



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

October 4, 2018 Minutes  
 Meeting Location - Rochester Club  
 BVRPC Hosting



## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Harcher	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Guy Cable		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	David Holderny
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	Ray Spolarich
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	A	Southside	Louie Muller
	(Alt)	John Surowiec		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	None	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
A	Conway	None	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dick Smith	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

## OFFICERS

	President		Vice President		Treasurer		Secretary
P	Tony Rich	A	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Craig Holdren, Vice President, BVRPC

Guests - PFBC WCO Mike Walsh. PGC SGW Cadet Cameron Murphy.

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

Treasurer's Report -

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

## ELECTION - For President and Secretary, October

- Nomination Committee Chair, Craig Holdren, asked for nominations from the floor for President and Secretary. No nominations were given. With no additional candidates for these offices, the secretary cast one vote for Tony Rich for President and one vote for Bob Oles for Secretary. Tony and Bob will serve for another two years.
- Both Tony and Bob remarked on their age and suggested younger members should think about running for these offices next time.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## STATE AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- New Chronic Wasting Disease rules are in effect for this hunting season.
- Pennsylvanian's who harvest deer, elk, mule deer, or moose out of state, likely can't bring them home without first removing the carcass parts that have the highest risk of transmitting chronic wasting disease.
- High risk parts include but are not limited to: the head (including brain, tonsils, eyes and any lymph nodes); spinal cord/backbone; spleen; skull plate with attached antlers.
- The elk cam is live again in Elk County on State Game Lands 311. [Elk Cam Live](#)
- Highlights from the Commissioners meeting:
  - Took preliminary action to update the state's list of threatened and endanger species.
  - Gave preliminary approval to a measure that will bridge the mentored youth and mentored adult hunting programs.
- Leashed tracking dogs are allowed to help with recovery of big game.
- If you're going to climb a tree stand, wear a harness. Nearly 40 hunters a year experience traumatic injuries due to falls from tree stands in Pennsylvania.
- Matt Kramer introduced SGW Cadet, Cameron Murphy who is training with Matt for a few weeks.
- [Mike's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Fall Trout Stockings are underway throughout the state.
- Executive Director Update: 27 applications were received. 5 applicants were interviewed.
- John Arway's retirement celebration will be on Nov 17.
- The PFBC has 76 field positions state wide but is currently down about 20 WCO's. We're hoping a class of new WCO's will open up soon.
- The emergency action plan for High Point Lake Dam in Somerset County has been deactivated due to successful repairs on the that dam. The lake is in the process of refilling.
- Reminder - Mandatory Cold Weather Life Jacket Wear goes into effect November 1, through April 30, on boats less than 16 feet in length, and all canoes and kayaks.
- Erie Steelhead Update - Streams are low and clear. Fish are being caught on single eggs.
- Special Fishing Regulation Areas for children change. Maximum age went from 12 to 15 years old.
- Next Commissioners meeting Oct 15 & 16.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Rob is finished with his part of the booklet.
- Tony - We have advertising space in the booklet. A business card size ad is \$25. \$50 for a half page ad. \$100 for a full page ad. Frank put a very nice platform out for the advertising space. Delegates, let your clubs know about this space. Could be people there with businesses that would be interested in utilizing it.
- Frank reviewed what he's doing on the booklet.

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- PGC to affiliate with Habitat Forever in an attempt to improve game habitat on privately owned land.
- PGC looking into the possibility of changing the opening day of firearms deer season in a effort to attract more hunters.
- Some possible changes to elk season being discussed:
  - Two week archery only season for bulls and cows
  - Regular and extended season in the first two weeks of November
  - Antlerless only season with any type of weapon in late December to early January.
- New Jersey Governor's Executive Order declares bear hunting ban on public lands in that state. [Article](#)
- PGC will require all hunting guides take a certification test.
- Pennsylvania Ruffed Grouse population declining. [PGC Video](#)

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Increasing numbers and size of algae blooms in Lake Erie are gaining more attention from the PFBC.

