



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

September 8, 2016 Minutes  
 Meeting Location - Rochester Twp Bldg  
 Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Hosting



## 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	Mike Yeck
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	A	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 - Tim LaHue, Past President BVRPC.

- Tim brought it to the attention of the group that he is in need of a kidney and would appreciate any help in this search.

Guests - Nancy Oles, Bob Bryner

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.
- Committee nominated Tony Rich for President and Bob Oles for Secretary.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Richard Cramer has been appointed as the Northwest Region Director. He replaces Keith Harbaugh who recently retired.
- Input from hunters and trappers concerning access to state game lands, is being taken in each of the six geographical regions. See Mike's report for dates and times.
- Don't get cited for baiting. 503 citations were issued in the 2015-16 hunting season. Fines could go over \$5,000 depending on the type of game taken while baiting.
- The number of women hunting is growing rapidly. the 2009-10 license year saw 67,165. That number grew to 96,555 for the 2015-16 license year.
- Elk Cam in Benezette PA goes live. Go to the PA Game Commission's website [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov) and click on Elk Country Live Stream.
- Game Lands Tours by PGC have been canceled this year due to financial constraints.
- Go to <http://bit.ly/BigBuckContest> and vote for one of the five finalist in the Big Buck Trail Cam contest.
- [Mike's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- Mike displayed his picture boards of recent league activities.
- West Nile Virus and habitat loss are taking their toll on the Ruffed Grouse population. [Article](#)
- PA is experiencing a shortage of Wildlife Rehabilitators. [Article](#)

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- There are not enough field personnel to help with the monitoring of the impaired portions of the Susquehanna River.
- Micro plastics that finds its way into our lakes and rivers is being detected in European perch.
- Flame retardant chemicals are being found in small mouth bass in the Great Lakes.

### FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- No Report

### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

### ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Beaver Valley Archers had a very successful field day. Would like to thank everyone who helped with this activity.
- 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.
- One more Tuesday evening 3D shoot next week 4pm till dark, (\$7)
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Still working with Frank to finish up the site.
- A reminder to send your club's activity information to Craig so he can get it posted on the website.

### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- FOAC Voters Guides are available at <https://foac-pac.org/Voter-Guide> Circulate these as far and as wide as possible. Hopefully, you all know just how important this upcoming election is for the future of our country and our continued freedoms.
- On the voters guides, questions have risen as to why, under the category of 'U.S. Senate' 'No Suitable Candidate' is listed. Quite frankly, Senator Toomey is not pro-gun. He is supported by:
  - Michael Bloomberg's assorted anti-gun groups as well as Gabby Gifford's anti-gun group, 'Americans for Responsible Solutions.' [Source](#)

- Gun Owners of America gave Senator Toomey a ‘D’ rating. This is GOA’s definition of a ‘D’ rating. “Leans Anti-Gun: usually votes against us.” [GOA Link](#)
- Although NRA’s candidate ratings aren’t out yet, an article in their ‘America’s 1st Freedom’ ’12 U.S. Senate Races We Must Win’ does not include Senator Toomey in that list. That is telling. [Article](#)
- Senator Toomey has consistently pushed for Universal Background Checks even though it’s been proven Background Checks would have had no effect on any of the mass public shootings that have taken place since the year 2000. This information has been brought to his attention numerous times. [Article](#)
- ATF Just Banned Ammunition — Well Not Really. [Article](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- This year’s total student count is 383
- 2016 Hunter Education Courses scheduled:
 

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
Nov 3, 4	6pm to 9:30pm	Concord United Methodist Church

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- No Report

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Dan Householder reported:
- We filed for a 501c3 status the first of this month. We should have the results in about a month.
- Dick Ward - Jerry Hooks got an estimate to put logo’s on the trailer for around \$800.
  - Dan - Let’s proceed with that.
- Tonya - Has a flyer with up coming Youth events. [Flyer](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Youth Pheasant Hunt Oct 8, starting at 7am and should be completed by noon.
  - Location, Raccoon State Park Nicols/Doak Field. GPS Coordinates, Lat 40.521404 Lon -80.470755. Point of entrance gate just off State Route 168. Lat 40.521368 Lon -80.482071.
  - As of today, 12 kids out of 50 signed up.
  - Rich passed around a volunteer sign up sheet. Please contact Rich if you can help (724) 601-6974. [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com)
  - Must be a licensed junior hunter.
  - Motion to buy 12 extra birds. Aliquippa/Pine Run. Passed.
- Goose Hunt at Brady’s Run Park. Dates are:
  - Youth Hunts - Oct 29 and Nov 5 if enough kids apply
    - Must be a licensed junior hunter
    - Hunters 16 years old and above must have a federal duck stamp.
  - Adult Hunts - Oct 31, Nov 4, 7, 10, 14, 18
  - Deadline for applications is Oct 3 with the drawing at noon on Oct 7 at the new “all season” shelter.
  - Rich passed around a volunteer sign up sheet. Please contact Rich if you can help (724) 601-6974.
  - 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

BANQUET - Need a Chairman

- No Report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Net income from the fair = \$2,812.

- Raffle winners were:
 

Robin Tillia	Ruger American 30-06
Beverly Parrish	Binoculars
Marc Cushing	Rod-Reel/Tackle Box
Taven Baker Ziggler	22 Cricket, (boys)
Kaydence Starg	22 Cricket (girls)
Amy Ellefson	50/50 winner (\$500)
- Tonya and Guy thanked all of those who helped out. Your time and effort were really appreciated.
- Tony - That is one fantastic job. This is a record. Also, the booth was put together very well.
- Guy - Thanked Bob Bryner for donating the Cricket .22 rifles for the fair.
- Tonya - Thanked Mike Harcher for the picture boards.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Larry - Suggested putting out a flyer of the Youth Camp schedule so potential volunteers know where and what the campers are doing. Would make it easier to volunteer.
  - Tony - Will talk to Breanna about a wider distribution of this schedule.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - Hereford Manor Lake Restoration. Working on getting our local community leaders behind this project. This would generate additional public awareness, opening the door to more contributions toward the \$150,000 goal.
- Tony - Brought up the topic of contributing member clubs compared to member state wide agencies that contribute to the league. After some research it appears that a better set up would be to have two categories of member organizations. One category for sportsmen's/gun clubs as contributing clubs, and one category for statewide organizations as contributing sponsors. We could also explore the possibility of opening up the league to individual memberships.
  - Motion to form a bylaws committee to explore adding categories to the bylaws for statewide/national organizations to join the league as contributing sponsors and for individual memberships. Pine Run/BVRPC. Passed
  - Appointed committee members: Tony Rich, Rich Kerlin, Mike Zon, Bob Oles

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mark - State Representative Jim Marshall is hosting a Concealed Carry Seminar, Saturday, Oct 1, 10am to 12pm at the Fairview Grange in Industry. [Sign up](#)
- Craig - FOAC is having their semi annual Gun Bash at the Washington County Fair Grounds Oct 8. Great food and great guns. Craig has tickets. [Flyer](#)
- Dan - Sewickley Club is having their Gun Bash Sunday Oct 30 at Center Stage. \$40/ticket includes catered meal [Link](#)
- Shawn - Koppel events:
  - Self Protection for Women class Sept 18, 2pm - 4pm. [Flyer](#)
  - Turkey Shoots 7pm every Wednesday starting Sept 14 until a week before Thanksgiving.
  - Starting a Bullseye class every Wednesday at 6:30pm
  - Annual Cash Bash Wednesday Sept 23rd at 7pm
  - <http://kbbsa.blogspot.com/p/club-events.html>
- Guy - Southside Sportsmen's Bash. Sept 10. Over \$10,000 in prizes.
- Tony's upcoming Wild Game Dinners. All start at 6pm - Five Points, Sept 19. Rochester, Sept 21. Koppel, Sept 23. Southside, Sept 30
- Rich - Complemented Southside for their August Youth Field Day. Did a great job. Good league presence. Great Wildlife presentation by Sara Benzio.
- Mark - If anyone would like to have Sara give her Wildlife Presentation, she earns point toward scholarship's, please contact me [benz4@comcast.net](mailto:benz4@comcast.net) 724-643-5750, or Sara at [sarabenzio@gmail.com](mailto:sarabenzio@gmail.com)
- Midland is starting its Turkey Shoots on the first Sunday in Oct to the Sunday before Thanksgiving. [Flyer](#)
- **Next Month's league meeting is at Koppel Big-Beaver Sportsmen's Association.**
  - Address = 665 Norwood Drive Koppel, Pa 16136
  - Directions form Rt 18 North = Turn left on Eastwood dr. (Holiday inn) to the Y in the road. Turn right on Norwood dr (old 18). Go 1 mile the driveway will be on the left
  - Directions from 376 or 76 (turnpike) follow signs from ramp to Ellwood city to Rt 18 intersection, turn right on 18 continue Straight for 1/2 mile make the first right turn (Norwood Dr. Old Rt 18) the club's driveway will be 1/2 mile on the right.

**50/50 DRAWING**

- No Drawing

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Pine Run/Aliquippa 9:50pm

**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 6th	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