



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

March 7, 2019 Minutes
 Meeting Location - Rochester Club
 North Boroughs Hosting



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Harcher	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	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)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	George Sullivan
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	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	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 - Bob Reed, President, North Borough's Club

Guests - David Lozier, Tony Guy, Tim & Jane Wetsel.

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve. Rochester/B.V. Archers.

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Aliquippa/B.V. Archers. Passed.
- **Sewickley Club has not paid its dues yet.**

ELECTION - October

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Absent

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Anyone heading north to ice fish, USE CAUTION!!! The freeze thaw will affect lakes differently.
- 2019 adult trout stocking schedules available here: www.fishandboat.com/
- Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day is on Saturday, April 6.
 - Adult mentors (16 or older) must have a valid fishing license and a trout permit and be accompanied by a youth.
 - Youth anglers must have a free PFBC issued permit or a voluntary youth fishing license. Both available at www.gonefishingpa.com or the over 700 licensing agents state wide.
- Cast nets or throw nets can be used on the 3 rivers. A specific permit is required for each river. Can't be used on any other Commonwealth waters. Can only be use for gizzard shad 8 inches or less in length and alewife.
- Jumping worms - Like a night crawler on steroids. Catch it and a piece of its tail will detach in your hand - still wiggling.
 - Jumping Worms - [The Creepy, Damaging Invasive You don't Know](#).
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Tim Wetzel, Representing Sandy Egley who is running for Beaver County Treasurer. Tim had a Ballot Petition for Sandy for those who wish to sign to support her.
- David Lozier, Beaver County District Attorney and is up for reelection. He reviewed his term in office as the current District Attorney with emphasis on following the Constitution, putting criminals behind bars, and making Beaver County a safer place to live. NRA member since he was a boy. In the Army Infantry, then a helicopter pilot. FOAC member. A passionate defender of 2nd Amendment/gun owners rights. Dave has traveled with the league to Harrisburg for the 2nd Amendment rallies. He also asked for signatures for his Ballot Petition.
- Tony Guy, Beaver County Sheriff and is up for reelection. Spent 25 years as a member of the Pennsylvania State Police attaining the rank of Sergeant. Tony is about as strong a pro 2nd Amendment and PA Constitution Article 1 Section 21, proponent as you're going to find in Pennsylvania. Lifetime NRA and has been a member so long he doesn't remember how long. FOAC member and the only FOAC endorsed candidate running for Sheriff. Tony has traveled with the league to Harrisburg for the 2nd Amendment rallies and challenged other sheriffs throughout the state to participate in the rallies. There were 21 other sheriffs who took the challenge and attended the 2nd Amendment rally last year. Tony asked for signatures for his ballot petition.
- Tony Rich - We have a lot to do with who is elected to office in Beaver County. From legislators to these folks who are here tonight. We need to do our best to support these people who hold the same values as we do and that certainly covers the 2nd Amendment as you heard tonight and seen in the past.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

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

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Study discovers white doe with fawns are using mule deer as baby sitters for their fawns. [Article](#)
- Using Coyotes to Protect Livestock. Wait. What?
- A USDA study found that trapping of coyotes did not reduce sheep losses.
 - Scientists found that as trappers worked more hours, more lambs were killed by predators.
 - The unexpected results in these studies can be explained by the reproductive strategy and territorial behavior of highly social predators like the coyote. [Article](#)
- Pope And Young Club Names New World Record Non-Typical Whitetail During Special Panel. [Article](#)
- Legislators look to study Chronic Wasting Disease in Pennsylvania. [Article](#)
- PGC attempting to bring back Bob White Quail. [Article](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

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.
- There will be 5 tagged fish for additional prizes.
- Prizes and trophies will be picked up this month.
- Obtained PFBC permit with certification from the hatchery. This is a new requirement.
- Bait will be sold at the park.
- Concessions will be available.
- There will be an Adult Fishing Derby Sunday, April 28, also at Hopewell Community Park 7:00am - 11:00am. Registration starts at 6:00am.
- Andy Theodore - Pittsburgh Downriggers will donate a Walleye charter on Lake Erie as a prize for the Fishing Derby.
- [Fishing Derby Flyer](#)

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- This year's camp dates are June 16 to June 22, and the fee is \$200/camper. Group Camp 2 at Raccoon State Park.
- Our goal is 50 to 55 campers this year.
- We're not accepting anymore applications for councilors.
- Hunter Ed. class scheduled for the campers that need it before camp at Aliquippa Bucktails on 6/1/19
- Beaver County Sheriff, Tony Guy, will provide security for the camp this year.
- Breanna presented a thank you to the Beaver County Youth Foundation.
- [Camper Application Form](#) [Camp Flyer](#)

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Our indoor shoots on Tuesday, starting at 6:30pm, and are open to the public. We've installed new target butts. These shoots will continue until the 3D shoots start.
- Our 3-D shoots start Tuesday, April 2, and continue each Tuesday, starting at 6:30pm, and are open to the public.
- 400 kids participated in the National Archery in the Schools Program at New Brighton High School on Feb 9 & 10.
- 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 and Frank Kelly handed out sample booklets to the delegates. The advertising space on this 8.5"x11" booklet will fund the booklet, the league and the Hereford Manor websites. There's an ad price sheet included and we're asking each club to sell \$500 worth. We're staying with black and white due to cost considerations. We're also adding a page for donations to the Youth Foundation.
- We need the advertising information back by the May league meeting.
- Tony - Rob is still the Chairman of the booklet committee and the updated / corrected information about the clubs goes to him.

LEGISLATIVE - Craig Holdren

- Craig showed a video of FOAC's Kim Stolfer's presentation at the Pittsburgh City Council's Post Agenda meeting on February 12.
- Kim was there with Dr Charles Gallo and Dr. John Lott in an attempt to impress upon the council the illegality of their proposed anti-gun laws and that laws such as these have been proven to be counter productive.
- Tony Rich - You need to pay close attention to Kim Stolfer, how educated that man is and what he does FOR ALL OF US!
- In no uncertain terms, Kim told the council that anyone running for public office should have to go to school to learn the Constitution. To at least understand that America is not a Democracy it is a Constitutional Republic. Why, because his rights, as well as all of ours, "are not subject to any dictates from any of you." (council members) Why? Because of the "Rule of Law." Governing bodies, including Pittsburgh City Council can not make laws if they go against the Constitution.
 - "You (Council members) have an obligation upon taking the oath (of office) to stand up for the Constitution and not violate it."

- No county, municipality or township may in any manner regulate the lawful ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of firearms, ammunition or accessories. These ordinances are therefore illegal.
- This is in Title 18 Crimes Code. It means that what you're doing is a crime that can be prosecuted as a misdemeanor 1 level crime with a penalty of up to 5 years in jail. That's in section 6119 of Title 18 Crimes Code.
- Constitutional / legally speaking you have nothing to fall back on.
- If you would like to make a donation to help with this effort to stop the council from passing these anti-gun laws, you can donate here. Money is being spent now to stop this lunacy before it goes to court where it would cost even more. And if it does go to court, FOAC along with the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League will file suit against them. <https://foac-pac.org/Action-Alerts/62>
- The entire video can be seen here. [Link](#) To view Kim's testimony start at 1:15:30.
- Craig - You all know our 2nd Amendment Rights are under severe attack. H.R. 8 (Universal Background Checks) and H.R. 1112 passed the House and are now in the Senate. Call Pennsylvania Senators and tell them in no uncertain terms that you and millions of other gun owners are opposed to these bills.
 - Bob Casey, Pittsburgh office - 412-803-7370. Washington DC office - 202-224-6324
 - Pat Toomey, Pittsburgh office - 412-803-3501. Washington DC office - 202-224-4254
 - And then call Mitch McConnell's office - 202-224-2541.
- On Tuesday March 5, 2019, in Maryland, a thousand gun owners wearing shirts emblazoned with the words "We Will Not Comply" attended hearings which proposed more anti-gun laws. Maryland Democrat Party Secretary, Robbie Leonard wrote on a Facebook post, "I hope the FBI runs the name of every witness who is wearing a t-shirt that says, 'We Will Not Comply.' They're a bunch of terrorists in the making." [Article](#)
- As Kim mentioned at the Pittsburgh City Council meeting, judges routinely plea bargain away the gun charge portion of a crime. That's 5 years a criminal's jail time is reduced. So he's back out on the street 5 years sooner, committing more crimes. The term is "Swallowing the Gun."
- Bob - We got to see tonight the most effective advocate we have defending our rights. Who would be there if it wasn't for him. Who has the knowledge base specific for Pennsylvania, except for Kim? There's just nobody out there. Kim's there working his butt off for us. The very least we can do to support this guy who is out there on the front lines, is be a member of the FOAC.
- Ambridge voted to donate a \$1,000 toward the legal battle.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Brady's Run Lake Committee will have a meeting in May.
- Bray's Run and Brush Creek Lake will get their algae treatment this year.
- The county will not stock catfish or crappie this year due to budget cuts. The PFBC is not affected by the county decision and will still stock trout.

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent
- Dan Householder - 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, February 21, 7:00pm at Aliquippa Club.
- Checking = \$1,416.28. Savings = \$12,046.60..
- Tonya Cable stepped down from the secretary position. Kristen Landis accepted Guy's appointment as secretary.
- Bruce Pia and Deb Smith resigned their positions on the Youth Foundation.
- Motion made and passed to purchase Small Games of Change License. So we have two open positions to fill if anyone is interested.
- Guy - The Pistol raffle tickets are all in except for 3 books.
- May 18th, the YF is holding a Fund Raising Sporting Clay Shoot at Rochester Sportsmen's Club. Flyers will be out soon. [YF Donation Form](#) [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Jerry - We decided to rent buses again this year for the 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg. We also talked about helping out the FOAC with its effort to stop the illegal gun ordinances from going into effect in Pittsburgh. To do these things we need to get some fund raising going.
 - April 27, here at Rochester Club, we're having a "Road to Freedom" Fundraising Dinner starting at 6:00pm. 80, \$100 tickets will be sold. Each ticket gets you a hat, a seat on the "Road to Freedom" bus, a dinner with a chance for some great prizes. A number of great guns have already been donated for this raffle. Only 80 tickets will be sold. [Sample Ticket](#)
 - If you truly believe in what's happening out there, with the full court press from the anti-gunners, and you heard Kim Stolfer on the video, he's the voice for us, none of us could do what he does, you'll see that the price of this ticket isn't really that high.
- Tony - We're going to need some help selling these tickets. If you really believe in your freedom, you have Kim Stolfer and this county league that present opportunities for you to get involved in defending that freedom. Just think how many people died establishing and defending our Constitution and our way of life. They handed all that to us and it's our turn to defend it. At this point, not with our lives, but with a little financial commitment.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Allegheny chapter of Delta Waterfowl is formed now. They're a bunch of young guys and are pretty active, They're putting wood duck boxes out at Hopewell Park, Brady's Run, and Raccoon park. They're interested in helping out with our youth field day. They're also interested in helping put the word out for our goose hunt.
- One of the young guys there told me he attended our youth conservation camp. This shows what kind of impact we have on the kids attending our events. It's been 16 maybe 17 years ago since he attended.

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- Jerry introduced Chayce Cable who is assisting with planning the field day for this year.
- Chayce
 - To be held at Midland Sportsmen's Club July 20. Kids from 10 to 16 years old.
 - We will have an ambulance on site between 7:30am and 5:00pm to deal with any potential health issues.
 - Tentatively we have 9 stations: Trap, 22's, Flintlocks, Canoes, Dogs, Boy Scouts, Pistols, Archery, Delta Waterfowl.
 - Thinking about increasing travel time between stations from 5 to 15 minutes.
 - Delegates, please ask your clubs to help with door prizes.
 - We need help setting up on Friday 7/19 as well as the day of the event.
- Jerry - We need help with ammo donations. 22's, BBs and shot gun shells (12 and 20 gauge) and door prizes.
- 18 kids are already signed up.
- Please get your clubs to solicit people to attend this event.
- Dick Bayer - Recommended we use ear muffs instead of ear plugs. At least for the pistol range.
- Rich - IMO 15 minutes travel time is too long. We'll be finishing up a lot later than normal if we follow that. If we eliminated the canoe station, we could also eliminate the need for a bus on site.
- [Sampling of Pictures](#) from 2018 Family Field Day.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Need a check for \$180 made out to Big Knot Grange Fair, to reserve a table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Rich - Have we received the pictures back from the pheasant hunt of 2018? Mike Harcher gave them to Frank Kelly.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark - Requested the league buy a table at the National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet \$800, held at Ambridge Club.
 - Tony - Before we do, we need to find out if the NWTFF still purchases from Dick's Sporting Goods or Field and Stream.
- The 2019 Presidents meeting has been rescheduled for April 4, 7:00pm, at the Beaver Valley Archers Club
- Guests will be:
 - The New Executive Director of the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Tim Schaeffer.
 - PA Fish & Boat Commission Second District Commissioner, Rocco Ali.
 - The Hereford Manor Lake Conservancy Group.

- PA State Representative Aaron Bernstine was planning on attending the President’s meeting on the original date. The April 4, date presents a scheduling challenge, but, he will do his best to attend.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Jerry - Found a hearing aide on the floor by the front table after our last meeting at Rochester.
- Mike - Aliquippa Club’s Outdoor Swap Meeting is on Saturday, March 16, 9:00am till 2:00pm. Admission is \$3. Tables are \$10. Call 724-378-8162. [Flyer](#)
- Andy - Pittsburgh Down Riggers is having its annual fund raiser and is raffling off 3 Lake Erie Charters. Goes off July 1, 2 & 3. \$10/ticket.
- Dan - Five Points is holding its 5th annual Hunt of a Lifetime 3D Shoot on June 8 & 9. \$100 sponsors a target. Thanks to everyone who supported this event last year. We were able to make \$15,000. All proceeds benefit Hunt of a Lifetime.
 - Motion to donate a target for this Hunt of a Lifetime event. Mike Harcher/Midland. Passed. [Flyer](#) [Donation Form](#)
- Dan Householder - May 18, is the “Kids Extravaganza” held by State Senator Elder Vogel. I’m looking for someone willing to help and attend and man the table. I have a conflict in my schedule this year.
- Guy - Chayce received the Edward L. Monahan Youth Award (\$500) which is awarded to one of the Young Bucks of the Aliquippa Club. Congratulations Chayce.
- Dave Knight - In primary elections, a Democrat can still vote for a Republican by a Write In.
- Tim - Ambridge is having this Gun Show Swap Meet this Saturday. \$5 admission. Raffle tickets for a pistol. Food and refreshments available. Starts 9:00am.
- Rich - Next Wednesday is the first gathering of the reformation of the Young Bucks. Any kids from the age of 10 to 17 can join. They meet once a month. [Young Bucks Application](#)
- Bob - When you have people in office who hold similar values to yours, and work to implement those values in their sphere of influence we need to hang on to them. Do you remember the pizza delivery driver in Beaver Falls who had to defend his life with a firearm and ended up taking the life of his assailant? Shortly after this happened, I was contacted by our Beaver County District Attorney, and he asked me if I knew an organization that would be willing to jump in and help this pizza delivery driver because his car had to be impounded as part of the crime scene. After the investigation was completed, this driver needed his car back to be able to work. But there was a \$300 impound fee that had to be paid. The driver didn’t have it. I contacted different people from the league, FOAC and BVRPC, raised the money and got our man back on the road. I believe Dave donated some of his own money. Not only is Dave good on the 2nd Amendment, he works to keep law and order and keep the bad guys in jail as long as possible to keep Beaver County a safe place, but he also has a heart of compassion for those who need help. Let’s keep this good guy in office.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$58, Dan Losco. Donated his winnings to the Youth Foundation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- BV Archers/Aliquippa. 9:35pm

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