



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

November 2, 2017 Minutes
Meeting Location - Beaver Falls



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Harcher	A	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
A	Ambridge	None	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	David Holderny
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Green Valley	Don Spearing	A	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	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 - Bob Miller, President, Beaver Falls Club

Guests - Tony welcomed the new Delegate for Green Valley Club, Victor Gurinowitsch

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve as amended, FOAC/Midland. Passed.

- Under New Business, Mark Benzio was added to the committee to research holding our own independent Youth Pheasant Hunt

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

- **2018 dues are due by the end of 2017.**

COMMUNICATIONS

- Tony - The Beaver County Commissioners requested the BCSCL, which is an approved nominating organization, to nominate individuals to fill upcoming vacancies in the Beaver County Conservation District.
- Motion to nominate George Sullivan and Richard Smith for these positions. Pine Run/FOAC. Passed.
- The Secretary will communicate this information to the Commissioners.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- An increasing number of bald eagles are being discovered to have lead toxicity. Hunters can help by not leaving in an open field, burying or covering with branches, the unused remains of harvested game.
- An 18 month to 3 year sentence in a State Correctional Institution was handed down to a Huntington County poacher who assaulted a WCO in the performance of that officer's duty during a poaching incident in November.
- Game Commission Officers with special training in tracking, were able to find a 58 year old diabetic and his 17 year old granddaughter after they became separated from their hunting party and lost. [Link](#)
- HB1483, Sponsored by State Representative Maloney, would basically dismantle the North American model of Wildlife Conservation in Pennsylvania. This model has been used in all 50 states for over 100 years. It would remove the state's biologist from the decision making process of deer management and go to a politically based wildlife management process.
- Let your State Senators and Representatives hear about this. [Article](#)
- Tony - Tell us about the bear in Midland.
 - This started back in September. A young bear would come into Midland Heights, off and on, generally on trash nights. We got a call October 26, Thursday (trash) night from a resident that the bear was back rummaging through the trash again. No one was upset about it or afraid of it at that point. Another call was made to 911, Midland police did respond. Midland police ended up firing at the bear and hit it. We tracked it that night and the following morning. We did see a blood trail but did not find the bear.
 - Tony - Legally an animal can only be shot like that, if it's a danger to human life.
 - Mike is in communication with the Midland Chief of Police.
- Tony - Due to the toll, EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease) is taking on the deer herd in Western Pennsylvania I would think the deer license allocations for this area should be lower next year to help the herd repopulate. If you want to see better numbers of deer next year, it might be a good idea if those of you who have a doe license this year, not use it.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Waterways Conservation Officer Lupacchini was involved in a shooting incident October 24. The officer was attempting to frisk an individual who appeared to be burning insulation off of copper wire that was presumed to be stolen, when the suspect attacked Lupacchini in a life threatening manner. The suspect later died.
- Fishing Licenses go on sale December 1, 2017. Prices for fishing licenses have not changed since 2005.
- PFBC confirms virus caused thousands of carp deaths at Crawford County Reservoir.
- MANDATORY COLD WEATHER LIFE JACKET WEAR - a person shall wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD or life jacket) during the cold weather months from November 1st through April 30th while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak.
- PFBC is adding more waters to the increasingly popular Keystone Select Stocked Trout Program, bringing to 22 the total number of creeks holding the big 14"-20" trophy trout.
- Brady's Run Lake will be stocked December 13, 2017 at 1:00pm.
- Tony - PFBC Executive Director John Arway has to cut \$2 million out of the budget. To meet that requirement he wanted to close two hatcheries. Oswego and one other hatchery.
- Tony commented on a fish recovery program he attended and how impressed he was with the job the PFBC does. What a valuable asset they are to the state. And if we want to keep that asset performing at its usual peak level, we need to support it with the fee increases they need.
- [Jeremy's Report](#).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report
- rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Consol Energy donated 1,536 acres of land adjoining State Game Lands 302 in Greene County to the PGC as mitigation requirements for impacts on wildlife.
- Falconry permit exams schedule has expanded to enable more people to become falconers.
- PGC approved two land donations. 35 acres in Benezette Township (Elk county) and almost 19 acres in Luzerne County
- The Pennsylvania grouse season could be shortened again due to West Nile Virus.
- The high number of dead and dying Ash trees pose a potential safety risk to hunters and anyone out in the forests. Avoid using a dead Ash tree for a tree stand and stay out of a potential fall zone.
- Winner of Pennsylvania elk tag raffle takes 850-pound 8×10 bull. [Article](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded grants to Pennsylvania communities to restore polluted rivers and streams.
- Four counties in Pennsylvania have been tagged as the worst polluters of nitrogen and phosphorus. Lancaster, Lebanon, Franklin, and Union counties.
- Judge Rules Natural Gas Company Can Inject Wastewater back into the ground in James City Pennsylvania. [Article](#)

