



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

April 5, 2018 Minutes
Meeting Location - Beaver Valley Archers



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	P	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 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 - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Glen Fillinger, President, Beaver Valley Archers Club

Guests - Frank Eder, Deb Smith

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, Rochester/Five Points. Passed.

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Aliquippa/Pine Run. Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Jerry Hooks - We received a thank you card for the donation the league made to the surviving children who suffered the tragic loss of their parents recently.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- A new CWD management area has been established in parts of Lancaster, Lebanon & Berks Counties.
- Deer Harvest Report
 - 367,159 in the 2017-18 seasons compared to 333,254 in 2016-17 seasons.
 - Bow Hunters took 118,110 with bows & crossbows.
 - In WMU's 1A, 2A, 2B, Antlered deer harvests were down, 16,900 (19,300) while antlerless harvests were up 37,500 (33,600)
- Bear harvest Report
 - 3,438 in the 2017 seasons
 - 48 weighed 500 pounds or more, 14 weighed 600 pounds or more, 2 weighed 700 pounds or more.
- All 4 eagles nests in the Beaver County area are incubating so they're on active eggs. They should be hatching out within the next week or two.
- For the Hunters Ed Instructors, the Hunters Ed Update Seminar will be April 26, 2018 at Rochester Club. If you plan on attending, make sure you register.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- 2018 MENTORED YOUTH TROUT DAY
 - April 7 (statewide) - 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 - Take part in the Commission's Mentored Youth Trout Days. Youth under the age of 16 can join a mentor (adult) angler who has a current fishing license and trout permit to fish on Saturday, March 24 on Stocked Trout Waters within the 18 southeastern regional counties for regional trout season, and to fish Stocked Trout Waters in the remaining counties on Saturday, April 7. Please note:
 - These days do not include Special Regulation waters.
 - Not all Stocked Trout Waters are stocked in advance of Mentored Youth Trout Days, be sure to check our stocking schedules for dates.
- Experience the annual Open House "A Day at the Hatchery" at the Linesville State Fish Hatchery. On April 7, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m
- Statewide Opening Day of Trout – April 14, 2018
- Basic Boating Course: CCBC – April 21, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- District Trout Stockings: see stocking schedule online at www.fishandboat.com
- Boat Registrations expires March 31st. Check your boat's registration and safety equipment.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

GUEST SPEAKER - Michael Moore

- Mike is the Western PA Area Manager for U.S. Law Shield which is a firearms legal defense and education program. They run 6 to 8 classes a month in Western PA talking about firearms law. What you can do and what you can not do with your firearm.
- U.S. Law Shield is a membership organization. Members have around the clock access to legal representation regarding their firearms if they should ever need it.
- They host educational programs at local clubs presented by an attorney and a law enforcement speaker.
- Clubs interested in hosting one of their educational programs can contact Michael at: 412-443-9751 or michael@uslawshield.com website: www.uslawshield.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- The only updated information I've received is from Mark Crevar.
- Send your club information to: rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Liberal Snow Geese Season is underway until April 20, 2018.
- Late Grouse season may be canceled again this year due to its population decrease by west Nile virus.
- Study by researchers in Illinois has determined that soil composition plays a role in the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease. If the amount of clay in the soil is over 18% CWD is typically lower in that area.
- There is no evidence that modifying antler restrictions would help in limiting CWD, therefore the PGC will not change the current restrictions.

- The Governor's Advisory Council has established a committee to inform the public about Chronic Wasting Disease. Your club can host a speaker from this committee. Contact Paula Piatt at benmadhail@gmail.com 570-886-1609.
- Radio transmitter collars are being attached to deer in Disease Management Area 2 to study CWD as it relates to deer movement.
- New archery range regulations have been established on PGC archery ranges.
- The PGC will not provide Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) for private property that is posted.
- Shorter seasons for bobcats are coming due to a declining population.
- Fisher numbers are expanding state wide. Trapping will be expanded into Wildlife Management Areas 4B & 4C in 2018.
- Sunday hunting in Maryland is an important component in controlling that state's deer population.
- The grassroots movement for Sunday hunting in Pa is gaining momentum.
- New record for the Mosquito Creek Coyote Hunt, 53 pounds.
- PGC is considering a youth only trapping season.
- PGC will do control burns on 4,200 acres on 14 different game lands in the North Eastern part of the state.
- Turkey numbers are stable for the spring gobbler season.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Report rescheduled for next meeting.

