



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

May 3, 2018 Minutes
Meeting Location - Southside



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	A	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)	John Surowiec		(Alt)	Jerry Tillia		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	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 - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Louie Muller, BoD Member, Southside Club.

Guests - Our Newest Member - Clyde Edmiston. Born April 16, 2018.

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Pine Run/BV Archers. Passed.
- Tony - The league previously voted on having individual memberships with dues set at \$10. After looking at all the costs involved, we need to increase the normal dues to \$15. A \$30 donation will give you the membership, a button, and a hat. A donation of \$100 or more will give you a certificate, graduating from Silver to Gold to Platinum depending on the donation level.
 - Motion to approve, BVRPC/Midland. Passed.
 - Motion to approve opening an additional bank account to keep this money separate. Sewickley/BVRPC. Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- The PGC gave final approval for hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits for the 2018-19 license year.
 - 838,000 antlerless deer licenses statewide, up from 804,000 in the 2017-18 season.
 - 125 Elk licenses, awarded by lottery. Applications cost \$10.90
 - Hunting licenses for the 2018-19 season go on sale in mid-June and become effective July 1st.
 - Adopted split 5 day antlered deer season and a 7 day concurrent season.
- Pennsylvania hunters who held a senior lifetime hunting or combination license prior to May 13, 2017 will not need to purchase a pheasant permit to hunt pheasants in the 2018-19 license year.
- Adult pheasant hunters still need to purchase the permit.
- Junior pheasant hunters are required to obtain a free permit in 2018-19.
- The PGC reaffirmed its support of legislative action that would allow for expanded Sunday hunting. The board's support has remained consistent over time on this issue.
- Semiautomatic center fire shotguns that propel single projectile ammunition will be lawful in most of Pennsylvania's firearms deer, bear and elk season in 2018-19. For elk, the shotgun needs to be 12 gauge or larger.
- The Somerset Wild Pheasant recovery Area has been dissolved. This area received 964 trapped and transferred wild pheasants over a 3 year period but the population failed to take hold.
- The PGC eliminated the need for landowners in the Southeast Special Regulations Area to obtain a baiting permit to set up a bait site to hunt deer on private property. Bait is limited to shelled corn and protein pellet supplements and bait accumulation must not exceed 5 gallons.
- The PGC gave final approval to a package of usage regulations for Game Commission archery ranges.
- Fallen warden, District Game Protector Robert E. Zimmerman, 35 of Shiremanstown, Cumberland County, who died in the line of duty May 13, 1957, will be added to the Game Commission's Fallen Officers Memorial at a 10:30am ceremony on May 11, at the agency's Harrisburg's HQ. He will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on May 13 during National Police Week.
- The PGC's Howard Nursery is celebrating its 60th year in operation and the public is invited to its facilities at 197 Nursery Road in Howard Pa. on Saturday, May 12, 2018.
- Due to transfers and injuries of the already depleted field force, Beaver County State Game Wardens, Mike Yeck and Matt Kramer will be taking on additional responsibilities by covering portions of neighboring counties.
- We held our Beaver County Hunter Tapper Education Instructors dinner on 4/26/18 at Rochester Club. 46 instructors attended. This was one of the highest turnouts we've ever had.
- Matt demonstrated PGC's new P-25 radio system. With a hand held portable radio he raised and talked directly to the dispatcher's office in Ligonier, Pa. Response time and voice quality were impressive.
- See [Matt's Report](#) for additional details.

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report
- Send your club information to: rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Pennsylvania law makers are becoming more concerned about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) here in the state as a result of the toll CWD took in Wisconsin. In that state some areas lost 50% of the deer herd.
- The Disease Management Area (DMA) in Lancaster County held an open house to field ideas from all sources on how to combat CWD.
- PGC has decided to not make Tree Stand safety standards mandatory.
- The 2017 Pennsylvania bear harvest was the highest ever state harvest.
- Pennsylvania, state Rep. Harry Readshaw of Allegheny County on March 27 announced his intent to introduce legislation which would begin the regular firearms deer season on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- The next Farm Bill (U.S. Department of Agriculture) will deal with conservation practices to preserve water quality in trout streams.
- Sunoco's Mariner East, 350 mile natural gas pipeline project in Southern Pennsylvania, is set to resume construction after it was fined \$12.6 million numerous spills and leaks which polluted ground water and contaminated water wells.
 - If you discover a pollution incident, call the Pollution Hotline 1-855-347-4545
- A recent truck accident in the eastern part of the state, spilled 50,000 pounds of recycled plastic pellets. Eventually all this plastic will make its way down the Delaware River and into the ocean.

