

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, NOV 14, 2013 @ 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, November 14, 2013 at 1:00 P. M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chairman
Linda Palchinsky, Vice Chairman (*ABSENT*)
Aaron Mathis, Member
Betty Currie, Member
Kevin Hall, Member
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Garland Thompson, Inspector
Cpl. James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Officer

Chairman Saldaña called the meeting to order and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Currie moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013 and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

➤ **New Business**

• **Violations**

Lighthouse Liquors – George A. Curtis & HeeYong Kwan - The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County has received a complaint alleging the Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty (21) in violation of Section 12-108(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County

The license holders and Mr. Kwan's son appeared before the Board. They admitted that the violation did occur. Mr. Tanavage read the statement of facts into the record. Chairman Saldaña explained the process for violations and moved on to the penalty phase. Mr. Kwan's son explained what occurred on the day in question. After some discussion, Member Mathis made the motion to fine the establishment \$1000, suspending \$500 of that if there are no violations within three years and RAST training for the license holders. Member Currie seconded the motion and motion carried.

Cheeseburger in Paradise – Christine E. Basham - The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County received a complaint alleging consumption of alcoholic beverages outside the licensed premises in violation of Section 5.04(k) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County. The license holder appeared before the Board with the Manager Chris Schultz and Attorney Nicholas Kallis. Mr. Tanavage read the statement of facts into the record and they stated that the violation did in fact occur. Mr. Schultz explained the events of the evening and stated that he had several signs posted about where the boundaries were for the extended premise. Member Currie moved to fine the license holder \$500 with \$250 suspended if there are no violations within the next three years and mandatory RAST training. It was seconded by Member Hall and motion carried.

• **Applications**

Fred's Liquors Application of David L. Sorrells & Maulik Patel to transfer Fred's Liquors (Sorrells Liquor & Sporting Goods, Inc.) Class A-1 BWL license from David L. Sorrells, Robert L. Sorrells &

Paula M. Sorrells & t/a Fred's Liquors (My Fred's Liquors, Inc.), 30075 Three Notch Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

The license holders appeared before the Board represented by Michael Davis. Mr. Patel's address on the application is listed as Florida, as that's where he was residing when he filled it out. The records will be changed now that he is a resident of Maryland. Pending the proper forms and permits, Member Hall made the motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Cali's Restaurant Application of Zane Adam Esche, Daniel Mark Holland & Kevin Patrick Linnane to purchase a Class B (restaurant) BWL license & t/a Cali's Restaurant (C.T.E. Food Group Corp.), 48591 Seaside View Rd., Ridge, MD 20680. And permission for extension of premise to include outdoor seating.

All the license holders appeared before the Board. They are operating as a NY Deli Style Restaurant and have been open since September. They are applying for a liquor license at this time to serve alcohol with the meals they serve as they prefer to be known for the food as opposed to a bar or hangout. They are also requesting the outside picnic tables be included as extended premises. Member Currie made the motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

➤ **Other Business:**

• **Board Administrator – Tammy Hildebrand**

Tammy presented the MOU with the Sheriff's office to begin January 1, 2014 for Chairman Saldaña to sign. Member Currie made the motion for the Chairman to sign and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

The budget packages for FY 15 have been distributed. The Board will have to sign off on the Budget at the next meeting.

• **Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator – Cpl. James Stone**

There were 14 alcohol citations issued in October. Most of these were as a result of the new COPS unit in the Lexington Park area issuing citations for open containers. There were 17 DUI's last month and 30 compliance checks. Cpl. Stone gave a presentation to the High Schools in the County about distracted driving. On Nov 9 he received word of an underage party which netted several alcohol citations. He observed many of the parents dropping their kids off at the party without checking for chaperons or adult supervision.

• **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson**

Mr. Thompson did 17 routine inspections and revisited some establishments that were not in compliance last month. Mr. Thompson expressed concerns to the Board about poor signage at several establishments.

• **Retail Beverage Association – David Dent**

Mr. Dent appeared before the Board. The Annual State meeting was held last month and some items that were discussed were the single stream recycling, the growler rule, chain stores selling alcohol and allowing breweries or brew pubs.

• **Community Alcohol Coalition (ABSENT)**

Member Hall made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Hammett
Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña, Chairman