match that amount but did donate 60% (\$600).

There is upcoming legislation allowing out of State wineries to directly ship to customers home addresses, leaving proof of age up to a courier. They have also brought up the alcohol tax again which would equate to about \$3.00 extra for a case of beer, \$2.25 per liter bottle, and up about \$1.00 for a bottle of wine. They are opposing that tax increase. Mandatory recycling was brought up but that is a very costly mandate and it would have a negative impact on businesses in the County. They want to pass a bill that would make an out of State winery apply for a permit to sell to a retailer and the customer would have to pick up the delivery at the store and show proof of ID.

Member Palchinsky made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Fran Hammett
Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña
Chairman