

MINUTES OF THE

OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021
5:15p.m.

PRESENT: David Vudragovich, Secretary Wende Doolittle, Chair Danny Whitson, Rodney Nelson, David Mosby

ABSENT: Vice Chair Mark Cantrell

ALSO PRESENT: Brittany Burger, Administrative Assistant for Oak Ridge Police Department; Lt. Roy Heinz, Oak Ridge Police Department

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Chantel Harris, ASAP
Ben Pounds, *Oakridger*

ROLL CALL

Chair Whitson called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. Secretary Doolittle completed the calling of the roll.

Secretary Doolittle moved to amend the agenda to remove TN Cup, LLC and combine the beer permit and manager applications for 5th and 9 Axe Lounge. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Whitson moved to approve the minutes from the October 6th, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

APPLICATION FOR NEW BEER PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVAL

5th and 9 Axe Lounge (Application #1612 – Class C, On-Premises Consumption)

118 Bus Terminal

Landon Seth Brackett and Martin Lee Baird

Mr. Brackett, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Isbell were present to discuss the application. Chair Whitson reviewed the policy regarding changing a business name and its requirement for a new beer permit, even when the business has the same owners and the same location. The Board reviewed with Mr. Brackett and Mr. Baird the change in business from a vape lounge to an axe-throwing venue. Because the venue has no minimum age requirement for entry, the Board cautioned the owners and the manager about the need for extra diligence in checking IDs to prevent the sale of beer to minors. Secretary Doolittle additionally cautioned to monitor for families sharing beer with underage members of their parties. The Board inquired about the presence of cameras. The owners are in the process of procuring cameras for the property. They also stated there is no outside area for drinking, like a patio or a porch. Mr. Vudragovich inquired about staffing levels, which are currently one full-time person and one additional person on the weekends. Their currently hours of operations are Wed. and Thurs. from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Fri. from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Sat. from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. They currently have no plans for selling liquor or wine; they will only be selling beer in cans. Chair Whitson emphasized the importance of calling the police as soon as it appears there may be an issue with a customer or group.

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the application. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Lt. Heinz reported on several incidents from Oct., including:

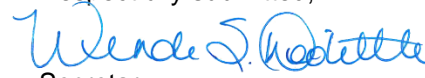
- Oct. 10 accident with injuries on the Turnpike @ Tyler. Driver claimed to have been served 2 beers at Crafters Brew between 6:00 p.m. and midnight.
- Oct. 21 two incidents of public intoxication at Ridgerunners.

The reported incidents sparked a discussion among the Board members regarding a standardized approach to notifying businesses and organizations when the Board receives a report about potential overserving violations. Ms. Burger will contact the City Legal Department regarding legal requirements for potential notification policies.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary