

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The following members were in attendance: John Hammerand; James P. Kennedy; Mary McCann; and Nick Provenzano. Yvonne M. Barnes was absent Also in attendance: Michelle Courier, Assistant State's Attorney; and Captain Tony Cundiff – Sheriff's Office.

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 Ms. McCann, to approve the regular session minutes of February 13, 2008. The minutes were approved as submitted with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special One-Day Liquor License: The Commission reviewed a request from Pueblos Unidos, Inc. for a "Class F" Special One-Day Liquor licenses for a rodeo event to be held at the McHenry County Fairgrounds on May 11, 2008. Mr. Provenzano stated to discuss this request he would make a motion to approve the Class F liquor license for Pueblos Unidos. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCann. The Commission raised concern that the applicant had indicated security for the event would be provided by the Sheriff's Department, but no agreement or security plan had been included in the application. They also would like additional information from the Fair Association. With the lack of information, Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to table this issue until the next meeting and request that the applicant provide the additional information from the Fair Association along with their security plan and a signed agreement from the Sheriff's Department. The motion to table carried with all members voting aye on a voice vote. (Kennedy, McCann, Provenzano and Hammerand).

An application from the Rotary Club of Woodstock for a Class F – One Day Special Liquor License was reviewed by the Commission. Noting that all information and paperwork was completed, Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve a Class F liquor license for the Rotary Club of Woodstock for an event to be held on May 3, 2008. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (McCann, Provenzano, Kennedy and Hammerand).

Raffle Permits: The Commission reviewed the following Raffle License Applications: (1) Mainstay Therapeutic Riding Program; and (2) McHenry County Jewish Congregation. Noting that the forms and documents were all completed and the necessary bond insurance were attached; Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the two raffle permit requests as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (McCann, Provenzano, Kennedy and Hammerand).

Raffle Ordinance Review: In response to last month's request to consider increasing the Raffle Application/Permit Fee, the Commission reviewed the Ordinance. After a discussion, members agreed not to increase this fee at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Incident Reports: None

Update on Sting Operations: Captain Tony Cundiff noted that sting operations with the State will be an ongoing through 2008.

Ms. Courier updated the Commission on current sting violations. She reported that citations had recently been sent to The Breakers and Suds R Us. She noted that last month the Commission had asked if they could require BASSET Training as part of a violation fine. She stated that since this requirement is not part of the current liquor ordinance, the Commission would be unable to impose such training. To consider this for future violations, the Ordinance would need to be amended. She stated that such a requirement could be imposed in the criminal case since this would fall under a different authority. Mr. Kennedy stated he would like to see the ordinance amendment to make BASSET training a requirement for owners and staff when application is made for a liquor license. Ms. McCann agreed that it should be a pre-requisite to receiving a

liquor license. Captain Cundiff added that he felt it was a great idea. The Commission directed Ms. Courier to add the wording to the ordinance for consideration at a future meeting.

Ms. Courier asked what fines the Commission would like to impose for The Breakers and Suds R Us. The Commission stated at the last meeting they had agreed to a \$500 fine for The Breakers and a \$1,000 fine for Suds R Us. Mr. Provenzano asked if the owners had contacted the State's Attorney in response to the citations. Ms. Courier stated that citations were mailed late last week and she has not received a response to date. Mr. Provenzano raised concern that it took so long for the citations to be sent. Ms. Courier stated they needed to be signed and questions on the BASSET training needed to be resolved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS

Ms. Courier reported that the sting violation for Keith's Reef will be coming forward in April for discussion.

Chairman Hammerand asked if the Commission wanted any specific establishment to meet with the Commission for the liquor license renewal. After discussion, it was agreed that the owners of the Broken Inn and Mackey's Hideout would meet with the Commission during their April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Provenzano, seconded by Ms. McCann, with all members present voting aye.

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