

MINUTES OF THE

**OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**  
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room  
Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
5:15p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Cantrell, David Vudragovich, Rodney Nelson, and David Mosby  
ABSENT: Secretary Tribby Kelly and Chairman Danny Whitson, and Vice-Chair Wende Doolittle  
ALSO PRESENT: Brittany Burger, Administrative Assistant for Oak Ridge Police Department; Sgt. Steakley, Oak Ridge Police Department

AUDIENCE  
MEMBERS:

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Whiston the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Absent - David Mosby and Tribby Kelly

Motion for a Substitute Secretary – Ms. Doolittle motioned for David Vudragovich. Mark Cantrell seconded the motion. Motion carried

Danny Motioned to place police reports 1<sup>st</sup> due to the content of the reports involving the establishment that was attending for a new beer license. Ms. Doolittle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 2021 Minutes – Ms. Doolittle motioned to approve. Second, Mr. Nelson. Motion carries.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

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Officer Kelly reported the following:

- TBI on DUI backed up 6 months

Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:58am (yesterday):

- disabled vehicle call, dui arrest, weapon, report not completed
- known female w pistol

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 2:11 am disturbance at Brewski's:

- 1 arrest public intoxication and drug charges
- not sure who called in

.Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, large disturbance in parking lot Brewski's:

- Employee part of disturbance (Victoria west, not working at the time)
- Several officers on scene
- This occurred close to closing time
- 15-20 outside the place
- Reported assault (separate case number, arrest also made)
- At least 3 people were arrested on this call for various natures of offensives.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was general discussion amongst the board to bring Oakey's back in for update:

- Not a new application, due to cross owners and issues at Brewski's and over 6 months since approval of permit
- Oakey's (Nang Crossno also owns), waiting on election, covid developments, looking at moving forward with opening, did get liquor license 2 weeks ago, need sign permit, interior done, Lynn has a lot on his plate.
- The board expressed their concern to Nang about Brewski's issues following at Oakey's.

Rodney Nelson had to leave at 5:45 for another meeting he is chairing.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS**

Brews and Cues (Application #1606 - Class C, On-Premises Consumption)

Darian Crossno, Owner

Nang Crossno, Manager

144 Randolph Rd. Oak Ridge, TN 37830

- It was brought up by the Beer Board to Nang (previous Owner) over last year more police issues popping up. Noted incident on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, Nang gave some explanation. Victoria showed up drunk, not sure if she had a drink there (current employee that was off duty).
- For Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, last night, was the new bar tender, had issue last month looking at moving her to a non-serving business (as a solution to not happen again).
- Victoria was talked to (hard conversation) work vs personal presentation still at Brewski's, suspended 30 days working less hours now.
- Nang brought up the following:
  - a) Client base not being like Aubrey's., and his clientele is not done drinking at 8pm and "ready for bed".
  - b) Their clientele has different personalities.
  - c) They mentioned there are a lot of new faces at Brewski's.
  - d) The policies implemented to try to reduce problems: 1 strike rule, done for 30 days serious strike, not allowed at all.
  - e) They are no longer serving pitchers (3.5 drinks) .
  - f) It seems to be difficult for the staff to customer ratio to be where it needs to be.

- g) They now have a door ID person (bouncer) to see if they are wobbly or stable when checking ID.
  - h) They stamp hands to keep under 21 out.
  - i) Recently different flow of customers (age, income level, lot of new faces).
  - j) Trying to get bartenders more experienced
- Board mentioned looking at probation period for Brews and Cues
  - Darian brought up the following:
    - a) Doing a soft re-launch: from last place to go after restaurant closes to “let’s do activities” (come in earlier, maybe close earlier eventually)
    - b) New activities to generate dollars
    - c) She wants to be a 1st stop for customers vs last stop
    - d) Darian was a manager at Brewski’s
    - e) She is taking on more responsibility for Brews and Cues so Nang can be Oakey’s
    - f) Darian long time involved in Brewski’s
    - g) Hoping to staff better (having moved the previous issue employee see above)
    - h) Willing to strike 1 the client who recently got the dui, name not released yet (this is a problem with making an example)
    - i) has looked at having non-smoking area, historically did not work
    - j) many past issues happened in the parking lot and had looked at fencing few years back and looking into it again.
    - k) already have some 6pm pool tournaments
    - l) looking at adding kitchen (basic oven stuff)
    - m) outdoor movie theater
  - The Board mentions that the problem is some bar tender over served. There is lot of talk about over serving issues at Brewski’s.
  - Nang rebuttals that one of the incidents, a while back, the patron had flight bottles of booze in their car which they look to better monitor and that he thinks part of the problem is new people have expectation of Brewski’s being the place they can get booze late at night and he is working on that image.
  - Board mentioned looking at probation period for Brews and Cues
  - Wendy motion move that we approve the beer permit and associated manager application with a 1-year probation starting April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and consider having additional beer managers in the future; Mark Cantrell seconds the motion. Motion carries.

### **MORE NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Board discussed the following:

- Expecting Nang and Lynn next month for an update on Oakey’s (mid may they hope to open Oakley’s)
- Discussed sending the certified letter to Applebee’s that Wende drafted (emailed to Brittany and Danny). Okay to send post approval of Legal department.
- Smoking Joe Tobacco permit was approved oct 2020. Patel should have paid pro-rated annual tax privilege payment and has not. He also had not paid (As of April 7<sup>th</sup>) the annual tax privilege payment for 2021. He had been sent 2 notices, called and mentioned coming by to pay, and still not paid. Because he was in violation of pay and not showing to meeting Brittany will send certified notice from Legal if not paid by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- All other late payments (other permit holders) have been made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Whitson motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.  
Second Mr. Vudragovich. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Staff Liaison