

**Queen Anne's County Liquor Board
Minutes of Meeting**

April 2, 2019

9:00 a.m.

The Board of License Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at 110 Vincit St., Centreville, MD. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John T. McQueeney. Those present were: John T. McQueeney, Chairman; Gene M. Ransom, Esq., Vice-Chairman; Joyce E. Jones, Esq.; and Thomas E. Beery, Members; Crystal Richard, Esq., Attorney for the Board; Cathy Maxwell, Clerk to the Board; William J. Council, Liquor Inspector; and Vivian Swinson, Zoning Administrator. Member Maurice D. Dashiell was absent.

The Minutes from the March 5, 2019 Liquor Board meeting were approved as written.

The following Special/Temporary licenses were reviewed and approved:

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) – Date of event – April 6
Ruthsburg Community Center – Date of event – April 25
Talisman Therapeutic Riding, Inc. – Date of event – May 4
League of Women Voters QAC – Date of event – May 7
Kent Island Estates Community Assoc. – Date of events – April 12, May 4, May 17
Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center – Date of event – July 13

Mr. Jonathan Cook, Blackwater Distilling, appeared before the Board. Mr. Cook had applied for a one day license for an event he plans to have with Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center on April 13 on his parking lot. This is not allowed since Mr. Cook has a liquor license. Instead, he needs approval from this Board to extend his property for one day. Mr. Cook said it will be a combination of his grand opening and an extension of his partnership with the CBEC. There will be a children's interaction feature for the CBEC portion of the event. There will be corn hole on the parking lot and a bluegrass band. Mr. Cook submitted to the Board a location drawing with the parking lot outlined in red where the event will be held. He will have two security personnel and will have wristbands for people as they enter. A motion was made by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Ransom, to approve this event on April 13 to be held on the parking lot. All members voted in favor.

Ms. Richard said three different businesses submitted letters to the Board changing their structure. Regarding Wonderland Coffee, Ms. Richard said there is a question about the lease. Mr. Council will follow up on this. Regarding Rams Head Shore House, all paperwork was in order. Regarding Marshy Creek Liquors, one of the license holders has been removed. Mr. Ransom made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, that the Board issue a show cause for Marshy

Creek Liquors asking them to show within ten days that they are in compliance. All members voted in favor.

The Board held a hearing for the transfer of a Class "D" beer, wine & liquor license from Robert Wilson to Robert W. Gordon, for the benefit of Dock Bar LLC, trading as Red Eyes Dock Bar 2.0, located at 503 Kent Narrows Way, Grasonville, MD 21638. Mr. Gordon and his attorney, Joseph McQueeney, Esq., appeared before the Board. Chairman John McQueeney recused himself from participating in this hearing as Joseph McQueeney is his son. Ms. Richard administered the oath to all who were to testify. All paperwork submitted was in order. Health Dept. and Fire Marshal approvals will be forthcoming. Mr. Gordon has lived in the State of Md. his entire life. He has never had an alcohol license suspended or revoked. He currently holds alcohol licenses in Easton, MD and St. Michaels, MD. He has no financial interest in any other license in Queen Anne's Co. He is managing partner of Dock Bar LLC and the only authorized member for the purpose of holding this license. Red Eyes Dock Bar is a local dock bar which has been in existence for many years. Mr. Gordon has been working to continue its growth and success. He said he has had a good relationship with the community in the first year he has been associated with the business and he would like to continue to do so. Mr. McQueeney reviewed the requirements of §4.210 of the Alcohol Beverages Article. There is a public need and desire for the license. Mr. Gordon does not feel his business will have any adverse impact on other businesses in the immediate area. There is adequate parking at the facility. Mr. Gordon is TIPS trained and there will always be someone on site with TIPS training. There is no bulk transfer permit required for this transfer as Mr. Gordon is not receiving any alcohol from the previous owner. Mr. Gordon said he hopes to be open by May 6, 2019. A motion was made by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Beery, to approve this license, contingent upon receipt of Health Dept. and Fire Marshal approvals. All members voted in favor. If the license is issued prior to May 1, 2019 the cost will be half price from that date until May 1, the normal renewal date.

The Board reviewed an application for advertising the transfer of a Class "A" beer and wine license from Sheikh Asadullah to Tanveer Malik, for the benefit of Bayside Oil, LLC, trading as Piney Creek Mart, 2120 Piney Creek Rd., Chester, MD 21619. Joseph McQueeney, Esq., appeared before the Board on behalf of the applicant. Chairman John McQueeney recused himself from participating in this discussion as Joseph McQueeney is his son. Mr. McQueeney said he is aware that not all the required paperwork has been submitted. He is willing to have this application advertised at their own risk, in the hope that all required documents will be available at the public hearing on May 7, 2019. A motion was made by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Beery, to approve this application to be advertised. A public hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Mr. Council did 73 business checks 12 compliance checks for the month of March. No violations were found. He still needs a volunteer to help with compliance checks.

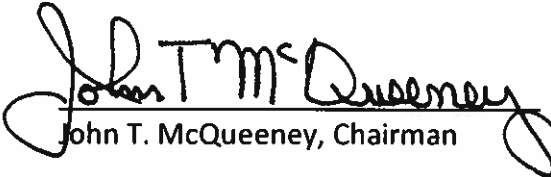
In other business, an email was sent from Mr. Lou Berman of the Comptrollers' Office to all counties requesting a collection of current Board rules and regulations. Currently the Board's rules are in the form of minutes only. Ms. Richard will follow up on formatting these.

The Board discussed the MALA conference in Ocean City on May 9, 10 and 11. Mr. McQueeney said he will take care of making the reservations. He inquired of Ms. Swinson about the available funding for mileage, etc. and Ms. Swinson will follow up on this.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cathy Maxwell, Clerk


John T. McQueeney, Chairman

