

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 9:38 am. The following members were in attendance: John Hammerand; Bob Bless; Barbara Wheeler; and James P. Kennedy. Mary McCann was absent. Also in attendance: Sarah Jansen and Jamie Rein - Assistant State's Attorney; Sergeant Carolyn Hubbart, Sheriff's Department; and interested public.

John Hammerand, Chairman
Bob Bless James P. Kennedy
Mary T. McCann Barbara Wheeler

MINUTES: Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 Liquor and License Committee meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Dennis Leo addressed the Committee and once again raised his concerns with noise coming from Snug Harbor. He stated the noise is unbelievable and can be heard at his property. Noise continues well after 1am on the weekends and past 9pm on the weekdays. His peace and quiet are gone and the owners of Snug Harbor do not seem to care. The noise is progressively getting worse and he sees no relief in sight given the coming of summer.

Terry Remke also addressed the committee and echoed Mr. Leo's concerns regarding the noise coming from Snug Harbor. He stated he has an eight year old daughter who can hear swearing clearly coming from Snug Harbor during all hours of the day and night. He would like to have something done about this constant noise which has invaded the quality of life for his family and neighbors.

Lee Papineau also addressed the Committee and supported the previous comments made relative to Snug Harbor.

Joe Pullia also addressed the Committee with the same concerns and voiced by other people. He stated that Snug Harbor has at least 27 speakers and the noise from music and patrons is continuous. He also reported that the Snug Harbor boats have full service bars on their crafts and alcohol is available on these boats. He wondered who has oversight over the "Chain of Lakes" and if they have the proper liquor license to serve on the river.

Ms. Rein noted that Captain Cundiff had gone out to the establishment to talk with the owners about the noise problems and he felt the owners were responding to these complaints. However, with the same complaints raised today, this issue will need to be addressed further. She stated Section 25 of the Liquor Ordinance provides for residents of the County to file a complaint with the Commission. She reviewed what would need to be done and stated she would be willing to work with the residents to file the necessary paperwork. She stated that specific facts, dates and times would be required.

Chairman Hammerand commented that once the proper paperwork is filed and received the Commission could move forward and schedule a hearing for Snug Harbor.

NEW BUSINESS: *New Liquor License, Manager and/or Amusement License request:* Michael DeTrana, Daniel Gillespie and Nicholaos Kolovos met with the Commission to present their application for a liquor license for an establishment to be known as Country Café and Bar, located at 11416 S. Grant Hwy, Marengo IL. The Commission interviewed the applicants and reviewed their application and accompanying documents. Noting all documents were in order and complete, Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless to approve a Class A liquor license for this establishment. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with three ayes (Wheeler, Kennedy, Bless and Hammerand).

Raffle Permits and Special Liquor license requests: Members reviewed the three Raffle Permit Applications for the Hooved Animal Humane Society, the Rotary Club of McHenry and Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County. Noting all documents were completed and bond information provided for each application, Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless to approve the three requests as submitted. The motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes (Kennedy, Bless, Wheeler and Hammerand).

Ms. Jansen reported that all the briefs are in regarding Rachina 1, Inc, DBA Mobil Speed Mart. Sergeant Hubbart reported that Captain Cundiff is currently on medical leave and it is anticipated he will be out of the office for an extended period of time.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am on a motion by Mr. Bless, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, with all members present voting aye.

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