

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

**On April 9, 2014, 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, David Brauning, and alternate George Harmening were present as well as Assistant County Attorney Timothy Dixon, Counsel to the Board, Jo Vance, Administrative Hearings Coordinator and Charles Kaizer, Liquor Inspector.**

**10:00 a.m.**, the Board addressed the following official business:

1. The minutes from the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion from Mr. Tabler, seconded by Mr. Brauning with a unanimous vote.
2. There was an appearance by the licensees and managers of G L Shacks Grill concerning the number of DWI reports for 2013 associated with their establishment. They were the highest number with eight occurrences. The managers discussed the measures they have taken to try and prevent over serving their customers, such as monitoring the parking lot, not letting customers back in if they have gone to their cars, etc. After admonitions from the Board regarding the dangers associated with DWIs and suggestions about providing materials used by a large chain to help prevent DWIs they were dismissed.
3. There was an appearance by the licensees and managers of Memories Charcoal House concerning the number of DWI reports for 2013 associated with their establishment. They were the second highest number with seven occurrences. The managers discussed the measures they have taken to try and prevent over serving their customers, such as reducing their alcohol pour content, reduction in high alcohol content beers, and firing of a negligent bartender, etc. After admonitions from the Board regarding the dangers associated with DWIs and suggestions about providing materials used by a large chain to help prevent DWIs they were dismissed.
4. There was an appearance by the licensee and owner of Belisimo's concerning the number of DWI reports for 2013 associated with their establishment. They were in the third highest ranking with five occurrences, and they also had five occurrences in the previous year of 2012. The licensee discussed the measures he has taken to try and prevent over serving their customers, such as trying to hire mature and intelligent staff. After admonitions from the Board regarding the dangers associated with DWIs and suggestions about providing materials used by a large chain to help prevent DWIs they were dismissed.
5. An application for a one day liquor license for an outdoor event for the Sykesville Main Street Fund at the Sykesville Main Street Art and wine Festival on May 4, 2014 was discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Tabler, seconded by Mr. Brauning, the application was approved by unanimous vote.
6. A request from Ridia Dearie of Cork & Bottle Spirit Shop to participate in three annual

Sykesville events by holding outdoor beer and wine tastings at vendor tents during the Sykesville Wine and Art Festival on May 4, 2014, the Sykesville Chili and Beer Festival on September 6, 2014, and the Sykesville Fall Fest on October 11, 2014, was discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Brauning, seconded by Mr. Tabler, the request was approved by unanimous vote.

7. A request by Rafael's restaurant to build a Pergola on their back deck to be able to add lighting and shade was discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Tabler, seconded by Mr. Brauning, the request was approved by unanimous vote.
8. There was an appearance by the licensees and managers of Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar concerning the number of DWI reports for 2013 associated with their establishment. They were the in the third highest ranking with five occurrences. The managers discussed the measures they have taken to try and prevent over serving their customers, such as TIPS and TAM training on a regular basis, frequent reminders, etc. After admonitions from the Board regarding the dangers associated with DWIs and suggestions about providing materials used by a large chain to help prevent DWIs they were dismissed.
9. There was an appearance by the licensees and managers of Salerno's concerning the number of DWI reports for 2013 associated with their establishment. They were in the third highest ranking with five occurrences, which was up from zero in the previous year. The managers discussed the measures they have taken to try and prevent over serving their customers, such as monitoring the parking lot, and the TIPS and TAM trainings, etc. Mr. Reamer suggested that legislation should be submitted that would require anyone applying for a job that involves serving alcohol be TAM trained and certified prior to being hired. After admonitions from the Board regarding the dangers associated with DWIs and suggestions about providing materials used by a large chain to help prevent DWIs they were dismissed.
10. Discussion of the bills that had passed the legislature that will be affecting Carroll County. The growler bill passed, even though the Carroll County Times reported that it had not been. The bill to increase fees also passed. Both bills have yet to be signed by the Governor.
11. Mr. Tabler suggested that the Board should submit legislation to have people TAM certified prior to seeking employment where they would be serving or handling alcohol. There was some discussion about this matter with no decision being made at this time. Mr. Dixon was asked to discuss it with Tim Burke and any others that might be involved in submitting legislation.
12. It was announced that the next meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
13. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Mr. Tabler and seconded by Mr. Brauning with a unanimous vote at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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