



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

September 13, 2018 Minutes

Meeting Location - Ambridge Club

ATTENTION: THE OCTOBER 4, 2018 LEAGUE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ROCHESTER CLUB



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	P	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Sam Piccinini		(Alt)	Ray Spolarich
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	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	None
	(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			
A	Conway	None	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith	A	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dick Smith	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 - Tim Watson, Ambridge Delegate

Guests - Mark Gale, NRA Grass Roots Field Coordinator

Last Month's Minutes - Amended under Good of the Order, Dave Knight and Jerry Hooks comments. Text underlined
Motion to approve as amended, Rochester/Aliquippa. Passed.

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Pine Run/Midland. 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 - Mike Yeck

- Absent

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- On High Point Lake in Somerset County, control tower outflow suddenly increased after a loud noise was heard by a nearby fisherman. It appears that a wooden stop log or logs ruptured. Engineers are on site and drawing the water level down. There appears to be no immediate danger and repairs will get underway as soon as possible.
- Governor Wolf is sending members of the PA Air National Guard and rescue technicians of the PA Fish and Boat Commission to assist in Hurricane Florence rescue efforts.
- Extended trout season is from Sept 4, to Feb 28.
- High water levels exist on the Ohio and Beaver Rivers due to heavy rains. ALWAYS wear your life jacket when working close to moving water.
- There were 13 fatal boat accidents this year.
- Timber rattlesnakes and similar snakes help control Lyme ticks by eating the rodents that carry those ticks.
- Raccoon lake will be stocked Oct 3 at noon.
- [PFBC Report](#)

GUEST - Mark Galey, NRA Grass Roots Filed Coordinator

- His purpose is to make sure NRA candidates are successful and NRA-ILA legislation is successful.
 - Tony - Does the NRA plan on supporting Keith Rothfus?
 - Mark - Yes once the final endorsements come out, I'll know more about the ways in which he'll be supported.
 - Bob - Literature is good, mailings are good, but we're looking for TV and radio spots.
 - Mark - Can't answer that but will take the request back to the NRA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- We made it through the Big Knob Fair with enough booklets.
- Tony - We have advertising space in the booklet. A business card size add is \$25. See if you know anyone or any company that would be interested in advertising in it.
- Send your club information to: rasmith10@comcast.net

GAME - Mike Harcher

- The Pennsylvania State Bird, the Ruffed Grouse, population continues to decline. With the wet weather and the increase in mosquitoes, West Nile virus has also increased which continues to decimate the ruffed grouse population. [Article](#)
- The PGC along with Penn State researchers performed another fawn study and concluded the fawn population is holding steady. They did discover that black bears take more fawns than coyotes or bobcats. [Article](#)
- Mange is still plaguing the bear population in two thirds of the state. [Article](#)
- It is now legal to use leashed canines to track wounded or harvested game in Pa. [Article](#)
- Scientists believe the disappearance of wolves from the eastern portions of the country has led to the expansion of coyotes. Coyotes prey on fox, so that in turn has decreased the fox population which feed on small mammals that carry insects that spread lyme disease. The increased number of these insect carrying mammals has contributed to the higher number of cases of lyme disease.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- A Penn State study of well water in rural areas of the state discovered small amounts of pharmaceuticals in this water. [Article](#)
- Texas company fined for damages to Raccoon Creek during pipeline construction. [Article](#)

FISHING DERBY- Mike Zon

- Andy Theodore via email - Reported on the winner of the Lake Erie Charter Fishing Trip awarded at the BCSC Youth Fishing Derby. Winner Vanessa Bonchi.
 - I just wanted to let you all know that we had a great day fishing on Lake Erie today. The Bonchi family are great people and we had a really good time. Just look at the pictures. [Picture Link](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Dave Knight - At last month's league meeting a motion was made and passed to permit Breanna to deposit checks, such as camp tuition, directly into the camp account. The original intent of this account was to write checks for running the camp. The source of the funding for this account was to come from the Youth Foundation.
- Tony - I agree with you. The only reason we tried this was because of frequent delays in transferring funds from the league account to the camp account. Breanna wasn't able to pay for items she needed because she didn't have the money to operate the camp.
 - The delegates are responsible for setting all the fees on everything. We can't have committees setting fees without approval from the delegates. I think Breanna would be OK with setting up a budget and having the treasure give her a check based on her budget. Now if she does receive a check, say for tuition from a camper, she should turn it into the treasurer. We'll wait until the next meeting that she's here and we'll look into setting the camp fee for next year.

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Archery season starts Saturday Sept. 15.
- 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.
- Outdoor 3-D shoots are held on the first Sunday of each month.
- Every Tuesday evening we have outdoor 3-D shoots starting around 4:00pm to 5:00pm
- We're bringing back the Junior Olympics Archery Development (JOAD) program starting this fall on Saturday mornings. 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

- Craig asked for photos from the Family Field Day and the Youth Camp for posting on the website.
- Rich - Noted that information on the Youth Pheasant Hunt & Youth Goose Hunt which has been sent out hasn't been posted yet?
 - Craig - One solution, send it directly to me instead of via Bob, that way I'll have less of a chance on missing it. Also, Frank has had family illnesses and is running behind.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Some of you here may not want to hear this, but please remain open minded. You can't win a battle if you don't know who the opposition is.
- As reported by Gun Owners of America (GOA), Nancy Pelosi stated, 'Gun control will be her top priority if Democrats win the House.'
- Eric Pratt, Executive Director of GOA recently wrote:
 - In all of my years fighting to defend the Second Amendment, never in my life have I seen the anti- gunners more fired-up than right now.
- Excerpts from Firearms Owners Against Crime's (FOAC) Aug 19, Top Weekly News Stories: [Link to Article](#)
 - With the midterm Congressional and Gubernatorial elections just around the corner, Pennsylvanians 'must' not sit idly by IF we support a 'strong' Article 1, Section 21 and Second Amendment!
 - You simply must vote for Congressional incumbents and candidates, as well as a Governor (Wagner), who will not only support the right of the people to keep and bear arms but who will actively defend that right against those who seek to destroy it.
 - The Armory recently published a story that reported on groups calling for Democrats to "embrace a bolder approach to restrictions on guns."
 - Now, USA Today is reporting that Democrats are "flooding the airwaves" with gun control advertising in the lead-up to the midterm elections.
 - In House races – pro-gun-control spots this year represented about 67 percent of those with explicit messages on guns, compared to 26 percent in 2016 and 6 percent in 2014. All but one of those ads in favor of gun control this year were funded by Democrats."
- There are at least 44 anti-gun bills in the Pennsylvania House and 17 in the Senate, waiting for enough anti-gun legislator cosponsors. How would you like to have to go through a background check every time you buy ammunition? Note HB2251. [Link to Anti-gun Bill List](#)

- FOAC publishes a Pro-Gun Voters Guide every election. If you want to defend your right to Keep & Bear Arms, **YOU MUST VOTE** this election and make sure you follow this guide. Please get this guide to as many other people as you can. Here's the link to these guides that cover the entire state of Pennsylvania. <https://foac-pac.org/Voter-Guide>
- Tony - Whether you're democrat or republican it's immaterial. What we're talking about here is our gun rights. If you believe in our heritage of hunting and passing it on to the next generation, if they lose any part of that, do you feel that we are partly to blame for that? Because we should have done more and didn't? It's your duty to protect that right to have a gun. You need to vote for the people who are going to help us do that.
- Rich - Has our letter of intent to boycott Dick's Sporting Goods and Field & Stream been delivered yet?
- Tony - We're trying to make arrangements through people who have connections with Dick's, to get an appointment with the highest officer in the area that we can, for this to have the most effect.
- Bob - For clubs that might be a little squeamish with all this talk about politics, here's an example of how you can add a section to your club's bylaws to make it a responsibility to defend your 2nd Amendment right.
 - The club's purpose focuses on the use of firearms. Without the freedom of its members to own, access, transport and use firearms, the club has no reason to continue its operations and would soon go out of business and cease to exist. Therefore the club has the right and the responsibility to be able to defend its reason for existing, by educating its membership on which politicians will defend the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1 Section 21 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and which politicians will ignore these founding documents and infringe upon our Right to Keep and Bear Arms. The club will encourage its members to defend their freedom by exercising their right to vote for pro-gun candidates in all elections.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Barcaskey

