



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

April 7, 2016 Minutes
Meeting Location - Beaver Valley Archers



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Zon	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	Dan Householder		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Ray Spolarich
P	Ambridge	Bob Dormanesh	A	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	Southside	Tonya Cable
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	Guy Cable
A	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Koppel	Shawn Cox			
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Jerry Tillia			
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	George Klinger		(Alt)	Dave Knight	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	None			
A	Conway	None	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith			
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dick Smith			

OFFICERS

	President		Vice President		Treasurer		Secretary
P	Tony Rich	P	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.

Host Club Welcome - George Klinger, Alternate Delegate BV Archers

Guests - Vic Gurinowitsch, Russ Sabo, Andrew Patterson

Last Month's Minutes - Approved, Koppel/Southside. Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

- Rich Kerlin
 - Received a flyer about the Turkey Federation's upcoming banquet and asked the league to support it by purchasing a table for \$800 at its upcoming banquet. Aliquippa/Pine Run. 9 yeas. 2 abstentions. Passed.
 - Tom Colalella, President of VFW and Vice President of Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, his daughter's/ grandchildren's house burnt down and they lost everything. Tom's grandson T.J. has been active at the league camp and this year he's going to be on the staff. I think the league should do something to help this young man and his family out. Motion to approve a \$500 donation. BVRPC/AQ. Unanimous consent.
- Sympathy cards for Myrna, wife of Jake Edmiston, and Ruth, wife of Al Moran, for the passing of their husbands, were signed by those present at the meeting.

AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- The Pennsylvania Elk License Auction this year brought in \$85,000.
- Latest Commissioners meeting highlights
 - Because of numerous instances of aerial drones disrupting wildlife on State Game Lands, the Commissioners cast a unanimous preliminary vote to ban the flying of unmanned aerial drones over lands and waters designated as State Game lands.
 - Voted to shorten application period between resident and nonresident licenses.
 - Preliminary approval to reclassify porcupine as a furbearer.
 - Municipalities will have to use more deer management through legal hunting before they can use other methods.
 - It is unlawful to possess any license or big-game tag from a previous year while hunting.
 - Electronic rangefinders are permitted to use.
- Final 2016-17 Seasons Approved
 - WMU 1A - 46,000. WMU 2A - 43,000. WMU 2B - 61,000.
- Mike's [complete report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

GUEST SPEAKER

PAGOP COALITIONS DIRECTOR - Andrew Patterson

- Andrew gave highlights of the upcoming election, candidates and the importance of our involvement through voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent

GAME - Mike Harcher

- 15 year old Seth Bumbarger, was the youngest hunter ever to win the Mosquito Creek Sportsmen's Association Coyote hunt. His 46.5 pound female won \$13,185. [Article](#)
- PA House legislation, HB-1840 would add 12-17 year old youth hunters to the Youth Mentored Hunting program. [Cosponsor Memo](#)
- SB-1166 will permit the PGC to establish the fees it charges for hunting and fur-taking licenses. [Cosponsor Memo](#)
- The last week of archery deer season, in mid-November during the rut, could be opened up to bear hunting. [Article](#)
- At the latest quarterly PGC Commissioners Quarterly meeting, there were no complaints from hunters about, the lack of deer or, bag limits being too high or seasons being too long. This is a first in at least a decade
- Otter season was extended due to initial low harvest numbers.
- PGC proposing to expand elk hunting near Benezette, Pa
- Initial deer harvest estimates 315,813 which is up by 4% from the previous season.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Range Resources is working to comply with environmental laws on dozens of its drilling sites in Pa.
- Winter road salt usage is contributing to rising levels of sodium chloride in Pa ground water and water ways.
- According to the Bay Journal, Pa must invest in its Clean Water Blueprint if it is to succeed in cleaning up its polluted waterways.

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- The 2016 Fishing Derby will be held Saturday April 30th at Hopewell Community Park from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for kids 15 & under. [Flyer](#) Registration starts at 7am.
- Fish delivery is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th, 12 p.m. After stocking the township will close the lake to fishing until the derby.
- 115 to 120 prizes will be given out.
- Rich Kerlin donated 30 hats to go with the other prizes.
- Jerry Hooks donated a 25" trout and a prize to the angler who catches it.
- DJ's Quick Stop donated four 20"+ tagged trout along with a \$50 gift card for DJ's, for each trout caught.
- Tony will bring the donuts.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Camp dates are set for Sunday June 19th to Saturday June 25th.
- Tuition remains at \$150 per camper for this year.
- Application deadline is May 14th. Payment must accompany application to reserve a spot at the camp. Payment goes directly to Breanna, not Mark.
- The first parents meeting is Monday April 11th and the second meeting is Monday May 16th. Both meetings are at Aliquippa Bucktails Club at 7pm
- Deadline for cancelation is May 31st. No refund will be given if camper withdraws after that date.
- Campers must have completed the PA Hunter Trapper Education course prior to camp. See application for times and locations
- We have 4 campers who need sponsored. So if your club can sponsor one of these kids, contact Breanna. See Camp Flyer at the end of camp report for contact information.
- Due to Pa Fish and Boat Commission budget cuts, we may have to find another source for fishing equipment, including boats.
- Motion to spend \$500 for fishing equipment for the Conservation Camp and Youth Field Day. Aliquippa/Pine Run. Passed.
 - Midland will donate 5 fishing rods.
- We also have bus transportation issues, for campers this year. Will need to find an affordable company.
- Volunteers - **PLEASE** go on line and get your background check and child abuse clearance form. I promise it will be super easy and volunteers get reimbursed for that expense. **YOU HAVE 73 DAYS TO DO THIS. It will only take 5 minutes.**
 - Back Ground Check <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
 - Child Abuse Clearance <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
 - Tonya Cable - Detailed instructions on applying for a [background check](#).
- [Camp flyer and camper application](#)

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Russ Sabo and Glenn Fillingner teach the kids on Thursday evenings at our Youth Archery program for school age kids. No charge and open to the public. Starts around 7 p.m. and ends around 10 p.m. Kids can stay the entire time or leave when they want. It's designed to introduce this age group to archery fundamentals.
- This Saturday, April 9th Beaver Valley Archers Club is having a Benefit Shoot for the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) Starting a 6pm. [Shoot Flyer](#)
- We're having a fund raising Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 30th at 8pm. at the New Brighton American legion. Benefits New Brighton High School's (NASP). [Dinner Flyer](#)
- Motion to donate \$250 each to NASP's for Central Valley High School and New Brighton High School. Rochester/Pine Run. 10 yea. 1 abstention. Passed
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Absent

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- The Rally to Protect Your Right to Keep and Bear Arms is on Tuesday May 24, 2016 at 10am in the State Capitol Rotunda. [Rally Flyer](#) with Bus and additional information. It's important that you register on line www.2ARally.com
- Please review the important [Pro-Gun bills](#) so you are up to date when your team talks to Legislators. Concentrate on the first 4.
- We have 104 signed up for the bus so far. Once that number starts to solidify, we'll start talking about team leaders and team leader training.
- State Representative Daryl Metcalfe sent out a letter of invitation to the 2nd Amendment Rally to as many clubs as he could. [Letter of Invitation](#)
- Tony - What makes this league so much more effective than any other is our ability to stick together with participation from all clubs. Some clubs can do more than others, and that's just normal. But there are other club's that don't have much involvement at all. An example of that is attendance on the buses for the 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg. Some clubs don't have anyone going. Delegates, go back to your clubs and motivate your members to get on the bus to defend all of our 2nd Amendment Rights.
- The primary election is coming up on Tuesday, April 26. This is an extremely important election year for 2nd Amendment rights and thus our freedoms in general. Please take this seriously by reviewing the Firearms Owners Against Crime Pro-Gun Voters guide. It's non partisan, both Democrats and Republicans are listed. [View Guide](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- The Recreation Department received \$3000 to use for the Brady's Run Lake improvements and the PFBC has the lake on the schedule for August
- A 28 inch hybrid striped bass was caught below the Montgomery Dam
- Catch and release trout fishing has been very good at area lakes.
- Mentored Youth Fishing Day is Saturday, April 9. General opening day is the following Saturday.
- The Beaver and Ohio River area is becoming well known across the state as the best flathead catfish fishery.
- Mike's [Complete Report](#)

