

**LIQUOR AND LICENSE COMMISSION**  
**McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building**  
**667 Ware Road**  
**Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The following members were in attendance: John Hammerand; Pete Merkel and Anna May Miller. Ed Dvorak and Nick Provenzano were absent. Also in attendance: Jamie Rein, Assistant State's Attorneys; and interested public.

John Hammerand, Chairman  
Ed Dvorak                      Pete Merkel  
Anna May Miller              Nick Provenzano

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Merkel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve the regular session minutes of July 12, 2006. The minutes were approved as presented with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

*Discussion with Owner of China Girl, Inc.:* Chairman Hammerand asked Mr. Collins to join the Committee to discuss concerns with several incident reports that have been received over the past several months. Chairman Hammerand stated that the reports indicate that fights were breaking out in the establishment and in some of this altercations participants were using pool balls and cue sticks as weapons. He noted that the Committee is also concerned that when an officer does arrive no one can provide information on who was involved or what happened. He asked Mr. Collins how he could address these issues to make his establishment a safer place. Mr. Collins responded that he has taken steps to train staff in how to handle a problem customer and has hired two managers to assist the bartender during all opening hours. He was unsure why staff is not able to provide an officer information and will discuss this with his employees to make sure this will not happen in the future. The Commission offered suggestions to Mr. Collins including hiring a bouncer, checking all IDs, photo-copying drivers licenses, installing a security camera, having employees take BASSETT courses, hiring experienced employees, refusing service to individuals known to cause problems and calling the Sheriff when assistance is necessary. The Committee also encouraged Mr. Collins to invite officers to carry-out walk-throughs of his establishment at various times. Mr. Collins reported that his has recently completed remodeling of the restaurant part of the business and will be re-opening the food service to make this more of a restaurant than a bar. He also noted that he has implemented a list of known problem people that are banned from the establishment which is kept behind the bar. Members stated they were pleased that Mr. Collins appears to be addressing these concerns. Chairman Hammerand thanked Mr. Collins for coming in and encouraged Mr. Collins to take all steps necessary to diffuse problems before they get out of control.

*Raffle Permits:* The Commission reviewed a raffle application from the Cary-Grove Booster Club. Noting all paperwork was in order, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel to approve a Raffle permit for the above noted organization. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*New Liquor Applications:* None.

OLD BUSINESS: *Incident Reports:* Members discussed the conversation with Mr. Collins. Members were pleased that Mr. Collins appears to be addressing concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Miller seconded by Mr. Merkel, with all members present voting aye.

:bjt

\*           \*           \*           \*           \*           \*           \*           \*           \*