



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



August 2, 2018 Minutes
Meeting Location - Midland 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
p	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	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
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 - Dave Knight, President Midland Club.

Guests - Congressman Keith Rothfus, State Representative Jim Marshall, Derrek Koblinsky, Sam Maclot, Glen Beattie, Ron Smith.

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

Treasurer's Report -

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

ELECTION - October

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- Tony - Presented a sympathy card, signed by members of the league, to Mike Harcher who's father recently passed away. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family.
- Jerry - The League made a donation to the Youth Foundation in the name of Mike's father, Andrew 'Cheese' Harcher and presented a certificate of appreciation to Mike for that donation.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- The wild turkey management plan update can be viewed at www.pgc.pa.gov on the wild turkey page.
- For the 2nd year in a row, a pair of endangered piping plover are raising chicks on Presque Isle's Gulf Point.
- Goose hunters must apply on line or in person to enter the drawing to hunt geese at Middle Creek & Pymatuning Wildlife Management Areas. www.pgc.pa.gov > Waterfowl Hunting & Conservation page > Goose Blind Application Link.
- The application deadline for prospective elk hunters was July 31.
- The PGC:
 - Is looking for public assistance with it's wild turkey sighting survey. www.pgc.pa.gov
 - Has been named the Agency of the Year by the Quality Deer Management Association.
 - Approved Managed Dove Fields which allows mourning dove hunting in those areas.
 - Has given preliminary approval for strengthening the "public hunting" component for deer control permits issued for deer problems on private and public properties which are often in suburban and urban areas.
- [PGC Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- PFBC Executive Director, John Arway will retire Nov 2, 2018.
- The Catfish Family Fishing Program recently held in North Park was a big success. More are planned for the future.
- The PFBC Board of Commissioners elected Commissioner Eric Hussar as the new president and Commissioner Richard Lewis as vice-president.
- The plan to reduce spending by \$2 million has been shelved. Key members of the General Assembly plan to work toward providing additional revenue to the PFBC. The fish hatcheries will remain open. A number of other revenue enhancements are starting that should start to offset declines in traditional revenue sources and escalating costs in all areas. See the [PFBC Report](#) for a listing.

GUEST SPEAKER - Congressman Keith Rothfus

Congressman Rothfus reminded us of how important it is to get out and cast an informed vote, and how important it is for us to inform and motivate our family, friends and anybody who cares about our fundamental freedoms that are enshrined in our Constitution. The 1st Amendment. The 2nd Amendment.

There are people who don't view it that way. One of those people is Jerry Nadler, Congressman from New York State, the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee. If the Democrats take over the House in the next election, Jerry Nadler will become the Chairman of this committee and will be empowered to set the entire legislative agenda for the Judiciary committee. Not only will they be going after the impeachment of Donald Trump, they will be setting the policy agenda for every single committee. A chairman Jerry Nadler of the Judiciary Committee, on which I serve, will not be a friend of the 2nd Amendment. So we have to look at this election very carefully. We have an opposition that is very organized, very fervent. They would love to take over the House of Representatives. These people are not friendly to the 2nd Amendment.

I'm going to need your help. I have one of the toughest congressional races in the county. My opponent went after the NRA in a Pittsburgh Magazine. My opponent thought it was really cool to show up in an ad with an AR-15, irresponsibly, I think. And then show up at a gun control rally not long after that. He is pushing a piece of legislation, Universal Background Checks, that would not have prevented a single mass shooting. We, on the other hand, want laws to be enforced. We want laws to be effective. We don't want to criminalize behavior of law abiding citizens. We want the background system to work and be properly funded. That weapons are kept out of the hands of people who should not have them. So I'm all in, I just need your help.

Tony - As you can see, Keith is asking us for support. Delegates go back to your clubs and inform them why we need to support Congressman Rothfus. It's important to note, in Conor Lamb's race against Rick Saccone, Lamb refused to respond to a number of questions on important topics for a [Candidate Survey](#). This is serious stuff, probably more so now than in any other time in our lives. We all need to back candidates who believe the Constitution and support our freedoms and way of life. Where would the league be, where would your clubs be without guns? Think about that because we have politicians

and candidates out there who are doing and will do their level best to take that right away from us. You need to do what you can to inform and convince your clubs and others of this.

GUEST SPEAKER - PA State Representative Jim Marshall

I've been in office for 12 years. I'm a member of the Midland Sportsmen's Club. Life member of the NRA. I've seen many of you at the annual 2nd Amendment rallies in Harrisburg. I'm always there to stand with you and your issues.

Craig Holdren has been preaching for more than 10 years, to anybody who will listen, about the Constitution, who's going to abide by it, and protect it, and who's going to step all over it and your rights. My opponent was at the anti-gun rally in Beaver this spring. His goal, to advance gun control. That concerns me and should certainly concern you. I'm the same guy that I was when I first stepped into this office. I support the Constitution, therefore I obviously support you on the 2nd Amendment. I appreciate your support.

