

**MINUTES OF THE  
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**  
Regular Meeting

Training Room – Municipal Building  
July 9, 2012  
12:00 noon

PRESENT: Barton Bailey, Colin Colverson, Carol Heck, Theresa Scott, Debra Solmonson,  
and Randy Tedford

ABSENT: Gerald Cooksey (called ahead)

ALSO  
PRESENT: Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney  
Alan Massengill, Deputy Police Chief

AUDIENCE  
MEMBERS: Beverly Majors, *The Oak Ridger*  
Michael Foster, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting and the motion carried unanimously. (Mr. Colverson was absent for this vote.)

**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS**

**Application No. 1455**  
**Tanya Vargas on behalf of**  
**Free Medical Clinic**  
**Fundraising Event – August 11, 2012**  
**Civic Center Gym – 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike**  
**Class “E” Permit**

Ms. Vargas was present to discuss the special event application.

The Board asked various questions about the event and the sale of beer. In response to their questions, Ms. Vargas stated she expected 250 participants, all adults, and that they would issue armbands to beer consumers, using drivers' licenses for identification. The event is a ticket only event with dinner and dancing, and is expected to last from 6pm-10pm. Ms. Dunn stated any approval would need to be subject to a completed background check.

Ms. Solmonson moved, seconded by Secretary Bailey, to approve the beer permit application and the motion carried unanimously subject to a completed and passed background check.

**Application No. 1456**  
**Birdwell Catering, Inc.**  
**Robert C. Birdwell, Owner/Manager**  
**182 Midway Lane**  
**Class "B" Permit**

Mr. Birdwell was present to discuss his beer permit and manager approval applications. Mr. Birdwell has taken over for Manny's Catering.

The Board asked various questions about his experience and plans to sell beer. In response to their questions, Mr. Birdwell stated he will be receiving an ABC server permit soon, he will be on-site for all beer sales (at least in the beginning) but does have one employee with an ABC server permit, that beer is stored on-site in a locked container, that beer events account for approximately 5% of his events (beer events have occurred at the Lab, Pollard, and AMSE), and that the federal government obtains approval for beer on federally-owned sites prior to the event. Ms. Dunn stated any approval would need to be subject to a completed background check; however, the life safety inspection was passed that morning.

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Secretary Bailey, to approve the beer permit and manager approval applications, and the motion carried unanimously subject to a completed and passed background check.

**Application No. 1457**  
**Back 2 Brewski's, Inc.**  
**Wiwat Nang Crossno, Owner/Manager**  
**Wanda Reagan, Co-Owner/Manager**  
**144 Randolph Road**  
**Class "C" Permit**

Mr. Crossno, Mr. Hensley, and Ms. Reagan were present to discuss the beer permit and manager approval applications. This application is due to a change in ownership with one owner leaving the business and two owners coming into the business.

The Board asked various questions about the reason for the new application. In response to their questions, Mr. Crossno stated the change ownership was amicable and he is still searching for the right employees and the right clientele. Mr. Crossno stated he had let many employees go who did not follow his management plans.

Specific questions were asked about broken glass beer bottles outside the entrance to which Mr. Crossno responded were not from his establishment but that it is cleaned up by him and/or his employees in daylight hours when it is safer (than cleaning up in the dark). Other questions pertained to the closing procedures including when last call is, when patrons must leave, when the doors are locked, and whether non-employees are allowed inside after hours. Mr. Crossno stated last call is around 2:15 am or 2:30 am, with all beer removed by 2:45 am and patrons must leave by 3:00 am. Only employees are allowed inside after hours unless it is an employee's ride home. Mr. Crossno stated he is aware of the situation Captain Massengill was referring to and that employee is no longer employed. Other issues were discussed about the inability to see inside the establishment through the windows and broken window(s) that is still unrepaired even though Mr. Crossno stated at a prior meeting it would be repaired by the end of February 2012. Mr. Crossno stated it was a money issue and that he felt visibility was achieved into the establishment through one side. Other public safety issues were discussed about reported assaults in the area, however, Chief Massengill stated the issues for this establishment are about average with similar establishments and it is still much improved over the issues when the establishment was Shenanigan's. Ms. Reagan was asked about her training to be a manager and she responded that she has been previously trained by TIIPS when she worked at Doubletree.

Ms. Dunn stated any approval would need to be subject to a completed background check and passing the life safety inspection.

Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to approve the beer permit and manager approval applications, and the motion carried unanimously subject to a completed and passed background check and life safety inspection.

**Application No. 1458**

**Michelle Hoffman on behalf of  
Boys and Girls Club of Oak Ridge  
Fundraising Event – July 28, 2012  
Lincoln's Parking Lot – 119 S. Illinois Avenue  
Class "E" Permit**

Ms. Hoffman was present to discuss the special event application.

The Board discussed Ms. Hoffman's plans for the event. She stated they would rope off the parking lot area, would have a tent, would have parking lot monitors, would card/ID patrons at the door, and would use armbands. She also stated this event is not open to the public. She has had two similar events with no problems. She expected 500 to 600 people at the event, both inside and outside.

Mr. Colverson moved, seconded by Secretary Bailey, to approve the beer permit application and the motion carried unanimously (5-0, Ms. Solmonson recused herself from the discussion and the vote due to her relationship with the Boys and Girls Club).

**NEW MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS**

**Michael C. Hartman  
Ruby Tuesday  
375 S. Illinois Avenue**

Mr. Hartman was present to discuss his application.

The Board discussed Mr. Hartman's responsibilities as manager and his experience. Mr. Hartman stated he has been ABC trained for six years in a row, and understood the ordinances pertaining to beer sales. The Board discussed the importance of watching the parking lot and calling the police when issues arise. A side question was asked about Mr. Hartman's driver's license being out of state when he lived in the area, and Mr. Hartman stated he did not realize he had to obtain a Tennessee license but would do so.

Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Chairman Tedford, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously subject to a completed and passed background check.

**NEW / OLD BUSINESS**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barton Bailey, Secretary