



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

August 4, 2016 Minutes
Meeting Location - Midland



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	A	Sewickley	Rod Cowan
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	None
P	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	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
	(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 - Dave Knight, President Midland Club

Guests - Taylor Cable, Sara Benzio, Barbara Davidson

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, BV Archers/Pine Run. Pass.

Election - Annual

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Tony - Mrs. Myrna Edmiston donated \$200 for the League's Youth Programs. We thank her for her generosity.

AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Congratulations to WCO Mike Yeck and his wife Jacqueline, who welcomed their brand new baby boy into this world the 28th of July. Ethan Michael. Mother and baby are doing fine, although Ethan decided to arrive a little earlier than expected.
- The PGC
 - Voted unanimously to prohibit flying unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) over lands or waters designated as state game lands.
 - Gave preliminary approval to open shooting ranges on state game lands between 8am and sunset on the Sundays immediately preceding, and the Sundays throughout the duration of the firearms deer and bear seasons.
 - Emphasized more deer control through hunting to municipalities and other political subdivisions that are experiencing damage from high deer populations.
 - Approved Disabled Veterans' Hunt. [News Release](#)
 - Gave final approval to reclassify the porcupine as a furbearer.
 - Announced over 2 million hunters have gone through the Pennsylvania Hunter-Trapper Education program. More than 38,000 received their certificates in 2015 and that year was the safest year on record for hunting in our state.
 - Is bringing several hunting groups together to collaborate on improving deer hunting in Pa.
 - Is holding a Big-buck photo contest to showcase some of the huge whitetails caught on trail cameras this summer.
 - Submit photos to PGCtrailcam@pa.gov
 - Is encouraging the public to assist in reporting sightings of wild turkey.
 - Submit sighting information to <https://pgcdatacollection.pa.gov/TurkeyBroodSurvey>
- Doe License Update - WMU-1A = 15,908, WMU-2A = 30,974, WMU-2B = 55,851.
 - Unsold tags, first round started 8/1/16. Unsold tags, second round starts 8/15/16.
 - Over the counter sales for WMU-2B start 8/22/16. Over the counter sales for all other WMU's, which would include 2A, starts 10/3/16.
- [Matt's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- New President Commissioner, Glade Squires. New Vice President Commissioner, Rocco Ali
- River conditions for boating this year have been excellent.
- Pittsburgh Regatta August 5, 6, 7. Beaver Regatta August 19, 20, 21.
- Family Fishing Day at North Park Lake August 9, 6pm till 9pm
- Field and Stream Catfish Classic Aug 6, Bridgewater, Pa
- The PFBC is looking to expand its very popular Keystone Select Trout Program
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Will need to add the two new clubs to the booklet, Sewickley Shooting & Fishing Club and Pittsburgh Down Riggers.

GAME - Mike Harcher

- No Report

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- Hopewell Township hired a new Parks & Recreation Director, Trisha Hannah. Mike has already made initial contact with her concerning next year's Fishing Derby.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Our club has an International Bow Organization Qualifier this Sunday Aug 7.
- Beaver Valley Archers' Annual Field Days is coming up, September 3 & 4. This is a fun day with a lot of prizes given out and plenty to eat. Also planning on having a night shoot. [Flyer](#)

- 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

- Frank is using original photos instead of the photos on the current website. This will enhance their quality. It should be ready to go in another couple of weeks.
- He also reiterated the need to get complete and timely information to him concerning club activities so they can be added to the website.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Played video of May's 2nd Amendment Rally. Filmed and produced by Eric Cooper and Tom Dowlin, BVRPC.
- [Link to video.](#)
- If you would like to have this video shown at your club, contact me roles120@reagan.com or 412-327-2985

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- This year's total student count is 274
- We've had two Cable Restraint Classes this year with 73 people attending. Hat's off to Mike Zon. He does a beautiful job with the students, and that shows because so many of them have given excellent feedback on the course and complemented Mike.
- 2016 Hunter Education Courses scheduled:

Aug 6	9am to 4pm	Rochester Club
Aug 13	9am to 4pm	Rochester Municipal Building
Sept 12, 13	6pm to 9:30pm	Ambridge Club
Sept 17	9am to 4pm	Concord United Methodist Church
Sept 24	9am to 4pm	Southside Club
Oct 22	9am to 4pm	Midland Club

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- We lost our Resource Conservationist, Dan Distler and we're attempting to fill that post from within the district.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Dan Householder,
 - We need help with fund raising. See [Sponsorship Application](#)
 - You can also contact Dan Householder at 724-622-2381 or dbear1@comcast.net
 - The trailer is now parked at Rochester Club. Dan recognized Mike Rounds, member of Aliquippa and Midland Clubs, for his (and his girls) donation of time and equipment to move the trailer.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Youth Pheasant Hunt at Raccoon State Park Oct 8, starting at 7am and should be completed by noon.
 - We're going to try to hit the limit of 50 kids.
 - I will have a volunteer sign up sheet at the Sept meeting.
 - Registration, which will be on the PGC website, should be open after Labor Day.
- Goose Hunt at Brady's Run Park. Dates are: (Pending County Commissioners Approval)
 - Youth Hunts - Oct 29 and Nov 5
 - Must be a licensed junior hunter
 - Adult Hunts - Oct 31, Nov 4, 7, 10, 14, 18
 - Our goal is to have applications submitted between Sept 6 through Oct 13 with the drawing on Oct 14.
 - I will have a volunteer sign up sheet at the Sept meeting. If we don't have more help this year, it will probably 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 FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Tony - We may not have had as many kids as we hoped for, but it was still a very successful day. 96 signed up and 76 showed up. No mishaps or injuries and everyone had a good time.
- Thanked everyone involved in the success of the day. Especially Midland club and its members for hosting this event these many years and the Game and Fish Commission for their help.

BANQUET - Need a Chairman

- No Report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Aug 30 through Sept 3
- Tonya passed a sign up sheet around for volunteer help. Days needed -Tuesday through Friday 4pm to 11pm and Saturday 12pm to 11pm.
- Motion to approve \$700 for prizes and other items. Koppel/Aliquippa. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rich - Last month both Mike and I took the PFBC Safe Boating Course to become instructors. So if your club would like to put on a Safe Boating Course contact either Mike or myself. Mike Zon miketzon@gmail.com Rich Kerlin kerlinkanine@aol.com
- Hereford Manor Lake Raffle Tickets - We still have tickets left to distribute. If you can help, please see Tony.

NEW BUSINESS

- Craig - FOAC is having their Gun Bash at the Washington County Fair Grounds Oct 8. Craig will have tickets at the next meeting. [Flyer](#)
- Tony - The name recognition at the end of the 2A Rally video should include the League and participating clubs.
- Tony's upcoming Wild Game Dinners - Aliquippa, Aug 26. Koppel, Sept 23.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Dan - Need someone to help write up the required bylaws to be able to apply for the 501c3 status for the Youth Foundation.
- Koppel has a Self Defense for Women class Aug 21. [Flyer](#)
- Dan - Will have Sewickley Hunting & Fishing Club Gun Bash Tickets at the next meeting.
- Rich - Chayce bagged his first coyote last night. 125 yards with a .222
- Bob - If you would like to see the principles our government was originally based upon, PA State Representative Rick Saccone authored the book "God In Our Government." Compared to what you hear from secular sources, this is an eye opening read. [Available here](#)
- Tonya - Read a Pro-Gun post on Facebook that her son Chayce wrote. Excellent material from a 14 year old.
 - [See Post & Video Link](#)
- Mark - The 4-H and FFA are having a Project Auction at the Hookstown Fair Aug 26 at 7pm. [Flyer](#)
- Sara Benzio - Attended a Wildlife Leadership Academy in June to become a certified Wildlife Ambassador for our area. In order to complete the program students are encouraged to go out into the community and do several educational outreach projects. So if any of your clubs have a youth field day, or anywhere you think I could do a program. I'd appreciate that opportunity. These programs also help me compete for scholarships for colleges. If so, contact Sara at sarabenzio@gmail.com or her Dad Mark at benz4@comcast.net
- Rich - Governor Wolf has approved the reestablishment of the Governor's Youth Counsel for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation. Applications for positions on this counsel are being accepted. I am recommending Sara and Chayce to apply for that position.
- Tonya - I do want to thank everyone here who influences Chayce especially all the time Mike and Rich spend with him. I really do appreciate it.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$60 - Dan Losco

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/Pine Run 9:11pm

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