Tony - Jim is pro-gun and has supported the 2nd Amendment throughout his legislative career.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Pass around a preliminary copy of the league booklet.
- Tony - We have advertising space in the booklet. See if you know anyone, any company that would be interested in advertising in our league booklet.
- Send your club information to: rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- The PGC and the Department of Agriculture are working on enhancing their ability to work together on Chronic Wasting Disease through regulations and enforcement.
- Some hunters are advocating for the use of the Gray Hungarian Partridge in Pennsylvania for dog training.
- New "One Stop Shop" map for hunters will show incredible detail about state forests and state game lands. [link](#)
 - Above points taken from PA Outdoor News Vol. 15, #14, July 6, 2018.
- Hunters purchasing hunting or fur-taking licenses receive a pocket guide to ensure they are informed before heading afield. (PA Outdoor News Vol. 15 July 20, 2018)
- The 2018 Elk Expo will be Aug 18-19 at the Elk County Visitors Center <https://www.elkexpo.com>
- POLLUTION - Mike Harcher
- No Report

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- No Report

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- A great camp this year.
- We had 38 Campers, but had 3 no shows and 1 camper was sent home so we ended up with 34 total campers.
- We had 11 counselors. This was the first year for 4 of them. None of the counselors are aging out.
- There were no major injuries. This is a very good thing.
- There was night security all but 2 days, and when it was there it was a great help.
- The goal of rolling application was to get applications in early, but that didn't really work. I still received 5 applications the week prior to camp and 2 the day before.
- I passed out a number of financial reports tonight. The addition of a debit card was a HUGE help.
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- Next year we plan on a tuition of \$200/camper with a strong deadline date.
- Thank you certificates were given to: Five Points, Beaver Valley Archers, Rich Kerlin, Tony Rich, Mike Zon, Jim Farland, John Davidson, Dick Ward.
- Club sponsorship checks need to come directly to me and not Mark.
- Several of the background checks will be expiring from June 2015. I have that info and I'll let you know. These are free for volunteers.
- Motion to permit Breanna to deposit checks for camp directly in the camp account. Sewickley/Pine Run. Passed.
- To cover the increasing cost for CPR training, it's up to \$17 now, we'd like to offer 2 or 3 league CPR classes at different league clubs and charge \$25/person and use the extra money to pay for CPR training for camp purposes.

- This would be a benefit to the league, the camp and the clubs that hold these events. Never know when someone could need CPR.

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Introductory Youth Archery every Thursday evening 6:00pm until whenever the archer wants to leave. There is good adult supervision. 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.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- We're still waiting for pictures of the Family Field Day and the Camp so they can be posted on the website. 24 to 36 of the best photos for each event.
- Craig thanked Jim Marshall for his kind words concerning Craig's activism in defending the 2nd Amendment. Craig pointed out that Tony Rich, Kim Stolfer and Bob Oles are all strong activists as well, in this effort to retain our Constitutional rights.
- Guy Cable - I also appreciate what you guys do in defending our 2nd Amendment rights. Thanks you very much.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- All elections are important. All elections have consequences. The election this November is even more important and will have more consequences. Take the race between Congressmen Keith Rothfus and Conor Lamb. Here's an article that supports what Keith just told us. Lamb is trying to play both sides of the fence on the 2nd Amendment.
- From: FOAC's Top Weekly News Stories for the week of March 25, 2018.
 - Now that Conor Lamb is a Congressman elect and has successfully duped/manipulated the voters in the 18th congressional district (was the 18th during this special election. It is now the 17th district after the PA Supreme Court redrew the state's congressional districts) into thinking that he is pro-gun, perhaps his actions on Saturday will show that our concerns were justified about his stand on gun control and his sympathies for the gun control movement.
 - Refer to [This Article](#) to see Lamb working the crowd at an anti-gun rally of socialists in Pittsburgh on March 24, 2018.
- Since the Parkland Florida school shooting, 26 states have passed 55 new gun control laws.
 - As the Denver Post points out, this massive push for gun control has bipartisan support. In fact, the majority of governors who signed in new gun control measures were Republicans.
 - Sorry if you don't want to hear this, but typically there is more support for gun control from the Democrat side. The fact that Republican governors are signing gun control laws shows that there's a lot of energy on the anti-gun side that some of them can't and won't stand up to. [Article Link](#)
- To prove the above point about most support for gun control comes from the Democrat side, an email from Gun Owners of America leads with this:
 - Nancy Pelosi just declared that gun control will be her top priority if Democrats win the House.
 - A Pelosi speakership would mean massive semi-auto bans, universal background checks, a federal registrar, and even confiscating guns without due process. [GOA Email Link](#)
- Here is a [List of Solid Pro-Gun Candidates](#) for some Western Pennsylvania legislative offices. Any help you could give them would go a long way in preserving your liberty.
- The last paragraph from the above listed FOAC's Top Weekly News Stories is sobering and gives us all something to think about:
 - In closing I will ask you to consider that it is clear that the DC and other marches, in response to the Parkland shooting and in support of stricter gun control, 'looked like a march to burn the Constitution and rewrite the parts that you like in crayon.' The question for each of us to answer is what does freedom mean to us and what are we prepared to do to stop this!?
- Tony - I hope you take everything Bob said to heart because it's important. If you can do something to help, please do it. Also, make sure you get out there and vote for the right people.

