



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



March 1, 2018 Minutes
Meeting Location - Rochester
North Boroughs Club Hosting

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
A	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	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	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)	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	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None	A	PGC	Mike Yeck
						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 - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Bob Reid, President, North Boroughs Club

Guests - Ray Shutey, Dick Bayer, Sara Benzio, Deb Smith, Bill Picocquidio

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Five Points/BV Archers. Passed.
- Credential Sheets Not Received = Koppel, South Side.

COMMUNICATIONS

- See under Fund Raising and New Business

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Absent

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent
- Send your club information to: rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Renown deer biologist, Dr. Charles Alsheimer passed away last December
- Michigan lawmakers are contemplating permitting the use of air bows for hunting in their state.
- Tree stand fall statistics from 1987 to 2015 where the hunter had to go to the hospital.
 - 1109 hunters fell from tree stands in this time period. 93% were not wearing a safety harness.
 - Preliminary approval has been given to make using safety harnesses mandatory on state game stands.
- Penn State: Deer, and other smaller mammals move less in human-modified landscapes. [Link](#)
- Hunters United for Sunday Hunting is advocating for more species to be added to the list of those currently allowed to be hunted on Sundays.
- The Canada Lynx will be removed from the threatened species list in the United States.
- Bats are proving able to survive the the White Nose Disease that has claimed so many of this species.
- Wyoming could start hunting for grizzly bear this fall. Grizzly has been removed from the endangered species list.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Lake Erie algae bloom is growing. [Link](#)
- Loyalsock Creek was named Pennsylvania River of the Year. [Link](#)
- Road Salt saves lives but takes an environmental toll. [Link](#)
- Don't flush old medications down the toilet. [Link](#)

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Ordered 550 fish, which will be stocked tentatively on Tuesday April 24, 11am - 1pm.
- Derby is scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018. 8:00am till 12:00pm Registration starts at 6:30am Flyer

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent
- Breanna asked Rich to remind the clubs to get their payments in by the due date. Even if you don't have the names of campers you are sponsoring, send the payment in now. You can always add the names to the list later.
- Scheduled dates, June 17 - June 23 in group camp 2 again. Setup will be June 16, after 3pm We will accept 50 campers.
- Changes for this year:
 - Application / Tuition - Applications post marked prior to April 15, will require a tuition of \$150. Applications post marked from April 15 to May 31, tuition will be \$200. Applications post marked after May 31, will be \$300. No verbal reservations will be taken. Application and payment must be received for it to count.
 - We are changing the entry age from 12 years old to 13 years old.
- Campers are required to successfully complete the PA Hunter-Trapper Education Course PRIOR to the start of camp.
 - List of available courses can be found at this [link](#).
- There will be an optional Camper / Parent meeting on May 20, at the Aliquippa Bucktails Sportsmen's Club at 7pm. New campers are strongly recommended to attend. [Camp Flyer](#) [Camp Application](#)

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.
 - This is where the local youth who attend the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) start their archery experience.
 - You don't have to be a member of the club to participate.
- Started our Tuesday night indoor shoots on January 9, 2018. \$5/club member. \$7/non club member.

- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Craig had Frank Kelly (webmaster) display some of the new posts on the website.
- Rally and bus transportation information is posted on the website.
- Website activity - First year hits = 3600. Second year hits = 8900. This year's hits so far = 1500.
- Posted on the website - The NRA is running a Life Time Membership special. Regular price is \$1,500, sale price is \$600 which is a savings of \$900. Must be in by March 15th, and if you sign up through our website, the league receives a commission for that. Go to www.bcscl.org

GUEST SPEAKER - Bill Piocquidio

- Bill introduced the R.E.D. Friday military support program. RED is an acronym that stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. R.E.D. Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and show that we are thinking of them. People across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and spread the message of how important it is that we keep our troops in our thoughts.
- Bill's goal is to blanket the Beaver County area with billboards calling everyone's attention to our deployed troops and this program to acknowledge and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Each billboard cost \$375. It's a 30 day contract, but this poster will stay up even after that 30 days ends until someone else buys that billboard space.
- Motion to approve \$375 to purchase one billboard to promote the R.E.D. Friday military support program. BV Archers/ Pine Run. Passed.
- If you or your organization would like to help with the R.E.D. Friday military support program, you can contact Bill Piocquidio at wjpio@yahoo.com

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- With the High School shooting in Florida, we have witnessed the spectacular failure of government at all levels, and 17 young people died, However, we should all be considering the depth and breadth of the coordinated attack on the Second Amendment and gun ownership by exploiting the grief and emotion over those who lost their lives. [FOAC Article](#)
- One reason for this failure of government is the Promise Program started under the Obama Administration and adopted by the Broward County School Board. It overhauled its discipline policies to reduce the number of children going into the juvenile justice system. Race was a big factor since more minorities were in the prison system than whites. [2013 NPR Article](#)
- Under the Promise program non-violent misdemeanors — even those that involved alcohol, marijuana or drug paraphernalia — would now be handled by the schools instead of the police. Cruz was banned from carrying a backpack at school after bullets were found in his backpack. Cruz was expelled from MSD last year after a fight with his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend. This was all handled by the school and not the police. [The Truth About Guns Article](#)
- Liberal thinking school principles did not want, 1) Arrests to be made on campus, 2) Drugs to be found on campus, 3) Warrants to be served on campus. This would make them and their schools look bad. [Fox News Interview with the President of the Broward County Sheriff's Union](#)
- Every Single Government Authority Failed In Parkland. And They Expect Americans To Forfeit Our Self-Defense Rights To Them?
 - We know the FBI was warned specifically about the Parkland shooter not once, but twice — and did nothing.
 - We know the Broward County Sheriff's deputies were called to the home of the Parkland shooter at least 39 times since 2010.
 - We know that the Broward County Sheriff's Office was warned multiple times about the Parkland shooter.
 - We know that an armed officer was present during the shooting and did nothing. [The Daily Wire article](#)
- MEDIA IGNORING 1 CRUCIAL FACTOR IN FLORIDA SCHOOL SHOOTING. In the case of Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old Florida mass-shooter, his mother's sister, Barbara Kumbatovich, told the Miami Herald that she believed Cruz was on medication to deal with his emotional fragility.
 - The vast majority of mass shooters have been on some type of psychotropic drug. [World Net Daily article](#)
- Why are horrible acts of violence happening so often in this day and age when they were almost non-existent in the past Consider a quote from 2nd President of the United States, John Adams.
 - Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. [A Letter to the Massachusetts Militia, 11 October 1798](#)
 - Couple the above quote with one from a recent article, "[The Motives Behind the Massacre.](#)" by Pat Buchanan.
 - Another factor helps to explain what happened last Wednesday: We are a formerly Christian society in an advanced state of decomposition. Before the Death of God and repeal of the Ten Commandments, in those dark old days, of the 1950s, atrocities common now were almost nonexistent.
- Pennsylvania gun owners have an opportunity to defend their freedom in an organized fashion at this year's "Rally To Protect Your Right To Keep and Bear Arms" in Harrisburg on Monday April 30th. There's a lot of anti gun energy coming our way. Do we have enough energy to push back? [Rally Flyer & Transportation Information.](#) [Bills to be Covered](#)

- Tony- Dick's Sporting Goods / Field and Stream have decided to stop selling guns to anyone under 21 years old. I wonder how the under 21 young military men and women who are fighting for our freedom feel about that. Since Dick's / Field and Stream has decided to chip away at our freedom, we need to think about voicing our disapproval and not patronize their store.
- Rich - I think the League should draft a letter of disapproval and send it to Dick's / Field and Stream.
- Craig - The number for Field and Stream corporate head quarters is 877-846-9997.

- FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey
- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunter Education Classes

3/03/18	YMCA, New Brighton	9am - 4pm
3/10/18	Mill Creek U.P. Church, Hookstown	9am - 4pm
4/21/18	Big Knob Grande	9am - 4pm
6/2/18	Aliquippa Club	9am - 4pm
- PGC has started an online Cable Restraint Class. Sign up at, [Link](#)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- 2018 Maple Syrup Festival at Brady's Run is April 7 & 8.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Youth Foundation meeting was Feb 15.
- Committee meetings are at the Aliquippa Club on the Third Thursday of the month at 7pm. Anyone can attend.
- We're looking for more people to help out with the Youth Foundation. Contact Jerry 724-601-6964.
- Fund raising - Sporting Clay Shoot, May 19, at Rochester Club. \$40 each. Tony is holding a Wild Game Cookout. [Flyer](#)
- Payment for youth related activities should be paid from the youth foundation account rather than the league account.
- [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Donations for the Harrisburg buses from:

Midland	\$1,000
Rochester	\$1,000
BVRPC	\$1,000
Ambridge	\$500
Beaver Falls	\$500
Five Points	\$500
Lawrence Co.	\$500
Sewickley	\$250
BV Archers	\$100
- Craig - Fund Raising Gun Ticket. 4 guns \$10/ticket, 500 tickets, going off on April 20. Only 130 tickets left [Ticket Flyer](#)

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- Still looking for a committee chairman. If anyone wants to step up, Jerry Hooks said he would work with them to help them get started.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- Tentatively scheduled in August.
- Committee volunteers - Mike Harcher, Guy, Tonya, Chayce Cable, Rich Kerlin, Mike Zon, George Sullivan.
- See [Awards Description](#) for this Banquet.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Money needs to be in by July 1st. Will discuss details at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Dan - Five Points is having its 4th Annual Hunt of a Lifetime Shoot to support the Hunt of a Lifetime organization in its mission. June 10th at Five Points 8am - 2pm. \$100 to sponsor a target. Will gladly take any donation amount.
- Motion to sponsor a target, FOAC/Pine Run. Passed.
- [Flyer](#) [Donation Form](#) www.huntofalifetime.org
- Mark - Last year we bought a table at the Wild Turkey Federation Banquet. This year's banquet is April 14th.
 - Motion to purchase a table at the Wild Turkey Federation Banquet for \$850 for 8 people. This includes 8 memberships to the Wild Turkey Federation and a chance to win a gun. Pine Run/Aliquippa. Passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Tonya - Chayce recently made Life Scout, that's only one level away from Eagle. She thanked all those you have worked with Chayce, over the years, who helped influence him in a positive way. All of you have been a great influence on him.
- Tony - In return, we would like to thank you and your family, Guy, Chayce, for all that you do for all of us. You're the good kind of people who make a difference where ever you go.
- Rich - Chayce spent three days working with me at the Allegheny Sport and Travel Show. A young lady from a local radio station expressed her amazement at how mature and professional Chayce interacted with her while she was at the booth. Rich's hat is off to Chayce for the way he conducted himself.
- Mike H. - Aliquippa Club is having a Ham Shoot March 25th from 11am - 3pm [Flyer](#)
- Also have a pistol/handgun raffle \$10/ticket goes off in June.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$58 Larry White. Larry donated his winnings to the League.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/FOAC, 9:40pm

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

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL