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming Hunter Education Classes

9/15/18	Midland Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/29/18	Aliquippa Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
11/8-9/18	Concord United Methodist Church	6:00pm - 9:30pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Jerry Hooks

- Monthly meeting was Aug. 16, at Aliquippa Club.
- Election next month.
- Items discussed - Next year's camp fee, and hard registration deadline. Family Field Day. Pheasant Hunt 10/6/18. 2nd annual Sporting Clays Shoot to be held tentatively in May 2019. Need to solicit more donations for our 501c3. Submitted a check tonight for the two Cricket guns donated by Tony Rich and Jerry Hooks. Mike and Rich traveled to Crawford County to help out with their conservation camp. Next meeting Sept 20, at Aliquippa Club.
- [Youth Foundation Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Dave - Has access to the Brady's Run Park Lodge or Ice Arena that could be used for a gun show / flea market for a fund raiser.
- Tony - Asked for a show of hands from the delegates in favor of this. 8 responded that they were. We need some guidelines on how this is going to work.

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
 - There will be signs leading into the parking lot. Take the road on the right side of the parking lot leading into the park.
 - 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.
 - Motion to approve the purchase of extra pheasants. Aliquippa/Pine Run. Passed.
- Goose Hunt [Press Release](#) [Application](#)
- Application needs to be at the Ice Arena by Oct 1. 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, 9, 13, & 16. We'll have four blinds set up.
- Need help registering people in the mornings.
- Blind set up date will be announced at the Oct league meeting. Will need help with this as well.

FAMILY FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- [Sampling of Pictures](#) from 2018 Family Field Day.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Prizes:
 - Remington 700 ADL .308.
 - Shooting Set of Glasses & Mugs.
 - Rod Reel & Tackle Box - Donated by DJ's Quick Stop.
 - Two .22 Cricket Rifles - Donated by Tony Rich & Jerry Hooks.
 - The PGC Print - Donated by Tim Watson & framed by Guy Cable.
 - Mystery Bag - Donated by Jerry Hooks, Rochester Club, Mike Zon, Youth Foundation.
 - 50/50 for \$237.
 - Candy - Donated by Larry White.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the set up and manning the booth.
 - Guy, Tonya, Chayce Cable, Shawn Cox, John Davidson, Mike Harcher, Jerry Hooks, Rich Kerlin, Walt Ketterer, Dave Knight, Travis Nicol, Tony Rich, Russ Sabo, Ron & Deb Smith, Rob Smith, Lois Stiffler, Larry White, Mike Zon. Apologies if we missed anyone.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - For Wild Game Dinners at the dues level of \$250, it's going to stay at that price. You need to schedule your Game Dinner between April and the end of August.
- Donations to the Youth Foundation fell off a little this year.
- The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs is looking into setting up a different structure for itself.
- Don't' forget about our individual league membership.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Mike Harcher - Pictures from the 2017 Youth Pheasant Hunt are posted on the picture board.
- Mark Crevar - Has gun bash tickets for Sewickley Club to be held at Center Stage on Oct 21.
- Craig - Rochester Club's Sporting Clays Shoot has been canceled.
- Craig - Has sign up sheets for Adam Kraut for Board of Directors for NRA.
- Mark Benzio - Midland Club Fall Sportsman Flea Market / Swap Meet. Saturday September 22, 8am – 2pm. \$10 a table
 - For more info call Emeric Scarsella 724-312-8024.
- Mark Benzio - Midland Club Turkey Shoots. Every Sunday starting at 2:00pm from Oct 14 through Nov 18. [Flyer](#)
- Mark Benzio - Midland Club is holding a Gun Bash May 5, 2019 at Center Stage. Tickets will be ready soon.

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50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- BVRPC/FOAC 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	Rochester
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