The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT:  Tim Snelling, Chairman  
           W. Edwin Cole, Jr., Commissioner  
           H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire  
           Earl R. Bradford, Chief Alcohol Beverage Inspector  
           Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant

Stephen A. Miller, Commissioner was excused.

Chairman Snelling announced Commissioner Miller was excused and if anyone would like to postpone until they have a full Board they may do so.

SPECIAL
Application received from Anita Casteel, Ryan’s Birthday Party Foundation, Inc. for a one-day license for a lunch gala being held at The Gardens at Bethlehem Farms, 99 Slicers Mill Road, Rising Sun, MD

Mrs. Casteel introduced herself to the Board; she stated she began Ryan’s Birthday Party Foundation to honor the memory of her grandson. She is planning a fundraising lunch gala. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the special one day license; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the special one day license.

TRANSFER APPLICATION
Application received from Jennifer Lynn Pyle, President; Jeffrey Lee Pyle, Secretary; The Susquehanna Inn, Inc. T/A The Susquehanna Inn, 177 Conowingo Road, Conowingo, MD 21918 for transfer of Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License No. B-33 from Estate of Billie Jean Edwards, Licensee; David S. Edwards, Lease Manager; Susquehanna Inn, Inc., T/A Susquehanna Inn, 177 Conowingo Road, Conowingo, MD 21918

Jennifer Lynn Pyle and Jeffrey Lee Pyle appeared before the Board with attorney, Robert Jones. The applicants were duly sworn and Mr. Wilson read the legal notice that was published on dates of January 17 and 24, 2018. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 7; zoning certificate signed by Curtis McCardell, Code Compliance Inspector, Cecil County Land Use & Development, Planning & Zoning Division. Mr. Jones stated that Mrs. Pyle has worked at the Susquehanna Inn for 19 years; she is familiar with the business. Mr. Jones stated Mr. Pyle is having issues trying to sign up for alcohol awareness training; Chief Bradford stated he can contact Sentman Distributor, there is a grant offering training through Sentman’s free of charge. Chairman Snelling asked if the nature of the business was going to change, no structure changes; Mrs.
Pyle stated no. Chief Bradford asked if they will have outdoor music; Mrs. Pyle stated no outdoor music, but they will have live music on Saturday nights. Chairman Snelling asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against this license; no one spoke. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the transfer of the license; Chairman Snelling seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the transfer of the license.

NEW APPLICATION
Application received from Scott A. McCardell, Member; Jessica L. Fincham, Member; Maryland Beer Company LLC, T/A Maryland Beer Company, 601 North Bridge Street, Suite C, Elkton, Maryland 21921 for issuance of a Class “DBR” with On-site Consumption Permit, Beer Only Alcoholic Beverage License.

Scott McCardell and Jessica Fincham appeared before the Board; they were duly sworn by the clerk. Mr. Wilson read the legal notice that was published on dates of January 17 and 24, 2018. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 3; zoning letter signed by Charles A. Bromwell, Director, Building & Zoning, Town of Elkton. Mr. Wilson asked if the applicants if the answers on the application submitted January 2018 the same as when you answered them. Ms. Fincham stated they are applying for Class “5M” license that allows them for on-site consumption, which is a taproom, which is the beers that they make. Mr. Wilson asked if it was a tasting room type thing; Ms. Fincham stated yes, no food will be served, only the beer that they make. Mr. Wilson asked where they will be; they stated the south side of the Cecil Whig building. The applicants stated they have applied for their state license, they do have the TTB license which they have held since 2016. The State is just waiting until construction; they are waiting on the Town of Elkton to issue the building permit to begin construction. Chairman Snelling asked when they plan to open; they stated mid-April. Chairman Snelling asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against this license; no one spoke. With no further questions, Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the issuance of the Class DBR license; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board approved the issuance of the Class DBR license. The applicants then asked for a 60-day extension; Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the 60-day extension; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the 60-day extension.

SPECIAL
Crystal Woodworth from the Upper Eastern Shore Libertarians appeared before the Board; she stated she is planning a fundraising corn hole event Sunday, May 6th at the Fairwinds Farm in North East. She just wanted to introduce herself to explain the event. She said she is expecting 50 people, the venue can hold 200.
UPDATES/EXTENSION REQUESTS
Class “B” B&LW No. B-172 - Kevin Taylor and Tim Muhlmichl, Valhalla Brewing Co., LLC; T/A Valhalla Brewing Co., 41 Cherry Hill Rd., Elkton, MD 21921

Kevin Taylor appeared before the Board; he stated the sewer allocation is about 95% complete; he requested a 60-day extension and hopes to be open the end of February, beginning of March. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the 60-day extension; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the 60-day extension. Chief Bradford reminded Mr. Taylor renewal packets will be in the mail this week, they will need to complete and submit this.

Class “B” BWL No. B-171 - Lynn Bollinger, Snatchers Creekside; T/A Snatches Creekside, 510 S. Main Street, North East, MD 21901

Lynn Bollinger appeared before the Board; she stated they are in the final stages; she hopes to have the final inspections next week and requested a 90-day extension. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the 90-day extension; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the 90-day extension.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS
Class “B” BWL No. B-100 Mahesh Haribhai Patel, Partner; Dushyant Harivaden Desai, Partner; Edwin B. Fockler III, Member; Leslie Investments, LLC, T/A Holiday Inn Express, 100 Hotel Plaza, North East, MD 21901 – IN COMPLIANCE

General Business
• Approve Minutes
• Specials

Old Business
• Legislation – Chief Bradford stated he will be travelling to Annapolis along with Chairman Snelling and Step Mika to present the alcohol awareness legislation.
• More than one license –
• Class D under 21 – the Board voted to restrict anyone under 21 from being permitted in any area where the alcoholic beverages are manufactured, sold, consumed or stored, where no food is served in a Class “D” establishment

New Business
• Lee’s Landing – Chief Bradford advised the Board the office has received a copy of the Consent Order for Lee’s Landing for lack of payment for past due sewer bills, taxes – it was decided to bring them in for the February meeting for a show cause hearing
With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

BY: Tim Snelling, Chairman

ATTEST: Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant