

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. The following Commission members were present: John Hammerand; Mary McCann; and James Kennedy. Absent were Bob Bless and Barbara Wheeler. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Sarah Jansen, Assistant State's Attorney; and interested public.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lee Papineau, Joe Pullia and Dennis Leo addressed the Committee and once again expressed their concerns with excessive noise coming from Snug Harbor and being heard at their homes which are located across the Fox River from Snug Harbor. They stated that the excessive noise has changed the way they live.

Mark Hoffmann of Snug Harbor addressed the Committee. He is working with the Health Department and plans to have a smoking shelter built on the river side of the building that will be 15 ft. from the entrance of the building. He stated that he informs patrons, upon their departure from his establishment, to be respectful of the neighbors and to keep noises down to a minimum. He said he has a zero tolerance for loud customers. He has asked everyone with a concern or complaint about Snug Harbor to call him with any issues so he can address them. He is working directly with the immediate people that are affected. He plans on having large, mature trees installed which may create a large canopy that may defuse some of the noise travelling across the river.

Chairman Hammerand and Committee members voiced concerns with the ongoing complaints being received from citizens that live in the area. They informed the establishment of possible fines and action that could be taken against the establishment if complaints continue. Mr. Hoffmann informed Committee members that he has taken action in trying to eliminate some of the noise issues, and will continue to work with patrons of the establishment to keep the noise levels down.

PRESENTATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: *New Liquor License, Manager and/or Amusement License request:* None.

Raffle Permit and Special Liquor License Requests:

Members reviewed the following Raffle Permit Applications: Cary-Grove High School Booster Club; St. Peter's Church Christian Mothers Fall Luncheon; Marengo Area Schools Education Foundation; and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Noting all documents were completed and bond information provided, Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the requests as submitted. The motion carried with all members voting aye on a roll call vote (Kennedy, McCann and Hammerand).

Members reviewed two Raffle Permit Applications for the Police Benevolent & Protective Association Lodge #192, McHenry County Sheriff's Police. One raffle is scheduled for September 18, 2010 and one raffle is scheduled for September 19, 2010. Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann, to approve the Raffle permits, pending the number of chances to be sold for both events. The motion carried with all members voting aye on a roll call vote (Kennedy, McCann and Hammerand).

OLD BUSINESS:

*Pending Liquor Licenses:* None.

*Incident Reports:* None.

*Update on Sting Operations:* Committee members were provided an update stating that oral arguments are scheduled to be heard on October 5, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Appellate Court in Elgin, IL concerning pending litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE: Ms. Jansen provided Committee members with a memorandum concerning whether or not Snug Harbor can sell or serve alcohol on their cruises. This establishment has both a Class A and Class D County liquor license and neither of these provide for the sale or service of alcohol off the premises. They are also precluded from selling or serving alcohol off the premises under their State liquor license. Under their Class A license, they are able to sell "unbroken packaged liquor for consumption off the premises," but they cannot then serve that alcohol off the premises.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. McCann, with all members present voting aye.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION/REVIEW:**

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