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- 155 kids and adults have taken the hunters safety course so far this year.
- 2016 Hunter Education Courses scheduled:
 - April 9 9am to 4pm Gobblers Knob
 - June 11 9am to 4pm Pine Run Club
 - June 11 9am to 4pm Aliquippa Club
 - Aug 6 9am to 4pm Rochester Club
 - Aug 13 9am to 4pm Rochester Municipal Building
 - Sept 17 9am to 4pm Concord United Methodist Church
- We did a cable restraint class at Ambridge Sportsmen's Club and had the biggest turnout ever. There's a lot of interest in this class.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- We had the Maple Syrup Festival this past week-end. Saturday was a good attendance day but the weather cut the attendance down on Sunday.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Committee meeting was held on 3/28/16, 6:30pm at Aliquippa Bucktails
- Events covered:
 - Fishing Derby - Need a number of tables and volunteers to man them.
 - Youth Field Day - Need .22 and shotgun ammo. Ask clubs for donations. Might need to pick up canoes because of PFBC budget cuts.
 - The volunteers for the Field & Stream Booth were, Shawn Cox, Mike Archer, Dan Householder, Mike Zon. Raised \$150 in donations.
 - Mon River Bass Masters are willing to help with the Conservation Camp.
- We now have the trailer. We need someone to pick it up.
- [Flyer](#) for youth events.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Tony - BCSCCL is sponsoring the Restore Hereford Manor Lake Project. And a big part of this fund raising effort will be the 100 Gun Raffle. 50 days, 2 guns a day. \$100/ticket. That's \$1/chance. At the Presidents meeting, everyone raised their hands to get involved. So please, each delegate and committee chair person, see Keith and get your tickets to sell. At least each club should buy one ticket. Let's get behind this ticket that we all said we would. [Sample Ticket](#)

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- July 16 has been scheduled for YFD at Midland Sportsmen's Club.
- 16 participants signed up so far. Sign up at: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/78971>
- More information covered under Youth Foundation section.
- [YFD Flyer](#)

BANQUET - Need a Chairman

- Tony - Had a very good and well attended banquet. All the feedback I received was positive. Our profit was \$6,703.43 We made enough to rent the buses for the 2nd Amendment Rally. We're starting to design a different hat for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Dormanesh - The "Hunting Channel" will be filming a segment for its show, "Train To Hunt" at Ambridge Sportsmen's Club July 16 and 17. During those two days Ambridge Club will have Novelty Shoots and concession stands with all proceeds going to the non profit "Hunt For a Lifetime."
- Rich - We need the names and addresses of those going to the Turkey Federation's banquet.
- Tony - Sewickley Shooting and Fishing Club joined the BCSCCL at the \$250 Platinum level. This is a good strong club and I'm excited about them joining the league.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Tony - We had a Wild Game Dinner at Midland Club and we had a great time. The folks who attended want to have another one. For other clubs that joined at the Platinum level and get a free Wild Game Dinner, get your dates to me as soon as you can. Early on I can do some week-ends, but can't do week-ends after October.
- Dan Losco - Sunday, June 12, Five Points is hosting a Hunt of Lifetime Benefit Shoot. [Flyer](#)
- Tonya Cable - Invited a few members of Southside Club to attend the May BCSCCL meeting which they will be hosting. This will help overall understanding of what the league does.
 - Tonya is searching for instructors to teach gun safety at Southside Club.
 - Tony - I want to personally thank you for the tremendous effort you, Guy and Chayce have put forward at Southside in helping increase their understanding of what the league does.
- Mark - Thanked Rich for his support for his daughter Sara's application to the Pennsylvania Youth Ambassador for Wildlife program.
- Shawn - Koppel is hosting another Self Defense for Women course on April 24. Free program. [Flyer](#)
- Tony - Asked delegates to get a vote from their clubs on the proposed hunting license fee increase.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$60 - Dan Losco

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Pine Run/Koppel 9:45pm

BCSCCL 2016 Meeting Dates & Locations

January 7th	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 5th	Southside	Sept 8th	Rochester Twp Municipal Bldg
February 4th	Rochester	June 2nd	Pine Run	Oct 6st	Koppel
March 3rd	Rochester, North Boroughs Hosting	July 7th	Conway	Nov 3rd	Beaver Falls
April 7th	B.V. Archers	Aug 4th	Midland	Dec 8th	Five Points

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCCL