

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
OF CECIL COUNTY**

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on **Wednesday, July 30, 2014** at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Tim Snelling, Chairman
John Eller, Commissioner

Herrel "Cuz" Curry, Commissioner
H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire
Earl R. Bradford, Chief Alcohol Beverage Inspector

Robin Coyle, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Snelling called the meeting to order; he thanked Carrie Taylor for her service and welcomed Cuz Curry back to the Board.

CATERING EVENTS

John Wesley, III, President; Richard Lee Wesley, Vice President; Sandra Lee Wesley, Secretary/Treasurer, The Hollow Inn, Inc., T/A Wesley's, 3700 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921 - Inkaholics Event, 14 Rogers Road, North East.

Jeff Wesley appeared before the Board with Justin Holcombe owner of Inkaholics Tattoo Shop in North East; Inkaholics is celebrating its 4th anniversary and would like to hold an outdoor event with laser lights and music. Mr. Holcombe was asked about parking; he stated they have six areas to utilize for parking. The Board asked if he had permission to hold the event on the property; Mr. Holcombe stated he has permission from the owner in writing. He stated it's a 12-hour event and he has people from 17 different states; he's hired 13 security officers, three are police officers in Lancaster County, PA. He continued the area will be blocked off and everyone must be 21 years old to enter and will receive a wrist band. He stated this is his fourth year of the event, in the past he has had it at Wesley's and Nauti Goose and had no problems.

Chief Darrell Hamilton, North East Police appeared, as well as 1st Sergeant Paul Schneiderhan from Maryland State Police. Their concerns are parking as well as a public safety concern with having 2,000 people that are expected. Mr. Holcombe stated they are expecting the crowd to be staggered throughout the 12 hours.

Commissioner Eller called for an Executive Session to discuss this with the other members and the Board attorney. When the Board returned from the Executive Session, Chief Hamilton and 1st Sgt. Schneiderhan were asked if they had any issues at the previous events held at Wesley's and Nauti Goose, both answered no. With no further questions, Commissioner Eller stated though he has some concerns because it is quite a large event, he is making a motion to allow the Catered Event license; Commissioner Curry seconded that motion and the Board unanimously voted to approve the Catered Event license.

REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR SALES

John J. Spangler, Sr., President; Charles Spangler, Vice President; Janet B. Spangler, Secretary/Treasurer; Charlestown Paca House, Inc. T/A Charlestown Wine and Spirits and Market Street Café, 315 Market Street, Charlestown, MD 21914

Chip Spangler appeared before the Board with attorney Doug Cain. Mr. Spangler stated they have added an

area in their back parking lot with about 60 seats. Mr. Wilson asked if they would be making sales inside and Mr. Spangler stated they will be using the boat as a service bar. The Board asked about music, Mr. Spangler stated only radio music. When asked about the town, Mr. Spangler stated they have no problem with it. Commissioner Eller made a motion to approve the outdoor sales with a 30-day trial period; Commissioner Curry seconded that motion and the Board unanimously voted to approve the outdoor sales with a 30-day trial period.

UPDATE

Patricia J. Barton, Member; Tejas Patel, Managing Member; Shipra Prutha, LLC, T/A Delancy Liquors, 1197 E. Pulaski Highway, Suite A, B, C, Elkton, MD 21921

Patrick Evans appeared before the Board; he requested a 60-day extension for the transfer which was approved in May. He stated they were waiting on the Bulk Transfer Permit. Commissioner Eller made a motion to approve the 60-day extension; Commissioner Curry seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the 60-day extension.

Earl Young; Marlene Young; Uncle Willys, Inc., T/A Uncle Willys Restaurant & Lounge, 325 W. Main Street, PO Box 646, Rising Sun, MD 21911

Earl Young appeared before the Board with Elsie Deville and Jenny Huber. Mr. Young introduced the girls to the Board as they have been managing the restaurant since his wife became ill and passed away. The lease management agreement was unanimously approved and the new license issued.

APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE

Application received from Balraj Singh, President/Secretary-Treasurer; Katie Marie Kosinski, Resident Agent; Indian Cook House, Inc., T/A Cigar Etc., 225 East Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911 to issue a new Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License.

Balraj Singh and Katie Kosinski appeared before the Board with attorney Robert Jones, as well as Shegill Singh, store manager. The applicants were duly sworn by the Clerk; Mr. Wilson read the public notice which appeared on dates of July 16 and 23, 2014. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 6; the certification form stated 1500 square foot cigars/tobacco sales – additional 500 square feet to store/sell alcohol – sell high end liquor. Shegill Singh stated he has been the store manager for five years; they have 1500 square feet to sell tobacco products with an additional 500 feet to store/sell alcohol; they would like to sell high end alcohol. Mr. Wilson asked who owned the property; Shegill Singh stated Dye Enterprises, LC. The Board asked if there was a possibility of expansion, Shegill Singh stated no. Mr. Jones submitted two photo albums which were marked as Licensee Exhibit #1 and #2; floor plan was marked Licensee Exhibit #3; Additional signatures in support of the license marked as Licensee Exhibit #4; letter in support from Rivera Maya and Townhouse Restaurant marked as Licensee Exhibit #5; Letters from citizens marked as Licensee Exhibit #6; Good Shepherd Parish Golf Tournament Sponsor Registration marked as Licensee Exhibit #7; Alcohol Awareness marked as Licensee Exhibit #8.

Attorney William Riddle stated he is appearing to represent the licensees in the area; he stated there are five licenses within a quarter mile radius. He submitted a petition against issuing the license which was marked as Protestants Exhibit #1; Comptroller of Maryland Wholesale Alcoholic Beverage Sales Report which was marked as Protestants Exhibit #2. Mr. Riddle stated that once the license is issued control will be lost as to what is sold in the establishment.

Chairman Snelling asked for a show of hands everyone in the audience who were for the license and several people raised their hands.

Commissioner Eller asked for an Executive Session to review the evidence and discuss the application with Mr. Wilson.

The Board returned from the Executive Session and asked all of the licensees who were present to come forward; the Board asked if they carried the products the applicants want to sell; Triangle Liquors stated they carry fine wine and premium champagne; Johnston's Liquors stated they carry all of it and extensively special order items which take about 24 hours to receive; Chrome Dairy stated they carry the items also;

Benjamin's Market stated they do not. Edward Lokey spoke and stated he is for issuing the license.

Commissioner Eller made a motion to deny the license based on Article 2B Section 10-202:

(2) (i)

2. The number and location of existing licensees and the potential effect on existing licensees of the license applied for;

3. The potential commonality or uniqueness of the services and products to be offered by the applicant's business;

5. (ii)

1. The granting of the license is not necessary for the accommodation of the public;

Commissioner Curry seconded that motion and the Board unanimously voted to deny the issuance of the new license.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF MODE OF OPERATION

Frank Broomall, Owner; John Giordano, Owner; Stripers LLC, T/A Schaefer's Restaurant, 208 Bank Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Frank Broomall appeared before the Board to request use of the banquet hall on the premises of his license. Commissioner Eller made a motion to approve adding the banquet hall to the license; Commissioner Curry seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the request.

General Business

- Approve Minutes

The minutes from the June 2014 meeting were approved.

- Specials

PAWS FOR LIFE KENNEL – auction September 27, 2014 –

Old Business

New Business

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

BY:

Tim Snelling, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robin S. Coyle, Administrative Assistant