

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

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. The following Commission members were present: John Hammerand, Chairman; Bob Bless; Diane Evertsen; and Barb Wheeler. John Jung was absent. Also in attendance: Kenneth Koehler, County Board Chairman and Liquor Commissioner; Jamie Rein and Sarah Jansen, State's Attorney's Office; and Commander John Miller, McHenry County Sheriff's Department.

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| John Hammerand, Chairman |                 |
| Bob Bless                | John Jung, Jr.  |
| Diane Evertsen           | Barbara Wheeler |

MINUTES: Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 Liquor and License Commission meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Hoffmann, owner of The Snuggery Pub, McHenry, Illinois, addressed the Commission. He mentioned that he tries to attend all of the Liquor Commission meetings, but was unable to attend the March 8, 2011 meeting. He noticed on page 3 of the March 8, 2011 minutes that their name was mentioned. He would like to discuss what the Commission would like him to do in the event his employees and he feel there may be an altercation at the establishment. His company is very proactive about risk management. He would like to confirm that the policy and procedure of the McHenry County Liquor and License Commission is for establishments to contact the McHenry County Sheriff's Department in the event establishments feel there may be an altercation, and if they do contact the Sheriff's Department, it will not be held against the establishments and the renewal of their liquor licenses will not be withheld. He provided members with several letters from various liquor commissioners, as well as police chiefs from local communities. He currently holds approximately 30 liquor licenses in and around McHenry County and employs several hundred people in McHenry County. He has placed an ID scanning machine in the establishment, and he has security personnel in a security car in the parking lot located across the street from the facility. He has also hired additional security staff for the upcoming summer season. Chairman Hammerand stated that they have always asked establishments to contact the Sheriff's Department if there is an altercation, or if they feel there may be an altercation. He mentioned that it was not a bad mark against him for calling the Sheriff's Department, but rather a credit to him for calling. Chairman Hammerand stated that they are still concerned about the noise that is generated from the establishment and now that the summer season is approaching, could he move activities away from the riverfront as much as possible. He has had sound attenuation bats placed inside the facility to absorb sound, and has moved the smoking area to the front of the building (road side) instead of the river side. He has had a partial wall attached to the awning to divert sound, along with having trees installed in the outdoor area to help absorb sound, and had a wall of arborvitaes planted along the parking lot to help eliminate the lights from shining across the river, as well as helping to absorb sound. He stated that there is a fire exit door located at the back of the facility. In case of an emergency, you may exit through this door and when the door is opened it will set off an alarm. Mr. Hoffmann provided the Commission with a copy of a binder containing information about their risk management procedures that was developed in conjunction with their dram shop attorney and insurance company.

PRESENTATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

*New Liquor License, Manager and/or Amusement License Requests:*

Pistakee Country Club: Joyce, Harry and Michael Nielsen came before the Commission to request a Class A liquor license for their establishment. This is a new application due to a change in the corporation. Michael Nielsen will be the manager. It was noted that Michael Nielsen has been properly fingerprinted, but the report has not yet been received. After a review of all the paperwork, Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless, to approve the Class A liquor license for Pistakee Country Club and to approve Michael Nielsen as the manager of Pistakee Country Club pending the fingerprint report. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with four ayes (Bless, Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

Copacabana Salon De Fiestas: Yecenia Vieyra came before the Commission to request a Class A and D liquor license for her establishment known as Copacabana Salon De Fiestas located in Chemung, Illinois. Jose Ovalle also came before the Commission and he will be the manager of the establishment. Members reviewed all paperwork and found it to be in order. Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless, to approve the Class A and D liquor license for Copacabana Salon De Fiestas. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with four ayes (Bless, Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

Full Moon Saloon: Mary Nepermann came before the Commission to request a Class A and D liquor license for her establishment located in Marengo, Illinois. Lynn Wosylus also came before the Commission and she will be the manager of the establishment. It was noted that the McHenry County Health Department has not inspected the premises or issued a Health Permit because the remodeling of the building and installation of equipment has not been completed. Members reviewed the remaining paperwork and found it to be in order. Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless, to approve the Class A and D liquor license for Full Moon Saloon pending receipt of the McHenry County Health Permit. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with four ayes (Bless, Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

Liquor Hole: Carmella Kelly came before the Commission to request a Class A liquor license for the Liquor Hole located in Spring Grove, Illinois. This is a new application due to a change in the ownership. It was noted that she has not received a Health Permit from the McHenry County Department of Health. Members reviewed the remaining paperwork and found it to be in order. Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless, to approve the Class A liquor license for the Liquor Hole pending receipt of the McHenry County Health Permit. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with four ayes (Bless, Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

*Raffle Permit and Special Liquor License Requests:*

Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to review and vote on two raffle permits at the same time. This was unanimously approved by the Commission members present. Raffle permits reviewed were for the Home of the Sparrow and It's All About Kids, Inc. Commission members reviewed the applications and noted all documents were completed and bond information provided. The motion carried with all members voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

Ms. Evertsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless, to authorize the Chairman of the Liquor and License Commission to approve any additional renewal applications for McHenry County liquor licenses that may be received prior to May 1, 2011 that did not come before the Commission today, and to authorize the Chairman of the Liquor and License Commission to approve any additional renewal applications for McHenry County amusement licenses that may be received prior to May 1, 2011 that did not come before the Commission today. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with four ayes (Bless, Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

*Interviews:*

Commission members interviewed Michael Collins from China Girl, Inc., d/b/a Ed's Wonder Inn concerning what preventative measures he has taken since the November 4, 2010 violation to the McHenry County Liquor Control Ordinance where an employee sold alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Ms. Wheeler made a motion to rise at 12:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Evertsen. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Mr. Bless left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Ms. Wheeler made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 12:35 p.m., seconded by Ms. Evertsen. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Interviews – continued:*

Commission members interviewed Simon Shakkalapadavil, 2022 Food Mart (Shell), concerning what preventative measures he has taken since the February 11, 2010 violation to the McHenry County Liquor Control Ordinance where an employee sold alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Commission members interviewed Halina Rez Garcia, Rez's Food Stop, Inc., concerning what preventative measures she has taken since the February 11, 2010 violation to the McHenry County Liquor Control Ordinance where an employee sold alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Commission members interviewed Dana Appner, Manager of Alden Grocery, concerning what preventative measures have been taken since the November 4, 2010 violation to the McHenry County Liquor Control Ordinance where an employee sold alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Commission members interviewed Devang N. Patel, Lakeside Liquor, concerning what preventative measures he has taken since the November 4, 2010 violation to the McHenry County Liquor Control Ordinance where an employee sold alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Commission members interviewed Michael Parsons, Town Liquors of Algonquin, Inc., concerning what preventative measures he has taken since the February 11, 2010 violation to the McHenry County Liquor Control Ordinance where an employee sold alcoholic beverages to a minor.

*Renewal of Liquor Licenses and/or Amusement Licenses:*

The Commission reviewed applications for Liquor License renewals. Ms. Evertsen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, to renew those licenses with completed paperwork. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with three ayes (Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

The Commission reviewed applications for Amusement license renewals. Ms. Evertsen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, to renew those licenses with completed paperwork. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with three ayes (Evertsen, Wheeler and Hammerand).

OLD BUSINESS:

*Incident Reports:* None.

*Update on Sting Operations:* None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

REPORTS TO COMMISSION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Ms. Wheeler left the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, Ms. Evertsen made a motion, seconded by Chairman Hammerand, to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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

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