

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

On January 7, 2015, the Board of License Commissioners met in Room 003/004 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 Timothy Dixon, Counsel to the Board, Jo Vance, Administrative Hearings Coordinator, Charles Kaizer, Chief Liquor Inspector, and Keith Benfer, Liquor Inspector.

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

1. A hearing was held in the matter of Case 5794, the violation hearing of Gregory Hendrickson and Karen C. Horsey for a Class BW, 7 Day – Beer and Wine license for the use of Stead, Inc., t/a Pizza Hut – Hampstead, 761 Hanover Pike, Hampstead, MD 21074, in Election District 8. Amanda Slaybaugh, Karen Horsey and Gregory Hendrickson appeared on behalf of establishment. Ms. Slaybaugh testified that both employees who failed to card the underage volunteer were terminated. The Board determined that the establishment was culpable in the matter and fined them \$300.00.
2. A hearing was held in the matter of Case 5795, the violation hearing of Amit Patel, for a Class A – Beer and Wine License for the use of Half Pint, Inc., t/a Londontown Liquors, 1311 Londontown Blvd., Eldersburg, MD 21784, in Election District 5. Anthony Barnes and Amit Patel appeared on behalf of the establishment. Mr. Barnes testified that he had made the mistake when he worked for Mr. Patel. The Board found the establishment culpable in the matter and they imposed a fine of \$500.00.
3. A hearing was held in the matter of Case 5796, the violation hearing of Michael Gemmill, for a Class B – Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of Kent Love, LLC, t/a G.L. Shacks Grill, 1207 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784, in Election District 5. Michael Gemmill, and Tammie Thomas appeared on behalf of the establishment. Ms. Thomas testified that she was the server in this case and that she thought the volunteer was a regular customer whom she knew to be over 21. The Board found the establishment culpable in this matter and they imposed a fine of \$300.00.
4. A hearing was held in the matter of Case 5799, the violation hearing of Daniel P. Schuman and Michael L. Schuman for a Class BW – Beer and Wine, 7 day liquor license for the use Captain Dan’s Crabhouse, Inc., t/a Captain Dan’s Crabhouse, 2021 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD in Election District 5. Daniel Schuman appeared on behalf of the establishment. The Board voted unanimously to find the establishment culpable in this matter and they imposed a fine of \$300.00.
5. A hearing was held in the matter of Case 5800, the violation hearing of Christopher McManus, for a Class BC – Beer, Wine and Liquor (Catering) License for the use of County Cork Pub, LLC, t/a County Cork Pub, 1716 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784, in Election District 5. Christopher McManus and Arlene Stecker appeared on behalf of the establishment. The server

did not check the ID of the underage volunteer because she thought he was a regular who was over 21. The Board voted unanimously to find the establishment culpable in this matter and they imposed a fine of \$300.00.

6. A hearing was held in the matter of Case 5801, the violation hearing of William A. and Marlene G. Chenoweth, for a Class A – Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of Chenoweth and Associates, Inc., t/a Piper’s Wine & Spirit Barn, 4127 Hanover Pike, Manchester, MD 21102, in Election District 6. Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth appeared on behalf of the establishment. Mr. Chenoweth testified as to the diligent effort that they have put forth to prevent sales to underage buyers and also that he fired the clerk who made the sale. The Board voted to unanimously to find the establishment culpable in this matter and they imposed a fine of \$300.00.
7. A hearing was held in the matter of Case 5802, the application hearing for Sun Hui Ye and Xu Chen for a Class BW – Beer and Wine, 7 day Liquor license for the use of Tao Asian Cuisine, Inc., t/a Tao Asian Cuisine, 1834 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784, in Election District 5. The applicants testified as to the type of restaurant they would be opening with the help of an interpreter, Mei Julie Gao. Mr. Ye testified that he would be at the establishment from forty to fifty hours a week and Mr. Chen would be the chef. Two character references spoke on behalf of Mr. Ye and Mr. Chen. The establishment is currently under construction. The Board voted unanimously to approve the application with the stipulations that all the required permits and approvals are received prior to the issuance of the license.
8. At this time the Board moved to the Business meeting portion of the day. Upon a motion by Mr. Tabler, seconded by Mr. Brauning the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2014 meeting.
9. A letter and drawings from Main Street Liquors requesting permission to expand their business was discussed. On a motion by Mr. Brauning and seconded by Mr. Tabler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expansion.
10. A fax request from Rafael’s with dates for their deck parties for 2015 was presented to the Board. After discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Brauning and seconded by Mr. Tabler, the Board approved the dates with the stipulation that a copy of the list of dates be sent to the Westminster City Police Department.
11. The discussion of Rule 56 concerning consumption of alcohol while on duty was discussed. Mr. Dixon asked to be given more time to do more research on the subject. The Board voted on the remaining changes to the rules and regulations, and upon a motion by Mr. Brauning and a second by Mr. Tabler, they voted unanimously to approve all changes except the Rule 56 suggested change. Mr. Dixon will do more research on the matter and that decision will be made at the February hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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