



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

July 7, 2016 Minutes
Meeting Location - Conway



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	Rod Cowan
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	None
A	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Koppel	Shawn Cox	P	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	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	None			
P	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 - Bill Frishkorn, Conway President

Guests - Introduction of new Delegate, Rod Cowan, from Sewickley Shooting & Fishing Club.

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

Election - Annual

- July - Nominating Committee Appointed. Mike Zon, Shawn Cox, Craig Holdren.
- October - Offices of President and Secretary are on the ballot.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Tony - Received a \$150 donation from Chase Retail Communications Group to BCSCCL.
- Tony - Received the agreement from the county that donated the trailer from Beaver County to the Youth Foundation.

AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Bald Eagle nest numbers have declined, but officials believe this to be due to staff reductions at the agency leading to reduced observations and the novelty of the presence of bald eagle wearing off on the citizens of Pennsylvania which would lead to less reporting.
- 2016 Antlerless licence allocations - WMU 1A = 46,000. WMU 1B = 29,000. WMU 2A = 43,000. WMU 2B = 61,000.
- There will be a Cable Restraint Class at Aliquippa Bucktails on July 28. Sign up on PGC Website.
- The PGC continues to back SB1166 even with recent changes. [View SB1166](#)
- The PGC does not back HB2083. It uses the concept of Maximum Sustained Yield. Potential negative effects would be:
 - Increased crop damage to the state's farmers
 - Greater potential of CWD reaching the state's elk herd.
 - Higher vehicle insurance costs as vehicle/deer collisions increase
 - The Maximum Sustained Yield concept was abandoned by wildlife managers years ago when they discovered it had a detrimental effect on other animal species. [View HB2083](#)
- [Matt's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

BCSCL WEBMASTER - Frank Kelly

- Frank gave a presentation of the new league website that he has been working on with Craig Holdren. It should go live within the next couple of weeks. The group was very impressed with its graphics and functionality.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report

GAME - Mike Harcher

- The PGC's just graduated K-9s should be welcomed by hunters. [Article](#)
- Bill to allow use of airbows introduced in PA. [Article](#)
- Game Commission expands diseased deer area. [Article](#)
- CWD deer kills may be set for January. [Article](#)
- Weighing in on Sunday Hunting Restrictions. [Article](#)
- Asking women to recruit women. [Article](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- DEP finds no air hazards from natural gas pipeline blast. [Article](#)
- Water fee proposed in Pennsylvania to pay for Bay, stream cleanup. [Article](#)

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- No Report

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- 2016 Camp Report Highlights
- 47 campers (2 no shows) 12 counselors. Would like to increase to 60 campers next year. 30 of these campers were sponsored by clubs and others. [Sponsoring clubs](#) received similar letters of appreciation. [Photo](#) of Campers and staff.
- Plenty of help and no major injuries.
- New event this year - Beaver Valley Bee Keepers Association.
- Still need night security.
- [Breanna's Report](#)

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Beaver Valley Archers' Annual Field Days is coming up, September 3 & 4. This also happens to be their biggest fund raiser of the year for the club.
- 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

- Craig referred to Frank's website presentation.
- He also reiterated the need to get complete and timely information to him concerning club activities so they can be added to the website.
- When the league's website is operational, Frank will make available an attractive rate for him to update your club's website.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Obama and others claim that if you're too dangerous to fly, you're too dangerous to buy a gun. This is an attempt to utilize the secretive "No Fly List" and or "Terrorist Watch List" to prevent American citizens from buying firearms. What they want, if your name is on this list, you will be prohibited from purchasing a gun. Trouble is, you have no idea if your name is on this list or not. It is kept secret. On top of that, there is no set criteria on how you get on this list. It could be as simple as taking a picture on an airplane or a Federal Air Marshal needing to keep up with his required number of reports he has to file.
- Marshals: Innocent People Placed On 'Watch List' To Meet Quota. [Article](#)
- This is a violation of the "Due Process" clause of the 5th Amendment of the Bill of Rights. [Watch video](#) of Trey Gowdy grilling a Department of Homeland Security official.
- It is troubling because the NRA supports this Due Process violation. If you're an NRA member, you should look into this and contact the NRA to voice your disapproval. [NRA Statement](#)
- A Coalition of 2nd Amendment Rights Groups has posted an Open Letter To Congress.
 - "Grass Roots Rights Leaders Oppose Efforts to Side-Step Gun Rights." Read this letter and see the groups who oppose sacrificing American Citizens 5th Amendment Due Process rights. [Letter](#) Use the link in this letter to contact your congress person.
 - [Read the 5th Amendment](#). ". . . nor shall any person . . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law . . ."

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- 2016 Hunter Education Courses scheduled:
 - 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

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- No Report

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Goose Hunt at Brady's Run Park. Tentative dates are:
 - Youth Hunts - Oct 29 and Nov 5
 - Must be a licensed junior hunter
 - Adult Hunts - Oct 31, Nov 4, 7, 10, 14, 18

- Would like to have a sign up sheet at the Youth Field Day to include name and email address.
- If we don't have more help at check in, this will be the last year we hold the hunt.
- Blinds for the Goose hunt will be set up in September. Date and time to be determined.
- Youth Pheasant Hunt
 - No information yet from PGC, but the digest has the dates of Oct 8 through the 15. Ours would be Oct 8.

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Youth Field Day - Organizational meeting held on Monday 7-11-16.
- Different events to happen this year
- Will have numbered arm bands for participants
- Will shorten the program by having lunch and prizes throughout the day.
- With 14 stations, It'll be a fun day. 79 have signed up so far.
- Posters donated by Jerry Hooks to be used to solicit youth attendees. 724-601-6964 to help or ask questions.
- 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

- Our space has been reserved and paid for in the amount of \$180
- Dave Knight has 2 crickets (1 for a boy & 1 for a girl) donated by Bob Bryner
- Next meeting we will come ready with an amount for a check request for prizes to be raffled off.
- We will be happy to have lists available to take sign-ups for goose hunt, pheasant hunt, conservation camp, etc. - just need whomever is in charge of the event to get us details for the sign up sheet. (such as date, time, place, any specific requirements)
- We will get the banner after the Youth Field Day as well as Mike's picture boards.
- We may need more tickets. (need 4 different colors)

OLD BUSINESS

- Dick Ward - Asked about getting a logo painted on the new trailer. Tony asked him to look into that.

NEW BUSINESS

- Breanna requested \$2,000 from the Youth Foundation to finish up camp expenses.
 - Motion on the above request, Aliquippa/Koppel. Passed.
- Rich Kerlin and Mike Zon took the necessary training from the PFBC to become Certified Boating Instructors.
- Tony - Still has 200 tickets to go out for the Restore Hereford Manor Lake project.
- Tony - Tony attends the Pittsburgh Down Riggers Club and they have agreed to join the league. Further information to come.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Dick Ward - Commented on how great the camp was this year, but to keep it at that level, "We just need more help."
- Southside's Youth Field Day is on August 6. [Flyer](#)
- Midland's Gun Bash will be September 10. See Mark for tickets. [Flyer](#)
- Five Points thanked everyone who helped with its "Hunt of a Lifetime" fund raiser. They were able to raise \$5,750
- Clubs that have Wild Game Dinners coming, please let Tony know the date and try to schedule it before the end of September.
- Aliquippa's Field Day is scheduled for July 30. Register at: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/82451>
- Koppel's Self Defense course for Women is July 31. [Flyer](#)
- Koppel has scholarships available to high school seniors to help with their post secondary education. Please see their [Application](#)
- Sewickley Club is having their Gun Bash Sunday Oct 30 at Center Stage. \$40/ticket includes catered meal.
 - [Bash Information](#)
- Five Points is having Tony's Wild Game Dinner Monday, July 18 at 6pm.
- Rich - Every year we ask the club delegates to come out and support the youth camp. This year was a very successful camp but we only had one delegate, who was not on the staff, come out.

50/50 DRAWING

- No drawing this month

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/Sewickley 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