

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

701 Kelly Road, Room 112

Cumberland, MD 21502

Tom Farrell, Chairman

Tom Melvin, Acting Chief Inspector

C Ron Miller, Commissioner

Brandy Gordon, Clerk

Danny Laffey, Commissioner

MINUTES – July 19, 2023

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 9:30 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. Present for the meeting was Chairman - Thomas Farrell, Commissioner - C. Ron Miller, Commissioner – Dan Laffey, Inspector – Tom Melvin, Office Clerk – Brandy Gordon, and Board Attorney Ramani Pillai. Also in attendance were Rodger Keppel, Rhiannon Brown, Drew Knippenberg, Kaylee Mullaney, Jimmy Crawford, and Rodney McIntyre.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the July 5, 2023 minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and Wine) was approved for Sierra Fairbanks, Chris Mullaney, and Kayley Mullaney with Mountain Maryland Search and Rescue Non-profit organization. They will be having the Amish Outlaws and several other bands playing at Hoffman Hollow Park, 11300 Hoffman Hollow Rd, Frostburg. The event will take place on Friday, July 28, 2023. The gates and beer sales will begin at 5 PM and there is a curfew of 11 PM. There will be a beer truck and cash bar. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer) was approved for David Reusing, Lisa Keppel, and Rodger Keppel for three days beginning on Thursday, August 3 through Saturday, August 5, 2023. The license is for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to sell beer at the East Coast Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The location will be Town Hill Bed and Breakfast, 31101 National Pike NE, Little Orleans. There will be no minors present for this event. Beer purchased there is for consumption on premises. They will be serving from 11 AM to 5 PM. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “D” Beer, Wine, and Liquor License currently owned by Rodney McIntyre with 2 MAC’s, 22409 McMullen Hwy SW, Rawlings. This license is being transferred to Drew Knippenberg with Adrian Marie Management LLC/Fox and Madam. Mr. Knippenberg surrendered his Class “B-D” license. The hours of operation for Fox and Madam are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 9 PM and Fridays and Saturdays from 10

AM to 10 PM. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the transfer, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

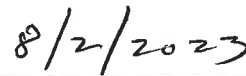
The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 122 routine inspections between July 5, 2023 any July 18, 2023. The Board discussed the applications received for the Inspector position.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. Commissioner Millers' request to be excused from this meeting was granted.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.



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VIOLATION HEARING MINUTES – July 19, 2023

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell.

On April 13, 2023, employee - Tyler Erich, sold a six pack to a minor. The licensees are James Bauer and Jacquelyn Bauer. The licensed address is 11506 Bedford Road NE, Cumberland. The trade name is Bedford Road Liquor. Brian Wilson was representing Mr. and Mrs. Bauer due to vacation plans. Mr. Wilson pled guilty to this charge.

PENALTY: \$500 fine with \$250 being suspended and probation for one year. Motioned by Chairman Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, made unanimous by Commissioner Laffey.

On May 17, 2023, employee – Kirsten, sold an alcoholic beverage to a minor. The licensee is John Wampler. The licensed address is 145-147 East Main Street, Frostburg. The trade name Frostburg Inn. Mr. John Wampler pled guilty to this charge.

PENALTY: \$500 fine with the \$250 coming back from violation in February 2023 for a total fine amount of \$750 and the probation period will start over. Motioned by Chairman Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, made unanimous by Commissioner Laffey.

On May 31, 2023, employee - George Jones, sold an alcoholic beverage to a minor. The licensees are Donald Trexler III and Wenona Trexler. The licensed address is 15626 Mt. Savage Rd NW, Mt. Savage. The trade name is The Steel Pony. Mr. Donald Trexler III pled guilty to the charge. He informed the Board that it was Mr. Jones first night on the job. Deputy Bittinger did tell the Board that on this particular night he understood how this could happen because they were really busy. That night they served over 3,000 chicken wings. The Board reminded that you always have to ask for identification.

PENALTY: \$500 fine with \$250 being suspended and probation for one year. Motioned by Chairman Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, made unanimous by Commissioner Laffey.

On May 2, 2023, employee – Beth Ware, sold a can of beer to a minor. The licensee is Scott Haines. The licensed address is 414 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland. The trade name is Virginia Avenue Liquor. Mr. Scott Haines pled guilty to this charge.

PENALTY: \$500 fine with \$250 being suspended and probation for one year. Motioned by Chairman Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, made unanimous by Commissioner Laffey.

On May 16, 2023, employee – William Thomas Castillo, sold an alcoholic beverage to a minor. On June 6, 2023 the same employee – William Thomas Castillo – again sold an alcoholic beverage to a minor. The licensee is Robert Dettinburn. The licensed address is 2 Howard Street Suite B, Cumberland. The trade name is Dig Deep. Mr. Dettinburn was not present for the meeting. The Board Attorney made a phone call to Mr. Dettinburn. Mr. Dettinburn was out of the area and agreed to do his hearing via phone call. Mr. Dettinburn pled guilty to this charge.

PENALTY: \$500 fined with \$250 being suspended for first sale, and \$500 fine with \$250 being suspended for second sale. Total fine amount is \$500 and probation for one year. Motioned by Chairman Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, made unanimous by Commissioner Laffey.

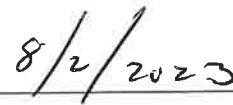
All violation fines will need to be paid before the renewal of their Liquor license for 2024.

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