



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION League

August 3, 2017 Minutes
Meeting Location - Midland



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
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Green Valley	Don Spearing	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Karen Laurito		(Alt)	Ray Spolarich
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	A	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
						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 - Dave Knight, Midland Club President.

- Dave thanked everyone in the league for the Gwen Knight Award presented to his late wife Gwen.

Guests - PA State Representative Aaron Bernstine

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Green Valley/Pine Run. Passed.

ELECTION - Annual,

- October. Vice President and Treasurer
- Nominating Committee - Craig Holdren, Tonya Cable, Shawn Cox
- No new nominations.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank you cards from Hoss' wife Mary, and family, for the flowers the league sent to Hoss' funeral.
- Thank you card from Melissa Ward for the flowers the league sent to Gwen Knight's funeral.

GUEST SPEAKER - PA State Representative Aaron Bernstine

- Representative Bernstine brought the league up to date on the pending sale of the 143 acre Youth Development Center in Lawrence County.
- Tony - Asked for a vote from the delegates if they backed Representative Bernstine's efforts to block this sale. 9 Yeas and 1 Abstention.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been discovered in a free ranging buck in Clearfield County PA.
- Absent as a PA breeding bird since the mid 1950's, two pairs of federally endangered Great Lakes piping plovers returned this year to nest in the Gull Point Natural area at Presque Isle.
- Wayne Laroche, the agency's Bureau of Wildlife Management directors has been appointed as the Special Assistant for CWD Response. He will head up the PGC's efforts to slow CWDs spread.
- A limited-draw youth pheasant hunt will be held in the Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area
- PGC is looking for public assistance in a Wild Turkey Survey. For more information go to, www.pgc.pa.gov and click on "August Turkey Sighting Survey."
- Deer are dying from suspected EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease) in Greene, Potter, Raccoon Townships and Shippingport. [What is EHD](#)
- Two raptors showing signs of West Nile Virus were euthanized.
- Questions arose about this year's processing delay of doe licenses issued from the Beaver County Treasurer's office. In the past other Pennsylvania counties have had delays like this as well. One solution would be to transfer the antlerless deer license application process from counties to the PGC through the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System. Current HB275 would accomplish this. [HB275 Cosponsorship Memo](#)
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- We had 13 boating related deaths this year. 11 of them were from kayaks and canoes.
- Four new commissioners will soon join the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), following their confirmations by the state senate on July 17. William Brock, Richard Kauffman, Richard Lewis, Robert Small.
- A proposed rules change would eliminate the requirement that an angler's fishing license be outwardly displayed to requiring the license only be in the possession of the angler.
- Pittsburgh River Regatta – August 4-6 2017
- Beaver River Regatta – August 18-20 2017
- Fight for the Flatties: catfish tournament August 26, 7pm-7am, 1st place guaranteed \$3000
- July 29th Family Catfish Festival: the PA Fish & Boat Commission stocked Catfish: Provide hands-on instruction for families on basic skills needed to catch catfish.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- The booklet is now at the printer's.
- rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Proposed legislation would add 2 state senators and 2 state representatives to the PGC's Board of Game Commissioners.
 - [Cosponsorship Memo](#)
- State lawmakers voice concerns over proposed hunting and fishing license fee increases. PA Outdoor News, July 7, 2017.
- The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania said Thursday that the eaglet in the Hays Bald Eagle nest has fledged. [Article](#)
- **Chronic Wasting Disease could be a threat to humans if meat from animals infected with the disease is eaten. PA Outdoor News July 21, 2017.**

- SB720 Right to Hunt and Fish Legislation has been introduced. [Cosponsorship Memo](#).

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- No Report

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Total of 41 campers, 16 counselors. 4 campers went home due to home sickness. 2 no shows
- Weather was a hit or miss, but we adapted. (giant slippen-slide, dance party with DJ Chayce, Hungry Hippos)
- Night security was a major problem and we will need to get this resolved before next year.
- Tentative application acceptance for next year
 - Early Bird (prior to April 1): \$150
 - April 1- April 30: \$200
 - May 1- May 31: \$300
 - NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 31
- 24 campers were sponsored by the following clubs - Conway, Midland, Five Points, Southside, Aliquippa, Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol, Ambridge, Rochester, Pine Run, Beaver Falls.
- [Camp Photo](#)
- [Camp video link](#)
- [Breanna's Report](#)

