

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 @ 1:00 PM  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET  
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Present:**

Chairman David Willenborg  
Vice-Chair Richard Watts  
Member George Anas  
Member Barbara Hill  
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator  
Chris Beaver, Attorney  
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary  
Kevin Hall, Inspector  
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

**Not Present:**

Member Richard Shin

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Member Hill moved to approve the agenda. Chairman Willenborg explained that request for Brudergarten had been withdraw. Vice-Chair Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- March 14, 2024 - correction

Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the minutes for March 14, 2024, and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

- April 11, 2024

Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the minutes for April 11, 2024, and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Extension of Conditional Approvals**

**The Creek – Arthur C. Brinkley and Celeste C. Baird** - Requesting 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application.

Arthur Brinkley and Celeste Baird appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Ms. Baird explained that they are requesting another 90-days extension. Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the 90-day extension and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Violations**

**Antoinette's Garden – Employee** - Kaela Ann Dothard was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

**Licensee(s):** Joan B. Padgett - Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Due to the clerk's failure to appear, the Board decided to table Antoinette's Garden until the next meeting in June. Member Anas made a motion to table this violation and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

**The Slice House – Employee** - Judith Gabrielle Taylor was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Judith Taylor appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Taylor admitted that the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$150.00 fine and was seconded by Member Anas. The vote was 4:1 Chairman Willenborg against. Motion carried.

**Licensee(s)** - Kenneth Held - Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Kenneth Held appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Held admitted that the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$1000.00 fine, 3-day suspension and RAST training and was seconded by Member Anas. The vote failed. Vice-Chair Watts made a second motion for a \$1000.00 fine and RAST training and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

- **Applications**

**Marketplace Wine and Spirits of SMC** - Application of Parth Patel and Rashmi Patel to transfer Marketplace Wine and Spirits (Bay Country Liquors, Inc) Class A-1 BWL license from Hui Cha Missun, Kurt Missun and Brian H. Jones and t/a Marketplace Wine and Spirits of SMC (Pani Liquors, LLC), 44920-A St. Andrews Church Rd., California, MD 20619.

Parth Patel and Rashmi Patel appeared before the Board, were sworn in and they were accompanied by their attorney Kathleen Werner. Mr. Patel stated he would be keeping the current staff from the business. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending the closing of the business, Use and Occupancy permit, Fire Marshal inspection, Health Department, Trader's license, and final lease and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

**Bushwood Dockside Grill** - Application for Angela N. Hill and Mark A. Wimbush to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license and t/a Bushwood Dockside Grill (Bushwood Dockside Grill, LLC), 36786 Bushwood Wharf Rd., Bushwood, MD 20618. And permission for extension of premises for outdoor consumption.

Angela Hill and Mark Wimbush appeared before the Board, were sworn in and they were accompanied by their attorney, Steve Scott. Mr. Wimbush stated he wants to keep a quiet atmosphere for the neighbors of Bushwood. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending Use and occupancy, Trader's license and Health Department permit and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

- **Rules and Regulations Changes**

Adding language for the new Class NPT (Non-Profit Performing Arts Theater) license and the BWLT (Beer, Wine, Liquor Tasting) permit.

The Board stated that the language for the BWLT permit should be very clear on how the owner will dispose of the leftover spirits after a tasting is done.

Chairman Willenborg stated he thought the language for the NPT license should say "shall" purchase from a licensed wholesaler vs. "may".

## **ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

For the month of April, Deputy Myers reported:

- April 19- 16 - Alcohol Compliance checks- no violations
- April 25 – 17 - Tobacco Compliance checks – 2 tobacco violations
- 14 DUI's- Sheriff
- 2 stationary surveillance - no violations
- 13 - Alcohol Violation Summon served.
- 11 - Alcohol Beverage Board ("NO Alcohol") posting for renewals
- 5 State Park surveillance - no violations
- In- Service Training

## **BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT**

For the month of April, Inspector Hall reported:

- 7 inspections / 3 follow- ups
- 11 - Alcohol Beverage Board ("NO Alcohol") posting for renewals
- 2 – Establishment (Lock-up Alcohol) Inspections
- Conducted RAST, MALA calls.

## **ST MARY'S LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION**

Joe Kurley approached the Board with questions about the appeals process. Mr. Kurley and the SMLBA would like to host a forum of participants who can gather and discuss the importance of the awareness of underage drinking.

## **BOARD MEMBERS TIME**

- **Legislation submission discussion: Fine increase**

Chairman Willenborg stated he would like to see an increase in the violations fine. Member Anas made a motion for an increase of the maximum fine to \$2500.00 and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 pm, seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

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David Willenborg, Chairman