

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 @ 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, March 13, 2014 at 1:20 P. M. (due to equipment failure) in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chairman
Linda Palchinsky, Vice Chairman
Aaron Mathis, Member
Betty Currie, Member
Kevin Hall, Member (**ABSENT**)
James Tanavage, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Suzy Whilden, Sr. Office Specialist
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 February 20, 2014 and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Palchinsky. Motion carried.

➤ **Old Business**

Violations: **Green Door – Brian J. Tarleton** - Sale of alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person in violation of § 12-108(a)(ii) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland & § 5.04(i) of the Rules & Regulation of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Several Deputies and employees of the Green Door were sworn in by Vice Chairman Palchinsky. Chairman Saldaña read the violations into the record. Cpl. Stone testified about the events on the evening of November 27, 2013. He answered questions asked by Mr. McDevitt, the attorney for the Green Door and also from Mr. Tanavage. The video from the Police Car camera was shown. The employees of the Green Door then testified and answered questions from Mr. McDevitt. After lengthy testimony and discussion, Member Currie motioned that it was evident that the employees of the Green Door did not directly serve the customer in question and that the violation did not occur. Chairman Saldaña seconded and the motion carried.

➤ **New Business**

Applications: **Hibachi & Grill Buffet** - Application of Ren Xun Yang & Ren Hang Yang to downgrade their Class B (restaurant)BWL license to a Class B (rest) Beer & Wine license & t/a Hibachi & Grill Buffet (Yang's Brothers, LLC), 21800 N. Shangri La Dr., #2, Lexington Park, MD 20653. The licensees did not appear and the request was postponed until the April meeting.

Premise changes:

Anderson's Bar – Robert Anderson Jr. Cancelling extension of premise & extra serving counter for ball field, effective 5/1/14

Mr. Anderson appeared before the Board for his request. The ball field is not owned by Mr. Anderson so the request to extend the premise license is mute. Member Mathis made the motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Palchinsky. Motion carried.

Ridge Market – Kim Chan & Tina Chan. Reducing current premise by approx. 10,000 square feet to accommodate new Dollar General.

The license holders appeared before the Board for their request to downsize their business. There would be two separate stores at the location. Mr. Dent asked to speak regarding concerns that in the future the Dollar General would not be able to obtain the license. That would not be the case and the license will

not be transferred in any event. Vice Chairman Palchinsky made the motion for a 90 day conditional approval and it was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Officer/Member/Trade Name changes:

Knight Life: removing Rodney Moore Member Currie made the motion to approve the name change and Member Mathis seconded. Motion carried.

VFW Post 2632: removing Brian L. Yerdon & William Oliver; adding Jeffrey Graham & Joseph Peters. Vice Chairman Palchinsky made the motion to approve the changes and it was seconded by Member Mathis. Motion carried.

➤ **Other Business:**

- Proposed Rules & Regs changes: additions in ***bold italics*** §4.18 additions:
 - (a) A notice posted within the licensed premises advising patrons that they must be 21 years of age to purchase, possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages. ***If an establishment has multiple areas of alcoholic beverage service, each area shall be posted.***
 - (b) A notice posted on the exterior wall of the premises or some other place in the immediate vicinity of the parking area, advising patrons that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the parking area is prohibited. ***If an establishment has multiple parking areas, each area shall be posted.***Mr. Dent participated in the discussion regarding the verbiage of the signs and where signs should be posted. A decision was made to discuss this further next month.
- **Board Administrator – Tamara Hildebrand**
The renewal date had to be extended to March 4 because of the weather closing on March 3. Nine holders have not renewed at this time.
- **Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator – Cpl. James Stone**
There were 23 DUI's in February with none of them under the age of 21. There were 2 alcohol citations issued for drinking under the age of 18.
- **Board Inspector – Garland Thompson**
Mr. Thompson performed 13 inspections in February and two follow ups.
- **Community Alcohol Coalition ABSENT**

Member Mathis made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Palchinsky. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Hammett
Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña, Chairman