



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

December 14, 2017 Minutes
Meeting Location – Five Points 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	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	Vic Gurinowitsch	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	Matt Kramer
						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 - Jim Farland, Five Points Delegate

Guests - Tony welcomed the new Alternate Delegate for Beaver Valley Archers Club, John Surowiec

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Five Points/Aliquippa. Passed.
- **2018 League dues are due by the end of 2017.**



COMMUNICATIONS

- 2016 taxes have been completed and filed. Have not received the bill yet.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- 2017 preliminary statewide bear harvest for the four day main season was 1,796 which is a 30% decrease from the 2016 season.
 - The heaviest bear was a male, estimated at 700 pounds taken from Creek Township, Venango County by Chad Wagner of Titusville, Pa.
 - Bears were harvested in 54 of the 67 Pa counties. Beaver County was not one of those.
- PA Board of Game Commissioners meetings at PGC Headquarters in Harrisburg
 - Public working group meeting on Dec 18.
 - Quarterly meeting, Jan 28 through 30. Five minute max public comments will be heard at the Jan 28 & 29 meetings.
 - Both meetings can be Live Streamed through the PGC website.
- The following electronic devices were recently approved and are now lawful for hunting. This was published in the [Nov 18, Pennsylvania Bulletin](#).
 - Electronic decoys for hunting waterfowl.
 - Electronic dove decoys, solely for hunting doves.
 - Electronically heated scent or lure dispensers.
 - Electronic devices that distribute ozone gas for scent control.
- See Matt's report and the Nov 18, Pennsylvania Bulletin for other permitted electronic devices and regulatory changes for semiautomatic rifles and air guns.
- As the law is currently written, it is unlawful to use tracking dogs to track wounded or dead deer. The current legislation proposed is Senate bill 135 which would amend title 34 to make this activity lawful. It is my understanding that previous legislation has passed the house but not the senate. The logistics of fees, lists of handlers etc. would have to be worked out when the legislation is passed.
- Antlerless licenses available - WMU 2B has 7,473 tags left.
- George Sullivan, WCO Mike Yeck and WCO Matt Kramer drafted a letter of thanks to all of the hosting organizations for the Hunter Trapper Education courses we held in 2017 in Beaver County. [Letter](#)
- Students registered for the 20 Hunter Trapper Education and Cable Restraint Courses in Beaver County during 2017:
 - Hunters Ed = 593
 - Cable Restraint = 23
- [Matt's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report
- rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- HB 1895 would partially merge the PGC and the PFBC. [Cosponsorship memo](#)
- Dubois youth bags antlered doe. [Article](#)
- National Deer Alliance opposes HB 1483. [Article](#)
- PA elk hunters take 25 bulls and 79 cows in 2017. [Article](#)
- Few lawmakers hunt and fish these days.
- Youth hunter harvested a wild pheasant. First time in 20 years. [Article](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018. 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

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.
- Starting our indoor shoots on January 9, 2018. \$5/club member. \$7/non club member.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Photos of the youth pheasant have been added to the BCSCSCL Website Home Page, please take a few minutes to review them and all other updates.
- Want to make sure our website provider gets paid in a timely manner for last quarter website management fees.
- Would like approval of \$500.00 Budget for website management and updates.
 - Tony - This is an ongoing expense and doesn't need annual approval.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- I combined a couple of FOAC email notifications concerning National Reciprocity, HR-38 and FixNICS HR-4477. All of this information is available to you just by going to <https://foac-pac.org> and signing up for email notifications.
 - If you look at how the vote divided along party lines, you have to conclude that we have a political party that does not support freedom for American citizens. Over the years, I've seen this time and again. The Democrats vote against our 2nd Amendment freedoms in much high numbers than Republicans do and this, under the guise of supposed safety. If your true intent is to work for our country's freedom, you will take this into account every election and make sure you cast your vote for those candidates who will support our Constitutional Rights. Every election, Firearms Owners Against Crime publishes Pro-Gun Voters Guides that cover the entire state of Pennsylvania. Go to the same address listed above.
 - Go to the handout for more information on National Reciprocity and FixNICS. [Handout](#)
- F-16 pilot, Air Force Lt. Heather 'Lucky' Penney, stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, had her orders on September 11, 2001 - take down United Airlines flight 93. But because the surprise attacks were unfolding faster than they could arm planes, Lt. Heather Penney and her commanding officer Col. Marc Sasseville took off immediately without any ammunition or missiles. They were going on a kamikaze mission and if successful, would not be coming home.

- When asked, why she was willing to fly a kamikaze mission, her reply, “Because there are things in this world more important than ourselves. Freedom, the Constitution, our way of life. Things that make us uniquely American. We belong to something greater than ourselves.
- The liberty, the prosperity that we enjoy in America is the envy of most of the world. Our founding fathers gave credit for these blessings to Divine Providence, The Supreme Ruler, God, and wrote often about this. And we’ve been blessed with so many men and women who realized they were part of something bigger than themselves and willingly gave their lives to pass on to us the liberty that we now enjoy. By logical extension **the question for us then becomes, what can we, and what should we be doing to pass this way of life on to the next generation.**
- CSPAN interview with now Air Force Major Heather Penney. [Link](#). This is a 1 hour interview. If you only watch a few minutes of the interview, her discussion of her readiness to sacrifice her life for her country starts at 54 minutes.
- Highlights of that day for Air Force Lt. Heather Penney. [Link](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Guy - The Youth Foundation did not have a meeting, so there’s no updated information.
- Mark - Midland made its annual \$500 donation to the Youth Foundation.
 - Also, the Beaver County Sportsmen’s Conservation Trap Shooting League donated \$924 to the Youth Foundation.
 - Tony thanked both groups for their generosity and mentioned how important it is to support our youth. They are the future of our country.
- Rich - Two gentlemen who have taken part in the annual League’s Controlled Goose Hunt since its beginning, gave donations, at the last hunt, to the Youth Foundation.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- All of our hunts are done for the year. I’d like to thank all those who came out to hunt. Geese were harvested the last day but we don’t have an official count yet.
- Thanked Mike Zon for all his help. He was there every day with me.
- Although this year we only held adult hunts, hopefully next year we’ll have a youth day.

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks

- Absent

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- We have Monaca Turners reserved for Saturday, March 3, 2018. For a number of years we’ve had fund raising banquets. Who would be in favor of an awards banquet this year instead? 8 votes for an awards banquet.
 - Keep in mind, we’re going to need help to make it work.

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. Would like to start this at the beginning of the new year.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mike Harcher is still waiting to hear if he has been accepted for the PGC Commissioner's position.
- Mike Harcher played "Taps" on the trumpet, December 7th, at Beaver Cemetery, in a ceremony for the first Beaver County war fatality at Pearl Harbor. Second Lt. Louis G. Moslener was killed on December 7, 1941 when Japanese fighter planes bombed Hickam Field that day. Lt. Moslener is buried in the Beaver Cemetery.
- Keep Shawn Cox in you thoughts and prayers as he recovers from an automobile accident.
- Kristen Landis - Thanked everyone for their help selling raffle tickets to help with medical expenses for her son, Jake's upcoming surgery.
- Rich - Keep the Kelly family and the Ward family in your prayers. They're going through a tough time right now.
- Mark - Has Midland annual gun tickets with him. 21 guns plus cash. \$20 ticket. Starts in January. 724-643-5750.
- Tony - Our \$100 Hereford Manor Lake (HML) ticket brought in \$53,023.65. The total at Wildlife for Everyone Foundation, who is handling the money for the HML project is \$60,000. That money is being invested so it can grow.
 - Any club that would like to donated to the HML project can still do so.
- Tony - Still have League shirts available.

50/50 DRAWING

- Rich Kerlin, \$45

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/FOAC, 8:55 pm

BCSCL 2018 Meeting Dates & Locations

January 4th	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 3rd	Southside	Sept 13th	Ambridge
February 1st	Rochester	June 7th	Pine Run	Oct 4th	Koppel
March 1st	Rochester, North Boroughs Hosting	July 5th	Conway	Nov 1st	Beaver Falls
April 5th	B.V. Archers	Aug 2nd	Midland	Dec 13th	Five Points

Locations/dates in bold have been confirmed.

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL

