



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



October 5, 2017 Minutes
Meeting Location - Koppel

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

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|---|---------------------|----------------|---|--------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------|
| P | Aliquippa | Mike Harcher | P | Five Points | Jim Farland | P | Pine Run | Rob Smith |
| | (Alt) | None | | (Alt) | Dan Losco | | (Alt) | Dick Smith |
| A | 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 | A | Rochester | George Sullivan |
| | (Alt) | None | | (Alt) | None | | (Alt) | Ray Spolarich |
| P | B.V. Archers | Walt Ketterer | P | 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 | P | PGC | Mike Yeck |
| | | | | | | A | PFBC | Jeremy Allen |

OFFICERS

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| | 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 - Shawn Cox, League Delegate & BoD Member of, Koppel Big-Beaver Club

Guests - Beth Tarasi

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

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve, FOAC/Five Points. Passed.
- Annual Audit Committee Volunteers - Tonya Cable.

ELECTION - November

- Craig, Nominations Committee - Asked other committee members if they received any nominations for Vice President or Treasurer. None were received. Craig opened the meeting up for nominations from the floor for these positions. Tony called for nominations from the floor, three times. No additional nominations were made.

- Rich Kerlin and Mark Benzio ran unopposed.
- The Secretary cast 1 vote, Rich Kerlin for Vice President, and 1 vote, Mark Benzio for Treasurer.
- Both will serve in these positions for the next 2 years.

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Four electronic devices have been approved for hunting. Final approval will not be legal until the changes are published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin which will take approx. 6 - 8 weeks.
- Enhanced game lands access sought for those with mobility issues.
- Air guns & semi auto use extended to special regulations areas.
- Commissioners Putnam and Schlemmer have stepped down.
- Pheasant season starts Oct 7, with changes.
- The Game Commission's Executive Order banning importation of unprocessed harvested deer from any state that has 1 or more counties known to have CWD will NOT go into effect for this deer season.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

GUESTS

- Beth Tarasi, candidate for the 12th Congressional District, introduced herself to the league and gave a brief history of herself.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report
- rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- One group, "Friends of Pennsylvania Wildlife" is taking issue with the way the PGC manages our state's wildlife. State Representative David Maloney has authored HB1483 to address the Friends of Pennsylvania Wildlife's concerns. [Link](#)
- Researchers are studying the affects of wild animal maternal stress on the offspring. [Article](#)
- Hunters are urged to use deer head collection boxes in Disease Management Areas 2 & 3. [Link](#)
- PGC will look at the relationship between CWD and culling the deer herd.
- PGC is looking at the idea of holding a special Junior Only trapping season which may include beaver.
- Wildlife official: Someone killing animals on Penn State campus. [Link](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Penn State is examining the sustainability of the Living Filter wastewater reuse system that has been operating at their facility for fifty years. [Link](#)
- Phase 2 assessment of the closed Aliquippa landfill is underway.