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Absent.
- Tony - I believe we had 133 kids at the derby. The weather wasn't the best, so this was a good turn out.
- Tony thanked everyone who helped out with the derby.
- Rich - We had closer to 160 kids who caught 290 fish. The next day was the Adult Fishing Derby. There were 70 adults and it was cold. The adults caught another 190 fish. There were also a number of people from the county who helped with the kids derby. We thank them as well.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Right now we have 25 campers. Still have room left.
- 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 6:00pm 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 on the first Sunday of each month.
- Every Tuesday evening we have outdoor 3-D shoots.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Absent

2ND AMENDMENT RALLY - Tony

- This rally was so much different, so much better than the previous ones I've been to. And that feeling started when they closed the doors and wouldn't let anyone else into the Rotunda. There were just too many people for that area of the Capitol Building to handle. The feeling was enhanced when Representative Metcalfe asked the opening singer, to sing the National Anthem for a second time. It really motivated, not just the audience, but especially the speakers. They spoke with more passion than they have in the past. It's like our legislators, the ones supporting the 2nd Amendment drew a line in the sand, so to speak, and said, we've had enough of you people. We're sick and tired of the far left and their over reach trying to infringe upon our Constitutional Rights. All the legislators we saw while visiting offices were very glad to see us there.
 - Tony read his ["Thank You Letter"](#) sent to those who attended the rally this year.
- Dan - To back you up on that, I had, at least three different people, who weren't with us, come up to me and told me, they were glad we were there. Thank you. That meant a lot. Two out of the three were women.
- Walt - I had a similar experience.
- Mark Crevar - I had a lady come up to me and asked if she could take my picture. She said her husband appreciated that we were there. It is really great you guys are here.
- Tony - Bottom line, thank you all for what you did to help preserve our freedom.
- Guest speakers at the rally were:
 - Larry Pratt, [Executive Director Emeritus, GOA](#)

- Cam Edwards, [NRA TV and News Radio](#)
- Dave Bray, [Patriotic Entertainer](#)
- Justin Moon, [Owner of Kahr Firearms](#)

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- The League sent 3 buses with a total rider count of 148 from Beaver County, and helped Glen Beattie with the organization of the bus from Butler County. Their ride count was 45.
- Capitol Police estimated attendance to be 650 - 750. Daryl Metcalfe's office sent rally attendance takers through the crowd and they came up with 1,184 on the main Rotunda floor, on the two mezzanine levels and extending back into the Senate and House hallways. The Capitol Police had to close off the Rotunda to additional people who wanted to enter. [Rally Pictures](#)
- [Additional Thoughts](#) on Tony's letter to rally attendees.
 - Ben Franklin was a student of human nature. He knew that any gathering of people for the advantage of joint wisdom also brings with it, prejudices, passions, errors of opinion, local interests, and selfish views of those who are gathered.
 - Apply this observation to our Pennsylvania State legislature. The very people who create the policies that tend to increase crime, want to disarm the rest of us who don't commit the crime. How many of the negative traits that Franklin listed can you fit in that illogical thought process?
 - The Constitution is not perfect, because it was developed by imperfect people to govern other imperfect people. But it's the best thing out there.
 - The bottom line is, if we, the people, who believe the United States Constitution is the law of the land and the bedrock of all other laws that are written, do not find it important enough to add our voices and our efforts to influence the government that writes these laws, then we deserve what we get. Governed by our inferiors as Plato put it. Just to review the basics on getting involved:
 - Vote every election. Inform yourselves on the issues and the candidates.
 - Use voters guides from the [National Rifle Association](#), [Gun Owners of America](#) and [Firearms Owners Against Crime](#).
 - Join all 3 of these organizations that are working so hard to keep Pro-Gun candidates in office and keep Anti-Gun candidates out of office.
 - Help candidates who agree with your values. Many of our teams who went to Harrisburg, found a lot of legislators who were on board with our issues. If we don't vote for the right candidates, how can they be in office to support our values.
 - Stay in contact with legislators who are already in office and support our issues.
 - Influence your family and friends to do the same.
 - And if you're a parent, teach your kids about how precious and good America is. But to do that, you have to know it yourselves first. America is not perfect, but it is certainly better than anything else out there.
- [The Morning Call, Article on the 2nd Amendment Rally](#). The sign in the picture of this article was made and displayed by Lee Gower, member of Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol Club.
- Dick's Sporting Goods, hired three Beltway lobbyists to lobby Congress for more gun control. Please show your contempt for Dick's by not shopping there. [Article](#)
- Clinton DeLuca - Thanked everyone who took part in the rally to defend our God Given, Constitutional 2nd Amendment Right.
 - Clinton related a chance meeting he had in the hallway with Ron Marsico, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Clinton ask Representative Marsico a couple of very direct questions as to why there isn't any pro-gun legislation being voted on in his committee when some of the bills have a majority of support in the full House. This opportunity would never have arisen if this rally had not taken place.
- Tony - This is a great example of personal involvement to defend our rights. Also, Clinton was able to recognize Representative Marsico in the crowd because of the work of Mike Christeson from FOAC, who put the Team Groupings together, which included pictures of all the legislators.
 - Mike, currently the President of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, extended his thanks to all the Team Leaders, the leadership of Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League and all those hardy souls who came to the Right To Keep & Bear Arms rally in Harrisburg.
- Rich - Asked about the status of the League's letter to Dick's Sporting Goods. Tony - Bob and I will have to get together on that. We've just been so busy lately.
- Tony - The Sheriff of Butler County, Michael Slupe announced at the rally that he has instructed his department not to spend department money on any organization that has removed their support from the NRA. Other Pennsylvania Sheriff's are looking into a similar policy for their departments.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunter Education Classes

6/2/18	Aliquippa Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
8/4/18	Rochester Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
8/11/18	Marion Hill Club	9:00am - 4:00pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Bruce Pia Reported.
- Youth Foundation meeting was April 19.
- Youth Fund Raiser Sporting Clays Shoot at Rochester Club May 19, 2018. 9:00am - 2:00pm. [Flyer](#)
 - So far there are 63 shooters signed up
- A License Plate fund raiser is being developed. [Poster](#)
 - Motion to approve this fund raiser. Midland/Aliquippa. Passed.
- Rich - Hopewell Township is having a Kids in the Park Fest on Saturday July 7th. A few of us from the Youth Foundation helped out last year and it was a very successful event.
 - The Youth Foundation can't handle it alone this year so we're asking for help from the league. If anyone would like to come over to Hopewell Park that day and lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated. We would need around 6 people. Contact Rich Kerlin 724-601-6974
 - Motion to approve the league helping with this event, Sewickley/Aliquippa. Passed.
- Tony - The Youth Foundation, through Mark Crevar, partnered with local Air Force Reserves to help support their "Needy Airman Fund." The Youth Foundation will split the profits with this fund by assisting with a raffle. The tickets are here. Mark will take care of ticket distribution and collection. [See Flyer](#) for drawing date and prizes.
- [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

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.
- See PGC website to register. [Link](#)

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- Tentatively scheduled for August. If we're going to make this happen we need to get a committee meeting scheduled.
- Jim Farland joined the committee.
- Current committee members are: 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

- Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony - If your club paid its league dues at the \$250 level it is entitled to a Wild Game Dinner. Get with me as soon as you can to schedule a date for your dinner.
- Tony - Since Hereford Manor Lake (HML) has been drained, acid mine drainage is seeping up through the ground. Isn't this the D.E.P.'s responsibility since they declared HML dam a high hazard and required it to be breached?

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - Motion to take a vote to Permit Sunday Hunting in Pennsylvania. Midland/Sewickley. Passed. Unanimous.
- Tony - Talk to start deer season on the Saturday after the Thanksgiving Holiday is increasing.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Eagle Scout Wil Adams had a seminar on March 20th to restore Hereford Manor Lake.
- Five Points Club is having its fourth annual 3D Shoot to support the Hunt of a Lifetime project. Targets can be sponsored for \$100 a piece. [Flyer](#)
- Andy - The Fishing Derby winner of the Lake Erie Charter was 11 year old Vanessa Bonchi
- There will be a “Support Our Troops” Rally, Sunday June 10, 2018 at the Gazebo in Beaver. [More Info](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Five Points/Aliquippa, 9:25pm

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