- Court issued a \$1.1 million judgement against natural gas exploration company EQT for reckless violations of environmental laws.
- Brewers are pushing for cleaner water from Lake Erie. [Article](#)

#### FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Absent

#### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent
- Kylie J. Shillingburg-Fortuna wrote about her experience at camp this year. [Link](#)
- Pictures from this year's camp. [Link](#)

#### ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- We're involved in archery hunting right now and not doing much at the club.
- Introductory Youth Archery every Thursday evening 6:00pm. There is adult supervision. No experience necessary and equipment will be provided. There is no charge for this program.
  - You don't have to be a member of the club to participate.
- The Junior Olympics Archery Development (JOAD) program started this Saturday. This will be open only to members of the club.
  - Here's a [Link](#) for a look at JOAD.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Tonya supplied a number of photos from Family Field Day and the Youth Conservation Camp and Frank has them posted on the website.
  - Frank - We want people to know the league is doing things with the youth. That's why I wanted the youth activity pictures posted.
- Information on Chronic Wasting Disease is posted.
- Frank - Received permission from the PGC to reprint some of their articles which are posted. Expanded fishing information has been added.
- Rich Kerlin mentioned at the September meeting that the Youth Pheasant Hunt information was not posted.
- Frank - The PGC website was not ready to receive information. We are not going to post information to a dead link. The page must be ready and we are not going to check every day to see if it is up ready.
- If there's something you think should be on the website, let Craig know and they'll look into it.

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Pennsylvania gun owners suffered a major setback for gun rights in our state with the passage of HB2060. Here are just three of the problems with this legislation:
  - If a PFA (Protection From Abuse order) is issued on you and you don't turn in all your firearms, other weapons and ammunition within 24 hours you will go directly to jail for 6 months
  - Completely eliminates your ability to go to court and use the 3rd party process to legally surrender your firearms to a friend, family member, not of your household, to keep them for you until the PFA is terminated.
  - Forces you to pay a storage fee on each gun kept at a gun dealer or commercial armory for up to five years. No definition of a what a commercial armory is, in the legislation.
- Out of 5 million gun owners in Pennsylvania, 8 showed up to attempt to stop this infringement on our freedom while there were at least 75 anti-gunners from groups like Mom's Demand Action, Every Town, Giffords Law Center, and Cease-Fire PA.
- Democrats are well known as "The Party of Gun Control." But the Democrats could not have made this happen without the aid of Republicans, specifically and especially the Speaker of the house, Mike Turzia who was primarily responsible for running HB2060.
  - The final vote in the House was 131 yeas and 62 Nays. The final vote in the Senate was 43 yeas and 5 nays. Governor Wolf has said he will sign this bill.
  - For further information of HB2060 see, [FOAC's Sept 30 Weekly News Letter](#)
- On the federal level, we have pro-gun candidates Keith Rothfus and Lou Barletta running for Congress and Senate against candidates who have shown themselves to not be supporters of the 2nd Amendment.
- Firearms Owners Against Crime published Pro-Gun Voters Guides for the entire state of Pennsylvania. Do everything you can to:
  - Vote on November 6 using this voters guide. And get this voters guide into the hands of as many other people as you can and encourage them to vote.
  - [November 6, 2018 Voters Guides](#)
- Tony - Remarkd on the quality of State Representatives and State Senators we have representing us in Beaver County.

- Aaron Bernstine, Jim Christiana, Jim Marshall, Elder Vogel, Camera Bartolotta, all representing Beaver County voted against HB2060.
- Daryl Metcalfe, Butler County. Rick Saccone, Washington & Allegheny Counties. Chris Sainato, Lawrence County. All voted against HB2060.
- Our thanks to all of these Representatives and Senators who hold our rights dear and supported us on this vote.
- [House Roll Call Vote](#)      [Senate Roll Call Vote](#)

**GUEST SPEAKER - Josh Kail, Candidate for State House District 15**

- Josh considers Rep. Bernstine, who has so vigorously defended the 2nd Amendment, as his right hand man.
- Josh has a lot of respect for what the league does in defense of the 2nd Amendment because it's so critical. The 2nd Amendment is the one that secures all the rest of our rights.
- Recommended by FOAC. Endorsed by the NRA.
- Josh has knocked on over 10,000 door in his campaign. his number one question has been, Where do you stand on the President? Josh supports him. The number one policy issue was guns. "Are you going to mess with my gun rights?" In this district people are fed up with the attacks on their 2nd Amendment rights.

**FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey**

- Absent

**HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan**

- Upcoming Hunter Education Classes  
11/8-9/18      Concord United Methodist Church      6:00pm - 9:30pm

**CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan**

- Absent

**YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks**

- Absent
- [Youth Foundation Meeting Minutes](#)

**FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.**

**YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin**

- Pheasant Hunt
  - 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. 2107 State Route 168, Georgetown, Pa 15043 Registration starts at 7:00am. Safety briefing at 7:30am - 7:45am. Hunt starts at 8:00am. If you're going to help, please show up by 7:30am. **NEED LOTS OF HELP.** If helping, please arrive by 7:30am. Contact Rich at 724-601-6974 or [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com)
  - 20 kids have booked and we've started a waiting list.
  - In addition to the junior hunting license, they must possess the free junior pheasant stamp.
- Goose Hunt      [Press Release](#)      [Application](#)
- If you are selected you can bring three other hunters with you. You have to have all your required licenses including your State Migratory Stamp and your Federal Duck Stamp.
- Youth hunt is on Saturday Oct 27. Adult hunts are Oct 29, Nov 2, 5.
- Blind set up date is Oct 17. Meet at the County Public Works building on Rt 51 at 7:30am.
  - Bring work gloves, pruning shears, wire cutters for zip ties.
- Need help registering people on the mornings of the hunts.
- [Rich's Report](#)

**FAMILY FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman**

- [Sampling of Pictures](#) from 2018 Family Field Day.
- Jim - In relation to our field day declining enrollment, Leetonia Sportsmen's Club had their annual Kids Day and drew 606 kids to this event.

**BANQUET - Tony Rich**

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

**BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable**

- Absent

## OLD BUSINESS

- Tony - We're trying hard to get ahold of someone at Dick's Sporting Goods who can arrange an appointment for us with an officer of the company who we can talk to and inform them of why we are boycotting their company.
- Tony - The PFSC (Pennsylvania Federation of Sportmen's Clubs) wants to change their name to The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists. Changing the name of anything will not change what it is. I suggested to them the name of: "The Pennsylvania Federation of Gun Owners and Conservationists." That would encapsulate everyone who owns a gun. Also, go to an individual membership and forget about club membership. If they went in that direction, maybe groups like the FOAC would want to partner with them. Guns are the number one topic. More guns are being bought in this country than ever before. People are quitting hunting and fishing. Clubs are going by the wayside. The hunter typically doesn't take it as serious as a guy who belongs to the FOAC and understands the purpose of the 2nd Amendment.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Dick Bayer - I heard at a PFSC meeting that there is legislation concerning the transport of dogs in open pickup trucks. PETA and similar organizations are pushing this. You wouldn't be able to transport a dog in the back of a pick up truck, even in a cage.
- Dick Bayer - Legislation has been introduced for Sunday hunting but it includes making trespassing a felony and would be enforced by the PGC.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Vic - Introduced "The Veterans Breakfast Club" Vets who gather together and share their experiences. [Link](#)
- Vic - Some airlines do not charge vets for their baggage. So if you're flying and you're a vet, look into that.
- Dan - Free bus trip, October 18, 2018, to the Washington D.C. National Memorials for veterans who served prior to May 15, 1975. [Flyer](#)
- Craig - Very, very critical race. Congressman Keith Rothfus is endorsed by FOAC and has an A rating from the NRA. Conor Lamb is not endorsed by FOAC and has an F rating from the NRA. Take this information back to your clubs.

## 50/50 DRAWING

- None

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

- FOAC/ Ambridge 9:40pm

## BCSCL 2018 Meeting Dates & Locations

January 4th	<b>Aliquippa Bucktails</b>	May 3rd	<b>Southside</b>	Sept 13th	<b>Ambridge</b>
February 1st	<b>Rochester</b>	June 7th	<b>Pine Run</b>	Oct 4th	<b>Rochester - BVRPC Hosting</b>
March 1st	<b>Rochester - North Boroughs Hosting</b>	July 5th	Conway	Nov 1st	<b>Beaver Falls</b>
April 5th	<b>B.V. Archers</b>	Aug 2nd	<b>Midland</b>	Dec 13th	<b>Five Points</b>

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL