



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

December 8, Minutes  
Meeting Location - Five Points Club



## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Dan Householder	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pittsburgh Downriggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	None		(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	A	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	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	None			
A	Conway	None	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dick Smith	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

## 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 - Ron McDonald, Secretary Five Points

Guests - Taylor Cable

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, Pine Run/Koppel. Passed.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Elk Harvest Results - 97 taken by hunters during the regular one week season.

- Hunters are reminded that even though the use of semi-automatic rifles and air rifles for hunting has been signed into law for Pennsylvania, the Game Commission has not yet made any changes to the lists of lawful arms and ammunition for any hunting seasons. Therefore these arms are not yet permitted to be used for hunting in Pennsylvania. This is important to remember for the upcoming deer season.
- Preliminary 2016 statewide bear harvest numbers are at 2,579. This is a decrease from the 2015 total of 2,693.
- Thanks and appreciation is extended to the state's hunters for their donated venison that helped supply about 200,000 meals to those in need.
- [Matt's Report](#)

#### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- 2017 Fishing Licenses are now on sale at various retailers and on line.
- Some changes for 2017 - Panfish Enhancement Waters, Class A Waters, Stocked Trout Waters and Miscellaneous Regulations.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent

#### GAME - Mike Harcher

- Study shows fewer people are taking hunter education courses. [Article](#)
- State Farm Survey on PA vehicle deer Collisions. [Article](#)
- Pocono Raceway installs Bat Boxes. [Article](#)
- Restoring American Chestnut Trees. [Article](#)
- Native Ash Trees are in trouble. [Article](#)
- Fishers keeps expanding range in Pennsylvania. [Article](#)
- Bear mangle increasing. [Article](#)
- Former Penn State coach McQueary cited for hunting violation. [Article](#)

#### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Eels returning to Susquehanna. [Article](#)
- Pennsylvania fines gas driller \$3.5 million. [Article](#)

#### FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- No Report

#### 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.
- Tuesday evenings we're open to the public if you want a nice warm place to shoot your bow. If you're a non member cost is \$7.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- No Report

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Pennsylvania hunters are finally able to join the rest of the nation's hunters with legislation signed into law that permits them to use semi-automatic rifles when pursuing their game. We are the last state in the nation to permit this. The Pennsylvania Game Commission will be the determining agency for what game and which firearms will be permitted.
- There currently is a debate on whether to permit semi-autos to hunt big game. Please refer to the attached policy brief from Firearms Owners Against Crime for important points to consider and then contact the Game Commissioners with your thoughts. [FOAC Policy Brief](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent
- Dan Householder reported
  - 605 students took the Hunter Education course in our district.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Dan Householder reported
  - Archery Coach, Glenn Fillingner, for National Archery in the Schools Program at New Brighton High School has asked for help for an up coming area shooting qualifier.
    - Motion to approve a \$500 donation to this cause. Pine Run/North Boroughs. Unanimous Consent. [Glenn's Letter](#)
  - As of 9/13/16, the Youth Foundation is a 501c3 organization.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

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**

- Tony - Hereford Manor Lake Raffle. Even though we weren't able to sell all of the tickets, the raffle is going well so far. A number of people have won guns. Once we get this raffle money in place it'll be a lot easier to go forward for more donations for this project.
  - Had a meeting with Aaron Bernstine, State Representative Elect for District 10, which covers portions of Beaver County. Aaron hasn't even taken over yet, but he has done some really good work on this already. It looks like we have a really good guy in Aaron.
- Ambridge Club would like to get back into the annual rotation of hosting league meetings in September.
  - Motion to approve, Pine Run/BVRPC. Unanimous Consent.
- Bylaws Amendments. Major change = Include additional member category of "Supporting Organizations."
  - [Rewritten Bylaws and list of changes](#)

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- The League's newest member, Pittsburgh Down Riggers, Delegate, Andy Theodore, introduced his club and their upcoming "Walleye School."
  - Website = <http://www.great-lakes.org/pa/pittsburghdownriggersinc.html>
  - [Walleye School](#)

- Mark - Midland Annual Gun Raffle tickets \$20, are available now. Drawing in March. See Mark or Dick Ward.
- Mike Harcher - Pheasant Hunt picture boards will be ready for the next meeting.
- BCSC Youth Foundation has a Face Book page now. [Facebook](#)
- Rich - Brady's Run Park Goose Hunt preliminary tally 4 geese harvested.
- Tonya - Clubs will receive solicitation letters for the Youth Foundation.
- Credential sheets for club renewals will be out by the end of the month.

**50/50 DRAWING**

- \$50 - Bob Oles

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Southside/Koppel 9:15pm

**BCSCCL 2017 Meeting Dates & Locations**

January 5th	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 4th	Southside	Sept 14th	Ambridge
February 2nd	Rochester	June 1st	Pine Run	Oct 5th	Koppel
March 2nd	Rochester, North Boroughs Hosting	<i>July 6th</i>	<i>Conway</i>	Nov 2nd	Beaver Falls
April 6th	B.V. Archers	Aug 3rd	Midland	Dec 14th	Five Points

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCCL