

Regular Minutes
Liquor Board
March 18, 2019

The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners met on March 18, 2019, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Travers, Vice Chairman George L. Pfeffer Jr.; Cathy Collins; Paul A. Hooper, Patrick W. Thomas, Attorney for the Board and Roger Short, Liquor Board Inspector.

The Board of License Commissioners convened in open session with Chairman Ricky Travers presiding.

The Board approved the Regular Session minutes from the February 25, 2019 meeting. Vice Chairman George Pfeffer made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Alton Hooper second the motion and a vote was called for. The vote was unanimous by all of the Board Members. Chairman Travers abstained due to not being present for the February 25th meeting.

An application was submitted by Jordan Todd, Mamie Todd and Catherine Campbell, On behalf of Toca Restaurant Group LLC for a new Class B – Beer, Wine & Liquor (On-Sale) License and a Class A – Beer & Wine (Off-Sale) License. Jordan Todd, Mamie Todd and Catherine Campbell were sworn in by the Board Attorney Patrick Thomas. Chairman Ricky Travers then asked the applicants why they were applying for the license. Jordan Todd explained that he was requesting approval for a Beer, Wine & Liquor license for Ocean Odyssey located at 316 Sunburst Highway in Cambridge. Mr. Todd explained that this business has been family run since 1986 and his father is slowly removing himself from the business. Mr. Todd stated he and his new partners are taking over and want to utilize the restaurant to its full potential. Chairman Travers asked Inspector Roger Short if the application was complete. Inspector Short stated that the application was complete. Chairman Travers asked about the State Comptroller Report because it was not checked off on the checklist. Inspector Short stated that it had been received after the packets were made for the Board. Chairman Travers asked what the customers will see with these new changes. Mr. Todd explained that with change in the ownership the public will see a small change in the menu, the addition of a cocktail menu and more seating due to the use of the back area of the restaurant that was not previously used. Mr. Todd stated that they do plan to stay open longer in the offseason into December and January. Chairman Travers asked Inspector Short if there was anything else. Inspector Short stated that the Class “B” & Class “A” Licenses are pro-rated and that the applicants have applied for a growlers permit and a caterer’s license. Inspector Short then asked the Board if they would pro-rate those licenses as well. Vice Chairman Pfeffer made a motion to approve the pro-rating off the additional licenses. Board Member Alton Hooper second the motion. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by

all of the Board Members. Chairman Travers explained to Mamie Todd and Catherine Campbell the responsibilities of a license holder, being that they have never held a license before. Chairman Travers suggested that they take the alcohol awareness training. Board Member Alton Hooper stated that they should take the class because the information you acquire is very helpful. With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Pfeffer to approve the application and it was second by Board Member Hooper. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the Board members.

An application was submitted by Troy Hill and Grady Wilson, On behalf of Sailwinds West Inc., for a new Class D – Beer & Wine (On-Sale) License. Troy Hill and Grady Wilson were sworn in by Board Attorney Patrick Thomas. Chairman Travers asked the applicants why they were applying for the license. Mr. Hill explained that they were applying for a beer and wine license for Sailwinds West. Chairman Travers asked Inspector Short if anything was needed for the application. Inspector Short stated that he was waiting for the State Fire Marshal Report, Health Department Approval, and the copy of the alcohol awareness training certificate. Inspector Short stated that the alcohol training had been taken by two individuals and was waiting for their certificates to come in. Chairman Travers asked both applicants if they had taken the class. Mr. Hill explained that he and another individual had taken the class. Chairman Travers asked if either applicant had held a license before. Both applicants responded that they had not. Chairman Travers explained the responsibilities of a licensee and that they are responsible even if they are not at the establishment. Chairman Travers asked Mr. Hill and Mr. Wilson what their hours of operation will be. Mr. Hill stated that at the current time it will be based on booked events. Then eventually would be a Wednesday through Saturday operation inside the bar area with entertainment. Vice Chairman Pfeffer then asked if the applicants had developed a non-profit corporation. Mr. Wilson stated that they have applied and that it is in the process because it does not get issued right away. Vice Chairman Pfeffer replied that he was just asking if Sailwinds West had a certain mission, charity or group that they were looking to work with. Mr. Wilson replied that they want to cater to non-profits, fire & police departments and make this venue available to those organizations. Mr. Hill added that a lot of the sponsors that donate to them, Sailwinds West allocates a portion of those donations into an account. So that if an organization cannot afford to rent the venue, those funds would be available to help that organization. Vice Chairman Pfeffer explained that even if a non-profit were renting the venue and using Sailwinds West's license, they are still responsible as the licensee's. Mr. Hill and Mr. Wilson understood that they are responsible. Chairman Travers asked the licensee's to ask the city about the zoning letter stating the alcohol was approved for events. His concern would be if the operated on a daily basis, would that be allowed. Mr. Wilson stated that he would be in contact with the city because there are other issues such

as having bingo events, in which the zoning says they cannot have. Chairman Travers asked if he could get a letter amending the original letter to clarify. Mr. Wilson stated that he would. Inspector Short asked the Board if they would approve of nonprofit organizations pulling a special class c one day license to operate with beer, wine and liquor with the understanding that Sailwinds West, would not be in operation on that day. The board did not have an issue with the nonprofits getting a special license as long as those license were not running concurrent. With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Pfeffer to approve the application contingent on the State Fire Marshal Report, Health Dept. Approval and a copy of the alcohol awareness certificate. The motion was second by Board Member Cathy Collins. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the Board members.

