

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 @ 1:00 PM  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET  
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Present:**

Chairman David Willenborg  
Vice-Chair Richard Watts  
Member George Anas  
Member Richard Shin  
Member Barbara Hill  
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator  
Chris Beaver, Attorney  
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary  
Kevin Hall, Inspector  
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2024**

Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the minutes for March 14, 2024, and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion withdrawn. Chairman Willenborg discussed a typo on the last page of the minutes. Minutes to be tabled until the next meeting for correction. Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the minutes to be tabled and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Violations**

**Race-N-In**

**Employee** - Holly Elaine Bailey, was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Holly Bailey appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Bailey admitted that the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$100.00 fine. Motion failed. Member Anas made a motion for a \$150.00 fine and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Vote was 3:2 Chairman Willenborg and Vice-Chair Watts opposed. Motion carried.

**Licensee - Robert Bradley Brizzi**

- Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Bradley Brizzi appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Brizzi admitted that the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion of \$1000.00 fine, 3-day suspension, RAST and automatic reinstatement of \$400.00 from previous violation and it was seconded by Member Hill. Vote 4:1 Member Shin opposed. Motion carried.

- Commission of acts on licensed premises contrary to State law in violation of Section 5.04 "Acts Contrary to Law" of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County; to wit: Distribution of Tobacco Product or Paraphernalia to Minor in violation of Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Section of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Chairman Willenborg made a motion of \$1000.00 fine and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Vote 4:1. Member Shin abstained. Motion carried.

**Lighthouse**

**Employee - Chang Kurl Kang**, was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Chang Kang appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Kang was accompanied by attorney Young Song. Mr. Kang admitted that the violation did occur. Member Shin made a motion for a \$150.00 fine and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

**Licensees - Nabee Yi, Daniel Han and Joshua L. Shaffer** - Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Nabee Yi, Daniel Han and Joshua Shaffer appeared before the Board and were sworn in. The licensees were accompanied by their attorney, Young Song. Member Shin made a motion for a \$1000.00 fine, \$500.00 held in abeyance with RAST and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried. Attorney Song asked the Board if Mr. Shaffer needed to take the RAST training since he was not the licensee when the violation occurred plus

he had already taken RAST for being a new licensee a few weeks ago. Chairman Willenborg stated Mr. Shaffer would not need to take RAST again.

- **Premise Change**

**Southern Trail Distillery** – Richard Copsey - Requesting temporary extension of premises into normal parking area and field and portable outdoor serving counter for three (3) special events: Spring Shine Festival, May 11, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Fall Market, October 5, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Winter Market, December 7, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Richard and Rachael Copsey appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mrs. Copsey explained their security plan, entrance and exit points, and that there will be 100% I.D. checking. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for the 30-day conditional approval pending the Special Events permit and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

**Brudergarten** – Geraldine A. L’Heureux - Requesting temporary extension of premises and outdoor serving counter for special event: Renfest Southern MD, May 25, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Raphael L’Heureux appeared before the Board and was sworn in. There was a letter presented by Mrs. Geraldine L’Heureux allowing Mr. L’Heureux to speak on her behalf. Mr. L’Heureux explained what the requirements the Fire Marshal has requested. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for the 30-day conditional approval pending the Fire Marshal, updated plan and Health Department Special Events permit and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**FY25 Recommended Budget Appeal** – request to make Inspector position full-time was not recommended by the County Administrator.

Mrs. Hildebrand explained that the request to make the inspector’s position full-time was denied so she needs to file an appeal. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to file the appeal and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

### **Board Recommendations - Rules & Regulations changes.**

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that there were two local bills that passed legislation and she will be providing draft language for the Board to review. Mrs. Hildebrand questioned the Board if there is any other changes to the Rules and Regulations they would like to add. The Board stated no.

Chairman Willenborg suggested for the future, he would like to investigate having an alternate member in the case of not having a quorum. Mrs. Hildebrand agreed to do some research on the subject.

## **ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

For the month of March, Deputy Myers reported:

- 17 Alcohol Compliance checks – 5 violations
- 10 Tobacco Compliance checks – 4 violations
- 14 DUI's- Sheriff
- 5 State Park surveillance - no violations
- RAST, Tyler System training, Firearms training

## **BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT**

For the month of March, Inspector Hall reported:

- 11 inspections, 4 follow-ups
- Taught RAST
- MALA Conference call

## **ST MARY'S LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION**

David Dent and Joe Kurley provided the Board with updates on the legislation.

## **BOARD MEMBERS TIME**

**Discussion** - Increasing violation fines

As requested by the Board, Mrs. Hildebrand presented a draft of language for increasing fines for violations. The Board will have the final vote at the next Board meeting in May.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to adjourn at 2:35 pm and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

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David Willenborg, Chair