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. Sometimes we have 30 kids at this shoot.
- 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.
- Keep in mind, all of these events are open to everyone. You don't have to be a member of the club.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- If you have photos from league and or the youth foundation events, please get them to me if you want them on the website. Please limit from 24 to 36 photos, No more - You need to pick out the Best Photos you want posted. Remember your time is valuable and so is ours. If you submit more than that we will pick out the first 24 to 36 photos to use because we are paying for space used on our website.
- Also it would be very helpful if all the clubs would post league events on their websites which should help increase attendance at league events.
- Total views since we started the new website in May 2016 = 8,425.
- 2017 numbers
 - January = 442
 - February = 571
 - March = 699
 - April = 769
 - May = 808
 - June = 739
 - July = 654
 - As of August 3, 2017 = 114
 - Total views for 2017 = 4,796
- www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Given by guest speaker, PA State Representative Aaron Bernstine.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunters Education Classes:

8/26	Pine Run Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/9	Gobblers Knob	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/11-12	Ambridge Club	5:30pm - 9:00pm
9/16	Concord United Methodist Church	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/23	New Salem Presbyterian Church	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/30	Beaver County Conservation District	9:00am - 4:00pm
11/8-9	Concord United Methodist Church	6:00pm - 9:30pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Sandy Egley resigned from the Conservation District's Board of Directors. She was replaced by Dan Camp.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent. Dan Householder reporting.
- Meeting held 7/20/17 at Aliquippa Club
- Hopewell Park Fest was a great success – Let's do it again next year.
- Requested 2 inline muzzle loaders. Some of the younger kids are afraid of the sparks from the flintlocks.
- Motion to purchase 2 new inline muzzleloaders at \$135 each. Rochester/Aliquippa. Passed.
- [YF meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Tentative dates for the Goose hunt.
 - Youth Hunts - Oct 28 & Nov 4
 - Adults Hunts - Oct 30, Nov 3, 4, 6, 9, 13, 17.
- Youth Pheasant Hunt, Oct 7, Raccoon State Park. Registration will probably go on line around Aug 30.

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Absent. Dan Householder reporting.
- Ranges were running about 15 minutes late. Need to correct that for next year.
- Tony - We need to thank all the clubs and everyone involved for the success of this event.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No Report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- The Fair runs from Tuesday 8/29 through Saturday 9/2.
- Tonya passed around a sign up sheet for those who can lend a hand. If you think you can spare a few hours, email Tonya at: gtcttc@yahoo.com or call her at: 724-494-6465.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony still has pictures from the "Make the 2nd Amendment Great Again" rally.
- Tony has league shirts of the current design and material for sale. \$50/ea.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - It's time we move forward on the individual league memberships. I think a \$10 annual fee would work.
- Motion for delegates to discuss the league starting individual memberships to take effect next year, with their clubs. Rochester/BVRPC. 9 Yeas and 1 Abstention. Passed

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mike Harcher - September will be the next community tire collections. For more information, contact, Victoria Michaels at the Independence Conservancy. 724-495-7316. or vemichaels@gmail.com
- John Davidson - We're looking for another location to keep our storage trailer. It's a 10'x16' We'd like to stay around what we're paying now which is \$233/year.

- Dave Knight - Former Beaver County Sheriff, George David's wife Linda recently passed away. The league should send George a card.
- Craig - Call the phone number on the hand out as a follow up to Representative Bernstine's presentation.
- Dave Knight - Donated the food money from the league to the Youth Foundation.
- Dick Bayer - Former PGC Board of Commissioners President Ralph Martone's son recently died in an ATV accident.
- Dan Losco - Five Points Hunt Club would like to thank the league, the youth foundation and all the clubs that donated to its "Hunt of Lifetime" fund raiser event. we raised over \$9,600.
- Rich - The Aliquippa Bucktails Young Bucks is selling a raffle ticket for \$5 going off on 10/7 for a Game Commission print.
- Craig - BVRPC's junior rifle team has \$5 raffle tickets for a Smith & Wesson .22 Compact Pistol and a Ruger American 22 Rifle. Goes off on 9/4.
- Dick Ward - Thanked Mike Zon for his tireless effort at camp this year. He stayed up all night for a couple of nights and still worked all day. Don't know how he kept going.
- Rochester club will have a Hog Roast / Corn Bash / Gun Raffle Event on August 19. Chances on guns and a 50 / 50 drawing. Questions, call Jerry Hooks 724-601-6964. [Flyer](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- \$50 Craig. Will buy BVRPC Junior Rifle team raffle tickets and if any of those numbers wins, will donate prize to the BCSCLYF.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/FOAC, 9:50pm

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