

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

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The following Commission members were present: John Hammerand, Chairman; Bob Bless; Diane Evertsen; and John Jung. Barb Wheeler arrived at 11:12 a.m. Also in attendance: Jamie Rein, State's Attorney's Office; Cmdr. John Miller, Sheriff's Department; and the public.

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

MINUTES: Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 Liquor and License Commission meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

T-BAR, Inc.: Tom Csech, the manager from T-BAR, Inc., came before the Commission pursuant to the prior request of the Commission members. Chairman Hammerand mentioned to Mr. Csech that he is responsible when the owner of the establishment is not present, and it is his responsibility to contact the police when there are altercations at the establishment. Mr. Csech has been a manager for the Broken Oar for many years and is familiar with handling security and altercations. Commission members thanked him for attending the meeting and speaking with them.

Raffle Permit and Special Liquor License Requests:

Raffle Permits:

Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to review and vote on four raffle permits at the same time. This was unanimously approved by the Commission members present. Raffle permits reviewed were for the Cary-Grove High School Booster Club, the Spring Grove Firefighter's Association, the Cary-Grove Jaycees, and the Wonder Lake Water Ski Show Team Organization. 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, Jung, and Hammerand).

Barb Wheeler arrived at 11:12 a.m.

Special Liquor License:

Christ the King Catholic Church: Commission members reviewed the application for a Special Class "F" Liquor License for Christ the King Catholic Church located in Wonder Lake, Illinois. The event is scheduled for August 28, 2011. Cmdr. Miller mentioned that he has been in contact with the event coordinator. The event will have security provided by the Church and Cmdr. Miller does not feel there is a need for any off-duty Sheriff's detail to be at this event. Noting all documents were completed and bond information provided, Mr. Bless made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to approve the Special Class "F" Liquor License for Christ the King Catholic Church as submitted. The motion carried with all members voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Evertsen, Jung, Wheeler and Hammerand).

OLD BUSINESS:

Incident Reports: Ms. Rein stated that Cmdr. Miller and she will be implementing a new system for providing Commission members with copies of future incident reports which will go into effect in the near future.

Cmdr. Miller reported that there have not been any noise complaints reported against The Snuggery since June 12, 2011.

Cmdr. Miller reported that there were no reports of any fights/disturbances at the recent McHenry County Fair.
Approved: 9-13-11

Update on Sting Operations: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

REPORTS TO COMMISSION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Winery Classifications: Ms. Wheeler questioned what this Commission needs to do in order to prepare for any upcoming requests for licenses for wineries. Ms. Rein stated that the Commission is currently unable to issue any licenses for wineries because they are not currently allowed on agricultural property. The County does not have any liquor licenses specifically for wineries. The Planning and Development Committee is currently working on possibly making changes to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) which will allow wineries on agricultural property. Ms. Wheeler suggested inviting constituents to future meetings and obtain general ideas from them as to what will be necessary for them to have a winery and what requests they will have for a liquor license. Ms. Rein stated that the Illinois statute requires that a certain percentage of wine is to be produced on the property where it is sold in order for the business not to become a retail store. This prevents a winery located on agricultural property from becoming a liquor store. Ms. Wheeler will work with Mary McCann and invite constituents to the next Liquor and License Commission meeting which is scheduled for September 13, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. She requested that a discussion on potential winery classifications be placed on the September 13, 2011 agenda and Chairman Hammerand stated that this placed under "Presentations" on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION/REVIEW:

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