



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

February 7, 2019 Minutes
Meeting Location - 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
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	George Sullivan
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	A	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Frank Edder		(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	A	Southside	Louie Muller
	(Alt)	George Klinger		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Rich Wall		(Alt)	None			
A	Conway	Brian Lippert	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	P	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Jerry Hooks, President, Rochester Club

Guests - None

Last Month's Minutes - Minutes amended under Youth Foundation Report.

- Motion to approve as amended. Pine Run/FOAC.

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Five Points/BV Archers. Passed.
- **The following clubs have NOT PAID their 2019 dues - Pittsburgh Down Riggers, Sewickley, Southside. Until dues are paid, your club will not have a voice at the league meetings.**

ELECTION - October

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- A training class for new game wardens will begin in March of 2020 with graduation in 2021. Applications will be taken until Feb 23, of this year or until 1,000 applications have been received.
- It has been determined that pneumonia was the cause of death of three deer picked up in the Powell's Valley area in Upper Dauphin.
- Fluorescent orange requirements could be simplified by proposals for deer and bear archery hunters and fall turkey hunters.
- Mentored hunting programs opened to all ages
- Preliminary 2019-20 hunting and trapping seasons approved.
 - Move the opening day of firearms deer season to the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Creating a 13 day season that includes three Saturdays. See Mike's Report for the rest of the changes.
- With the PGC board already considering several significant changes, and after receiving input from the public and key members of the General Assembly, hunting big game with semiautomatic rifles will have to wait.
- The PGC and PDA (PA Dept. of Agriculture) would like to make clear that decades of research have provided abundant evidence that prions, or misfolded proteins are the infectious agent of CWD. Although there are alternative theories, they have not been thoroughly researched.
- Reducing deer numbers as part of a pilot project on CWD will not be part of the project in Bedford and Blair Counties this year, due to a lack of necessary support from landowners in those counties.
- PGC is going to be issuing the "Hunting & Trapping Digest" free of charge, again next year.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Adult trout stocking schedules are out and available on line at www.fishandboat.com
 - For anglers with smartphones, view the schedules through the [FishBoatPA](#) app, which is available for free from the Apple App and Google Play stores.
- The PFBC is recruiting the 22nd class of Waterways Conservation Officer (WCO) Trainees at its H.R. Stackhouse School of Fishery Conservation and Watercraft Safety.
 - Up to 20 trainees will start a 52 week training program starting in the summer of 2019.
 - The State Civil Service Commission will accept applications January 30, until February 19, 2019. Candidates must meet the following requirements:
 - Pennsylvania residency
 - Possess a valid driver's license
 - Be at least 21 years of age
 - High School Graduate or GED
 - Pass a criminal history background check
- The Board approved a proposed amendment to extend a Slow No Wake Zone on waterways in the area known as The Point, where the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers come together to form the Ohio River.
 - The proposal will be considered for final rule making at the Commission's July meeting.
- Ice Fishing Conditions/Reports. We had about a week of good fishable ice. We had a few reports of vehicles through the ice. Of all the years to drive your vehicle on the ice, this probably wasn't the year. I wouldn't be on the ice now, it's not good.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report
- See under Events Coordinator for progress on booklet publishing.

GAME - Mike Harcher

- There are over 20,000 bear in the state and consideration is being given to increasing the bear harvests, possibly extending hunting seasons, to decrease bear numbers. 54 of PA's 67 counties have seen bears harvested.
- The Wild Life Management Institute has been contracted to study the state's confusing fluorescent orange requirements.

- Otter trapping is being considered due to the climbing otter population.
- Bobcat population is increasing as well.
- A Kentucky deer hunter shot a buck that had the decomposing head of another buck stuck in its antlers.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- The road salt used to keep our highways and roads passable and safe during the winter is proving to be toxic to aquatic life in our waterways. 900,000 tons of salt, 532,000 tons of small stones and 9.8 million gallons of salt brine were used just last winter.
- The Trump administration is proposing a roll back of some water rules for waterways and wetlands across the country.

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- The 2019 Youth Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at Hopewell Community Park 8:00am till noon. Registration starts at 6:30am.
- Stocking will take place the week of April 22. Exact date and time to be announced later.
- Due to pricing issues, we moved to a different fish hatchery. Laurel Hill Trout Farm.
- We will be getting less fish, but there will be more of the larger fish
- There will be 5 tagged fish for additional prizes.
- Note: There will be an Adult Fishing Derby Sunday, April 28, also at Hopewell Community Park 7:00am - 11:00am. Registration starts at 6:00am.
- [Fishing Derby Flyer](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent
- This year's camp dates are June 16 to June 22 and the fee is \$200/camper.
- Hunter Ed class scheduled for the campers that need it before camp at Aliquippa Bucktails on 6/1/19
- The Beaver County Sheriff, Tony Guy will provide security for the camp this year.
- There will be a camp staff meeting on Feb. 24th at 6:00pm at the Aliquippa Bucktails Club
- [Camper Application Form](#)
- Pictures from 2018 camp. [Link](#)

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- The National Archery in the Schools program at New Brighton High School, scheduled for Jan 19, had to be canceled due to weather conditions. It has been rescheduled for Feb 9 & 10, 10:00am till 2:00pm both days.
 - They still need help with the set up and tear down on both days. The initial setup will be Friday evening after the basketball game.
 - [See Glenn's flyer here](#). Or call him at 724-847-3514.
- Our indoor shoots on Tuesday, starting 6:30pm, and are open to the public. We've installed new target butts.
- Introductory Youth Archery every Thursday evening from 7:00pm to 8:45pm. 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 on Saturday's at 10:00am. This is only open to members of the club. We have about 20 young people shooting.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Craig outlined a fund-raising measure, through advertising in the league booklet, that will pay for the booklet, the BCSCCL and Hereford Manor Lake websites. We already have a few advertiser's, but we need the clubs to get involved, so we can help grow our advertiser base. We'd like each club to sell a page of advertising which would be around \$250. A business card size ad space is \$30. a quarter page will be \$75. A half page is \$130. A whole page is \$250.
- The outside pages will be in color and the cost will be double on those pages. (Front cover, inside front cover, back page and inside back page) Please complete the advertising form for each advertiser and bring this information to a meeting at one time. We do not want them in piecemeal parts. No political ads. All ads will be approved by the Booklet Team, no exceptions. Link to [Advertising Form](#)
- Frank - We're going to go with the full size page of 8 1/2" x 11" for the booklet. The front and back of the outside pages will be in color and the rest of the booklet will be in black and white. The sales of these pages must be approved by the booklet team.
- Please note when you send in flyers for your club functions to be posted on the website we need multiple forms of copy to properly post that information. Please provide the original document you used to create the pdf, such as MS Word or MS Publisher and not just the pdf. We want to copy and paste the text so that the Search Engines will index this information. Also we want to convert images to properly post on the website so that displaying the site does not slow down your web browser.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Excerpts from FOAC's [Top Weekly News Stories for Sunday Feb 3rd](#)
- The anti-gun politicians are delivering on their promises of more gun control. 12 anti-gun bills have been introduced in the Pennsylvania House and Senate at this point. 22 anti-gun bills have been introduced at the federal level.
- HR-8 and S-42, Universal Background checks, on the federal level, will require any sale, any gift or any loan of a firearm to be processed through a gun dealer with a background check. You loan a gun to a friend, you and your friend have to go to the local gun store and transfer your gun to him. When your friend returns your gun, both of you must go to the gun store and transfer it back to you.
 - There are no fee limits placed on this requirement so the sky's the limit on what can be charged for these checks.
 - There are some narrow exemptions, but they are complicated. and an accidental violation will not be excused
 - Out of the 231 sponsors of HR-8, at this point in time, 6 are Republican, 1 is an Independent, and the rest are Democrats. What is it with this party that can't obey the Constitution and then makes gun ownership, a critical component of freedom, so difficult?
- BACKGROUND CHECKS DON'T WORK!!
 - Just last year, a study by anti-gun researchers confirmed that expanded background checks in California, ["Did not reduce firearm homicides or suicides."](#)
 - Criminals obtain their guns from gun shows a whopping, less than 2% of the time. [Study for 2004](#). [Study for 1991 & 1997](#) (see boxed text)
 - Even when there are complete bans on guns, [criminals are still able to obtain them](#), even on island nations like England, Jamaica, or Ireland.
 - The only way universal background checks could work is with [Required Registration](#) of all firearms. Are you ready for that to happen? (see page 5, Twitter summary)
 - Please call your U.S. Congress person, using the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and tell them you oppose HR 8 and Universal Background Checks. Refer them to FOAC's website at <https://foac-pac.org/Weekly-Newsletter>
 - You can also contact your Congress person on H.R. 8 via Gun Owners of America at this site. <https://gunowners.org/alert020519/>
- Pennsylvania State Legislation Includes:
 - Mandatory Locked Storage of Firearms, Prohibiting Firearms at Polling Locations, Prohibiting Weapons at Public Demonstrations. Feel good legislation that will have no affect on violence committed with firearms.
 - Contact your State Senator and State Representative and tell them to avoid any anti-gun legislation. If they're not sure about a particular bill concerning firearms, they can contact Kim Stolfer, Chairman of FOAC. <https://foac-pac.org>
- Pittsburgh's Illegal Gun Legislation
 - There are efforts underway to impeach Mayor Peduto, to file private criminal complaints against him, and FOAC's publicly stated intention of taking the city to court if these gun control bills are passed and signed into law.
 - Kim Stolfer, Dr Charles Gallo and Dr. John Lott will attend the post agenda meeting in council chambers February 12 to impress upon the council the illegality of these laws and that they have been proven to be counter productive.
 - If you would like to make a donation to help with this law suit, see this link <https://foac-pac.org/Action-Alerts/62>
- [Legislative Handout](#)

FISH COMMITTEE -

- Mike Zon accepted the chairman's position for the Fish Committee. Thanks from everyone, Mike.

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent
- Mike Yeck - Hunter Ed classes scheduled so far:

3/9/19	Beaver County YMCA Life Center	9am - 4pm
3/16/19	New Salem Presbyterian Church	9am - 4pm
4/13/19	Church of the Nazarene	9am - 4pm
6/1/19	Aliquippa Bucktails Club	9am - 4pm
9/14/19	Gobblers Knob Hunting Preserve	9am - 4pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- The YF meeting was Thursday, January 17, 7:00pm at Aliquippa Club.
- Kristen Landis will be taking on the primary responsibility for the YF Facebook site for posting.
- Tonya is working on an updated flyer for upcoming youth events.
- Tonya handed out sponsorship letters to all who were in attendance for each one to attempt to get at least one sponsorship from someone outside the county league / youth foundation before the next meeting. [Donation Form](#)
- [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Guy - Tickets for the Glock have all been given to sellers. We had this gun for a couple of years and I just wanted to move it.
- May 18th, the YF is holding a Fund Raising Sporting Clay Shoot at Rochester Sportsmen's Club. Flyers will be out soon.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- Jerry Hooks is looking for someone to train for the leadership position for this event.
 - With Jerry's help Chayce Cable will organize this year's field day, as a Senior project, after he obtains approval from his school.
- To be held at Midland Sportsmen's Club July 20. Kids from 10 to 16 years old.
- We're thinking about adding an additional station or two.
- Please get your clubs to solicit people to attend this event.
- [Sampling of Pictures](#) from 2018 Family Field Day.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2019 Presidents meeting is scheduled for February 20.
- Guests will be:
 - The New Executive Director of the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Tim Schaeffer.
 - PA Fish & Boat Commission Second District Commissioner, Rocco Ali.
 - PA State Representative Aaron Bernstine.
 - The Hereford Manor Lake Conservancy group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Rich - The Allegheny Outdoor Sport and Travel Show will be at the Monroeville Convention Center.
 - Feb 15, 12:00pm - 8:00pm
 - 2:00pm The new Executive Director of the PFBC, Tim Schaeffer will be on stage.
 - Feb 16, 10:00am - 8:00pm
 - 2:00pm The Executive Director of the PGC, Brian Burhans, will be on stage.
 - 7:00pm Kerlin Kanine Training will be on stage
 - Feb 17, 10:00am - 5:00pm
 - 4:00pm Kerlin Kanine Training will be on stage
 - www.sportandtravel.com
- Tonya - Extended a personal thank you to Jerry and the YF for supporting Chayce on his senior project with the Youth Field day. Chayce was presented with the Youth Conservation Award from the PGC for achieving 3 different scout merit badges. Fishing, Wildlife Management and Mammal Study.
- Mark - Midland
 - Annual Gun Show Swap Meet. Saturday March 2. Doors open at 8:00am. \$5/person. [Gun Show Flyer](#)

- Turkey Shoots every Sunday starting March 10, through April 14, starting at 2:00pm. \$2 a shot. Turkeys, hams, bacon, cash. Going to raffle off a gun. Kitchen will be open. Wobble trap will be open. The **FREE** Tony Rich Wild Game Feed will be on the Sunday April 14, Turkey Shoot. We'll have a \$5, 50/50. [Turkey Shoot Flyer](#)
- Gun Bash May 5, 2019 at Center Stage Center Twp. \$40/ticket. [Gun Bash Flyer](#)
- Mike Frynkewicz - Announced the Rochester Club 2019 Sporting Clay Shoots: 4/13 & 27, 5/11, 6/22, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12 & 19. Check www.rochestersportsmen.com for full details. You can also contact Mike at 412-953-3570 or Jerry at 724-601-6964 for more information.
- Bob - Even a cursory reading of the history of the establishment of the United States will show the faith and the constant reliance on "Divine Providence" of the Founding Fathers. George Washington, over and over encouraged his soldiers to live proper lives and to "Appeal to Heaven" for success in their battles against the British. John Adams wrote, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Somewhere along the line we've lost sight of this. The liberal abortion laws recently passed in some states clearly shows that. The best thing we can do now, is to call out to that same Divine Providence, that our Founding Fathers did, for the help this nation needs to get back to the foundational principles that it had in the beginning.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$53. Rob Smith. Donated to the Youth Fishing Derby.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- BV Archers/North Boroughs. 9:55pm

BCSCL 2019 Meeting Dates & Locations

January 3	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 2	Southside	Sept 5	Ambridge
February 7	Rochester	June 6	Pine Run	Oct 3	Rochester - BVRPC Hosting
March 7	Rochester - North Boroughs Hosting	July 11	Conway	Nov 7	Beaver Falls
April 4	B.V. Archers	Aug 1	Midland	Dec 12	Five Points

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL