



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

May 5, 2016 Minutes
Meeting Location - Southside



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
A	Ambridge	Bob Dormanesh	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	Sewickley	None
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	None
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Koppel	Shawn Cox		Southside	Tonya Cable
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Jerry Tillia		(Alt)	Guy Cable
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Midland	Mark Benzio			
	(Alt)	George Klinger		(Alt)	Dave Knight			
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	A	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	None	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
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 - Ed Lamb, Southside Treasurer

Guests - Ed Lamb

Last Month's Minutes - Approved, Aliquippa/Five Points. Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Absent - Matt emailed his report in. [Link to that report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Jeremy had numerous violations on the first day of trout. The cadet he had with him learned quite a bit.

- Trout stockings are still going strong.
- Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye season starts Saturday
- Check PA Fish & Boat Commission for courses available if you need your [Basic Boating License](#).
- Plenty of trout and muskies on area rivers.
- [Jeremy's report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent

GAME - Mike Harcher

- A self sustaining wild elk herd appears to be developing in Ohio. [Article](#)
- It is unlawful to possess any license or big-game tag from a previous year while engaged in hunting or trapping activities.
- Antlerless license allocations 1A = 46,000. 2A = 43,000. 2B = 61,000.
- The PGC has eliminated the Project Wild program due to staff/budget cuts. [Link](#)
- Within the next 12 to 18 months the PGC will decide whether or not to open wild pheasant recovery areas for hunting
- \$33.5 million to be distributed to PGC and PFBC from the Pitman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.
- Maryland announced it discovered five more deer with Chronic Wasting Disease.
- PGC will use hunting as a first method to reduce the deer population in residential areas.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- More attention is being focused on lead in drinking water due to the Flint Michigan lead contaminated drinking water incident.
- PA House committee votes to block new rules governing oil and gas industry. [Link](#)

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Held April 30 at Hopewell Community Park. 153 kids attended. 154 fish were caught. 126 prizes awarded.
- Tony - This was the best derby I've seen so far. I heard nothing negative from anyone. It was all positive. I want to thank you and the Fishing Derby committee for a job well done. An individual from Allegheny County remarked how impressed he was that the BCSCCL accomplishes as much as it does.
- [Mike's report](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Camp dates are set for Sunday, June 19 to Saturday, June 25.
- Tuition remains at \$150 per camper for this year.
- Even though the camp is full, Breanna will continue to accept applications until the deadline of May 14. Payment must accompany application to reserve a spot at the camp. Payment goes directly to Breanna, not Mark.
- Last parents meeting is Monday, May 16, at Aliquippa Bucktails Club at 7pm
- Deadline for cancelation is May 31. 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 still have 8 kids 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.
- Fishing equipment - Mike Zon has purchased.
- A representative from the PFBC will be here May 9 & 10 to certify instructors (at no charge). They will then be able to teach the Safe Boating Course to others.
- This year we will make a CD with pictures from camp and sell them for \$10 each. If interested, contact Breanna.
- Motion for the league to sponsor 2 kids to the camp. Aliquippa/FOAC. Passed.
- Volunteers - **PLEASE** go on line and get your background check and child abuse clearance form. I promise it will be super easy and volunteers will be reimbursed for that expense. **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

- 3D shoots on Tuesday evenings from 4pm till dark, (\$7) and on the first Sunday of the month (\$12).
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Craig has been working with Frank Kelly from Rochester Club and we ought to have something up on the website in a couple of weeks. Should be able to post more events and have some of them rotate with other events. Should be able to start monitoring the number of hits the site receives. Visitors will be able to sign up for email announcements from the league.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Have you ever wondered how gun grabbing statists have been able to enact so many egregious laws? The World Is Run By Those Who Show Up. An article written by Eric Cooper (Eric - made the Legislative Shoot video) and lists four egregious anti-gun bills now in the PA State Legislature that these gun grabbing statists would like to pass. [Article link](#) Those of us who wish to oppose this kind of nonsense which eventually translates into tyranny, will show up to do just that.
- 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.
- Please review the [Anti-gun bills](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- 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
 - July 23 9am to 4pm Koppel Club
 - July 28 6pm to 10pm Aliquippa Club - Cable Restraint Class must sign up online.
 - Aug 6 9am to 4pm Rochester Club
 - Aug 13 9am to 4pm Rochester Municipal Building
 - Sept 17 9am to 4pm Concord United Methodist Church
 - Sept 24 9am to 4pm Southside
- Bob Slingluff, Midland Club, received Instructor of the Year Award for District 204-1
- Jason Miller, Central Valley Middle School, received Instructor of the Year Award for District 204-2

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Dick Smith - The weather didn't cooperate for the Maple Festival and we ended up losing money.
- This year's Beaver Country Conservation District 2016 Envirothon winner was Central Valley High School. The winner will go to Harrisburg for the state competition. 100 kids participated in this event.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Dan Householder - We have the trailer. Licensing cost \$291.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No report on youth hunt. But:
- Fishing rods were purchased and we had to use a couple at the Fishing Derby.
- The Hopewell High School Conservation & Fishing Club will donate their 5 canoes, life jackets, paddles and canoe trailer. We will now own its canoes. That's why it's important for us to get the water certification because the county as a whole can offer this to our youth.

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Tony - Ray Spolarich has been working closely with Jerry on this year's field day.
- We have the ammo we need
- YFD at Midland Sportsmen's Club July 16, 2016.
- Sign up at: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/78971>
- Motion to purchase 6 pop-up canopies for YFD and other league activities. Pine Run/Aliquippa. Passed.

- [YFD Flyer](#)

BANQUET - Need a Chairman

No Report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Tonya sent an email to the fair committee and hasn't heard back yet. We're getting the ball rolling.

OLD BUSINESS

- George Sullivan - Would like to move on previous approval to purchase a left handed muzzle loader. Guy Cable agreed to purchase one. Price should be around \$400 to \$500.
- Dick Ward - Asked for the league's .22 rifles to have then reconditioned or replaced if necessary. George will make sure to get the rifles to Dick.
- Mike Zon - Donated fishing rod racks
- Five Points donated a number of rods including 2 fly rods

NEW BUSINESS

- Dick Smith - Motion to rent safe deposit box for league documents. Pine Run/Rochester. Passed.
- Tony - When you give donations for Hereford Manor Lake, they are sent to the Wildlife For Everyone Endowment Foundation. Make sure you mark on your check "For Hereford Manor Lake."
 - We need all the help we can get to sell these tickets. We appreciate anything you can do to help.
 - We need to raise our part of the funds before the engineering study to rebuild the dam can begin.
- Mike Zon - Asked for a \$100 donation for the "Hunt of a Lifetime Benefit Shoot" at Five Points Sunday June 12. [Flyer](#)
 - Motion for Youth Foundation \$100. Aliquippa/Southside. Passed
 - Rich Kerlin asked for League to also donate \$100. Motion. Pine Run/Southside. Passed.
- Tony - Have we followed up on the bus rental for the Harrisburg Rally? Bob Oles will check into that.
 - Can we get league banner to Harrisburg? Craig and Rich will take care of that.
 - Jim Farland - The bus departure and arrival lot seems full lately. Are we sure we're set with that. Bob Oles will check.
 - Tony has the hats ordered.
 - First Team Leader meeting will be held Friday 5/6/16 7pm at Rochester club.
 - Second Team Leader meeting will be held one day next week at Midland club.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Dan Losco thanked the league for supporting Five Points, Hunt of a Lifetime [Flyer](#)
 - If you or your club would like to make a donation, [click here](#) for donation form.
- Rich - Tom Colallela, president of VFW Hopewell and Vice President of Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol is in critical care.
- Dan Householder - If you see County Commissioners, Tony Amadio and Dan Camp, make sure you thank them for their support of and donations to the League/Youth Foundation.
- Shawn - Koppel is hosting another Self Defense for Women course on May 22. Free program. [Flyer](#)
- Tonya - Southside is also hosting a Self Defense for Women course on May 15. Free program. Call Ev Gower for further information. 724-494-6533
- Guy - Southside has their Sept 10, Bash tickets printed. \$25
- Rich - We may have already recognized Mike Zon for the great fishing derby, but I don't know if you understand the countless hours he put into this effort.
 - Would also like to recognize a member from Southside who stepped up and helped all day measuring fish that were caught. Stephanie Wrightsman
 - Mike mentioned that Chayce Cable brought his own DJ equipment to the fishing derby to make announcements. If you're not aware, 13 year old Chayce has his own DJ business, called "Chayce -n- Music" He DJ's weddings, graduations and other events. His handle is "DJ Fat Head." When I found this out, we decided to have him come to my daughter's graduation party. [Chayce Business Card](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- \$50 - Josh Edmiston

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/Rochester, 9:34pm

BCSCL 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 BCSCL