An application was submitted by Sukhraj Ghumman and Bernard Dryden, On behalf of Singh Wines LLC for a Beer & Wine Sampling Tasting License. Bernard Dryden was sworn in by Board Attorney Patrick Thomas. Chairman Travers asked Mr. Dryden why he was attending the meeting. Mr. Dryden stated that he was applying for a beer and wine sampling and tasting license. Mr. Dryden explained to the Board that in the past he would come get a one day permit to hold a tasting but now he understands that there is an annual license that lasts one year or up to 30 tasting per year. Chairman Travers asked Inspector Short if this license would be pro-rated. Inspector Short explained that when he spoke with Mr. Ghumman, the understanding was that the license would be issued May 1st with the renewed retail license. With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Pfeffer to approve the application for a Beer & Wine Tasting License for May 1st with the renewed retail license. The motion was second by Board Member Cathy Collins. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the Board members.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Pfeffer to go into closed session for legal advice and was seconded by Board Member Hooper. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all Board members. The Board convened in Closed Session at 6:24 p.m.

Closed Session Summary:

The Board convened in Closed Session pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article for the Maryland Annotated Code pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

The Board asked questions if the background of an applicant would disqualify that applicant. Attorney Patrick Thomas explained that a felony would disqualify an applicant but they have to state in the application if they have convicted of a felony or conceited of violating any other state or local laws. Attorney Thomas advised the Board that it is part of their duty to determine if an applicant is qualified or fit for a license.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Pfeffer to go into open session for legal advice and was seconded by Board Member Hooper. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all Board members. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:48 p.m.

An application was submitted by Douglas Bramble T/a Theodores at Madison Bay to transfer a Class B – Beer, Wine & Liquor (On-Sale) License and a Class A – Beer (Off-Sale) License. An application to upgrade the Class A – Beer License to a Class A – Beer and Wine License. Douglas Bramble was sworn in by Attorney Patrick Thomas. Chairman Travers asked Mr. Bramble why he was attending the meeting. Mr. Bramble explained that he was applying to transfer the alcohol license and that he has acquired the business formerly known as Millie's at Madison Bay. Chairman Travers explained the responsibilities of a licensee to Mr. Bramble. Vice Chairman Pfeffer asked if Mr. Bramble could clarify that on his application regarding felonies it is unclear if yes or no had been checked. Mr. Bramble replied that he has no felony convictions. Councilman Travers asked Mr. Bramble if he could meet with Inspector Short to correct any errors on the application regarding the convictions questions. Chairman Travers and Vice Chair Pfeffer explained that the application regarding those questions are confusing with how the check off boxes are printed. Chairman Travers asked the Board if there was any other discussion. Inspector Short informed the Board that he is waiting for the Bulk Transfer Permit and the State Comptrollers hold on the previous owners license to be released. Chairman Travers also asked Mr. Bramble for a floor plan depicting the layout of the restaurant and proposed tiki bar. Attorney Patrick Thomas also asked for the applicant to correct the application and submit a sheet with any violations of state and local laws. With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Board Member Hooper to approve the application contingent on the Bulk Transfer, State Comptroller, Floor Plan, corrected application and a list of any convictions. The motion was second by Vice Chairman Pfeffer. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the Board members.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019.

With no further business to discuss, the Board of License Commissioners was adjourned from Open Session.

ATTEST:

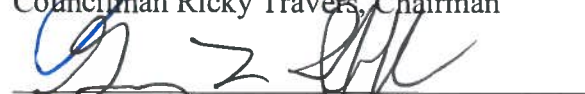


Roger Short, Inspector

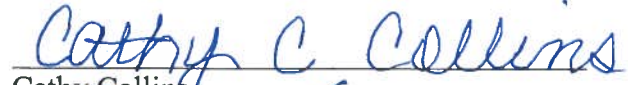
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS



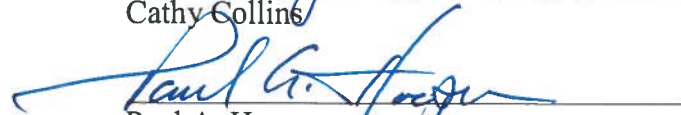
Councilman Ricky Travers, Chairman



Councilman George L. Pfeffer, Vice - Chair



Cathy Collins



Paul A. Hooper

Signed this 15th day of April, 2019.