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

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Monthly meeting held July 19.
- Discussed Family Field Day organization.
- Discussed liability insurance.
- Next meeting Aug 16, 7:00pm at Aliquippa Club. All are welcome to attend.
- Jerry gave out plaques to, Beaver Valley Archers Club and Aliquippa Bucktails Club.
- Dave Knight - It would be a good idea to bring the YF to the attention of the new Shell plant management.
- [Youth Foundation Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Mark Crevar - Thanked the league and everyone who helped out with this raffle that benefitted both the Youth Foundation and the Airman's Fund.
- The winning ticket was #173.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- This year's Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League Youth Pheasant Hunt will be held on **Oct 6** at Raccoon State Park, Nichol Road/Doak Field. Registration with the PGC should go on line by next week.
- We are limiting the total number of kids to 20 due to the limited help we have.
- **NOTE - Pheasants Forever is holding a youth pheasant hunt one week later on Oct 13, in the same location. Please do not confuse this hunt with the Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League Youth Pheasant Hunt on Oct 6.**
- Should have the dates for the Youth Goose hunt at the next meeting.

FAMILY FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- 96 attendees. 59 youth and 47 adults.
- Had a lot of help from a lot of clubs and individuals and we want to thank all of them. Special thanks to Midland Club for hosting. There aren't many clubs in the county that could support an event like this.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- This year's banquet has been canceled.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Guy - Discussed what guns will be awarded for prizes this year.
- Tonya - Discussed items needed for booth set up, and handouts.
- If anyone can help out, please contact the Cable's. 724-494-6465 or gtcttc@yahoo.com

OLD BUSINESS

- Rich - Thanked Mark and Vic for helping out at the Hopewell Park Fest.
 - There were a number of people from different clubs who stopped by and mentioned that they had known we needed help they would have signed up. It appears that some of the information given out at the league meetings is not making its way back to the clubs.
- Rich - What is the status on the letter to Dick's Sporting Goods? See letter to Dick's.
 - Tony - Jerry and I will be calling the beginning of next week with Dick's to set up a meeting.
 - Representatives of Field & Stream contacted the league asking if they could hold a corporate meeting at one of our clubs. We're not going to help them promote their business since we're boycotting Dick's and Field & Stream due to their policy of not selling guns to anyone under the age of 21.

- Hopefully if these companies are contacting one of your clubs, you're responding the same way Dave Knight did. He said, "Absolutely not." "When you get rid of your 2 anti-gun lobbyists in Washington DC, and when you start selling guns to those under 21 years old, we'll think about it."

NEW BUSINESS

- The individual membership applications are out. If you need some for your clubs, contact Bruce Pia 724-944-7154. bpia1963@gmail.com

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Rich -
- Craig - Sept 15 Rochester Club is hosting a Sporting Clays shoot to support the candidates who support the 2nd Amendment. [Sporting Clays Shoot Flyer](#)
- Mike - Aliquippa Club's Youth Field Day is Saturday Aug 4. 9:00am just show up.
 - August 17 is the 2nd Tony Rich Wild Game dinner 6:00pm.
 - A very special thank you to the league and Youth Foundation for the card and certificates. This will really be appreciated by my mom.
- Tony - Rochester Club is hosting Tony Rich Wild Game Dinner on Wednesday Aug 22.
- Dave - This is the 2nd year in a row that PGC had problems with its website for our activities and hunters education classes. Why don't we just use our own website for registration?
 - Jerry - The PGC is getting out of the business of supporting local clubs. Frank (website manager) and I have been discussing using our website in place of the PGC's.
 - Tonya - I kind of like having the connection with the PGC. Let's just have 2 website sources for information.
 - Craig - For a couple of meetings now, I've heard that we are not getting people to participate. Some of you make announcements about your club events, just word of mouth. No written information, no flyers. I can't promote your club's function on the website, Bob can't promote your club's function in the minutes if you don't get the information to us. A verbal announcement at the meeting, just isn't going to work as well as a flyer will.
 - Rich - The PGC supplies the pheasants for our youth pheasant hunts. If we don't stay connected to the PGC, we won't have access to those birds. Are we ready to pay for them ourselves?
 - Bob - People who are promoting activities for your clubs. It's up to you to get that information to Craig and me. It's not up to us to track you down. If I don't get the information, I can't put it in the minutes. I've got a lot to do at these meetings and sometimes I forget to pick something up. You can make sure I get by putting it my hand. Same with Craig. Deliver it to the person who can help you advertise your event. These minutes go out to over 200 people. You have approximately 10 to 14 days after the league meeting to get any flyers to me to include in the minutes before they are completed and sent out.
- Next month's league meeting is on the **2nd Thursday** of the month, Sept 13 at Ambridge Club.

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- FOAC/Aliquippa 9:20pm

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