



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

September 14, 2017 Minutes
Meeting Location - Ambridge



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
P	Ambridge	None	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	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)	None		(Alt)	Ray Spolarich
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	A	Koppel	Shawn Cox	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(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	A	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 - Joel Chalupisk, Ambridge Club President

Guests - Sandy Egley, Kim Tesla, Deborah DeCostro

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

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve, Pine Run/Beaver Valley Archers. Passed.

ELECTION - Annual,

- October - Vice President and Treasurer
- Nominating Committee - Craig Holdren, Tonya Cable, Shawn Cox
- Rich Kerlin accepted nomination for Vice President.
- Mark Benzio accepted nomination for Treasurer.
- The election will take place at the November meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Rich - Sara Benzio was named Hookstown Fair Queen.
- Tony - The League received a thank you card for its help toward the “Hunt of a Lifetime” from Chris Anderson, Board of Directors and Chad Harris, one of the winners.
- Jerry - The Youth Foundation also received a thank you card from Chris Anderson and another winner Dillon Greenwood.
- Dan Losco - We made around \$9,500 for the “Hunt of a Lifetime.” We were told that this amount would send 3 kids on the hunt.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Absent

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Jeremy was assigned duty for a couple of weeks in Texas after Hurricane Harvey. He has advanced training in Swift Water Rescue and is a member of that team.
- Extended trout season creel limits go from 5 down to 3.
- PFBC meeting Sept 25 & 26 in Erie Pa.
- Trout stocking in Raccoon Lake Oct 4.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

GUESTS

- Court of Common Pleas, Judge Kim Tesla - Gave a history of his legal career as well as his upbringing of hunting and shooting with his father.
 - A vote for retention has to be an individual selection. A straight party line vote is not counted for retention elections.
 - Tony - Since elected, Kim has done everything he said he was going to do. He's pro-gun, 100%. My hat's off to Kim. He's a man of his word, he's a true American Patriot, he's a gun owner and a 2nd Amendment supporter.
- Beaver County Commissioner, Sandy Egley - I've met a few of you at the local fairs and I just wanted to come by and meet all of you. I'm there if you need me. I'm in the court house from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Thank you for the invitation.
 - Dick Ward - Asked about getting Sheriff Deputy's help for security at the BCSC Youth Conservation Camp.
 - Tony - Asked about the delay experienced by many hunters, with the antlerless deer license applications in the Treasurer's office. Because of delays like this [HB275](#) has been introduced in the legislature to authorize antlerless deer licenses be sold via the PGC's Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System.
 - Sandy - There is an ongoing investigation into this delay by the PGC and I will get that report to you as soon as I receive it.
- Candidate for Judge, Deborah DeCostro - Gave a history of her legal career that qualifies her for the position she seeks. Deborah included her family history with regards to the outdoor heritage and hunting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Bob delivered the booklets today. Also discussed the communication problems with and time delay drawback of the printer we have been using.
- rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Elk management could be easier using drones to monitor. [Article](#)
- State Senator Michelle Brooks will introduce legislation to exempt Senior Lifetime Hunting License holders from paying a fee to hunt pheasants. [Cosponsorship Memorandum](#).
- Can controlled burns be used as a weapon against Chronic Wasting Disease. [Article](#)
- Region 2, Game Commissioner Bob Schlemmer's term is ending. Anyone interested in applying for this position refer to this [link](#).

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Report rescheduled for next meeting due to tonight's time constraints.

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- No Report

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

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.
- You don't have to be a member of the club to participate.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Same story, if you want it on the website, you have to get it to me.
- www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Americans need to know the difference between who our friends are and those who would do us harm.
 - Showed a video from Marine Staff Sergeant (Ret), Steve Gern. If Steve were to leave the protection of his military base and travel into the local town, he would be kidnapped, tortured and killed, not by ISIS or any other terrorist organization, but by average Iraqis. Steve's question to Americans was, "Why would you be so naive to believe if they came to the United States they would do anything different than they would do right here in their own country."
[Video Link](#)
 - Showed a video of the politically motivated vandalism State Representative Aaron Bernstine's property suffered. Aaron gave his response in a KDKA news report where he repeated his staunch support for the 2nd Amendment, he always carries his firearm and he has taken tactical defensive firearms training. [Video Link](#)
- Republicans, who are generally known for their pro 2nd Amendment position, seem to be the problem in advancing current pro-gun legislation at the federal and state levels. You can help by calling the offices indicated and asking the named law makers to move on the following legislation. Tell them 2nd Amendment supporters, like yourself, will remember their actions at the next election.
 - HR-38, National Reciprocity, is being held up by House Speaker Paul Ryan. 202-225-0600.
 - HR-1045, Recreational Lands Self Defense Act. 12 million acres, 20% of all freshwater fishing, and 90,000 campsites are controlled by the Army Corps of Engineering. In all of these areas, firearms possession, except for hunting (while hunting) is banned. HR-1045 would lift this ban thus making the carrying of firearms for self defense permissible. Call the following Congressional offices to get this legislation moving.
 - Keith Rothfus - 202-225-2065. Mike Kelly - 202-225-5406. Tim Murphy - 202-225-2301. Mike Doyle - 202-225-2135.
 - HB-671, Pennsylvania Preemption. This makes local municipalities accountable for passing illegal gun control ordinances. This bill has passed the PA House and is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Please call these Senators offices and ask that this bill get moving. Again, Pennsylvania 2nd Amendment supporters will be following this needed legislation and vote accordingly at the next election.
 - State Senator Stewart Greenleaf, Chair of the Judiciary Committee. 717-787-6599
 - State Senator Jake Corman, Majority Leader. 717-787-1377
 - State Senator Joseph Scarnati, President Pro Tempore. 717-787-7084
- Who is a friend of the 2nd Amendment in the United States Senate? Certainly **NOT** Bob Casey who has been called, "An Evangelist for Gun Control Laws" by the Washington Post. [Flyer](#)
- Pennsylvania State Representative Dr. Rick Saccone on the other hand is an adamant support of the 2nd Amendment. He is running for Casey's seat in 2018. During his time as State Rep. Dr. Saccone authored 6 pro-gun bills in the Pennsylvania House. Semi Auto's for Hunting, HB-366, that was recently passed and signed into law, was one of those bills. You can count on Rick to support your Right to Keep and Bear Arms. <http://ricksaccone.com>
- For further information on these topics see [Bob's Handout](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunters Education Classes:

9/16	Concord United Methodist Church	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/23	New Salem Presbyterian Church	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/28-29	Church of the Nazarene, New Brighton	5:30pm - 9:00pm
9/30	Beaver County Conservation District	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/30	Midland Sportsmen's Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
10/19-20	Marion Hill Sportsmen's Club	5:30pm - 9:00pm
10/26-27	Big Knob Grange	5:30pm - 9:00pm
11/8-9	Concord United Methodist Church	6:00pm - 9:30pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Meeting held 8/17/17 at Aliquippa Club
- Will cover donuts and beverages for the pheasant hunt.
- Motion to buy 12 extra birds for the pheasant hunt. Five Points/Aliquippa. Passed.
- [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- 2017 dates for the Controlled Goose hunt.
 - Youth Hunts - Oct 28 & (Nov 4 if needed)
 - Adults Hunts - Oct 30, Nov 3, 4, 6, 9, 13, 17.
 - Must have your hunting license, Federal Duck Stamp and Migratory Bird Stamp.
 - Can pick up applications at the Ice Arena.
 - Rich will check with Tim Ishman to see if it's OK to put the application on the league's website.
- Youth Pheasant Hunt, Oct 7, Raccoon State Park. [Registration online](#)
- Both events require a significant amount of help. Please contact Rich Kerlin for information at: 724-601-6974 or kerlinkanine@aol.com

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- 77 kids, 40 parents, 62 workers. We fed and took care of 179 people that day.
- Each kid received a flashlight. We also had 66 other prizes that were donated.
- We solicited prizes, water etc. from different clubs and individuals. We also received donations from some of these folks
- Total event expenses were \$2,204.30. With donations and earnings from the event we were able to return the initial \$3,000 we requested from the league plus \$31.70.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- Will be the first Saturday in March which is the 3rd.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony has league shirts of the current design and material for sale in various sizes. \$50/ea.
- Tony - Discussed individual non-voting memberships for the league.
 - Motion to put individual memberships into effect. Pine Run/Rochester. 8 Yeas. 1 Abstention.
 - Motion to set the individual membership fee at \$10. Rochester/Midland. 9 Yeas. 1 Abstention.
 - Now we need a membership secretary and develop a membership application. If anyone wants to volunteer for that position, let me know.
- Tony - Fund raising raffle. Asked Jerry to write up a description of how this will work. We'll distribute it so delegates can present it to their clubs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - Was contacted by the Beaver County Times and asked if Beaver County sportsmen would be opposed to natural gas drilling off of State Game Lands that would take gas from underneath State Game Lands. Tony doubts if anybody in the county would be against that because most clubs have signed on for gas leases that would take gas from underneath their property. Might be something in the paper.
- Jerry - EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease) seems to be expanding in our area. We have serious problem. They're finding dead bucks everywhere. Estimates as high as 2,500 deer have died of EHD in Beaver County alone.
- Tony - Hereford Manor Lake update. Everything is in place to move forward. We're trying to get the money released for the study, cost and design, which is the first step. But only because of the budget stalemate it's not moving.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Aliquippa Bucktails Outdoor Gear Fall Swap Meet Sunday Oct 8. [Flyer](#)
- Rochester Club is holding the Beaver County GOP Sporting Clay Shoot Saturday Sept 23rd. 11:00am - 6:00pm.
 - 11 am Registration \$100 Shoot / Includes Steak Dinner & Chance on 4 Guns and Additional Raffles / Dinner At 4 pm
- Mark Crevar, new delegate from the Sewickley Hunting & Fishing Club which is now the Sewickley Valley Conservation Association, is having its 8th Annual Gun Bash Nov 5th at Center Stage in Monaca. [More Info](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Rochester/Aliquippa, 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

