



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

October 6, 2016 Minutes

Meeting Location - Koppel Big-Beaver Club



## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Zon	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	Pittsburgh Downriggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Dan Householder		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	David Holderny
A	Ambridge	Bob Dormanesh	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	Ray Spolarich
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Koppel	Shawn Cox	P	Sewickley	Rod Cowan
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Jerry Tillia		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	Southside	Tonya Cable
	(Alt)	George Klinger		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	Guy Cable
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	None			
A	Conway	None	A	Pine Run	Rob Smith	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dick Smith	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

## OFFICERS

	President		Vice President		Treasurer		Secretary
P	Tony Rich	A	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:05 p.m.

Host Club Welcome - Jerry Tillia, President of Koppel Big-Beaver Club.

Guests - Dick Bayer, Bud Shealler.

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, Aliquippa / BV Archers. Passed.

## ELECTION - Annual

- July - Nominating Committee. Mike Zon, Shawn Cox, Craig Holdren.
- President - Tony Rich ran unopposed and was elected to another 2 year term.
- Secretary - Bob Oles ran unopposed and was elected to another 2 year term.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- The Beaver County Conservation District requested the League nominate two individuals for positions on the District's Board of Directors. Tony presented the names of Mike Price, a past Director, and Bob Gudice, a local area farmer and asked if anyone wished to submit other names. No other names were given and there were no objections to the two that were.

## AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Record number of acres treated with prescribed fire.
- Operation game thief, effective.
- Proposal would remove osprey from threatened species list.
- Changes to Sunday shooting range use tabled.
- Historic Pennsylvania bull elk on display.
- Statewide archery season began October 1.
- Pheasants released, hunters get ready.
- [Mike's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- PFBC website has been redesigned and updated. <http://www.fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx>
- End of the year blow out sale on fishing licenses.
- Steelhead season ramping up on Lake Erie.
- Raccoon Lake stocked with trout Oct 4.
- Panfish Enhancement Regulations for 2017 for Crappie on Pymatuning Reservoir.
- 2016 Keystone Catfish Symposium Oct. 20 at Bridgewater Fire hall.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- The Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System (PALS) has hit SNAFU with its vendor. [Article](#)
- PGC & PFBC support a non game species funding bill. [Article](#)
- Pennsylvania's Senior and Junior Gold Teams took First Place in the National Youth Hunter Education Challenge held July 24 - 29 at the Mill Cove Environmental Center in Mansfield Pa. [Results](#)
- Targeting deer in known CWD-infected areas in Pennsylvania with sharpshooters – a good idea. [Article](#)
- White Nose Disease still affecting Bats in Pa. [Article](#)
- PGC to be audited. [Article](#)
- Pennsylvania sees first case of West Nile virus in a dove. [Article](#)

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- PA Supreme Court rules with environmentalists over remaining issues in Act 13. [Article](#)
- The Jennings Environmental Education Center in Slippery Rock Pa. uses mine waste water to generator its own electricity. [Article](#)

### FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- The 2017 Youth Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 29.

### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

### 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.
- Because of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) you are not allowed to transport deer carcasses/parts from certain states or Canadian Provinces that have detected CWD. See [Executive Order](#) September 26, 2016, page 3, point 2.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- The new permanent league website address will shortly be [www.bcscl.org](http://www.bcscl.org) Both hunting and fishing information will be available. Seasons and areas for both sports are available.
- The 100 Guns Raffle for Restore Hereford Manor Lake (HML) project is also there. Shortly Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC) will do an emailing for the HML Project Raffle.
  - All officers and delegates please have your club add the attached flyer to your website, email and send on Facebook to all your clubs membership and all your family, friends and personal contacts. [Flyer](#)
    - 100 GUNS or 100 CHANCES to WIN TWICE a Day for 50 STRAIGHT DAYS that equals a \$1 a chance!
    - See Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Rochester Sportsmen's Club and Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League for ideas if you have any questions.

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- According to an October 2-6 Rasmussen poll, 65% of Americans think the country is headed in the wrong direction. From the National Debt, terror attacks, open boarders, Obama Care, riots and the killing of our police officers and finally the 2nd Amendment. The upcoming November election gives us one of the most distinct differences in the candidates and what direction each would take the country in.
- Any 2nd Amendment organization there is, tells us Hillary is bad news for the private ownership of firearms.
  - The National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, National Shooting Sports Foundation Second Amendment Foundation, National Association of Gun Rights, Second Amendment Sisters, Firearms Owners Against Crime, etc. All agree on this.
- As a gun owner, you should understand how critical this election is and do all you can to preserve the 2nd Amendment.
- Don't forget the next President will nominate from 1 to possibly 3 candidates for the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court currently has 4 anti-gun Justices and 4 pro-gun Justices. The next appointment is critical and we have to get it right since it will affect our rights for at least the next 20 years.
- Please see the following information:
  - NRA Trump / Clinton Flyer. [Flyer](#)
  - NRA Article on Clinton and the Democrat Convention in Philadelphia. [Article](#)
  - NRA 30 Second Video. [Video](#)
  - FOAC Voters Guide. [Guide](#)

#### FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

#### HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent
- Dan Householder reported
  - 2016 Hunter Education Courses scheduled:

Oct 22	9am to 4pm	Midland Club
Nov 3, 4	6pm to 9:30pm	Concord United Methodist Church

#### CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

#### YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Dan Householder reported
  - As of 9/13/16, the Youth Foundation is a 501c3 organization.

#### FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

#### YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Absent
- Mike Zon Reported
- Youth Pheasant Hunt Oct 8, check in at 7am. Safety Briefing at 7:30am. Hunts begin at 8am.
  - 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, 24 kids out of a max of 50 are registered.
  - Please contact Rich if you can help. Help, please arrive no later than 7:15am (724) 601-6974. [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com)
  - Will run 3 fields, 4 teams of 2 youth per field.

- EVERYONE MUST wear the required Blaze Orange.
- We will not have a bird cleaning station this year unless we get a volunteer.
- Motion to have Youth Foundation provide refreshments. FOAC/Southside. Passed.
- Goose Hunt at Brady's Run Park. Dates are:
  - Youth Hunts - Oct 29.
    - Hunters 16 years old and above must have a federal duck stamp.
    - Only 4 kids have signed up. Will only use 2 blinds.
    - Check in at the All Season Shelter at 6am. Shooting hours start at 7:17am. and end at 11am.
    - Rich needs experienced adult goose hunters on youth day. 1 or 2 people per blind to assist with set up and provide decoys and calling. Let Rich know ASAP 724-601-6974. [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com)
    - Would be nice to have a few league delegates there at check in.
  - Adult Hunts - Oct 31, Nov 4, 7, 10, 14. 19 adults have signed up.
  - Check in at the All Season Shelter at 6:00am for the 10/31 and 11/4 hunts. 5:30am for the 11/7, 11/10, and 11/14 hunts.
  - Blinds for the Goose hunt will be set up Monday Oct 24. If you would like to help, meet at the Public Works Building on State Rt. 51 just south of the Brady's Run Park Entrance at 7:45am.

#### YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Absent

#### BANQUET - Need a Chairman

- No Report

#### BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tony - Please send in unsold Hereford Manor Lake tickets by Oct 15.
- Tony - FOAC graciously provided a table for the league at their Oct 8 gun bash. Normally they charge \$500 for a table at this event. We can introduce ourselves and the Restore Hereford Manor Lake (HML) Project but won't be able to sell tickets there. And as Craig mentioned, FOAC will send the HML ticket information out to their email list as well as post it on their website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tony - The bylaws committee wasn't able to get together to discuss contributing member clubs compared to member state wide agencies that contribute to the league. Hopefully we'll be able to get together before the next league meeting.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Two clubs still have their Wild Game dinners to host. We're trying to find dates that work for everyone.
- We had three Wild Game dinners in one week for different member clubs. They were all well attended and it seemed like everyone had a good time.
- **HUNTERS** - Help the SCI Pittsburgh Chapter Feed those Less Fortunate in Your Area - with your game meat. [Flyer](#)
- Tonya, Southside
  - Attendance at the Wild Game Dinners Tony puts on at Southside jumped from 40 last year to 80 this year.
  - Turkey Shoots the last three Sundays in Oct and the first three Sundays in Nov. [Info](#)
  - Thanked all those who help with the Southside Youth Field Day. Special thanks went to - Mike Zon, Guy Cable, Shawn Cox, Sara Benzio, Rich Kerlin, DJ's Quick Stop in Clinton Pa, and the County League in general for all its help.
- Aliquippa is having a Turkey Shoot on Sunday Oct 23 from 10am till 3pm. [Flyer](#)
- Midland is starting its Fall Turkey Shoots at 2pm on Sundays starting Oct 16. [Flyer](#)
- Koppel
  - Turkey Shoots Wednesdays, 7pm. [Flyer](#)
  - Women's Self Defense class. [Flyer](#)

**50/50 DRAWING**

- \$40 - Craig Holdren. Donated winnings to the Youth Fund

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- FOAC/Beaver Falls 9:30pm

**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