



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION League



April 6, 2017 Minutes

Meeting Location - Beaver Valley Archers Club

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

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

Guests - Russ Sabo, Kristen Landis, Deb Smith, Dick Bayer, Tim Ketterer

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

Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve, Pine Run/Five Points. Passed.

- Mark reviewed the Fund Raiser dinner over all finances

COMMUNICATIONS

- Rich - Received an invoice for bonding of the league's officers and gave it to Mark
- Tony - Received the camp reservation confirmation from the DCNR and gave it to Rich.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Final 2017-18 Hunting/Trapping Seasons Approved
 - Doe allocations affecting Beaver County: WMU 1A - 52,000, WMU 2A = 50,000, WMU 2B = 60,000
 - Statewide archery bear season moved to the next-to-the-last week of archery deer season
 - Eliminate post Christmas segment of ruffed-grouse season
 - Split firearms deer season and antler restrictions retained
- Semi-Automatic rifles ok'd for small game and fur bearers
- A \$25 pheasant permit will be needed to hunt pheasants during the 2017-18 season
- State Game Lands shooting ranges will now be open from 8am - sunset on Sundays during the firearms deer and bear seasons.
- Small game dog training on game lands will be closed from the Monday prior to the start of youth pheasant season until opening day of statewide pheasant season.
- PGC names new Deputy Executive Director, Thomas P. Grohol
- CWD surveillance detects another diseased deer near a site that recently sold a captive deer that later was determined to be CWD positive.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Mentored Youth Day April 8, 2017 8am - 7:30pm.
- Adults must have a fishing license and trout permit and be 16 or older. Accompanying youth must have free PFBC permit or voluntary youth license. Refer to www.GoneFishingPA.com
- Opening day of trout season is April 15, 2017 8:00am. 5 trout / day limit
- Trout stockings. All Beaver County Stocked Trout Waters have been stocked except Raccoon Lake which will be stocked April 13.
- Reminder - November 1 through April 30 boaters on any canoe or kayak or boats less than 16 feet in length are required to wear a life jacket. This applies while the boat is underway or at anchor.
- A kayak capsized in Crawford County and the boater, who wasn't wearing a life jacket, died.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Still need bio information from Sewickley and Pittsburgh Down Riggers.
- If your club's bio needs updated, you need to get that information to Rob by the May meeting. Rob's email is rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Mike updated the picture boards with pictures from the latest Youth Pheasant Hunt

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Since the state is financially strapped, there isn't the money needed to hire enough D.E.P. water inspectors to do water monitoring in the field. There are still over 8,000 miles of streams suffering from abandoned mine drainage that need to be cleaned up.

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- The 2017 Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday April 29, from 8am to 12pm at Hopewell Community Park. Registration begins at 6:30am. Free for kids 15 and under. Bait and refreshments will be sold.
- Trophies will be awarded in different divisions. 3 for boys and 3 for girls. 69 prizes will be awarded.
- Andy Theodore donated a free charter trip on Lake Erie for a day as a prize. [Charter Prize](#)
- Jerry Hooks donated \$100 in additional prizes
- Fish will be delivered April 27, at 12pm. The lake will then be closed until the kids derby.
- Help is certainly needed and appreciated. Contact Mike. 724-683-5880. [Flyer](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent. Rich reported.
- 2017 Camp dates are June 18 through the 24, and will be at the large camp. Will accept up to 65 campers. \$150/camper.

- Applications and Flyers will be on our FaceBook page as well as on the League website or here [Flyer and Application](#)
 - Application deadline is May 21.
 - So far there are 18 campers registered.
 - Clubs, please get your applications in as soon as possible.
- The optional, **“but strongly recommended, especially for new campers.”** parents meeting is coming up on May 21, 7:00pm, at Aliquippa Bucktails Club

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Introductory Youth Archery every Thursday evening 6pm until whenever the archer wants to leave. No experience necessary and equipment will be provided. There is no charge for this program.
- We start our weekly 3D shoots on the first Tuesday in April. They start at 5:00pm. Fee is \$7
- The first Sunday of every month we have a 3D shoot. \$12 per shooter.
- April 8th we're having a swap meet 9am-3pm. \$10/table. Contact Walt at 724-843-3254. [Flyer](#)
- Glen Fillinger, President of Beaver Valley Archers, thanked the league and clubs for their support for the recent National Archery in the Schools Tournament..
 - There were 1,500 spectators and 230 kids competed.
 - New Brighton High School came in 2nd. Our team qualified for the state competition and we're headed for Nationals.
 - We're holding a Spaghetti Dinner to help support New Brighton High School's National Archery in the Schools Program. [Spaghetti Dinner Flyer](#)
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Craig and Frank Kelly gave an update on progress of redoing the league's website
- When all of the transition work is completed, the permanent website address will be: www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Showed the video, “Number One with a Bullet” with Bill Whittle. This is good ammo to have on hand if confronted by anti-gun politicians or their office staff when we go to the 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg in May.
 - The United States is not a gun murder capitol of the world as anti-gun folks belief and pronounce. [Video](#)
- Read an email, Randy Santucci, Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Board, sent to the PGC after they voted not to permit the use of semi-automatic rifles for big game in Pennsylvania. [Read email](#)
- Still have room on the buses for those wanting transportation to the, “Make The 2nd Amendment Great Again Rally” in Harrisburg. Monday, May 22, 2017. [Rally Flyer with transportation Info.](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent. Dan Householder gave an update
- Upcoming Hunters Education Classes

