



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

June 2, 2016 Minutes
Meeting Location - Pine Run



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	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	PGC	Matt Kramer
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	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	A	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.

Host Club Welcome - Brad Bell

Guests - Carol Dormanesh, Scott Landsbaugh, Dick Bayer

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, Koppel/FOAC. Pass.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mike Harcher - Beaver County Times May 25 article, State DEP grants almost \$180,000 to Beaver County for waterways preservation. [Article](#)

AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer & Mike Yeck

- Twelve more cases of CWD discovered in PA, all in Disease Management Area 2 (south central PA). Total CWD deer discovered in DMA 2 is 22. It's boundaries have been increased by an additional 437 square miles.

- Deputy Executive Director Bryan Burhans testified before the Senate Game & Fisheries Committee about the potential expansion of Sunday Hunting.
- Executive Director Matt Hough spoke before House members about license fees increase and Senate Bill 1166. This bill would permit the PGC to regulate license fees without seeking legislative approval. This move would have a three year sunset provision.
 - Results of the vote taken for support or opposition for SB1166. 4 yes, 4 no, 5 abstentions.
 - Tony asked that each delegate take another survey of their clubs, providing the additional information given by Mike and Matt. The league will take another vote next meeting with hopefully a more conclusive result.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Finicky deer avoid some invasive plants, promoting their spread. [Article](#)
- Turkey Habitat Management In Pennsylvania. [Article](#)
- Mange epidemic increasing in Pennsylvania. [Article](#)
- Porcupines could be reclassified as fur bearers. [Article](#)
- Game land 203 shooting range to close for renovations. [Article](#)
- Trainers to thank for all-time low number of hunting accidents. [Article](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Virginia Institute of Marine Biology develops a biodegradable shotgun wad. [Article](#)
- PFBC urges DEP to rule on health of Susquehanna River. [Article](#)
- The Izaak Walton League gives poor water quality grades to more than half the states. [Article](#)

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- The winner of the adult derby donated his rod and rod combo prize for the 2017 kids derby
- The Hopewell Twp. Parks and Recreation Director, Pam Fiejdasz, has resigned. Pam was a tremendous help with the BCSC Youth Derby. As of this time, her position has not been filled.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent - Below information remains valid.
- Camp dates are set for Sunday, June 19 to Saturday, June 25.
- 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

- Introductory Youth Archery every Thursday evening 6:30pm until whenever the archer wants to leave. No experience necessary. There is no charge for this program.
- 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

- The new website should be operational in about a week. The address will be www.bcscl.net Once the new site is fully functional, future visitors attempting to access the old site www.bcscl.org will be automatically directed to the new site.
- You'll like all the new features.
 - Promote future events cross referenced to our calendar.

- Have the ability to email the person in charge of an event while maintaining email privacy,
- Track the number of visitors, and offer email notices to sportsmen that might be interested in camping, hunting, fishing and shooting, etc.
- Hereford Manor Lake Information will also be featured.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- This year's rally seemed to contain more of an atmosphere of excitement, getting into it, and let's get busy defending our rights.
 - Total number of rally gun raffle tickets distributed, which should be a reflection of the attendance, was around 400.
 - Total sign ups for the league buses was 157. The final ridership was 131.
 - Clubs that were represented - Five Points, Aliquippa, Ambridge, Beaver Falls, Beaver Valley Archers, Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol, Green Valley, Koppel, Mars Rod & Gun, Midland, Rochester, Southside, Westmoreland County Sportsmen's Association and Beaver County Fort Macintosh Garrison members.
 - It was a successful day. Our presence was seen and felt by many members of the state legislature. Now let's hope that presence translates into pro-gun bills being voted on and passed and anti-gun bills being defeated.
 - Craig - Some Representatives say they are Pro-Second Amendment until they have to stand up and support it by Sponsoring or Cosponsoring Pro 2nd Amendment Legislation. Representative Robert Matzie has the "Distinction" of being the only Pennsylvania Representative in/from Beaver County who did not cosponsor any Pro-Gun House Bills.
 - Picture of the Beaver County Group in front of the Capitol. [Link](#)
 - Various links to the rally:
 - [Video of the entire rally](#)
 - [WGAL News](#)
 - [Channel 21 News](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- 2016 Hunter Education Courses scheduled:

• 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

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Marty Warchol, water shed specialist with the Beaver County Conservation District commented on the State grant money being used for stream bank stabilization on the North Fork of the Little Beaver Creek. [Article](#)

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- New Officers for the Youth Foundation: President, Jerry Hooks. Vice President, Guy Cable. Treasurer, Dan Householder. Secretary, Tonya Cable.
- Looking for a volunteer with a truck equipped with a fifth wheel saddle hook up to haul the trailer to Rochester Club.
- If approved, we are planning on joining the Beaver County Department of Tourism to help promote what we do in the county and allow us to attend activities they hold for fund raising.
- [Jerry's Report](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Tony asked each club to take at least 10 tickets for Hereford Manor Lake (HML) fund raising raffle.
- Jerry - Since HML ticket sales are generating a goodly sum of money, I'd like to ask for a motion to open a savings account at RS Bellco Federal Credit Union to temporarily deposit ticket sales money for safe keeping until we can transfer that money to the league treasurer, Mark Benzio.
 - Authorized users of this account will be: Bill Castor, Mark Benzio, Jerry Hooks, Tony Rich.
 - Motion made and seconded by North Boroughs/Aliquippa. Passed with Unanimous Consent.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Absent

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- YFD at Midland Sportsmen's Club July 16, 2016.
- Motion to approve the \$3,500 for this event, to be paid directly from the Youth Foundation Account. Rochester/Aliquippa. Pass
- Sign up at: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/78971>
- [YFD Flyer](#)

BANQUET - Need a Chairman

- No Report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Guy asked for \$180 to secure booth space at the fair.
- Tony - This rental is standard procedure and no motion is needed.
- Bob Bryner donated two guns for the fair raffle. A pink one for the girls and a regular one for the boys.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mike Zon - Hopewell high school Conservation, Fishing and Hunting Club "CFH" gave the league 4 canoes. Rich and I transported them to his house. We will go back and get the canoe trailer when time permits and try to repair it.
- The Sheriff's department may not be able to provide security for our Conservation Camp this year, due to county budget cuts.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - There are many advantages to joining the Beaver County Department of Tourism. It will provide a lot of exposure.
 - Motion to approve \$50 to join for the rest of this year and all of next year. FOAC/Rochester. Pass.
- Tony has a few group pictures taken at the 2A Rally for those who where on Bus #1. [Picture link.](#)
- Dan Householder - State Senator Elder Vogel would like to invite all area children and their families to attend his free Kids Extravaganza on Saturday June 25th at Community College of Beaver County - Athletics & Events Center, from 11am-2pm. [Flyer](#)
 - Dan signed the league up for a table at this event. He's asking for help to man the table. He would like to give 4 fishing rods away. Motion to approve. Southside/Pine Run. Pass.
 - Dan also has Youth Foundation Sponsorship applications that are ready for distribution. [Form](#)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Shawn Cox - Koppel has scholarships available to high school seniors to help with their post secondary education. Please see their [Application](#)
- Dan Losco - Would like to thank the Youth Foundation, the league and the other clubs that donated to the "Hunt of a Lifetime" fund raising shoot held at Five Points.
- Craig - Please send any flyers you want posted on the league website directly to me.
- Guy Cable, Southside:
 - Holding its summer shoots. Prizes include, Grilling Packages, chicken, ribs, steak, hotdog/sausage. [Flyer](#)
 - Will hold its 2016 Annual Rabies Clinic Jun 4, 8:00am to 12:00pm. [Flyer](#)
- Guy gave information on the left handed muzzle loader the league will purchase.
 - Tony - Let us know when you are ready to do this.
- Clubs that have Wild Game Dinners coming, please let Tony know the date and try to schedule it before the end of September.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$55 - Scott Landsbaugh

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Rochester/Koppel 10:00pm

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