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

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Every time I have requested photos for league events I have set a limit of 24 to 36 photos per event. I've been as clear as I can be. I've asked you to pick out the best photos you want posted.
 - I recently received a photo submission of 2149 pictures for an unknown number of league events. This is ridiculous, especially when I've been specific with my requests. There was little or no organization to the photos which means I have no idea what event each picture was for. We never agreed for me or the webmaster to spend hours looking over pictures for posting.
 - Furthermore, out of the 2149 submitted photos, there were only 200 quality shots that were good enough to be posted. The rest were duplicates or bad photos.
 - When we agreed to do the website with our webmaster, we set up boundaries so that both parties would be happy with the arrangement. Your time is valuable, and so is ours. This example certainly does not fit within those boundaries.
- To reiterate, this is what we need when you submit pictures:
 - Event title and date with no more than 36 pictures per event.
 - A short description of the event and those people responsible for the event with their contact information.
 - The pictures should be in a folder that has the name of the event and date. (examples: 2017 Action Day, or 2017 Youth Conservation Camp).
- Bottom line, if I get another photo submission like this, I'll just send it back. Then, if you don't see your event pictures on the website, you'll know why.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Since Sunday's Las Vegas mass shooting, the predictable calls from democrats and liberals for more gun control are coming hot and heavy. As horrible as this shooting was, we have to keep it in perspective and not let what one or more deranged people did, affect the Constitutional Rights of the rest of us.
 - For instance, in the city of Chicago for the month of September alone, 330 people were shot, of which, 57 of them died. Where were the incessant calls for gun control about this? The big cities with the strictest gun control, such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles have the highest murder and violent crime. [Article](#)
 - Even anti-gun liberal, Leah Libresco, who would normally call for more gun control, studied the facts and is no longer on the gun control bandwagon. [Article](#)
 - The NRA believes that devices designed to allow semi-automatic rifles to function like fully-automatic rifles should be subject to additional regulation. But, also called for Congress to pass National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity which will allow law-abiding Americans to defend themselves and their families from acts of violence. [Joint Statement](#)
 - Dr. Ignatius Piazza, founder of Front Sight, Firearms training company, posted an article, "The Truth About Mass Shootings: It's Not Guns," boiled it down to this - Every mass shooter since Columbine has been on psych drugs! [Article](#)
 - From the above Front Sight article, "The True Source of Random & Mass Shootings and Violence." [Video](#)
- Gun owners don't need to be apologetic for working to maintain their Constitutional rights and they need to continue to work so that law-abiding Americans can defend themselves and their families from acts of violence.
 - See the attached Pro-Gun voters guide for the upcoming November 7th election from Firearms Owners Against Crime. Please get out and vote. [Voters Guide Link](#)
 - Help National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity get moving. [H.R. 38](#). Call the same Congressmen as for the next item, the SHARE Act
 - The SHARE Act has stalled after the Las Vegas shootings. [Article](#)
 - See information on the SHARE Act and who to call to get it moving. [Link](#)
- Sometimes it appears as if our country is falling apart and headed toward someplace that none of us want to go. Here's a partial quote from Founding Father and signer of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams that we should all think about how it may apply in this case.
 - From a John Adams letter to the Massachusetts Militia, 11 October 1798
 - Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunters Education Classes:

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| 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

- Absent
- Youth Foundation Vice President, Guy Cable read items from the 9/21/17 Youth Foundation meeting.
- [YF Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Youth Pheasant Hunt this:
 - Saturday Oct 7, Raccoon State Park.
 - Registration at 7:00am. Safety briefing at 7:30am. Hunt starts at 8:00am.
 - 14 youth have signed up.
 - NO PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN, EXCEPT BY BCSCS AUTHORIZED PHOTOGRAPHER.
 - At this point we don't have enough help. We might have to cancel this hunt in the future if we don't get more help.
- Updated 2017 dates for the Controlled Goose hunt.
 - Youth Hunts - Canceled due to limited sign ups.
 - Adults Hunts - 16 adults have signed up. These dates have been updated. Oct 30, Nov 3, 6, 9.
 - Must have your hunting license, Federal Duck Stamp and Migratory Bird Stamp.
 - Can pick up applications at the Ice Arena.
 - Goose blind set up date is Wednesday Oct 11, 8:00am. Meet at the Public Works Building Rt. 51 just south of the park entrance.
- 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

- Absent

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No Report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Tonya reviewed her report.
- Tony - Thanked the Cable's for a great job with the Fair.
- Guy - Thanked Walt for helping gather signatures for the Hereford Manor Lake petition.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony has league shirts of the current design and material for sale in various sizes. \$50/ea.
- Rich - Asked for previously approved \$90 to pay for extra pheasants.
- Individual memberships have been voted on and are in place. We still need a membership secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Harcher - Is applying for the open PGC District 2, Commissioner's position. He submitted his resume to the league to keep on file.
 - Mike asked for a letter of support from the league for this pursuit. Motion to approve, BV Archers/Koppel. Passed.
- Tony - Was in State College continuing work on the Hereford Manor Lake project.
- Tony - Is continuing work on different ways to sponsor the buses to Harrisburg for the annual "Right To Keep & Bear Arms Rally." Asked the delegates to talk to their clubs if they would like to make a donation to the league verses attending a Fund Raising Banquet."

- Rich - Would like to form a committee to research holding our own independent youth pheasant hunt. Committee Volunteers: Mark Crevar, Jim Farland, Mike Harcher.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- None

50/50 DRAWING

- Rob Smith - \$40

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/FOAC, 9:55pm

BCSCL 2017 Meeting Dates & Locations

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| 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

