

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

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The following members were in attendance: John Hammerand; Bob Bless; James P. Kennedy; and Barbara Wheeler. Mary McCann arrived at 9:20 am. Also in attendance: Jamie Rein and Sarah Jansen, Assistant State's Attorney; and Sergeant Karen Groves – Sheriff's Office.

John Hammerand, Chairman
Bob Bless James P. Kennedy
Mary T. McCann Barbara Wheeler

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2009 Liquor and License Commission meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License: An application for two Class F (Special Liquor License) for Pueblos Unidos for May 03 and May 24 of 2009 was reviewed by the Commission. Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann, to recommend approval of the Class F Liquor Licenses for the event to be held on May 3 and 24, 2009 by Pueblos Unidos at the McHenry County Fairgrounds subject to receipt of a Conditional Use Permit and a Security Plan. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Wheeler, Bless, Kennedy, McCann and Hammerand).

OLD BUSINESS

Incident Reports/ Sting Operations: Ms. Rein reviewed the "sting reports" recently received from the Sheriff's office. Seven new violations were reported. One was a second violation within a 12 month period, Chemung County Store. The other six, were first violations, those were: Big Foot Inn, Alden Quick Mart, Lakeside – Wonder Lake, Wonder Lake Citgo, Village Market West and Sentimental Journey. After discussion, the consensus of the members was to impose a fine of \$1,000 for the first offenders. Members agreed to a fine of \$1,500 for Chemung County Store since this was a 2nd violations within a 12 month period and also to have the owner meet with the Commission. They also discussed suspension of this license for up to 30 days, if a hearing would be necessary. BASSET training requirements for such violations were also discussed. Ms. Rein explained that currently the Commission does not have the authority to require such training, however when cases are heard by the courts such a requirement is usually part of the sentencing along with a fine. She also noted that BASSET training is available on-line and there is a local person who will provide such training at the establishment for all employees, the website for these services is charlebar.com.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, with all members present voting aye.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION/REVIEW:

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