



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

January 4, 2018 Minutes  
Meeting Location - Aliquippa Club



## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Harcher	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Guy Cable		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	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	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)	John Surowiec		(Alt)	Jerry Tilia		(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
						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 - Jim Somerville Sr., Board Member, Aliquippa Club

Guests - Aliquippa Club Directors: (Kitchen Crew) Jim Henry, Dave Sparkman, Robert Berl, Jim Somerville Sr.

- Tony welcomed the new Delegate for Ambridge Club, Tim Watson.

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, FOAC/Five Points. Passed.
- League Certificate of Deposit matures Jan 12. Motion to role over CD, BV Archers/Aliquippa. Passed.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## STATE AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- U.S. Congressional legislation, HR-4647, The Recovering America's Wildlife Act, proposes to provide assured and sufficient funding to states to proactively conserve imperiled species identified in State's Wildlife Action Plans. A total of \$1.3 billion would be provided.
- Tree and shrub seedlings from the PGC's Howard Nursery will not be offered for sale to the public in 2018 due to drastically low inventories. Seedlings will continue to be supplied to the Seedlings for Schools Program, as well as to landowners who open their lands to public hunting through the PGC's Hunter Access Program.
- For the first time in its 122 year history, the PGC will call its Wildlife Conservation Officers "State Game Wardens." This became effective 1/1/2018.
- The Eagle Cam at Hanover PA is back in operation.
- WMU 2B has 5847 antlerless tags left as of 1/4/18.
- Numerous beaver complaints have come in. The cold/ice has slowed trapping down. After the weather warms up, trapping activity should increase. Matt coordinates the trappers with the land owners who want the beaver removed.
- [Matt's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- There was a drowning at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park last month. The victim made a number of mistakes that cost him his life. He was out by himself, the ice was too thin and he didn't have a life jacket on. If he would have had a life jacket on, he could have survived.
- Officer Allen emphasized how important it is to be careful with ice activities.
  - Have a minimum of 4" of clear ice.
  - **ALWAYS WEAR A LIFE JACKET**
  - Always have another person with you.
  - Have a throwable flotation device, a rope and ice awls.
- Brady's Run and Raccoon Lake are pretty much iced up. Anglers are out fishing and catching trout and small pan fish.
- 2018 Fishing Licenses are the same price as last year.
- The next Boating Courses will be Jan 13 & 14.
- Upcoming Sport Shows:
  - Pittsburgh Boat Show: Monroeville Convention Center: Jan 12, 13, 14 and Jan 19, 20, 21.
  - Pittsburgh Outdoor Expo: David L Lawrence Convention Center: January 26, 27 & 28
  - Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg - Feb 3rd to Feb 11th.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Sam Piccinini

- Sam brought to the attention of the league, conflicting regulations between the ATFE (Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives) and ITAR (International Traffic in Firearms) concerning access or possession of firearms by foreign nationals located in the United States. Although in certain instances, the ATFE permits foreign nationals to access and possess firearms, ITAR does not. This conflict in regulations between these two government agencies is confusing and contradictory enough that the NRA will no longer give advice concerning access or possession of firearms by foreign nationals within the United States.
- This becomes extremely important to Sportsmen's and gun clubs when it comes to offering any firearms training courses to, or even permitting anyone who is not a U. S. citizen on their club property. [Link to Sam's Reference Information](#)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Will look into whether we might have enough booklets to last through this year. But we do need to add information about Sewickley Club.
- [rasmith10@comcast.net](mailto:rasmith10@comcast.net)

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- HB-359 permits a hunter who mistakenly takes illegal game to not suffer the revocation of their hunting license if they turn themselves into the PGC. [Cosponsorship Memo](#)
- There has been little movement on HB-1919 which would merge the PGC and PFBC or on HB-1895 which would partially merge these two groups.

- HR-4454 Chronic Wasting Disease Management Act. To develop and implement management strategies to address chronic wasting disease among deer, elk, and moose populations. [Overview](#)
- Frank Cafardi, a Director at the Aliquippa Club, bagged a record buck in Crawford County on Nov 28. His huge buck scored 209 5/8 points, which made it the new No. 4 non-typical whitetail buck ever taken by a rifle hunter in Pennsylvania. [Article](#)
- Southwest Region Forester Neil Itle was selected to receive the National Wild Turkey Federation Award. [Article](#)
- Pennsylvania coyotes are still flourishing despite hunting pressure. [Article](#)

#### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Citizen scientists to help researchers gauge Susquehanna water quality. [Article](#)
- Hellbender one step closer to becoming Pennsylvania state amphibian. [Article](#)
- The Master Well Owners project seeks to train volunteers throughout Pennsylvania to help educate rural homeowners on the proper management of private water wells. [Website](#) [Handout](#)

#### FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Absent
- Tony - I know that Mike is moving on the necessary planning for this event.
- 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.
- New Brighton High School is hosting a National Archery in the Schools Program state qualifier on Jan 20. Glenn Fillinger, the archery team coach, is looking for sponsors to help out. For a donation you can have your business and or name displayed at these events and help out a worthwhile youth program.
  - Motion to approve donating the same amount of money to this event as we did last year, Pine Run/Sewickley. Passed.
  - Also Glenn needs help to set up on Jan 19 and for the event on Jan 20.
  - You can contact Glenn Fillinger at 724-847-3514 if you have any questions. [Flyer](#)
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Craig went over additional information that is needed for the above archery event that was not included in the flyer.

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- The handout I gave you contains an email from Kim Stolfer, Firearms Owners Against Crime, cautioning gun owners to not think they can sit back and rest, believing their gun rights are secure because President Trump is in office. An email from the anti-gun group, "Mom's Demand Action" shows why.
  - *"A little over a month ago, we won the governor's race in Virginia (Democrat Ralph Northam). And I couldn't have done it without you. For months before November's election, volunteers from Moms Demand Action — wearing their bright red tees — knocked on doors, made calls, tweeted, texted, and got out the vote to make sure gun sense champions won big in Virginia. . . . voters everywhere showed that America won't stand for the gun lobby's attempt to put our communities in danger with their extreme "guns everywhere" agenda.*
  - *And Everytown and Moms Demand Action are going to make sure people show up for gun sense champions across the country in 2018.*
  - **Note - When patriots defend the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, we are accused of "putting our communities in danger with an extreme, "guns everywhere agenda."**
- First - We need to recognize the differences between candidates who support the United States Constitution and those who believe those old documents just get in the way of governing the people. And then vote for those who support our Constitution. To do this, refer to Pro-Gun Voters guides published by pro 2nd Amendment groups like FOAC (Firearms Owners Against Crime) and make every effort to vote in every election. <https://foac-pac.org>
- Second - We need to help the candidates who support our freedom. We need to develop the "Fire in the Belly" level of passion that the above anti-gun groups have displayed and promise to utilize in the future. Anything less, and we lose ground.
- Refer to the handout for further information. [Handout](#)
- Tony - Discussed the Annual 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg, this year on April 30, 2018. In the past we have financed the rally via the spring fund raising banquet. This year we're having an Awards Banquet instead and need another

funding source. So with that in mind, how many delegates believe the rally is worth the time, effort and expense to continue? All 10 delegates present agreed the rally is worth continuing. Tony asked the delegates to request their clubs donate to this effort. If we don't raise enough money to go, we'll return the money we have raised.

- If you need help in explaining what the rally is all about and what goes on there, here's a link to the video, (recorded and edited by Eric Cooper from BVRPC) of the rally in 2016. [Video Link](#)
- Sam - Suggested we seek donations from politicians who support us in this effort.

- FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey
- Absent

- HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan
- Absent

- CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan
- Absent

- YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks
- Absent

- Guy - Meeting held Dec 21, 2017 at Aliquippa Club.
- YF approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Kelley children after they tragically lost both parents in one night.
  - Motion to approve donation by the league delegates, BVRPC/AQ. Passed.
- Kristen Landis thanked everyone for the support shown for Jake's upcoming surgery. (to be on January 16th, 2018) in Baltimore for 10 days then home and wheel chair bound for 2 -3 months. Please continue prayers for Jake and Kristen and the family.
- [YF Report](#)

- FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman
- No Report

- YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin
- No Report

- YOUTH FIELD DAY - Youth Foundation / Jerry Hooks
- Absent

- BANQUET - Tony Rich
- Scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Monaca Turners.
- Committee volunteers - Mike Harcher, Guy, Tonya and Chayce Cable, Rich Kerlin. Rich volunteered Mike Zon.
- Rich is handling the awards. He needs to have nominations in hand by the next league meeting.
  - Send a couple of paragraphs detailing your nominee's accomplishments.

- BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable
- No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- We're still looking for a membership secretary to handle the individual memberships that the League is starting.
- Tony has league shirts available to \$50 each.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The annual Presidents meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday March 14, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Rich - Allegheny Outdoor, Sport and Travel Show is on Feb 16,17,18 at the Monroeville Convention Center.
- Sam - Brought to the league's attention Pennsylvania's Federal Surplus Property Program that non profits can purchase equipment etc. at a greatly reduced price. [Link](#)

**50/50 DRAWING**

- None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- FOAC/Aliquippa, 9:55 pm

**BCSCL 2018 Meeting Dates & Locations**

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

Locations/dates in bold have been confirmed.

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL

