

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 @ 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, June 11, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chairman
Linda Palchinsky, Vice Chairwoman - **Absent**
Aaron Mathis, Member- **Absent**
Betty Currie, Member
Kevin Hall, Member
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Suzan Whilden, Sr. Office Specialist- **Absent**
Garland Thompson, Inspector
Cpl. James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Officer

Chairman Moses Saldaña called the meeting to order and introduced the Board to the audience. Member Currie moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2015 and it was seconded by Member Hall. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Extensions of Conditional Approvals

CoCoa's Caribbean Authentic Jerk- Neville Brown and Cynthia Roberson-Requesting 30 day extension of conditional approval of location transfer.

Neville and Paula Brown were sworn in and appeared before the Board to request a 30 day extension. Ms. Brown presented a letter to the Board to speak on behalf of Cynthia Roberson in her absence. Ms. Brown has requested an extension to finish the renovations to their new location. The Board granted a 90 day approval pending the Fire Marshall and the Use and Occupancy. Member Currie made the motion for approval and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

- Applications:

Avenue 54- Application for Claude A. Dukes and Daniel P. Snyderman to purchase a Class B (restaurant) BWL license & t/a Avenue 54 (Avenue 54, LLC), 23154 Wetstone Lane, California, MD 20619. And permission for extension of premise for outside dining.

Claude Dukes and Daniel Snyderman were sworn in and appeared before the Board for the approval to purchase a Class B (restaurant) BWL license. Chairman Saldaña asked questions of the experience of the licensees and what their business direction was going to be. It was stated that it would be an on-site license only. The Board granted a 90 day conditional approval pending Fire Marshall, Health Department, Traders, and Use and Occupancy. Member Hall made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

- Premise changes:

Guenther Fine Wine & Spirits . Dan Guenther- Requesting reduction of premise of 288 sq. ft. for the external storage building, which will no longer be in use as of May 31, 2015.

Dan Guenther was sworn in and appeared before the Board to request the reduction of premise for the external storage building. As of May 31, 2015, the premise will no longer need the use of the 288 sq. ft. building that was used for stage. This building has been removed from the premise. Member Currie made the motion for approval and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Quades . George Quade- Requesting permission temporary extension of premise & extra serving counter for outside music events on Aug. 7, 2015 from 8:00 pm to midnight & Aug 16, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm & establish rain dates. And also requesting rain dates for previously approved events.

George Quade was sworn in and appeared before the Board to request permission to outside music events and establish rain dates. The following date was already established but was rained out so this is the requested rain date:

Friday, June 19- rain date, June 26

The following dates needed rain dates added:

Sunday, July 19 -rain date Sunday, July 26

Saturday, August 29- rain date Saturday, September 19

The following dates were added to complete the 6 dates allowed as per original agreement:

Friday, August 7 . rain date Friday August, 14

Sunday, August 16- rain date Sunday August 23

The Board granted conditional approval with the submittal of the Special Events Permit to the Board office 2 working days prior to the event. Member Hall made the motion for approval and Member Currie seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- Proposals Rules & Regulations

Removing need for licensee(s) to attend Board meeting for a *reduction* in premise

Update 2.17 to reflect changes in Health Dept. requirements

Include language on postings prohibiting service/sales due to: failure to renew, expiration of license, suspension & revocation

All proposals for rules and regulations were approved by the Board. Member Currie made the motion for approval and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried.

- Legislation

Amend 20-109(c) to clarify intent of law to include all premises under the control of an unlicensed for profit business establishment

Adopt language adding §8-219.2, creating a Special beauty salon beer & wine license for St. Mary's County, similar to Montgomery County §8-216.5

Adopt language under §16-507(t) giving the Board authority to also fine an employee found guilty of sales to an underage person, similar to Charles County §16-507(j)(2)(ii)

During this discussion, Dave Dent from the St. Mary's Licensed Beverage Association joined the Board in his views on these legislative proposals and/ or rules and regulations as well as a few more. Mr. Dent is in favor of having RAST as a mandatory training for all St. Mary's County licensees applying for a new alcohol license. This subject has been raised several times.

Mr. Dent would also like the fee for Beer and Wine Tasting licenses to be lowered. All the subjects were heavily discussed and the Board decided for them to be brought back up at the July meeting for further discussion.

- Board Administrator . Tammy Hildebrand
- Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator- Cpl. James Stone

Cpl. Stone conducted RAST training on site at the Tequila Grill. He also supervised Project Graduation. There will be a sobriety check point conducted on June 19.

- Board Inspector . Garland Thompson

Mr. Thompson made 10 inspections for the month with 1 re-inspection. One of those inspections was to Coles Point Tavern in VA. by which Inspector Thompson was transported by water across the Potomac River by the Department of Natural Resources Marine Police. Inspector Thompson also participated in the RAST training and attended the MALA Conference in Ocean City.

- Community Alcohol Coalition- Kendall Wood- ABSENT

Adjournment- Member Currie made the motion to adjourn and Member Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzi Whilden, Recording Secretary

Linda Palchinsky, Vice-Chair