



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

November 3, 2016 Minutes
Meeting Location - Beaver Falls Club



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

A	Aliquippa	Dan Householder	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	Pittsburgh Downriggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	David Holderny
P	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 Tilia		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	A	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	Southside	Tonya Cable
	(Alt)	George Klinger		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	Guy Cable
A	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	None			
A	Conway	None	P	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	P	Rich Kerlin	A	Mark Benzio	A	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.

Host Club Welcome - Bob Miller, President Beaver Falls Club

Guests - Ralph Burns

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, Koppel/Beaver Valley Archers

Treasurer's Report, Mark - Absent

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Mike complimented the league for the great job putting on the Youth Pheasant Hunt in October.
- Out of over 10,000 tickets purchased for a chance to hunt a world class bull elk in Pennsylvania, Steve Unis won this opportunity. He bagged his elk September 26 in Moshannon State Forest. An unofficial green score at 426 and 5/8”
- Motorists beware. Not only is this is the fall breeding season for but more people are taking part in outdoor activities which that could flush deer.
- If you hit a deer with your vehicle you are not required to report it to the PGC. If it dies, only a PA resident may claim the deer carcass and must report that within 24 hours to the PGC
- Antlers from bucks killed in vehicle collisions must be turned over to the PGC or can be purchased for \$10/point by the person who claims the deer.
- Removing antlers from a road-killed buck is illegal.
- SB1166 - Was supposed to be on the calendar October 24 but did not show up for the PA House to vote on. As of this time, it does not look like the House is going to vote on it.
 - As a result, the PGC will be on a \$7 million budget reduction next year. Some programs will certainly be affected.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Rocco Ali, PFBC Southwest District Commissioner is now the President of the Board. The former President, Glade Squires resigned. There are currently two vacancies on the Board of Commissioners.
- High Hazard Dam News - Drainage of the 90-acre Donegal Lake in Westmoreland County will be complete by the end of November. An ongoing draw down of 252-acre Somerset Lake in Somerset County is under way and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2017. These dams are part of a statewide initiative to repair and or replace dams that are classified as “high-hazard.”
 - The Hereford Manor Lake Project is still in the works.
 - Mike Barcaskey wrote a nice article in the Times about Hereford Manor Lake. [Article](#)
- Mandatory Life Jacket Season started November 1 and lasts through April 30. Life jackets are required to be worn while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak.
- 2016 Licenses, (Resident, Non-Resident and Senior Resident) are 50% off Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.
- 2017 Licenses go on sale December 1.
- Brady's Run Lake will be stocked with trout on December 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent

GAME - Mike Harcher

- PGC's Operation Game Thief is working well. [Article](#)
- PGC considering removing Osprey from the Threatened Species List. Will still be protected. [Article](#)
- Fur price outlook dependent upon economies in Russia and China. [Article](#)
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act is 100 years old. [Article](#)
- Farmers Report More Crop Damage by Deer. [Article](#)
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation starting old mine reclamation project. [Article](#)
- PGC creates more deer hunter focus areas. [Article](#)
- Bear Biologist Mark Tennent predicts a high bear harvest for the upcoming season.
- PA hunters have donated over 1 million pounds of venison for “Hunters Sharing the Harvest” since 1991. www.sharedeer.org

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Almost \$29 million of state and federal funds have been earmarked for the Susquehanna River Watershed as part of an effort to reduce pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.
- The EPA has sued the Erie Coke Corporation over pollution concerns. [Article](#)
- Dunked Creek, Key species of fish are still not recovering in Dunkard Creek some 7 years after the massive fish kill that nearly destroyed the creek.
- Chesapeake Bay water quality is improving. [Article](#)
- Gov. Wolf nominates acting DEP Secretary to serve permanently in this role. [Article](#)

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- The 2017 Youth Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 8am to 12pm at Hopewell Community Park.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Discussed fund raising and if current camper rates are adequate.

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.
- There will be an archery tournament at New Brighton High School in January. Details next month
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Would appreciate all events & articles turned in be ready to turn over to be posted on website: Including, type of event, date, cost, event date or dates and time, location and contact information.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Absent
- Craig - Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party embraced Gun Control at the Philadelphia Democratic Convention.
 - [Hand out information](#)
- This could be the most important election of our lifetime, The next president of the United States of America could appoint 3 to 5 Supreme Court Justices. A majority of liberal justices would do away with the 2nd Amendment.
- Look what Gun Control has done in England, Australia. - Never happen here in the United States you say, right. Look what's already happened in California, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Chicago and Detroit. Once they take the Guns we will never get them back. Why do they want our Guns? Why don't they worry about ISIS. MS13 and the drug cartels that bring in over 24 million dollars' worth of drugs a year?
- Remember the saying, "Remember the Alamo." When you go to the polls on Tuesday November 8, 2016 remember the Benghazi!.
- And please vote individually so they cannot cheat like they have found in TEXAS.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Youth Pheasant Hunt took place October 8 at Raccoon State Park. We had 17 boys and 3 girls. 24 canceled and 2 were no-shows. 13 pheasants were harvested during the scheduled shoot and 8-10 harvested in the afternoon by hunters who stayed after the official youth shoot. It was a great day and the awesome weather helped.
 - Thanks to:
 - The Youth Foundation for morning refreshments.
 - Bucktails, Five Points, Midland, Rochester, Southside Clubs.
 - Big thanks to PGC's Mike Yeck and Matt Kramer and crew.
 - And a special thanks to Chayce Cable who gave up his spot to help us and there-by allowed his friend to hunt instead of him.
- Goose Hunts
 - We set the blinds up around the lake on Monday Oct 24. Mike Zon, Harry Norton, John Davidson, Larry White, Tony Rich, Mike Harcher and Bob Oles came out to help. With all that help it did not take long. Thanks so much.
 - Someone damaged blind #2. But I was able to repair the damage.

- The Youth Hunt was Saturday Oct 29. 3 youth hunters showed up and 1 canceled out. Ran 2 blinds. All hunters shot but all geese continued to fly afterward.
 - Thanks to Mike Zon, Harry Norton, Tony Rich, Bob Oles for being there. Thanks to the dog handlers, Mike Zon and Russ Sabo for helping mentor.
- We've had 1 adult hunt so far. 5 hunters in 3 blinds. All hunters shot, all geese continued to fly afterward.
 - Thanks to Tim Ishman, Beaver County Direct of Recreation and Tourism every day of these hunts.
- Check in for Nov 7, 10, 14 hunts is 5:30am. All help is appreciated.

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

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The Bylaws Committee met and started developing changes to permit any statewide or national organization to join our league as a "Supporting Agency." These agencies will have the opportunity to give a report at our meetings. They will be in a different category than members clubs. Their dues will be somewhat higher and they will not have a representative delegate thus they will not have a vote at meetings.
- After reviewing the current bylaws we see a few additional items that need to be updated. Those will be addressed and we will try to present them to you at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The Pittsburgh Down Riggers Club is presenting "Walleye School" January 21, 2017 at Raccoon Township Fire Hall. For further information, [Click Here](#)
- Koppel Big-Beaver - Turkey Shoots, Wednesdays, 7pm. [Flyer](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- \$38 - Walt Ketterer

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Beaver Falls/Southside 9:06pm

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