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Absent

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

- 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 (typed preferred or readable print) and people responsible for that event with their contact information .
 - The pictures should be in a folder that has the name of the event and date. (examples: 2017 Youth Mentored Pheasant Hunt).
 - Each 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.
 - Bottom line, if we get another photo submission like this, we will just send it back. Then, if you don't see your event pictures on the website, you'll know why.
- Tony - Asked the group if they thought the website should be used to promote the League and the clubs that belong to the League. So there shouldn't be any problem promoting events of individual clubs that belong to the League. There were no objections.
- Andy - This year's donated fishing charter trip for the fishing derby winners was not used. He will still donate an annual charter for the fishing derby event.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Republicans are not immune to backing gun control. This video from the Military Arms Channel points out 10 turncoat republicans sponsoring legislation to ban anything that could increase the rate of fire of a semi automatic firearm. It is so broad in scope that your belt loop on your pants could fall into this category. Don't believe me, watch the video.
- The video also reveals (as if we didn't already know this) the ultimate goal of the anti gunners as revealed in a statement from California Senator, Diane Feinstein made earlier in her Senatorial career. [Video Link](#)
- Here is a link to this legislation with the contact information of the Republican Turncoats. [Link](#)
- Our involvement in the election process is paramount to insuring our 2nd Amendment, and all of our freedoms. This coming Tuesday November 7 is an election day. Please read about how important it is in a note from Kim Stolfer, Chairman of Firearms Owners Against Crime. Utilize the included voters guide and MAKE SURE YOU VOTE. [Link](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- No October meeting.
- Guy - The Youth Foundation received a donation from a friend of a family who lost their son Mike, in January of this year. Mike would have been 26 years old this October 29.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Youth Pheasant Hunt
 - Ran 2 fields with 14 youth hunters. 18 pheasants cleaned and all but 1 hunter got birds. Best harvest to date.
 - Thanks to the Youth Foundation for the coffee and donuts.
 - Thanks to all the help we had and to Mike Zon for rounding them up.
 - Big thank you to the PGC for all their support and to Raccoon State Park where the hunt took place.
 - Could not have held this hunt without the handlers and their dogs. They gave up the first day of duck season to help the kids.
 - The quality of the birds was the best yet. Many of them could have been mounted.
- Goose Hunt
 - All blinds were set up prior to the hunt. They were the nicest blinds to date. Thanks to all who helped set them up and the county public works for purchasing the new material.
 - 3 full blinds with 1 group a no show on the first day. No geese harvested. Second hunt is tomorrow (Friday)
 - Thanks to Tim Ishman for all his help and to Mike Zon for helping with morning check in.
 - Might be able to put the application on our website next year.

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Absent

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- Tony - We still have a tentative reservation for Monaca Turners on March 3rd.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Still looking for a membership secretary to handle the individual memberships that the League is starting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - The money raised from the Hereford Manor Lake Raffles was \$53,023.65 and was turned over to the Wildlife for Everyone Endowment Foundation. We want to thank everyone who was involved with this fund raiser. Whether you bought or sold tickets, thank you.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Guy Cable announced the birth of his new granddaughter, Charlotte Grace Scott. She arrived today at 5:01pm a healthy 19 inches, 7 lbs. 5 oz.
- Dick - 4,000 acres of land in the Ohioville area and across the boarder into Ohio has been leased to a hunting outfit out of Colorado.
- Rich - Shawn Cox is still having health issues after his car wreck where he was rear ended.
- Rich - Aliquippa is having a raffle that I have tickets for. A \$10 tickets with 5 handguns going off on November 13 through November 17.

- Deborah Smith is holding a raffle with a \$2,500 cash prize to help her grandson Jake, with medical expenses for his upcoming head splitting osteotomy surgery. Donations can also be made. For further information contact Deborah Smith at 724-622-4463. Or Kristen Landis, Jake's Mom, at 724-544-7701 [Flyer](#)
- Mike - Aliquippa is having a Turkey Shoot Sunday November 12, 11am - 3pm. [Flyer](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- No drawing

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/FOAC, 9:10pm

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

