



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION League

June 1, 2017 Minutes  
Meeting Location - Pine Run 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	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	David Holderny
A	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Green Valley	Don Spearing	A	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	A	Southside	None
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
A	Conway	None	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(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.

Host Club Welcome - John Cummins, President Pine Run Club

Guests - Dick Bayer

Last Month's Minutes - Correction under New Business.

- The Cable's resigned their committee, director and county league delegate positions at Southside Club, not their club membership.
- Motion to approve as amended, FOAC/Aliquippa. Passed.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## STATE AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Additional Chronic Wasting Disease cases have been detected in Pennsylvania wild deer.
- Disease Management Area 2, boundaries will be expanded.
- It is illegal to take or possess wildlife from the wild. Penalties could be as high \$1,500 per animal per day.
- The PGC & DCNR have teamed up to restore thousands of acres of idle habitat on state forest lands for ruffed grouse and woodcock.
- PGC's Executive Director, Bryan Burhans, visited the league at its May monthly meeting. He was very impressed with the league and the meeting turn out.
- The bear that has been roaming Beaver County was eventually trapped and relocated to Westmoreland County. It weighed in at 320 pounds.
- Tony - Was very impressed with Bryan's visit to the league and that he is getting out and meeting with sportsmen at their clubs and league meetings across the state.
- [Mike's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Needs info from the rally.
- [rasmith10@comcast.net](mailto:rasmith10@comcast.net)

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- The PGC Board of Game Commissioners has decided not to revise the blaze orange requirements for hunting.
- If you hunt in WMU 2C and 2E, be aware that the boundaries to these areas have been changed for the 2017-18 hunting and trapping season.
- If you shoot on PGC public shooting ranges be aware of a number of regulation changes before your next visit.
- Deer Baiting permits are likely to continue in the southeast special regulations area on private property.
- Forest fragmentation is one spin off of shale gas development.
- Pennsylvania bear management is a success story. Compared to the rest of the world, Pennsylvania has - 3% of the total black bear population. 6% of the total bear harvests. 28% of the total bear hunters.

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- DEP chief says proposed federal budgets cuts could be harmful for the state's environmental protection.
- President Trump removed the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement.
- PFBC is concentrating on removing abandoned boats on the state's waterways.
- Craig - The United States pays billions of dollars for the Paris Climate Accord, while China, India and some other countries have contributed and will contribute nothing, the agreement is a one-sided deal and they do not even have to try to be compliant until 2030.

### FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- No Report

### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent. Rich reported
- 2017 Camp dates are June 18 through the 24, and will be at the large camp.
- We had the campers meeting at Aliquippa Club, which was well attended.
- Breanna needs to hear from the clubs who indicated they have campers coming but have not confirmed the number or paid the camp fee.
- Breanna Edmiston - (412) 849-6849 [bbarcaskey@gmail.com](mailto:bbarcaskey@gmail.com)

### 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 have our weekly 3D shoots on the first Tuesday of each month. They start at 5:00pm. Fee is \$7.
- The first Sunday of every month we have a 3D shoot. \$12 per shooter.

- This is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of commercial production of the compound bow. [Article](#)
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Craig reminded delegates the their club's websites aren't being updated. Some did not have information on the rally, and do not have information on the conservation camp, or Hereford Manor Lake tickets [www.bcscl.org](http://www.bcscl.org)

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- From the Beaver County perspective, the "Make the 2nd Amendment Great Again" rally was, Great Again. Good trip, great speakers, teams were able to see more actual legislators this year rather than just visiting offices. And with the help of Glen Beattie and Northside Sportsmen's Association, we were able to send 3 buses with 139 rally attendees.
- Most of the pro-gun bills we brought to the attention of legislators gained cosponsors, but the increase was not as big as it could have been. The reason, out of over 4 million gun owners in Pennsylvania, only 186 attended the rally.
- Somehow we need to be able to impress upon the average Pennsylvania gun owner, our 2nd Amendment right is under constant assault and needs their continued attention. At rallies like this but especially casting an informed vote EVERY election.
- Craig - Sheriffs, in uniform, from 20 Pennsylvania counties also attended the rally.
- Craig - There's a 2nd Amendment Rally in Butler this coming Saturday. Another chance for you to show others, your support for the 2nd Amendment. [Butler Rally Flyer](#)
- [Bob's Report](#) [Rally Pictures](#) [Rally Video](#)

#### FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

#### HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent - The following information is still up to date.
- Upcoming Hunters Education Classes:
 

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

- Absent - Tonya Reporting.
- Monthly Meeting, 5/18/17.
- New flyers for [Youth Field Day](#) and [BCSCL Youth 5 Events](#)
- Youth Field Day advertisement will be in the Beaver County Times Wednesday 6/14/17.
- Kids Extravaganza 6/24/17, 11am till 2pm at CCBC Dome, 1 Campus Drive, Monaca.
- Shawn Cox put together a nice presentation about the Youth Foundation to show at our events, but we need a computer to play it. Motion to spend \$250, from the Youth Foundation, for a laptop and necessary adapters. BVRPC/FOAC, Passed.
- [Youth Foundation Minutes](#)

#### FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Hereford Manor Lake Tickets. 20 Guns \$20/ticket. We need help selling tickets. [Ticket Flyer](#)

#### YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Follow up answer to a question posed to PGC Executive Director, Bryan Burhans, at his visit to the BCSCL May meeting. A dog handler must have a pheasant stamp. Mentors are not required to have a pheasant stamp.
- The Boater's Safety Course is scheduled for the camp, but the PFBC hasn't received a request from us to use their canoes.
  - Tonya will look into this.

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

- Scheduled for Saturday, July 15th at Midland Sportsmen's Club.
- Refer to Youth Foundation Report for additional details.
- Any and all help is appreciated. Contact Jerry 724-601-6964 or [jerryhooks@hotmail.com](mailto:jerryhooks@hotmail.com)

## BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No Report

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

- We need the \$180 check to get things moving.
- Also need to get the process moving for the Cricket Rifle prize donation.
- Tony - We still have 2A Rally hats available that we could use for fund raising.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Rich - Last year Hopewell High School Conservation Club gave the league all their canoes and the trailer to transport them. But the trailer will need some repairs. Guy will report back on an approximate cost to repair the trailer.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Dan Losco - Five Points is holding a Hunt of Lifetime Benefit 3D Shoot on Sunday June 11th. Contact Wally Darbous, 412-787-0744, for more information. <http://www.fivepointshuntingclub.com>
  - Motion for league to sponsor a target for \$100. Koppel/Five Points. Passed.
  - Motion for Youth Foundation to sponsor a target for \$100. Koppel/Aliquippa. Passed.
- Tony - Brought us up to date on fund raising for Hereford Manor Lake. Included complements to State Representative Aaron Bernstine for his part in moving this project forward.
  - If you would like to help out by gathering petition signatures for this project please go to the following link and print a blank petition out, gather signatures and return to Representative Bernstine. The address is on the [petition](#).
- Tony - We need to think about starting the individual memberships for the league as a source of funding.
- Tony - Talked about different sources of fund raising for the league and the annual 2nd Amendment Rally.
- Bob - We've discussed methods of showing our appreciation for the special pricing Budget Charters has given us for the buses to Harrisburg. We also should think about doing something for the Beaver County Rehabilitation Center for allowing us to park in their lot while we're at the rally. Motion to purchase plaques of appreciation for Budget Charters and Beaver County Rehabilitation Center. Five Points/Pine Run. Passed
  - Bob will get contact information to Rich

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Tonya - Has applications for a new American Flag.
- Rich - Rich witnessed and has photographic proof that Chayce is growing up. He saw him at the Southside prom.
- The Lake Erie Cannon Ball Walleye Tournament presented by the Pittsburgh Down Riggers. [Flyer](#)
- Jim Delesandro, who taught the Safe Boating instructor course for the PFBC, passed away on Saturday. Cards can be sent to his wife:
  - Patricia (Pat) Delesandro
  - 292 Everglade Rd.
  - Greensburg, PA 15601
- Online condolences may be left with his online obituary if interested. [Obituary Link](#)

## 50/50 DRAWING

- \$38 Tony Rich. Donated winnings to the Youth Foundation.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

- BVRPC/Aliquippa 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