

**Meeting Minutes
Board of License Commissioners
Caroline County, Maryland**

DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 2019

PLACE: Health & Public Services Building
403 S. 7th Street, 1st Floor, Room 111
Denton, Maryland 21629

BOARD MEMBERS: Nicholas Loukides, Vice-Chair
Michael Mann, Alternate

OTHERS PRESENT: Phillip Moore, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Crystal Dadds, Assistant Director of Codes
Melanie Smith, Administrative Asst. to Board

Acting Chairman Loukides called the meeting of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to order at 9:33 a.m.

TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

CAROLINE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kathy Mackel represented the Caroline County Historical Society to request approval for their annual holiday party at the Museum of Rural Life. This is also the 200th anniversary for the building. Because of this the event will be open to the public this year. They have scheduled the party for Friday, December 13, 2019 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. Their live entertainment will consist of a pianist and fiddler. They will be asking for a \$40 donation to attend.

This is an annual event that is normally held in a private home for the Society members.

Motion: Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the event for December 13th.
Second: Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.
In Favor: The motion was unanimously approved (2-0).

NEW BUSINESS

FAT RICKY'S PUB & GRUB REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AND RAFFLE

Acting Chair Loukides swore in Rick Phillips, owner/manager of Fat Ricky's Pub & Grub in Denton.

On November 30th he would like to do an event for needy children. They will have a free breakfast buffet from 9-11 am for those who donate an unwrapped toy. At 11 am, radio station 107 the Duck will be streaming the event live. There will be a classic car cruise that begins at the Pub & Grub at noon then travels to Dave's Place in Ridgely, then to Roadhouse 313, then to Harry's in Denton and then finally the Market Street Pub. Trophy's will be given at the Pub & Grub at 5 pm. They will hand out trophies when everyone has returned. The other venues are also collecting toys for the event and will receive a plaque for the one that receives the most toys. There will be a live band playing until 1 am.

Mr. Phillips assured the Board that a doorman will be stationed at the entrance to check ID's and watch that no alcohol enters or leaves the establishment.

Mr. Mann appreciated the efforts Mr. Phillips has made to organize the community event, however, he was disappointed Mr. Phillips did not come before the Board for permission to have the event before publicizing it as he did. Mr. Phillips apologized for that and explained that he is now aware of his obligation for the future.

Mr. Phillips explained that over 45 local businesses have donated something towards the raffle/silent auction. He would like to include a basket of cheer because it has always been a tradition for events like this. He will have a list of what is included in the basket of cheer. All of the alcohol will be donated from his establishment. You must be 21 years old to participate in the raffle.

Mr. Mann asked Ms. Dadds if there is any rule, they need to be aware of before approving this request. Ms. Dadds pointed out that the reason that Board approval is required is that they must make sure there is no alcohol on the premise that was not purchased from this establishment. That would be a violation of Board Rule & Regulation No. 2.08(a) which states "no licensee shall keep upon the licensed premises any alcoholic beverages except those so purchased." Ms. Dadds added that only people over 21 may be eligible to participate in the raffle.

Mr. Phillips confirmed that anyone can participate in the raffle but to participate and win the basket of cheer will require proof that they are over 21 years of age. Mr. Phillips also agreed to announce that the basket will have to be immediately taken to the winner's vehicle and off of the establishment's property.

- Motion:** Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the Toys for Tots cruise event and the raffle on November 30th.
- Second:** Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.
- In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (2-0).

FAT RICKY'S PUB & GRUB REQUEST FOR A PRIVATE PARTY

Mr. Phillips announced that the party he is requesting approval for has been moved to December 9th; his written request was for December 10th. This is because his Paint Party hostess had a last-minute opening for December 10th.

The private party is to celebrate Christmas with his employees and their spouses. He is providing all the food and alcohol. Dante, who works with his chef, will cater the event and supply a TiPS certified server. He is TiPS certified and his bartenders are TiPS certified. Mr. Phillips will provide the TiPS certification to Ms. Dadds before the event. Mr. Mann stated that he will stipulate in his motion for approval that it has to be submitted before the party on the 9th; that does not mean the morning of the 9th, it should be sooner rather than later. He just wanted Mr. Phillips to be aware that he will put this stipulation in his motion. Ms. Dadds stated that he could bring a copy in to the office or he could email a copy. Mr. Phillips stated that he could probably have it submitted by the end of this week.

