

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

**On March 11, 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.**

**9:30 a.m.**, the Board addressed the following official business:

1. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5824**, a request by Don Bowles for transfer of an existing Class A-Beer, Wine and Liquor license to be used by Gunner, LLC, t/a Hampstead Liquors, 721 Hanover Pike, Unit 129, Hampstead, MD. The Board heard the case from Mike Ritchey, Esq. on behalf of Mr. Bowles and then heard Mr. Bowles testimony, as well as testimony from his character witnesses. After consulting with Counsel, the Board voted unanimously to grant the transfer request contingent upon all approvals and paperwork being received.
2. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5812**, a violation hearing on a Class B-Beer, Wine and Liquor license issued to Robert R. Baldini, Edward Gilliss and Alexander D. Obriecht for the use of Ruby Tuesday, Inc., t/a Ruby Tuesday, 210 Malcom Drive, Westminster, MD. The licensee and attorney for Ruby Tuesday, Edward Gilliss testified that the server who sold alcohol to the underage buyer had been terminated. Mr. Gilliss also presented multiple documents showing the rigorous training and documentation of the businesses attempts to prevent sales to minors. After discussion with Counsel, the Board found them culpable and voted unanimously to fine Ruby Tuesday \$1,000.00.
3. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5813**, a violation hearing on a Class B-Beer, Wine and Liquor license issued to Kenneth D. Robertson for the use of Cinco De Mayo 5, Inc., t/a Cinco De Mayo, 402 Englar Road, Westminster, MD. Mr. Antonio Ulloa, the owner and manager of the establishment, testified that the server who sold to the underage volunteer has been fired. He also testified that they have instituted additional training and rules about vertical licenses to try and keep underage sales from happening. The Board found them culpable and fined them \$300.00 by unanimous vote.

At 10:45 a.m., the Board moved to the Business meeting portion of the day. Upon a motion by Mr. Brauning, seconded by Mr. Tabler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2015 meeting.

A letter from Ridia Dearie of the Cork and Bottle Spirit Shop requesting permission to have outdoor vending during Sykesville's Main Street events in the summer and

fall months was presented to the Board and discussed. The Board voted unanimously to approve this request.

A letter from The Whiskey Basket notifying the Board of a 10 day closure of their business was presented and unanimously approved by the Board.

Charles Kaizer presented the 2014 DWI repeat offenders list to the Board members. After discussion it was decided that the top three offenders will be brought in front of the Board at the May meeting to be reprimanded.

Charles Kaizer also presented the Board with a copy of a newspaper article about the closing of Parks Landing. Chuck reported that they have been closed longer than 10 days and their license is no longer valid, but that the license has not yet been returned.

Charles Kaizer gave each board member an information packet and registration forms for the Spring meeting of the Maryland Alcohol Licensing Association (MALA) in case any of them were interested in attending the conference.

A letter and drawing from Stables requesting a change in their floor plan was presented to the Board. After discussion and explanation from Mr. Kaizer, the Board decided that if Stables presents a more detailed drawing and the inspectors approve of the changes, that the Board will approved Stables' request.

**At 11:00 a.m.**, the business portion of the hearing was completed.

4. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5814**, the Application of Tammie L. Thomas to replace the Resident Licensee on a Class B-Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of Kent Love, LLC, t/a GL Shacks Grill, 1207 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD. Richard Shackelford, owner of GL Shacks testified on behalf of Ms. Thomas as to her qualifications to be the Resident Licensee. The Board reviewed the file and found some problems with the application. Ms. Thomas only invested \$2,500.00 in the establishment and the minimum investment allowed is \$5,000.00. Ms. Thomas' driving record was also of concern to the Board. After discussion the Board voted unanimously to continue this hearing until April 8, 2015 to give Ms. Thomas a chance to correct the shortcomings and to turn in all the required paperwork, and bring character witnesses to the next hearing.
5. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5828**, violation – Illegal Conduct of John L. Hunt and Richard J. Hunt for a class A – Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Titanium Legs, LLC, t/a Stubby's Main Course, 2825 Baltimore Blvd., Finksburg, Maryland. Ms. Robin Zile of the Zoning department testified that Stubby's had illegal signs and banners on their establishment and present in the easement/right of way of MD 140. Mr. Kaizer testified that he investigated the illegal signs and wrote the violation. Mr. John L. Hunt represented the establishment. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to fine Stubby's \$200.00 but to suspend the fine based on his compliance with the zoning laws

regarding signage.

The Board then adjourned for lunch at 12:00 pm.

**At 1:30 pm**, the Board addressed the following official business:

6. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5816**, violation – sale to a minor of Gail Ball, for a Class A-Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of Silver Run Liquors, Inc., t/a Silver Run Liquors, 3957 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD. Mr. Vincent Brown represented the establishment and testified as to how the sale to a minor occurred and the steps that had been taken to rectify this situation for the future. The Board found the establishment culpable in this matter and imposed a fine of \$300.00.
7. A hearing was held in the matter of Case No. **5817**, violation – sale to a minor of James M. Coyle, III, for a Class A-Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of Two C's, Inc., t/a The Liquor Barn, 520 East Baltimore Street, Suite 40, Taneytown, MD. Mr. Coyle testified that he had fired the clerk who sold to the underage buyer. He also testified that he had ample signage and notices in the store to prevent underage sales. The Board found the establishment culpable in this matter and imposed a fine of \$600.00 because this was the second violation in the past year.
8. A hearing was held in the matter of Case No. **5818**, violation – sale to a minor of Sharon May, Susan Carroll and Louis Grimmel for a Class B-Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of Taneytown Pub, Inc., t/a Flick's Pub, 100 Antrim Blvd., Taneytown, MD. Mr. Sam Mangione appeared as counsel for the establishment. The Pub manager also testified regarding the circumstances of the sale to a minor. They testified that the server/bartender had been fired and that they were working with staff to TAM/TIPS train them and with in-house training. The Board found the establishment culpable in this matter and imposed a fine of \$300.00.
9. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5821**, the Application of Betty Boone for a Class B-Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of Los Cabos Mexican Grill, LLC, t/a Los Cabos Mexican Grill, 1720 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD, in Election District 14. Gary Maslan appeared as attorney for Ms. Boone and the establishment. Ms. Boone testified that she invested her own \$5,000.00 in the business and that she expects to be at the business 3 to 4 times a week to keep an eye on things. Her character witnesses testified as to her fitness to be a license holder. After further testimony and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the license contingent on all character references being contacted, all permits and outside agencies approvals coming through, and all necessary documentation received by the office.

10. A hearing was held in the matter of Case **5823**, Application of Jessica Elswick to be added as the Resident Licensee for a Class B – Beer, Wine and Liquor License for the use of Westminster Sakura, Inc., t/a Sakura Japanese Steak and Seafood House, 5 Westminster Shopping Center, Westminster, MD in Election District 7. The current resident licensee has moved out of the state of Maryland and is no longer qualified to serve as the resident agent. Ms. Elswick testified regarding her financial interest in the business and the amount of time she plans to spend at the restaurant. Her character witnesses also testified to her fitness to hold a liquor license. After questioning Ms. Elswick closely, the Board unanimously approved the application contingent on the remainder of her character references contacting the office and the receipt of the agreement granting her a 20% interest in the business..

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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