

Minutes of the Liquor Control Commission

The Liquor Control Commission of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, at 9:50 a.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present:	Chairman Sweeney, Members, Hoselton, Dean
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Christine Northcutt, County Administrator's Office
Department Heads/ Elected Officials:	Mr. Eric Ruud, First Assistant State's Attorney
Others Present:	Mr. Larry Kelly and Ms. Cindy Kelly

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the June 23, 2003 meeting for approval.

Motion by Hoselton/Dean to approve and place on file the Minutes of the June 23, 2003 meeting of the Liquor Control Commission, as presented.
Motion carried.

Mr. Eric Ruud, First Assistant State's Attorney, introduced Mr. Larry Kelly and Ms. Cindy Kelly. They are applying for a Class "D" liquor license under the KMB & G Corporation. Mr. Hoselton asked them if there were any other members of this Corporation. Ms. Kelly replied that it is only she and her husband. Mr. Ruud stated that the Kelly's have paid their prorated liquor license fee. They have provided the required \$2,000.00 penal bond and a certificate of liquor liability insurance. The only thing that is pending is the food permit from the McLean County Health Department for the operation of their kitchen. Mr. Ruud suggested that if the Committee chooses, they could approve the Class "D" liquor license subject to the applicant receiving a food permit from the McLean County Health Department.

Motion by Hoselton/Dean to approve a Class "D" liquor license for KMB & G Corporation d/b/a Kelly's Merna Tap as of November 1, 2003 subject to their acquiring a food permit from the McLean County Health Department. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruud stated that he wanted to call the Committee's attention to a situation that has recently arisen. Interlink Cable d/b/a Club 66 in Towanda, Illinois is rumored to have allowed their liability insurance to lapse. Mr. Ruud noted that he asked a Sheriff's Deputy to check and see if the business is still in operation because he has tried to contact them

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via the telephone, but their phone has been disconnected. Mr. Ruud stated that the Sheriff's Deputy has reported that they are apparently open and still selling alcohol. He informed the Committee that he will send a letter to let them know they have to bring their insurance policy up to date or close their doors for business.

Chairman Sweeney noted that he was in receipt of a letter from a resident in Bloomington with concern of the sales of single serve malt liquor. He noted that this is an item that should be taken to the Bloomington Liquor Commission. Mr. Ruud stated that he will send Ms. Hirsch a letter to inform her that she has contacted the incorrect Commission.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any further questions.

Mr. Hoselton stated that he has received several questions from tavern owners regarding outdoor beer gardens. Mr. Ruud noted that this issue came up some time ago and that there was an open debate regarding this issue. There were several anti-alcohol groups in opposition as well as the McLean County Health Department and the Department of Building and Zoning. Mr. Ruud informed the Committee that the ordinances can be changed, but that it would take some time and effort. Our Health and Zoning codes would likely have to be changed as well. Mr. Hoselton said he would speak with Mr. Ruud on this matter at a later date.

Motion by Dean/Hoselton to adjourn. Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission at this time, Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt
Recording Secretary