He would like to close from 5-9 pm and then reopen for Monday night football, that is if either the Redskins, the Ravens or the Eagles are playing. Inspector Moore pointed out that the bartenders that drink during the party cannot then bartend when the establishment reopens. Mr. Phillips stated that he has a rule that his employees do not drink while working or the day they work.

Ms. Dadds asked if he will be logging in the drinks as they are consumed for the purpose of his record keeping. He replied that he would run a tab that he will pay for at the end of the evening.

Motion: Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the employee Christmas Party on the condition that a copy of the caterers TiPS certification is provided to Ms. Dadds no later than Friday, December 6th.

Second: Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.

In Favor: The motion was unanimously approved (2-0).

TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS, CONT.

CAROLINE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tracey Snyder represented the Chamber of Commerce in requesting approval to have a Holiday Mixer at the Towers Family Historical Museum in Denton. It is scheduled for December 12 from 5 to 7 pm. They will have someone TiPS certified to serve beer and wine they have left over from another event. They will also be offering heavy hors d'oeuvres and hosting a silent auction.

Ms. Dadds asked if any alcohol would be part of the silent auction. Ms. Snyder stated that all the items have not been submitted. She remembers that someone donated a "booze bucket" at last year's awards dinner. They will be putting the auction on-line for 24 hours to get as many bids as possible since all of the proceeds go to their scholarship fund. She explained that should one be donated they would personally deliver it to the winner at another time; it would not be given to the winner that evening. Ms. Dadds suggested that they verify the winner is 21 years of age or older.

Everything will take place inside. Wendy Dixon is their TiPS certified person who also helped the Chamber with their Mactoberfest event. Inspector Moore verified that she was TiPS certified.

- Motion:** Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the Holiday Mixer at Towers Museum on December 12th.
- Second:** Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.
- In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (2-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board postponed approval of the October 23, 2019 meeting minutes until all members are present to approve.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Dadds stated that she had emailed Connie Snooks with the Comptroller's Office. She is the person who initiated the hold on Roadhouse 313's license transfer. In her email she explained that the Board Attorney advised that in accordance with state law, the Board is only obligated to hold a transfer for delinquency in payment of sales and use tax, withholding, and admissions and amusements. It does not require them to hold a transfer for corporate tax delinquency. She asked for the status of the other tax obligations.

Ms. Snooks responded that they would speak to their legal council about the corporate tax and to please advise the client that there was still an issue with the sales and use tax. Ms. Dadds relayed that message to Steve Dial. Mr. Dial was very upset because they understood they took care of everything and even had their on-line account set up for automatic debit payments. He stated that even the Sheldon's sales and use tax was paid in full. He stated that he was not going to pay their corporate tax.

Ms. Dadds stated that he was going to contact the Comptroller's Office however, she has not heard back from Mr. Dial since then, which was just the previous week. Ms. Dadds stated that they were going to move forward with the transfer regardless of the corporate tax, provided the other tax obligations have been cleared. Board Attorney Heather Price had agreed that unless they could point out a law forbidding the transfer of the license, she advised the Board they could move forward.

INSPECTORS REPORT

Inspector Moore is still helping with Codes Enforcement until the position is filled. He received a report from the Ridgely Police that they have had a spike in underage persons obtaining alcohol. They have not determined where the alcohol was coming from. Inspector Moore spent a weekend and one evening in Ridgely investigating the various establishments and saw that they were checking ID's. He suspected the spike was a result of using a fake ID.

He attended the Mactoberfest event and found no issues. Their TiPS person was unavailable so they had the certified bartender from Roadhouse 313 stand in their place.

The Inspector has made a few visits to Dave's Place to ensure that they are complying with their temporary use of the porch. He found one of the gate enclosures open and warned them to keep them closed to prevent a future violation.

Mr. Mann has noticed that D&B's in Greensboro has been busier than other places on some nights. Inspector Moore was aware of that and believes it is because they are now alternating their pool league nights with Roadhouse 313.

Dorchester County contacted Inspector Moore about Paint Nights that include a bottle or glass of wine and are being held at locations that don't have liquor licenses. This could be considered selling alcohol without a license since the customer is paying for a ticket that includes alcohol. Their State's Attorney is moving forward with charging those individuals for selling alcohol without a license. They also have the support of the Liquor Board and the Sheriff's Office.

There being nothing further to discuss Acting Chairman Loukides adjourned the meeting at 10:13 am.


Minutes prepared by: Melanie Smith