



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

June 7, 2018 Minutes
Meeting Location - Pine Run



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	A	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 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	A	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 - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - John Cummins, President Pine Run Club

Guests - Sara Benzio

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

Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve, BV Archers/Pine Run. Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Absent

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- June 16th – Opening Day of Bass Season. They must be 12 inches to keep. Daily limit 6
- Keep in mind, Brady's Run Lake is managed under Big Bass Regulations: 15 inches to keep . Daily limit 4
- National Fishing and Boating Week runs from June 2-June 10, 2018.
- 6/6/18, eighteen waters were stocked with about 200,000 two-inch Walleye fingerlings. These fish will feed and grow to become a great part of the future fisheries!
- Several Family Fishing Programs across the state. Check out our website under calendar.
- Beaver County Regatta has been cancelled.
- 3 boating fatalities already this year. Small boats and kayaks.
- Timber Rattle Snake and Copperhead season starts June 9th. Runs until July 31. Annual limit = 1. Permit Required.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

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

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Absent

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Absent

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Absent.
- Tony read Mike's report.
- 135 kids attended and 290 fish were caught and 98 kids ate the provided meal.
- 86 prizes were given out.
- The 6 trophy winners also received a fishing rod and reel combo and a tackle box.
- Trophy winners:
 - Girls Division
 - Biggest Trout caught was 17"
 - Most Trout caught was 14
 - Most combined fish caught was 14
 - Boys Division
 - Biggest Trout caught was 18"
 - Most Trout caught was 13
 - Most combined fish caught was 16
- Big Thanks to all the Clubs that donated, guys that helped stock and everyone else that helped out one way or another.
- [Mike's Report](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Right now we have 38 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](#).
- Days we need help, Tuesday at Southside for fishing. Wednesday at Five Points for shooting, starting at noon.
- Family night is Thursday June 21, starting at 6:00pm. All are welcome.
- [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 our outdoor 3-D shoots starting around 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- Tony - Russ Sabo is raising money for archery in the schools program. If you would like to donate to help pass this skill onto the next generation contact Russ at 724-846-1419 or 724-683-2143
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Absent

NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING - Tony Rich

- One of the township supervisors lives close enough to Rochester Sportsmen's Club that he is bothered by the noise of legal hunting of crows on Sunday mornings that is taking place on club property. This supervisor was planning on introducing a noise ordinance that would have imposed restrictions on this activity. We got wind of this, so myself, a couple of Rochester club members and Bob Oles attended their June township meeting to oppose this.
- I opposed the planned noise ordinance on the grounds that a township has no authority to change any aspect of hunting that is approved federally, which hunting crows as a nuisance bird is legal in Title 34 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations, or statewide which is approved by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.
- Craig was originally going to address the supervisors and he had started preparing for that but a back injury sidelined him so Bob Oles, with planning help from Firearms Owners Against Crime's Kim Stolfer, opposed the planned noise ordinance from the standpoint that a township has no authority to control any aspect of legal operation of firearms due to Pennsylvania being a Preemption State. No governing body except the Pennsylvania legislature has the authority to control firearms or ammunition. Title 18 Section 6120. And gun / sportsmen's club are immune to any noise ordinances that weren't in effect at the time the club was constructed. Title 35 Sections 4501 and 4502. [Handout to Twp Supervisors](#)
- The result - No new noise ordinances will be forth coming from New Sewickley Township.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- The State House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on Pennsylvania Gun laws and violence on May 22. There were 9 separate anti-gun groups that were in attendance calling for more gun control. There were 2 groups, Firearms Owners Against Crime, represented by Chairman Kim Stolfer, and the Prince Law Firm.
- Think about this for a minute. Nine anti-gun groups testifying for more gun control in Pennsylvania. And one pro-gun group and one pro-gun law firm. That's it. No national gun organizations to represent you, to advocate for your freedom, the average Pennsylvania gun owner. If you've heard of the oppressive gun laws and virtual persecution of gun owners in some of the surrounding states like New York, New Jersey and Maryland, you need to understand, one of the biggest reasons the state you live in isn't like those, is the advocacy of this group and Kim Stolfer.
- Please take a few minutes, watch the [Video of Kim's Testimony](#) to the Judiciary committee, read his [Written Testimony](#) submitted to the committee, and read his [Email Blast](#) to Firearms Owners Against Crime's membership.
- And then, not only be thankful we have such a knowledgeable and dedicated defender of the 2nd Amendment, but also, help him and this organization out by joining and becoming a member. [FOAC Application](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunter Education Classes

6/16/18	Pine Run Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
8/4/18	Rochester Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
8/11/18	Marion Hill Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
8/25/18	Pine Run Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/8/18	Concord Church	9:00am - 4:00pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Absent
- Guy Cable reported.
- Held a working meeting on Wednesday, May 16 beginning at 6:30 PM at Rochester Sportsmen's club to prepare for the youth foundation fundraiser Sporting clay shoot.
- 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.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- 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.
- Mark - Still have 100 tickets left to go out. We have flyers out at a number of different locations. The contact information should be up on the website shortly. See the below link for more information.
- [Ticket Flyer](#)

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.
- Current committee members are: Jim Farland, 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

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony - Met with the DEP and the PFBC to test the water quality of the water coming up through ground into the former Hereford Manor Lake basin. Water quality was satisfactory.
 - Reports like this as well as signatures of citizens who want HML restored will be present to Governor Wolf sometime in the future.
- Dick Bayer - Let the league know that the Lawrence County Council of Conservation Clubs is in favor of Sunday hunting in Pennsylvania.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony is holding a Wild Game Dinner at Aliquippa Club Friday evening June 8, at 6:00pm.
- Tony held a Wild Game Dinner at the Sewickley Club Last week. The first one for that club.
- The new individual membership applications for the league are being printed and should be done shortly.
- Tony - Remember to boycott Field & Steam and Dick's Sporting Goods. I received an advertising flyer from Field & Stream and there wasn't one gun listed in that flyer.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Five Points Club is having its fourth annual 3D Shoot, Sunday June 10, to support the Hunt of a Lifetime project. Targets can be sponsored for \$100 a piece. [Flyer](#)
- Tonya - Read a "Sorry I missed you" post card Chayce received from PA State Representative Robert Godshall. For a number of years Chayce has personally met Rep. Godshall on our trips to Harrisburg for the 2nd Amendment Rally. This year they happen to miss each other.

- Dick - Wanted to let the league know there's a Florida Congresswoman (Debbie Wasserman Schultz) who said, "There's nothing in the Constitution that defends the Right to Keep and Bear Ammunition. She wants background checks on all ammunition sales. [Article](#)
- There's an organization in northern Pennsylvania that is working to make the Allegheny National Forest into a national park. This will reduce the amount of land that can be hunted on.
- Larry - There was a major die off of shad at Pymatuning.

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Sewickley/Beaver Falls, 9:10pm

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