

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

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. The following Commission members were present: John Hammerand, Chairman; Bob Bless; Diane Evertsen; and John Jung. Barb Wheeler arrived at 11:15 a.m. Also in attendance: Jamie Rein and Sarah Jansen, State's Attorney's Office; Cmdr. John Miller, Sheriff's Department; Peter Austin, County Administrator; and the public.

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

MINUTES: Ms. Evertsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 Liquor and License Commission meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Hoffman, owner of the Snuggery, came before the Commission and mentioned that there have not been any police calls or complaints against his establishment since the prior Commission meeting.

PRESENTATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

*Doyle & Schmidt:* Jean Ann Doyle and Michael Schmidt came before the Commission to request a Class C liquor license for their establishment known as Doyle & Schmidt located in Wonder Lake, Illinois. They questioned whether or not they have to display their McHenry County Liquor License at events they cater and where they will be serving alcohol and the answer was yes. Ms. Rein suggested that they contact the local municipalities where they will be catering events, along with serving alcohol, to make sure whether or not the municipalities will require them to have a liquor license for the particular municipality.

Ms. Wheeler arrived at 11:15 a.m.

Members reviewed all paperwork and found it to be in order. Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to approve the Class C liquor license for Doyle & Schmidt. One a roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes (Bless, Evertsen, Jung, Wheeler and Hammerand).

*T-BAR, Inc.:* Michael Haber and Bonnie Miske came before the Commission to request a Class A and D liquor license for their establishment known as T-BAR located in Island Lake, Illinois. Compensatory septic storage is being installed. They will be able to obtain a Health Certificate once the septic system is approved. There will be a manager at this establishment who is currently an employee at their other establishment. The manager did not appear at this meeting and Chairman Hammerand requested that their manager attend the next Liquor and License Commission meeting scheduled for August 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The manager did not have to appear at this meeting because both owners of the business are residents of McHenry County. Members reviewed all paperwork and found it to be in order. Mr. Bless made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to approve the Class A and D liquor license for T-BAR, Inc. pending receipt of the Health Certificate. One a roll call vote, the motion carried with all ayes (Bless, Evertsen, Jung, Wheeler and Hammerand).

*Raffle Permit and Special Liquor License Requests:* None.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Incident Reports:* None.

*Update on Sting Operations:* None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Approved: 8-9-11

REPORTS TO COMMISSION: Ms. Rein mentioned that at the last meeting Dennis Leo complained about the noise from bands playing at the Snuggery. He also mentioned that he did not have a copy of a police report for June 12, 2011 where he called the police to report excessive noise from the Snuggery. Ms. Rein informed Commission members that there were no police reports issued on that date concerning Mr. Leo. She wanted to review any police reports for Mr. Leo on this date in order to determine whether or not there was a violation to the Liquor Ordinance. She previously spoke with Cmdr. Miller concerning this matter and he indicated that the Sheriff's Department was contacted by Mr. Leo who requested advice as to what he could do about the noise. Ms. Rein and Cmdr. Miller will be working together and will provide a copy of the Liquor Ordinance to all Sheriff's Deputies which will assist them in knowing the Liquor Ordinance regulations concerning noise violations.

Chairman Hammerand asked Cmdr. Miller whether or not he feels that the McHenry County Fair Association will need to put up a double fence around the beer garden for future events. The Fair Association obtained a special use liquor license for the upcoming McHenry County Fair and they were informed that they are able to have a single fence surrounding the beer garden. Cmdr. Miller stated that he does not feel that the McHenry County Fair Association has to put up a double fence for future events.

Ms. Rein stated that Commissioner Koehler has received correspondence from Attorney Michael Freeman concerning Kickstand Kurt's, Inc., d/b/a/ Dirty Hog Saloon. This business is closed and a new business will be opening up at the address in the near future. She suggested that the Commission not pursue any other methods of attempting to obtain the original liquor license for the Dirty Hog Saloon. Commission members agreed with her suggestion.

Ms. Rein mentioned that she has received a report from the McHenry County Health Department concerning complaints against the House of Lawrence and the Liquor Hole concerning patrons smoking inside these establishments. She is working with the Health Department and the owners of the businesses to ascertain whether or not the owners are allowing patrons to smoke inside their businesses. It is a state violation to smoke inside a business, and it also may be a violation of the Public Health Ordinance. She also mentioned that several people have been issued tickets by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department for smoking inside these establishments. She will keep the Commission informed on this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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

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