



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



July 5, 2018 Minutes
Meeting Location - Conway 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
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	David Holderny
A	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(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
P	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 - Bill Frishkorn, President Conway Club.

Guests - State Representative Aaron Bernstine.

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve, Sewickley/Green Valley. Passed.

Treasurer's Report -

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

ELECTION - October

- This year the President and Secretary are on the ballot.
- Nominating Committee = Craig Holdren & Tonya Cable

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Prior to a new law it was unlawful to track a wounded big game animal with a dog. The new law makes it lawful to attempt to recover wounded Game in this manner. Dogs must be leashed and trackers can not trespass when pursuing game. Dog handlers can charge a fee, but not on state game lands.
- Matt gave a special thanks to all the veterans in the room who made the continued celebration of the 4th of July possible.
- Tolls are going up on the Pennsylvania Turnpike again. This is the 11th year in a row the Turnpike Commission has implemented a toll increase. Currently to drive your car from Beaver Valley to Breezewood will cost you \$19.35 one way, if you pay cash. Let's compare this to a PA resident hunting license, which is \$20.90 and is good for 365 days. Try to put that into perspective.
- Due to internet security updating, you may not be able to purchase your 2018-19 hunting license online if you have an older computer. Go to the following website to test your computer. <https://tst.salesforce.com/s/>
- To hunt pheasant in PA for the 2018-19 season, a pheasant permit will be required for junior hunters (no fee), adult hunters and senior hunters, \$26.90, unless senior hunters acquired their lifetime hunting or combination licenses prior to May 13, 2017.
- Elk license application, \$10.90 fee, deadline is July 31, to be eligible for the 125 licenses that will be awarded by lottery.
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is increasing in PA. 78 infected free-ranging deer were discovered in 2017 compared to 25 in 2016. It is unlawful to: 1) Feed deer in (DMA) Disease Management Areas. 2) Transport high risk parts (generally the head and backbone) from deer harvested in DMA's to points outside a DMA. 3) Use of or field possession of urine-based deer attractants in DMA's.
- The Deer Management Assistant Program (DMAP) will again be deployed in DMA's in the 2018-19 deer season. Maps and boundaries are located at www.pgc.pa.gov
- The 2 vacancies on the PA Board of Game Commissioners were filled by Scott Foradora of DuBois and Dennis Fredericks of Amity.
- Three years of field study, 165 captured fawns and more than 200,000 trail-camera photos have demonstrated that PA had good stable fawn survival rates.
- For the second year, 48 junior hunters will be able to hunt wild pheasant roosters in the Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area. [Applications](#)
- Antlerless deer licenses go on sale July 9. 2018-19 allocations: 1A = 48,000. 2A = 49,000. 2B = 58,000.
- It is possible for kids younger than 11 to take a Hunter Education course if they receive a waiver from the PGC.
- [Matt's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

GUEST SPEAKER - State Representative Aaron Bernstine

- Aaron covered the events of the last month with the push by the State House Judiciary Committee for more gun control.
- We are facing some serious attacks on the 2nd Amendment. The momentum is in the wrong direction. These bills are not being run by your average anti-gun Democrat, some of these bills are being run by Republicans. The bills don't just deal with the stated intent of its title, but would effect so many other aspects of gun ownership, directly infringing upon the 2nd Amendment.
- Attacks on our freedoms are not just centered in the larger cities and the eastern part of the state anymore. They're coming from places where you would least expect it. For example read this letter. [Ellwood City Ledger Article](#)
- I took an oath to defend and protect our Constitution, and I take that very seriously. Article I, Section 21 or the Pennsylvania Constitution:

“The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be questioned.”

- Legislation that chips away at our 2nd Amendment rights will never get my support in the General Assembly and I'll do everything in my power to stop such attempts in their tracks. This included filing 79 amendments to HB-1872 and HB-2227.
- Along with Firearms Owners Against Crime and other legislators who remember and understand the oath of office they took, Aaron was able to stop these gun control bills from coming up for a vote on the House floor.

- Tony - Aaron's vigorous and unflinching support for the 2nd Amendment is why the league supported him for State Representative. Elections make a difference. When you go to the polls to vote (vote in every election) make sure you know who you are voting for. Use the voters guides from Firearms owners Against Crime, NRA and Gun Owners of America. If we want to keep our freedoms we need to pay attention, get involved and stay involved.
- [EllwoodCity.org Article](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Only changes needed are Sewickley and the 2Amendment Rally. If those are insignificant we might have enough booklets from last year to finish out this year. At this late date we may not have enough time to get a new batch printed before the Big Knob Fair.
- Send your club information to: rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Absent

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Absent

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Absent.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Rich Reporting
- Probably the best camp we've had in 18, 19 years. Not one kid left because of home sickness which I believe is due to us increasing the age for campers. Fantastic staff, all did a great job.
- Special thanks to Five Points for hosting our shooting day at their club. They had help from Aliquippa Club. We were short handed so our muzzle loaders and .22 rifles were run by our counselors. The trap range was run by the guys from Five Points and Aliquippa.
- Special thanks to Southside Club for hosting the fishing day. They had their club grounds looking very nice and the club house renovations were impressive. A number of kids caught some pretty big catfish. Bob Slingsluff and Russ Sabo came out and helped with fishing.
- Conway Club sent the most kids. I think the number was 7 and 3 of the camp counselors were from Conway.
- Beaver Valley Archers sent campers this year and the Vice President of that club was there for the camp fire. Every kid left the camp with flyers from the league for youth field day and a number of club's youth field days.
- I don't know how Breanna pulled it off with a new born baby. That baby was out there all week long.
- Thanks to Lawrence County who sent kids this year. Also Laurel School district from Lawrence County sent kids.
- We'd like to have more club support to attract more kids next year.
- Big thanks goes to Sheriff Tony Guy and his department for helping out with camp security this year. They even called after camp was over to make sure everything went OK.
- Next year will be our 20th camp year and we're hoping to do something a little special to celebrate..
- Tony - It's takes a bunch of dedicated people to provide this level of camp quality. This is one of the things we do to pass on the outdoor heritage to the next generation. They're the future. You see how they grow from year to year as you watch a camper advance to a counselor and sometimes even to a director. It's so rewarding to see that. I want to personally thank everybody because I know how much work it takes and the time given up by men, women and young people who volunteer.

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 to 5:00pm
- We're planning on bringing back the Junior Olympics Archery Development (JOAD) program starting this fall on Saturday mornings. The Roth's have volunteered to head this up. This will be open only to members of the club.
 - Here's a [Link](#) for a sneak peak of JOAD.

- Having Raccoon Target (with glow tacks on targets) shoots on the next 4 Saturdays, starting at dusk (around 9:00pm) on July 7, 14, 21, 28. Entry fee = \$10.
 - These are 50/50 money shoots and the drawing will be on the last hunt day. If you hunt 1 day you have 1 chance to win. If you hunt 2 days you have 2 chances to win. etc.
 - Bring flashlights and bug spray.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Frank updated the website with the tickets Mark is selling. Mark has about 45 tickets left
- Frank - The front page is getting closer to what we want as far as the amount of information presented. The CWD link is going to be updated. I will make sure there is a link to the interactive map.
 - The security software is a good job protecting the site compared to what we had before. We're blocking attacks from: Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Turkey, Morocco, China and the Ukraine. This isn't the only website I have these problems with.
 - Was hoping Mike would be here tonight so I could get the league event pictures from him and start posting them. Will do that when we can meet up.
 - If there's anything you want on the website just let me know.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles & Craig Holdren

- The Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC) July 1st Top Weekly News Stories, goes into additional detail on the same subject that Representative Bernstine just talked about, the epic legislative battle that's going on in the Pennsylvania State House on gun control. Legislation, that if passed, will do nothing to make anyone safer, but will certainly infringe upon our 2nd Amendment Rights.
 - The State House Judiciary Committee has held six "Voting Hearings" in April alone, on gun control bills. Yet held zero hearings on many good gun bills with plenty of cosponsors backing them.
 - This hearing ending with all gun control bills passing except one that failed by only one vote.
 - The next step was to, not just get these bills to the floor of the House for a vote, but to **RUSH** them to the floor for a vote. That was prevented by the filing of over 150 amendments to these anti-gun bills by pro-gun legislators, 79 of which came from Representative Bernstine, as well as the actions of FOAC announcing its opposition to these bills and that votes would be graded and made available to the public for the general election in the fall. Without Representatives like Aaron Bernstine who believe in obeying the Constitution, and pro-gun activist organizations like FOAC, Pennsylvania would look more like the premier gun control states that border it.
 - Ask yourself, "How can you help" Representatives like Aaron? <http://www.repbernstine.com>
 - You can help FOAC by joining that organization. [Membership application](#).
 - [Bob's Handout](#)
 - Craig was at the June 19th Judiciary Committee meeting. He has some thoughts on that experience.
- Craig - On Monday April 30, 2018 when we were in Harrisburg, PA for the Pro-2nd Amendment Rally it was clearly one of the most active and patriotic rallies we've attended in Harrisburg. The crowd filled the Capitol Rotunda to the point that security had to close it off to any additional rally attendees. On that day we were promised by the Judiciary that NO NEW ANTI-GUN LEGISLATION would be passed.
 - When I attended the Judiciary Committee hearing on Tuesday June 19th there was a totally different attitude toward the promises that were made in April, to follow the Pennsylvania Constitution that legislators swear to uphold when they take office. That is the difference between politicians like Representative's Bernstine, Metcalfe, Saccone, Ortitay and others who consistently support the Constitution, and most others who forget their oath of office within 15 minutes of making that promise.
 - For a perfect example of the "Oath of Office Forgotten" just [watch this video](#) of Representative Dom Costa.
 - You can bet the anti gun activists will be back in force when the House goes back into session in September. You need to counter their activism by becoming active yourselves. There's a list of Representatives on the back of my handout to call and email to voice your opposition to any more anti-gun legislation.
 - [Craig's Handout](#)
- Tony - This is important and why we spend the time on the 2nd Amendment that we do. Without guns, how long do you think any of your clubs would stay open? There are people who continue to try to take our firearms away from us. If we don't fight back, just think what would have happened by now.
 - If we didn't have the NRA on the national level, we'd have lost our gun rights a long time ago. If your not a member, you need to seriously think about joining up and in that small way help out.
 - If we didn't have the FOAC on the state level, Pennsylvania would be a highly restrictive state on guns like New York, New Jersey and Maryland. Kim has done a terrific job in defending us. I pay attention to what he writes and follow what he's doing. Thank goodness he's there doing what he does, because these gun bills would have passed without FOAC's/Kim's activism. Think seriously about joining the FOAC. Think seriously about motivating your club's members to join this group as well.

- As gun owners we should all belong to everyone of these groups that fight to maintain our freedom. The FOAC, the NRA and the GOA. I'm a life member of the FOAC and the NRA, so I'm not asking you to do anything that I'm not doing. You need to go back to you clubs and motivate your members to join these groups and join, as individual members, the BCSCCL. That's going to help us defend the 2nd Amendment
- We need to let people know, as much as we can to support guys like Aaron Bernstine and Keith Rothfus. When you vote, you need to know who believes and follows the Constitution and protects the 2nd Amendment.
- [BCSCL Individual Membership Application](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunter Education Classes

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
9/15/18	Midland Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/29/18	Aliquippa Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
- Cable Restraint Classes

8/25/18	Ambridge Club	8:00am - 12:00pm
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CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- We had our meeting at Raccoon Park Camp Ground on 6/21/18.
- 1st annual BCSCLYF Sporting Clay Shoot held at Rochester Sportsman Club on May 19, 2018. Thanks to all who came and made it a great day.
- Hopewell Township Park Fest is 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 from around 5:00pm to 10:00pm
- Contact Rich Kerlin 724-601-6974.
- [Youth Foundation Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman

- Mark - Still has a few tickets left for the BCSCCL Youth Foundation and the Airman's assistance fund. If you can help out, please see Mark. See BCSCCL website, under [BCSCL Youth Foundation Gun Ticket](#)
- Andy has tickets on hand for the Lake Erie Fishing Charter. \$5 ticket, 2 numbers for a \$500 charter.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Youth Pheasant hunt will be on Oct 6 at Raccoon State Park. Although this website function won't be ready until around the end of August, participants will need to sign up on the game commission's website.
- Should have the dates for the Youth Goose hunt at the next meeting.

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Midland Club. Registration starts at 6:30am. Events will start at 8:00am.
- For kids from 9 to 16 years old.
- See Family Field Day in Youth Foundation Minutes. [Link](#)
- See PGC website to register. [Link](#)
- [Field Day Flyer](#)

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- The delegates voted unanimously to cancel the banquet this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Need a check for \$700 to get started.
- Tony will find out if Bob Bryner is donating a Cricket rifle this year.

- Guy will work with PJ's for equipment and prizes.
- Jerry - We still have a gun at Brown's we can use for a prize.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rich - Asked again for more help for the Hopewell Park event from 5:00pm till 10:00pm. See under Youth Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Conway Club is holding their "Project Healing Waters" event on Sept 15, for disabled veterans and veterans with handicapped kids.
- Aliquippa Club is having their Youth Field Day August 4th. [Flyer](#)
- Mike Harcher's (Aliquippa Club Delegate) father passed away July 9th. Please keep Mike and his mother in your thoughts and prayers

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Rochester/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