

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES**

On December 12, 2012, the Board of License Commissioners met in Room 003 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Board members Roland Meerdter, Chairman, Robert Tabler and David Brauning were present as well as Assistant County Attorney Tim Dixon, Counsel to the Board; and Nancy David.

9:35 a.m. to 10:10 a.m., Case 5680, Class B – Beer and Light Wine License issued to Brian W. Roche for the use of Brian’s Pizza, Inc., t/a Pizza Hut, 4341 Old Taneytown Road, Taneytown – Violation Hearing (Rule #14/Alterations, Additions, Remodeling and Rule #52/Display of License)

The Board found a technical violation had occurred on Rule #52 and issued and suspended a \$100.00 fine. On Rule #14, the Board found a violation had occurred and issued a \$100.00 fine payable within 30 days of the written decision.

10:12 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Case 5679, Application of Karen J. Knoch for a Class B – Beer and Light Wine License for the use of Linens and Lace Tea Room, t/a Linens and Lace Tea Room, 1222 N. Main Street, Hampstead, in Election District 8.

The Board found the applicant to be a fit and proper person and approved the application with a modification to a Class D – Beer and Light Wine License.

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., Case 5682, Application of W. Bradley Bauhof and Kimberly Byrnes for a Class B – Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Sideways Café, LLC, t/a The Sideways Café, 84 E. Main Street, Westminster, in Election District 7.

The Board found the applicants to be fit and proper persons and approved the application as presented.

12:00 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., Discussion of proposed legislation concerning increase in fees for Class A and Class D liquor licenses.

146 letters were sent out to all Class A and Class D licensees to inform them of this meeting to discuss increasing their license fee. 5 people attended the session: Pete Samios, Jim Breuer, Jim Connole, Patrice Campitelli and Ken Kacmarski. Chairman Meerdter stated the Board was requesting an increase in the fees to pay for the privilege of seven day sales and to support the hiring of a part-time Inspector. He presented background on this request which has not changed since 2008. Ms. Campitelli, of Wine Me Up, stated this would be an expense that was not taken into consideration of her business plan. She also mentioned the possibility of the DRAM law passing. Mr. Samios, President of the Licensed Beverage Association, explained the DRAM law and stated that the licensees realize the Board needs more money. He is not in favor of the increase all at one time and would appreciate anything that could be done. Chairman Merrdter stated that the Board wants to work with all licensees and will take all comments into consideration.

12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Board addressed the following official business:

1. The minutes from the November 14, 2012, meeting of the Board was approved upon a motion of Mr. Tabler and seconded by Mr. Brauning.
2. A letter from Paul Nicholls, of the Monocacy Valley V.F.W., informing the Board of dates for scheduled outdoor events in 2013 was presented approved by the Board

3. A letter from Arlene Stecher, of The County Cork Pub, requesting a downgrade of their current Class BRC License to a Class BC was presented and approved by the Board. The change will take effect with the renewal process in 2013.
4. A letter from Cody Snyder, of O'Leardans Irish Pub, informing the Board of a change in their hours of operation on December 24 & 31 was presented and noted.
5. A change in the next meeting date from January 9 to January 4 was approved by all members.
6. Inspector Kaizer informed the Board that Laurienzo's Brick Oven Café had not renewed their Business License until he issued a written warning. The Board instructed the Inspector to issue a violation and have them appear for a hearing on this matter.
7. The Board was informed that Plazuelas Mexican Restaurant would be closing on December 15 and will surrender their liquor license on December 17.

Respectfully submitted by:

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