

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

DATE: January 26, 2022

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Health & Public Services Building, Room 111
403 S. 7th Street, Room 111
Denton, Maryland 21629-1335

BOARD MEMBERS: Greg Eigenbrode, Chairman
Nicholas A. Loukides, Vice Chairman
Glenn Plutschak, Member
Michael Mann Sr., Alternate Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Merriken, Board Attorney
Crystal Dadds, Assistant Codes Director
Phillip Moore, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Kendra Blake, Board Administrative Assistant

Chairman Eigenbrode called the meeting of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to order at 9:32 a.m.

New Business

Friends of Colonel Athletics – Fundraiser – February 5, 2022

Mr. Ryan Blanchfield appeared before the Board virtually to present his application for a temporary alcoholic beverage license. He stated that the event would be a fundraiser for the high school baseball team. The Friends of Colonel Athletics is an organization that is not affiliated with the school. The event will be held at the Preston Fire Department from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday February 5, 2022. He went on to say that there would be a cash bar to include beer, wine, and liquor. There would be two (2) TiPS certified bartenders on site during the event.

Ms. Dadds asked Mr. Blanchfield how long the organization had been obtaining a license for this fundraising event. Mr. Blanchfield responded that he believed the license had been obtained annually since 2017 with the exception of 2021. He stated that it would be a reoccurring event.

Ms. Dadds asked if Mr. Blanchfield planned to continue the event annually. He responded yes. Ms. Dadds stated that the organization has held the event successfully for several years without any issues. She asked the Board if Friends of Colonel Athletics should appear again next year for approval of this event or if the Board wanted to approve the event as an annual approval without the need to appear before the Board unless there are problems.

Motion: Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve the temporary license for Friends of Colonel Athletics Fundraiser event for February 5, 2022; and as an annual temporary license event without the need to appear before the Board for future requests.

Second: Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

Vote: All members voted in favor (3-0).

Caroline County Council of Arts – Wine & Paint Night – February 11, 2022

Mr. Nicholas Tindall, was present virtually to present the temporary license application for the Caroline County Council of Arts' Valentine's Wine & Paint Night to be held on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Board previously approved an event of the same nature on November 17, 2021. The event will be held in the first floor gallery space of the Foundry Building located at 401 Market Street. He went on to say that there will be a maximum of twenty (20) people in attendance in order to accommodate social distancing. Mr. Tindall informed the Board that the event will include beer and wine available by cash bar; and one drink will be included with the ticket price. Deborah Bennett, whom is TiPS certified would be onsite during the event. She was present at the last event and did a great job.

Mr. Eigenbrode asked if there would be any participants under the age of twenty-one attending the event. Mr. Tindall stated that all participants would be over the age of twenty-one (21) and everyone would be required to present identification verifying their age.

Ms. Dadds asked if Mr. Tindall anticipated holding future events of the same fashion at the same location. Mr. Tindall responded yes. Ms. Dadds explained that the Board was considering approving the license for future events if the same parameters were in place without presenting to the Board each time. It would be an approval for future events if there were no changes to be made. Mr. Tindall stated that the specific template for the events works well for everyone. Mr. Eigenbrode clarified that the future events would be approved specifically for "Wine & Paint" nights, not for other events.

Motion: Mr. Plutschak made a motion to approve the February 11, 2022, event, and future Wine & Paint Night events under the same template without the need to appear before the Board for future requests.

Second: Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.

Vote: All members voted in favor (3-0).

Revised: 2022 Multiple Event License Application - Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Co.

Ms. Dadds presented a request from the Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company to amend the 2022 Multiple Event License Application decreasing the number of events from twenty (20) events to ten (10) events. Due to monthly dinner events now being distributed curbside and no alcohol being served, there was no anticipation of holding twenty events.

Motion: Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve the amended 2022 Multiple Event License Application from twenty (20) events to ten (10) events for the Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Co.

Second: Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

Vote: All members voted in favor (3-0).

Board Member Comments

Mr. Mann asked if the Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company had submitted a notarized application. Ms. Dadds stated that a notarized application was submitted along with required TiPS certifications for approximately seven (7) individuals.

Approval of Minutes

Having Read the December 15, 2021, minutes, the Board voted.

Motion: Mr. Plutschak made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021, minutes as written.

Second: Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.

Vote: All members voted in favor (3-0).

Chairman Eigenbrode stated that review and approval of the October 27, 2021, meeting minutes would be moved to the February 16, 2022, meeting agenda.

Board Administrator's Report

Earth Tones Café did submit their TiPS certifications and were able to obtain their license. Mr. Moore will visit the establishment in the future.

The Comptroller's Office submitted a request to withhold alcohol license renewals for Lucky Corner and Bullock's Deli, there were other establishments listed; however, they are no longer in operation or transferred. The request was sent due to non-compliance with taxes administered by the Comptroller's Office. She informed the Board that license renewal packets will be mailed the end of February and notices of the Comptroller hold request will be included for Lucky Corner and Bullock's Deli.

Ms. Dadds stated that there will be two new license applications presented to the Board soon. One will be for a new restaurant in the Denton town limits. The other being a new restaurant located in the building that was previously Café Paradiso in the town of Federalsburg.

Inspector's Report

Mr. Moore stated that he assisted the Department of Planning & Codes for a short period of time in December with codes enforcement. He completed routine inspections for at Denton Shell and Shore Country Store. He went on to say that Shore Country store has increased the number of employees, which prompted him to review County policies with the establishment in regard to Workers' Compensation insurance.

Mr. Moore visited Dave's Place and inquired about any changes in the business ownership. He was informed that changes were in progress. Ms. Dadds stated that she had not received an update either. She was anticipating a letter from the current license holder to be removed from the license; however, she had not received any communication. She will contact the license holder prior to renewing their alcohol license to inquire if they plan to renew the license.

The State recently passed legislation approving sports betting in Maryland. Mr. Moore stated that he had contacted multiple establishments, having previously issued warnings regarding sports betting, informing them that they could resume the activity.

Mr. Moore informed the Board that the TIPS classes he has instructed remain at a one hundred percent (100%) passing rate. He has received positive feedback from the community. He spends additional time at the end of the required training to go over the local rules and regulations. He will recertify his training in March.

All establishments had been compliant and are doing well in their businesses.

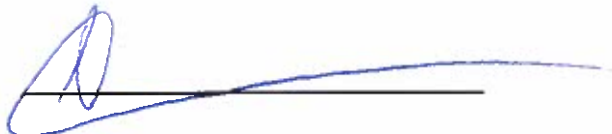
There were no further comments from the Board Members.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Loukides made the motion to adjourn the January meeting.
Second: Mr. Plutschak seconded.
Vote: The members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting (3:0).

Chairman Eigenbrode adjourned the Board of Licensed Commissioners meeting for Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 9:54 a.m.

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Greg Eigenbrode, Chairman



Minutes prepared by:
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