

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2007

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The following members were in attendance: John Hammerand, Chairman; Nick Provenzano; Yvonne M. Barnes; Mary McCann; and James P. Kennedy. Also in attendance: Jamie Rein, Assistant State's Attorney; and Lieutenant Carlson, Sheriff's Department; and interested public.

John Hammerand, Chairman  
Yvonne M. Barnes      James P. Kennedy  
Mary T. McCann      Nick Provenzano

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the regular session minutes of February 14, 2007. The minutes were approved as presented with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Peter Ennis of 27453 N. Roberts Road addressed the Committee and voiced his concerns with ongoing issues the neighborhood is experiencing with the establishment known as JR's Broken Inn. He stated the bar which was previously a quiet small neighborhood saloon has turned into a "biker" bar, with increasing noise created by motorcycles, music and customers. The summer brings no peace and quiet, especially on the weekends. He noted that although the owner claims the atmosphere adds "character" to the surroundings, these feelings are not embraced by the neighbors. He asked for any help in bringing relief to this situation.

Chairman Hammerand noted that the owner of this establishment had appeared before the Commission last year to address these same concerns. He reported that the owner has not applied for an outside permit at this time. He also stated that the Sheriff should be contacted wherever a disturbance is happening so a report can be filed. Lieutenant Carlson noted that the Sheriff's department will take a report on all incidents and document any complaints. Mr. Provenzano added that the Liquor Commission does receive copies of incident reports for any liquor establishment in unincorporated McHenry County.

NEW BUSINESS

*New Manager, Liquor License applications and/or Amusement License requests:* The Commission interviewed Mr. Brian Smith, who is applying as Liquor Manager of Oak Grove Golf Course. Mr. Timothy J. Miles (President of Golfvisions Management Inc. – Oak Grove Golf Course) also addressed the Commission in support of Mr. Smith's application. Mr. Smith has been a resident of Crystal Lake for the past three years. He stated he has been employed as a head golf professional at Oak Grove Golf Course for the past five years. After a review of the application and supporting documents, Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann, to approve Mr. Brian Smith's application to serve as the resident liquor manager for Oak Grove Golf Course. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Provenzano, Kennedy, McCann, Barnes and Hammerand).

*BBT'S Liquor License Renewal:* Mr. Thomas Bares met with the Commission and submitted his application for renewal of his liquor license. The Commission reviewed his application after which Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann, to approve a liquor license for BBT's. Mr. Bares reported that someone is running a bus service for people to go to bars in Wisconsin. At one point the bus dropped the people off near his bar and they caused some damage when they came to his establishment. He also asked if a non-smoking ban is adopted could an establishment become a private club allowing for smoking. Members responded that they could not render any opinion at this time since the State has not approved a no smoking policy for public areas. After a discussion, a roll call vote was called. The motion to approve a liquor license for BBT's carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Provenzano, Kennedy, McCann, Barnes and Hammerand).

*Rachina 1 – Mobil Speed Mart:* Mr. Joshi Piyush, Mr. Sunil Patel and Mr. Arvind Patel met with the Commission and submitted their application for a Class B liquor license. They submitted a new application due to a change in corporate officers. The Commission reviewed the application and supporting documents. Ms. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann, to approve a Class B Liquor License for Rachina 1 Mobile Speed Mart located on Highpoint Road in McHenry County. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (McCann, Barnes, Kennedy, Provenzano and Hammerand).

Ms. Barnes asked why there were no incident reports included in the list of liquor establishments being licensed for the term 5/1/07 to 5/8/07. It was noted that with the beginning of each year, the list does not include previous reports since it is the beginning of a new licensing period. She stated it is difficult to make a decision on approving a license renewal without information on incident reports. Chairman Hammerand explained that if there were any significant violations the owner would have met with the Committee to discuss the report. The only hearing held last year was for Whispers and this establishment had not applied for a renewal this year. Ms. Barnes asked that incident report tracking be put on the next agenda for further discussion.

*Village Hall Banquets – Donley's Wild West:* The Commission interviewed Michael Donley and reviewed his application for a liquor license. This is a new application since Randall Donley can no longer be a part of this corporation since he has become a board member. Ms. Ginger Gunn, the proposed manager was unable to attend today's meeting. Members requested that Ms. Gunn come to the next meeting. After a review of all documents, Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to approve a liquor license for Donley's Wild West located in Marengo Illinois. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Provenzano, Kennedy, Barnes, McCann and Hammerand).

*Amusement License:* The Commission reviewed the Amusement License application of Mr. Randall Donley. Mr. Donley noted that all his machines are antiques and do not have serial numbers. After a review, Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, to approve an Amusement License as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (McCann, Barnes, Kennedy, Provenzano and Hammerand).

*Liquor License Checklist:* In response to members' request at the previous meeting, Ms. Rein's drafted a "Liquor License Process & Checklist" that can be provided to those seeking a liquor license. The checklist is to make the process easier for the applicants to follow the procedures and make sure they have all documents necessary to apply for said license. Mr. Provenzano commented that this proposed list will be very helpful. He asked that phone numbers and department location be added to the Zoning Certificate and Health Certificate sections so applicants can contact those departments if they have questions. Ms. McCann asked questions regarding BASSET training and if this should be added. Chairman Hammerand stated this is not a requirement, but the Commission does recommend applicants and managers take this course. Members also asked that wording be placed after the title in large bold print that "the process may take up to eight weeks." They also asked that wording be placed at the bottom of the form stating "Please contact the Liquor Commission Secretary at 815-334-4214 to schedule an appointment with the Liquor Commission. Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the Liquor License Checklist with amendments, including wording "The applicant must have all paperwork and documents required before meeting with the Liquor Commission." Members agreed that all documents must be properly completed before any Liquor License is approved and that an applicant must have this material in order before meeting with the Commission. A roll call vote was called. The motion carried with all members present voting aye (Provenzano, Kennedy, Barnes, McCann and Hammerand).

Mr. Provenzano left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

*Special Liquor License:* Members reviewed an application from the Woodstock Rotary Club for a one day event to be held on May 5, 2007. Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann, to approve a one-day liquor license for the Woodstock Rotary Club. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, McCann, Kennedy and Hammerand).

*Applications for Renewal of Liquor Licenses:* The Commission reviewed the list of renewal applications. Chairman Hammerand stated it has come to his attention that Harmony Roadhouse is planning a large outside event for 600 people. He noted that currently the establishment has a Class A license, but is applying for a Class D license as part of the license renewal. Members discussed how to address any concerns and asked that any applicant that had not previously applied for a Class D liquor license should come before the Commission at the next meeting to review their plans for requesting a Class D license. The request for renewal of a Class A liquor license would be granted at this time. Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to approve the liquor license renewals as listed with the exception of any new requests for a Class D liquor license. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, McCann, Kennedy and Hammerand).

*Applications for Renewal of Amusement Licenses:* After a review of the list of applicants, Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve renewal of Amusement licenses as listed. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, McCann, Kennedy and Hammerand).

