



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION League

May 4, 2017 Minutes
Meeting Location - Southside Club



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Harcher	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	None		(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		Southside	None
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
A	Conway	None	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
						A	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.

Guests - Doug and Terri Deem, Deb Smith, Bryan Burhans - PGC Executive Director, Thomas Fazi - PGC Southwest Region Information and Education Supervisor, John Kline - PFSC Director of Government Affairs.

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, FOAC/Five Points. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve, Koppel/Aliquippa. Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bryan Burhans - PGC Executive Director

- Bryan covered an assortment of topics including- Deer Predation, Chronic Wasting Disease, Bear Mange, West Nile Virus in relation to Ruffed Grouse, Latest Bear Harvest, PA's Strong Trapping Culture, The Elk Herd, Habitat Management, Using Reserve Funds for the Next WCO Class, Semi-Autos for Big Game, Archers Percentage of the Deer Harvest, Hunter Harvest Reporting Percentage, The Farm Bureau's Opposition to Sunday Hunting.

John Kline - PFSC Director of Government Affairs

- Touched on the value of sportsmen sticking together and asked the league to think about joining the PFSC.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- SB 192 (License Fees) was recently tabled by the House Game and Fisheries Committee.
- Pennsylvania's 2017-18 migratory game bird seasons have been selected.
- The PGC announced new Bureau Directors.
 - Deanna Vance, Bureau of Automated Technology.
 - Randy Shoup, Bureau of Wildlife Protection.
- Deputy Game Protector Charles Beecham, who was shot to death near Priceburg, Lackawanna County in 1906 is among 394 fallen law-enforcement officers to be honored at a May 13 ceremony on the National Mall.
- [Matt's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent - Jeremy's been busy stocking fish in area water ways.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Needs delegate contact list.
- rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Due to manpower issues, the audit on the Game Commission will be delayed for a couple of months.
- The Pymatuning Wildlife Learning Center near the Spillway will be closed indefinitely. It will reopen when a new building is constructed. [Link](#)
- Game Commission Conducts Controlled Burns For Wildlife. [Link](#)
- Members of the House Game and Fisheries Committee got a first hand look at the state's bear program. [Link](#)
- Important legislation:
 - Expand Youth Mentored Hunting . [Link](#)
 - HB359 Hunting License Revocation. [Link](#)
 - HB292 Prohibiting Exploding Targets.
- Some hunters believe warmer weather is affecting water fowl seasons.
- West Virginia launches historic elk restoration. [Link](#)
- Trail cams used to monitor predators of deer fawns. [Link](#)
- Targeted shooting finds a CWD-positive white-tailed deer. [Link](#)
- Audubon Society Confirms Eaglet Hatch In Hays Nest. [Link](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Was held 4/29/17 at Hopewell Community Park.
- 149 kids fished the lake stocked with 575 trout.
- Of the 179 fish caught, 113 were trout.
- 81 prizes were given out.
- A great day for all the kids.

- Big Thanks to all the Clubs that donated, guys that helped stock, Jerry Hooks for additional prizes, Andy Theodore for the donated charter trip and everyone else that helped out one way or another.
- [Mike's Report](#) [Andy's Note to Grand Prize Winner](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- 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.
 - We have only received 21 applications so far. **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 started 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.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- We've made a lot of additions and updates since last month. Please stop by the website and check it out. www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- At this time we have 79 signed up for the trip. Since we're so close to rally day, we should think about canceling the third bus.
- Tony - Recommended canceling 1 bus. Motion to cancel 1 bus. Aliquippa/BVRPC. Passed.
- Need help with parking. Help will need to arrive at bus departure location by 3:00am.
- Need to know when Rochester club is available for a team leader meeting.
- "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

- We've put 133 people through the course so far.
- George thanked the Rochester Club for holding the orientation for new instructors.
- Upcoming Hunters Education Classes:

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.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- No Report

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- BCSCLYF meeting held April 20, 7:00pm at the Aliquippa Club.
- Jerry welcomed their newest member Kristen Landis
- Shawn Cox completed the Power Point presentation that we will take to the clubs to help people understand what we do
- Projector screens are in.
- Fund Raising - Tentative date for a Sporting Clays shoot at the Rochester Sportsmen's Club is Sept 10, 2017. Will have a flyer in the future. [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Hereford Manor Lake Tickets. 20 Guns \$20/ticket. We need help selling tickets.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Scheduled for Saturday, July 15th at Midland Sportsmen's Club.
- Ray Spolarich dropped off the needed information.
- Thinking about consolidating some of the stations to keep things flowing better.
- Any and all help is appreciated. Contact Jerry 724-601-6964 or jerryhooks@hotmail.com

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No Report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- We have the contract and it's \$180 again this year to reserve our spot.
 - Tony - We'll take care of that.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Tonya - Read the letter of the Cable's resignation from the Southside Sportsmen's Club.
 - Realizing the valuable contributions the Cable's made to their club, a number of other Beaver County Delegates invited them to join their clubs.
 - Rich - Once you have been a delegate or alternate, you're always welcome to attend the future league meetings.
- Andy - Aug 5, 2017 The Down Riggers is sponsoring a walleye Tournament on Lake Erie. Each team will be composed of 2 to 3 persons, a 9 rod limit to the boat, weighing your 5 biggest fish. This is targeted for the smaller boats. We're still discussing whether it will be a 24 foot or 26 foot max. Rules should be ironed out by next week. The captain of each entering boat will get a 1 year membership in the Pittsburg Down Riggers. There will also be a picnic style dinner at the weigh in. If there is a small craft advisory the tournament will be canceled and the winners will be determined on the door prize ticket. We're planning on about 40 boats if not more.
- Tony - The green league shirts we currently wear are going out of production. But we have an opportunity to purchase a few of the same style shirts that we can put in storage for sale in the future. 20 shirts for \$934.
- 3 Large short sleeve and 3 Large long sleeve
- 3 XL short sleeve and 3 XL long sleeve.
- 2 XXL short sleeve and 2 XXL long sleeve.
- 2 XXXL short sleeve and 2 XXXL long sleeve.
- Motion to purchase these shirts BVRPC/Midland.
- Tony - Don Musgrave recently passed away. He was 94. Don was very instrumental in this league. He was a Delegate for the PFSC and a Delegate for Ambridge Club for many years.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Jerry - With Gwen Knight's recent passing, the league established "The Knight Award" to be awarded to an outstanding Beaver County woman who excels in volunteerism like Gwen did. The award reads:
 - In Loving Memory of Gwen Knight. For outstanding dedication and volunteerism in regards to the youth and sportsmen of Beaver County. Presented by the men and women of the Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League and the Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League Youth Foundation.
 - The award will be presented to Dave and show him that we want to carry on what Gwen has done for us.
 - Tony - We would like to adopt this award into the County League Awards Program to given out when necessary.
 - Five Points/Rochester. Passed.
- Tonya - Reviewed the Flag Retirement Program their Scout Troop is doing and handed out flag order forms for replacement flags. The scouts will deliver the new flags and hang them if requested. [Flag Order Form](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- No Drawing

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/Koppel 10:10pm

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