4/22/17	Center Twp Fire Hall #2	9am - 4pm
5/2/17	Rochester Club	Training for 8 new instructors
5/6/17	Midland Club	9am - 4pm
6/3/17	Aliquippa Club	9am - 4pm
6/10/17	Pine Run	9am - 4pm
- Those youth who are planning on attending this year's Conservation Camp are **required** to attend a Hunters Education class prior to camp.
- Mike Zon was selected as the Hunter Safety Education Instructor of the Year in WCO Matt Kramer's District 2-04-2.
- Brad Bell was selected as the Hunter Safety Education Instructor of the Year in WCO Mike Yeck's District 2-04-1.
- Tony - Mike also received many positive comments about his cable restraint class.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- BCSCLYF meeting held March 16th, 7:00pm at the Aliquippa Club. [YF Meeting Minutes](#)
- Shawn is developing a Power Point presentation that we can take to the clubs to help people understand what we do.
- Solicitation letters have been mailed out.
- We will hold a 50/50 raffle at the Fishing Derby this year.
- We're getting estimates for logos on the trailer

- The bylaws were accepted.
- Dan - Senator Vogel is having a Youth Extravaganza on June 24th from 11am- 2pm at the CCBC Dome. Planning on setting up a table with literature to inform the public of what we do. I would like some help.
 - We see a need to be able to show charts, pictures, videos etc. on a large screen. Motion to spend \$655 on video equipment. BVRPC/Koppel. Passed.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Tony - We're going to have a short Fund Raising Committee meeting after the general meeting is over.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Scheduled for Saturday, July 15th at Midland Sportsmen's Club.
- Any and all help is appreciated. Contact Jerry 724-601-6964 or jerryhooks@hotmail.com

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- From the Banquet, We made enough for the buses but not quite enough for the hats too. The hats are part of our identity when we go to Harrisburg, so I think we should go ahead and purchase them anyway. Motion to buy the hats, Aliquippa/ FOAC. Passed.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Dick Bayer - If Pennsylvania changes to the NICS (National Instant Check System) for purchasing firearms, we won't be able to use our PA drivers license for identification since it won't comply with "The Real ID Act of 2005." [Reference Article](#)
 - Dick Ward - A regular folding passport costs \$110.
- Tony - Saturday April 8th is the Wild Turkey Federation Banquet at Ambridge Sportsmen's Club. There were 8 people who volunteered to go. Make sure you know who you are and you attend.
- Tony and Jerry will take care of sorting and cleaning the aprons for the rally.
- Tony received the contract for the sign to be erected at the breast of the dam. This will let everyone know that the dam replacement project is moving forward.
- State Representative Aaron Bernstine met with the Hereford Manor Lake Conservancy Group, the original group that tried to save the lake. Good information was shared.
- Governor Wolf did not know about Hereford Manor Lake, but due to Aaron's efforts, he sure does now.
- If you have been helping out by gathering petition signatures, please get those petitions turned in soon. Give them to Tony or send them to Aaron.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Andy - The Down Riggers has a fund raising raffle going on with a chance to win a fishing charter. A Saturday evening perch fishing trip. Sunday a walleye fishing trip. They're both 4 person charters. Plus \$500 in cash. Two numbers on each ticket. \$5/ticket.
- Mark - Midland is having its final Spring Turkey Shoot. Sunday April 9th at 2pm. Tony is doing our Wild Game Feed. We're selling \$5 raffle tickets for a chance to win a nice gun. Come on down, eat and bring your shotgun.
- Tonya - Our scout troop will be going around the community looking for tattered flags. Asking people if they have a worn flag and if they would like it retired properly. At the same time they'll be asking if they would like to purchase a new one, which the scouts will put up for them.
- Tony - We still have Hereford Manor Lake fund raising tickets. 20 guns for \$20. Going off in July.
- Tony - Keep rolling over in your minds about a league individual membership.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$50 Craig Holdren

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Five Points/Pine Run. 9:30pm

BCSCL 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	July 6th	Conway	Nov 2nd	Beaver Falls
April 6th	B.V. Archers	Aug 3rd	Midland	Dec 14th	Five Points

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL