Call to order - At approximately 5:00 pm on August 07, 2019, Mr. Kistner, Chairman of the Beer Board for the City of Bristol, Tennessee, called the meeting to order in the conference room of the Ewell L. Easley Municipal Bldg., located at 104 Eighth St., Bristol Tennessee. New members include Mr. Jason Booher and Mr. Miles Vance.

Review of Minutes - Board members reviewed minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting and the minutes were approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS

Delta Blues, 724 State St., Bristol, TN: Mr. Travis Penn, owner, appeared before the board to request an on-premises permit pending inspection. Lt. Hess advised the board that all fees have been paid. Chairman Kistner asked Mr. Penn if he had experience in alcohol sales to which he advised no, however he has employees that are familiar with alcohol sales. With no further questions from the board, Mr. Vance made a motion to approve the permit request and Mr. Greeson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Last Lap, 2800 Hwy 11E, Bristol, TN: Mr. Brandon Rogers appeared before the board to request a permit renewal. Mr. Rogers confirmed this location is an off-premises stand across from the race track. With no further questions, Mr. Ketron made a motion to approve and Mr. Vance seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Applebees, 425 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol, TN: Ms. Linda Jennings, Regional Manager, and Mr. Randy Lingerfelt, General Manager, appeared before the board on an allegation that an employee served an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of twenty-one. Detective Doty was called to stand and presented a copy of a confidential informant’s ID showing a date of birth as 10-20-1990 to the board for review. Detective Doty advised the board that on June 27, 2019 Officer Martoccio and the confidential informant entered the restaurant and were seated. The CI placed an order for a beer. The server did not check her ID and returned to the table with the drink. With no further questions for Detective Doty, Mr. Lingerfelt was then called to stand. He advised the board that many methods such as ID overlays, scanners, and training materials are in place in order to stop the selling of alcohol to underage persons. He advised that the employee has been terminated. Ms. Jennings also advised their policy is to bring the ID to a manger for further verification if the date of birth shows born in the 1990’s. She advised in this situation the server retrieved the drink herself as the bartender...
was on a break. Chairman Kistner advised this violation would call for a 20 day suspension or 2000.00 civil penalty due to previous violations at this location. Mr. Ketron made the motion and Mr. Greeson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Casa Mexicana, 1020 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol, TN: Mr. Juan Rosales appeared before the board on an allegation that an employee served an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of twenty-one. Detective Doty advised the board that on June 27, 2019, Officer Martoccio escorted the same CI into the establishment. The CI ordered a beer, the server failed to check ID and then delivered the drink to the table. Mr. Rosales informed the board that he has met with staff to reiterate the importance of ID checks. He advised the board that the employee has been there 4-5 years and that he was still employed however, he is not serving at this time. Chairman Kistner advised the board that this is the second violation with the first violation occurring almost over the five year timeframe. Mr. Ketron moved to treat as a first violation since the timeframe was so close and Mr. Vance seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1. Chairman Kistner confirmed the penalty will be treated as a first violation. Mr. Greeson made a motion for a 10 day suspension or 1500.00 civil penalty and Mr. Vance seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cootie Browns, 1118 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol, TN: Mr. John Vella appeared before the board on an allegation that an employee served an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of twenty-one. Detective Doty advised the board that on June 27, 2019, Officer Martoccio escorted the same CI into the establishment where they were seated and the CI ordered a beer. The server did not ask to see and ID, retrieved the drink and served it to the CI. Mr. Vella advised the board that the employee was terminated immediately and stated that their policy is to check all IDs regardless of presumed age. He advised they provide adequate alcohol sales training to the staff and he confirmed they are not a certified vendor with ABC. Chairman Kistner advised this is the second violation within 5 years. Mr. Ketron made a motion for a 20 day suspension or 2000.00 civil penalty. Mr. Greeson seconded the motion and the board then passed it unanimously.

J. Frank, 412 6th St., Bristol, TN: Mr. Billy Crawford, Manager, appeared before the board on an allegation that an employee served an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of twenty-one. Detective Doty advised the board that on June 27, 2019, Officer Martoccio escorted the same CI into the establishment where they were seated and the CI ordered a beer. A female server entered the order into the system and then a male server delivered the drink to the table. The female server checked the ID but continued to enter the order. The male server did not recheck the ID before serving the drink. Mr. Crawford advised the board that they have had staff meetings and ran their own investigative checks since the violation occurred. He advised the female server had just moved from OH and perhaps was not as familiar with viewing a TN ID, however, the male server should have rechecked the ID before serving. With this being the first violation, Mr. Booher made a motion for a 10 day suspension to start on 8/18/2019 or a 1500.00 civil penalty. Mr. Vance seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the board.

OLD BUSINESS - None

PENDING BUSINESS - None

The board confirmed the next meeting date to be September 11, 2019. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.