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Ordered 550 fish, which will be stocked tentatively on Tuesday April 24, at noon.
- Derby is scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018. 8:00am till 12:00pm Registration starts at 6:30am. One rod per angler.
- There are about 80 prizes to give out.
- If you can help, be there around 7am.
- Andy gave the Lake Erie Fishing Charter prize certificate to Mike to award to the winner.
- Jerry asked for approval for the Youth Foundation to supply the food for the kids.
 - Motion to give each kid a \$2 meal ticket. Aliquippa/Sewickley. Passed.
- Aliquippa donated \$250 for the fishing derby.
- [Flyer](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Reminded 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.
- Right now we have 19 campers. Will aim for 40 but could go up to 55 or 60 depending on the demand,
- Scheduled dates, June 17 - June 23 in group camp 2 again. Setup will be June 16, after 3pm.
- 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.
- Out door 3-D shoots start on the first Sunday of each month in May.
- Every Tuesday evening we have outdoor 3-D shoots. \$7 for each shooter.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- NRA's [Cam Edwards](#), Gun Owners of America [Larry Pratt](#), Attorney Josh Prince (works closely with [FOAC](#)) will all be at the rally.
 - Anyone interested in persevering their Right To Keep & Bear Arms should think seriously about joining all 3 of these pro 2nd Amendment organizations.
- Frank Kelly web master:

- There have been numerous attempts to hack our website from places like Italy, the Ukraine, Turkey, Germany and the United States.
- This year so far, website activity is ahead of last year.
- Club information attracts a lot of viewers. So you can help your clubs with getting updated information to me. Pictures are always helpful with attracting interest to you club.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- [From the FOAC Top Weekly News Stories 3/25/18.](#)
- There were over 800 Gun Control marches across America, including one at the Beaver County Court House.
- All of these were supposedly organized by High School students. But the main March For Our Lives event in Washington D.C. only contained approximately 10% of school age kids.
- People, young and old who have no idea what they are talking about, but they are advocating policies onto every other American that would effectively destroy the 2nd Amendment and along with it the freedoms of all Americans!
- Even former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens has called for repealing the Second Amendment. So much for the oath he took to support the Constitution. [Link](#)
- National Reciprocity, bringing sanity to transportation of firearms and owning suppressors, are all dead.
- Even members of the Congressional Freedom Caucus, you know those Congressmen who support the constitution above all else, asked famous author John Lott who wrote the book “More Guns, Less Crime,” “What gun control legislation can we support?” The pressure is pretty intense if this group is caving in.
- So what isn’t dead? How about mandatory registration for all firearms. An outright ban on so called assault weapons. How about psychological testing to buy firearms or even ammunition.
- Do you think it just might be time to get personally involved in defending the 2nd Amendment?
- Monday, April 30, 2018 is the Rally to protect your Right To Keep & Bear Arms in Harrisburg, Pa. The league has raised enough money to hire 3 buses to take 168 people to this rally. At this time we have 12 open seats. [Rally Flyer](#)
- List of [Pa Anti-gun legislation](#). If you don’t sit up and take notice of this, what’s it going to take to get you involved in defending your freedom?
- [Pro & Anti Gun legislation](#) we will be discussing with our lawmakers and their staff.
- [8 Stubborn Facts on Gun Violence in America](#). Facts you won’t see in the main stream media. A couple of these include:
 - Violent crime is down and has been on the decline for decades.
 - Higher rates of gun ownership are not associated with higher rates of violent crime.
 - There is no clear relationship between strict gun control legislation and homicide or violent crime rates.
 - Legally owned firearms are used for lawful purposes much more often than they are used to commit crimes or suicide.
 - Concealed carry permit holders are not the problem, but they may be part of the solution.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent
- Tony - If anyone is interested in taking over the duties of this committee, let me know.

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunter Education Classes

4/21/18	Big Knob Grande	9am - 4pm
6/2/18	Aliquippa Club	9am - 4pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- 2018 Maple Syrup Festival at Brady’s Run is April 7 & 8. Starts at 8:00am. Meals are, Adults \$9. Kids \$5.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Youth Foundation meeting was March 15.
- There was a discussion to give \$100 for a station to “Hunt of a Lifetime” being held at Five Points.
 - Motion to approve \$100, from the Youth Foundation for Hunt of a Lifetime, FOAC/Pine Run. Passed.
- Jerry asked for league approval for the Youth Foundation to be able to spend a certain amount of money on its own so it could move on smaller expenditures without waiting for league approval.
 - Motion to approve maximum of \$300 expenditures by the Youth Foundation without the need to seek prior approval from the league. All expenditures will be reported to the league. Rochester/BVRPC. Passed.
- Fund raising Sporting Clays Shoot at Rochester Club May 16, 2018. 2 teams have already signed up. [Flyer](#)
- A License Plate fund raiser is being developed. Should have a poster next month.
 - Motion to approve this fund raiser. Midland/Aliquippa. Passed.
- The Youth foundation Committee still needs a couple of additional people to join the committee and help out.
- [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Craig - Out of the total of 500 raffle tickets, 370 have been turned in so far. [Ticket Info](#)

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Midland Club. Registration starts at 6:30am. Events will start at 8:00am.
- The event will be listed on the PGC website.
- The PGC is gradually getting out of the Youth Field Day business so we will eventually need to find another source for certain equipment we use.
- 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 for August.
- See [Awards Description](#) for this Banquet.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Need the \$180 check to pay for the league's spot.
- Tony - You don't need a motion for that expense.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sunday hunting is gaining momentum. Delegates, find out if your club supports this. We'll take a vote on it at the May meeting.
- Craig - The Hunt of a Lifetime information is up on the website.
- Dick Bayer - Dick almost always wears his NRA hat. The other day a woman in a grocery store asked him, "Aren't you ashamed to wear that hat?" His reply, "No. You know what though, you're entitled to your own opinion. I served in the military so you'd have that right." I've worn this hat for years. This is the first time anybody has ever said anything to me about it.
- Guy - The main stream media still maintains that the kids who were survivors of the Parkland school shooting were the ones who organized the anti-gun marches across the nation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - I hope you're all practicing boycotting Dicks and Field & Stream stores because of their decision not to sell firearms to or ammunition to anyone under 21 years old. This is a form of gun control. One of the ways we can fight back against these companies is to take our business elsewhere. If a kid 18, 19 or 20 years old can join the military and die for our country, using a firearm, but you won't sell one to him here. Are you kidding me? That's disgusting.
- Russ Sabo, who conducts the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) addressed the league.
 - The Beaver Area School District has given Russ the OK to start the NASP and he is seeking funding to start it. He's going to need around \$10,000 to get it going. He has received help from local businesses and sportsmen's clubs.
 - Delegates, take this request back to your clubs and see if you can't help Russ get this program going.
- Dick Bayer - Some clubs in the eastern part of the state are running Gun Bash Bingo. The league might want to look into this as a fund raiser.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mark Crevar - Mark is on active duty reserve in the United States Air Force. On our drill week-ends we have what's called a "Needy Airman Fund." This supports airmen who are down and out on their luck. Mostly for reservists who get deployed and then come back and things have fallen apart. Job, finances their business. We're like a family in the Air Force and try to take care of one another. A lot of the airmen are sportsmen like we are. I'm looking for help running a raffle to help with this cause.
 - Tony - Mark is asking to go in partnership with the league or the Youth Foundation to run a raffle to help support the active reserves he's attached to.
 - Who would be in favor of running a ticket in partnership with the reserves and sharing the profits? 12 delegates voted in favor of this. Mark Crevar did not vote so it was unanimous.
 - We'll sit down with you and get something going.

- The Wild Turkey Federation Banquet coming up on April 14. We have 5 people going, we need 3 more. 3 people volunteered.
- Sam Piccinini wanted us to know the March for Our Lives group is meeting this Saturday at the Beaver Borough Building and encourage as many of us as possible to attend.
- Five Points Hunt Club is holding a fund raiser for “Hunt of a Lifetime” at their club on June 10th from 8:00am to 2:00pm. [Flier](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- \$55 - Walt Ketterer

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- FOAC/BVRPC, 10:00pm

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