



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Annual Presidents Meeting

April 4, 2019 Minutes

Meeting Location - Beaver Valley Archers Club



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa, VP	Gary Finegan	A	Five Points, Pres	Dave Schumacher	P	Pittsburgh Down Riggers, Pres	Ed Lamb
P	Delegates	Mike Harcher Guy Cable	P	Delegates	Jim Farland Dan Losco	A	Delegates	Andy Theodore
A	Ambridge, Pres	Joel Chalupiak	P	FOAC, Pres	Kim Stolfer	P	Rochester, Pres	Jerry Hooks
P	Delegates	Tim Watson Tim Reichl	P	Delegates	Craig Holdren Clinton DeLuca	P	Delegates	Jerry Hooks George Sullivan
P	Beaver Falls, Pres	Robert Miller	P	Green Valley, Pres	Dan Charles	P	Sewickley	Michael Tomana
P	Delegates	Larry White Frank Edder	P	Delegate	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Delegates	Mark Crevar
P	B.V. Archers, Pres VP	Glen Filinger Ray Illig	P	Midland, Pres	Dave Knight	A	Southside	Greg Saures
P	Delegates	Walter Ketterer George Klinger	P	Delegates	Mark Benzio Dave Knight	A	Delegates	Steven Floyd
P	BV Rifle Pistol Pres VP	Chris Lemmon Craig Holdren	A	N. Boroughs	Bod Reid			
P	Delegates	Bob Oles Rich Wall	P	Delegate	Harry Norton			
P	Conway, Pres VP	Bill Frishkorn Roger Hughes	P	Pine Run, Pres	John Cummins			
P	Delegate	Brian Lippert	P	Delegates	Rob Smith Dick Smith			

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 - Glen Filinger, President, Beaver Valley Archers Club

Guests - Tim Schaeffer, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC)
Rocco Ali, District 2 Commissioner of the PFBC
Paul Urbanik and Jerry Woomeer, Engineers for the PFBC

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve. Rochester/FOAC. Passed.

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, BV Archers/Conway. Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Rich - Mike Barcasky wrote a great article in the Beaver County Times about the County League and the Youth foundation. [Link to Article](#)

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tim Schaeffer

- Legislative updates:
 - HB-584, Creates a specific license exemption for participants in organized therapeutic fishing activities. [Link](#)
 - HB-1003, Increases public safety by strengthening the PFBC's ability to enforce the marking of low head or run-of-the-river dams. [Link](#)
 - HB- No Bill # Yet. Syncs boating DUIs and driving DUIs. [Link](#)
 - HB-808, Authorizes the PFBC to establish the fees charged by the agency. [Link](#)

Paul Urbanik, Jerry Woomer

- Gave a Power Point presentation on the progress of the proposed dam project on the Hereford Manor Lake property.
 - Project costs, economic benefits to the area and potential impact on the Zelenople airport were discussed. Questions were taken at the end.

Rocco Ali

- Promised to keep the league informed on any updates with the Hereford Manor Dam project.

Kim Stolfer, President, Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC)

Reviewed the importance of what's going on politically regarding the Right to Bear Arms. To do that, we need to know who our opponents are:

- Cease Fire PA, that has just received \$1 million from Michael Bloomberg.
- Every Town for Gun Safety. Founded by Michael Bloomberg
- Moms Demand Action. Parent organization is Every Town for Gun Safety founded by Michael Bloomberg.

Pittsburgh is being pushed by these groups in an attempt to create an exemption, through the illegal gun ban bills that are being worked on. If they are passed, it will affect everyone by expanding this trend throughout the state. They want to bankrupt all the gun groups in Pennsylvania. There's a lot of effort and money going into this lawsuit against the city of Pittsburgh. We're doing everything we can to stop it.

NOTE - Since this BCSCCL meeting on April 4, Pittsburgh City Council passed these illegal laws and lawsuits have been filed against Mayor Peduto and members of City Council. [Article](#)

After speaking to a number of clubs and club presidents, they report to me that a number of their members don't believe what's going on in Pittsburgh will affect them. If you believe that, you're a fool.

If you talk to state legislators, you can see this is a coordinated effort. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday when they were in session, the red shirts, and the yellow shirt wearing people from the anti-gun organizations, who are paid to be there, are doing everything they can to demonize and stigmatize the lawful ownership of firearms.

My counter part in Connecticut, told me, when this same anti-gun process was going on in their state, gun owners there acted in the same uncaring, apathetic manner as Pennsylvania gun owners are acting right now. Then, after the gun controls were passed, there was a mile and a half line of gun owners turning in their guns. They were the ones who were saying, "I never thought it would happen to me." Pittsburgh Councilman Lavelle said, "Once we finish with this, we're going to move to ban hand guns."

The National Rifle Association is considering taking this to federal court. If they do that it will screw everything up. That will put it into the 14th Amendment area and will very likely lead to a big loss. We're trying everything we can to keep it in state court. We already have the precedent that not a single Pennsylvania community has ever won one of these cases.

I want to encourage you to do what legislators are asking us to do, **GO TO HARRISBURG** for the 2nd Amendment Rally. They want and need to see the good people there. My goal is 50,000 gun owners attending. We have 5 million gun owners in Pennsylvania. Could you imagine 50,000 freedom loving Pennsylvanians there.

Make no mistake what so ever, those white crosses in Arlington Cemetery stand for your freedom and mine. Those people died individually to pass on a free country to us. Don't let these politicians who don't care what the Constitution says, take your freedom away from you. Because that's what they're doing. Once that freedom is gone, it's not coming back.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- PGC employee, Lauren Ferreri was the recipient of the "Woman of Environmental Education" award.
 - This award honors an individual who has dedicated herself to educating her community about sustainability and environmental policy. She is admired in her Central Pennsylvania community for her passionate commitment to environmental awareness and to educating students and the public.
- The 2018-19 deer harvest is a 14 year high with 374,690 deer taken by hunters.
- PGC Board of Commissioners will meet April 8 & 9 at it Harrisburg headquarters. They will be voting on the 2019-20 hunting and trapping seasons.
- Youth Spring Turkey opens April 20.
- Statewide Spring Turkey is April 27 - May 31.
- Of the 5 eagles nests in Beaver County, 1 nest is feeding chicks. The other four nests are still at the egg stage.
- The Saturday deer opening day is being handled in house. We'll know by Tuesday.
- [Mike's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- 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.
- Next Wednesday and Thursday stocking Brady's Run Lake and Raccoon Lake.
- April 13, 8:00am is the opening day of Trout. Limit 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- The 2019 Youth Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at Hopewell Community Park 8:00am till noon ages 15 and under. 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.
- There will be a couple of donated 20" or larger fish. A prize will be awarded if one of these fish are caught.
- 70 Prizes will be awarded.
- 6 Trophies - 3 Boys and 3 Girls. For: Most Trout - Biggest Trout - Most Combined Fish caught.
- Each kid will receive a meal.
- Bait will be available for purchase.
- There will be a 50/50 drawing.
- Concession stand will be open.
- The grand prize will be awarded around 10:30am.
 - This will be a Lake Erie Charter fishing trip. Compliments of Andy Theodore of the Pittsburgh Down Riggers.
- 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. But information is up to date.
- This year's camp dates are June 16 to June 22 and the fee is \$200/camper.
- Parents meeting will be held 5/19/19 at Aliquippa Club, time is TBA.
- 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](#) [Camp Flyer](#)
- Pictures from 2018 camp. [Link](#)

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>

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- April 6, is the Youth Mentored day for trout.
- April 13, is the opening day of trout in our area.
- River fishing is picking up.
- Crappie & Perch are starting to hit in local lakes.
- Lake water temps are around 44 degrees

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming classes
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| 4/13/19 | Church of the Nazarene | 9am - 4pm |
| 6/1/19 | Aliquippa Club | 9am - 4pm |
| 6/8/19 | Midland Club | 9am - 4pm |
| 9/7/19 | Concord United Methodist Church | 9am - 4pm |
| 9/14/19 | Gobblers Knob Hunting Preserve | 9am - 4pm |
| 9/28/19 | Aliquippa Club | 9am - 4pm |
| 11/7-8/19 | Concord United Methodist Church | 6:00pm - 9:30pm Both Days |

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- This week-end, April 6, 7, is the 42nd annual Maple Syrup Festival at Brady's Run Park.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- The YF meeting was Thursday, March 21, 7:00pm at Aliquippa Club.
- There are 2 Youth Foundation Directors seats open. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact Guy. 724-494-6464 or gtcttc@yahoo.com
- 24 kids are signed up so far for the Youth Field day.
- Rich would like to give Gobblers Knob a Youth Foundation certificate to show our appreciation.
- May 18th, the YF is holding its 2nd annual Fund Raising Sporting Clay Shoot at Rochester Sportsmen's Club. Flyers will be out soon.
- Boscov's contacted Dan about selling a \$5 coupon that will be valid on October 16th for 25% off merchandise in the store. We will get 100% of the profits.
- Guy presented 2 Certificates of Appreciation to:
 - Rochester Sportsmen's Club, presented to President, Jerry Hooks.
 - Aliquippa Club, presented to Vice President, Gary Finegan.
- [YF Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

Tony - The main fund raiser we're having is coming up on April 27 to pay for the buses going to Harrisburg on May 6, for the 2nd Amendment rally. You heard what Kim Stolfer said about the number of different directions the attacks on our freedom to Keep and Bear Arms are coming from. Everybody sitting in this room needs to be concerned. The gun control folks are coming after us constantly and they're not going to give up. The only alternative we have is to fight back as much as we can when we can. And like Kim mentioned, those white crosses represent the price that was paid for the freedom we have now that is being chipped away by the left. The left thinks it's OK to take that freedom away under the guise of safety. What they promise to give us in exchange never really amounts to anything.

We thought we'd save our resources to support Kim in the Pittsburgh lawsuit, if it came up, so we weren't really planning on going to Harrisburg this year. But BVRPC member, Mike Symbala generously donated \$3,000 to help us get to the 2nd Amendment rally in Harrisburg and plans unfolded from there. I got together with Jerry and we came up with a raffle/dinner for guns that have been donated by other generous people who understand how important it is to get to Harrisburg to

counter the anti-gun groups that have been showing up quite often. It's about investing a little bit of cash to protect your freedom. Only 80, \$100 tickets will be sold for this raffle. If we can't afford to spend a little cash to help 3 buses go to Harrisburg and work to protect our rights and freedom, we might as well throw up our hands and give up. What's going to happen if we don't fight back. So I'm asking you, please dig down in your pockets and help with this trip.

Link to fund raising [raffle ticket info](#)

Link to [Rally info](#)

Jerry Hooks - The dinner will be Saturday evening April 27. Doors open at 6:00pm. We have 5 guns to give away. I just came from five days in Boston. And when you're in Boston the first thing you think about is Paul Revere, and the first shots of the Revolutionary fired at the Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts. Today we're getting to that same point, where our freedoms are being tested with gun control and gun confiscation. I believe that the people in this room, the delegates who attend on a monthly basis, hopefully are bringing this information back to your clubs. It is truly important because we're helping to nurture the youth for the future and we're fighting for our gun rights. If they're not, shame on them and maybe you should look for a new delegate. Seriously, try to sell some tickets, buy some tickets and help this effort out.

Dave Knight - That's a good thing Rochester is doing but they can't do it all by themselves. It wouldn't hurt if each of the 16 member clubs would donate \$500 toward the buses. Last year Midland donated a \$1,000. Rochester donated a \$1,000. BVRPC donated a \$1,000. It's not fair that one person in this county, Mike Symbala, donates \$3,000 and the rest of the county rides for free and not donate or do anything. That's B.S. We didn't get where we are by just sitting in the back ground. The sportsmen and sportswomen in this county are in the majority, not the minority. I'm worked up about this. I've been in the gun business since 1981, and we're going to let some simple minded people like Mr. Peduto, take our rights away from us. Let's get some of these club's in this county off their butts. In reality, we need to have ten buses going to Harrisburg and flood that Rotunda.

Craig - Pennsylvania is being targeted by the gun control movement. Look at some of the horrendous gun control in the states surrounding us. New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. We're on their hit list right now. if we don't push back, we're going to end up like these other states. The 2017 2A rally had less than 200 people attend. The 2018 2A rally had 1084 in the Rotunda when the Capitol Police had to close the doors. This year, Eric Pratt, Gun Owners of America will speak at the rally. Cam Edwards will also be there with a film crew to record the event. That will be great national coverage. But remember, the NRA caved on HB-2060 which had components of Red Flag Laws in it. Speaker of the House, Mike Turzia, and State Rep. Brian Cutler are the main reason we have this law now. Every team needs to visit their offices and communicate to them and their staff how pissed off we are about their support for HB-2060. The FOAC is fighting tooth and nail to defend our rights, but they need our help. Join FOAC. Send in a donation for the Pittsburgh lawsuit. You can join FOAC at: <https://foac-pac.org/Premium-Membership>

Tony - So please get some tickets from Jerry and help make this fund raiser a success. We'd all appreciate it.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Chayce Cable

- I'm helping Jerry organize this year's Youth Field Day for my Senior Project.
- To be held at Midland Sportsmen's Club on Saturday, July 20. Kids from 10 to 16 years old.
- Registration starts at 7:00am.
- Everyone will attend the dog presentation first and then break out into a rotation pattern for the 9 other stations.
- Station leader meeting Thursday, April 18, 6:00pm at the Aliquippa Club, prior to the youth foundation meeting.
- We still need volunteers to help with the Friday evening, July 19, set up.
- We still need volunteers to help with the event on Saturday.
- Need donations of prizes (or ammo, 12 & 20 gauge) that you can bring to the May, June or July BCSCSCL meeting.
- Jerry - Complemented Chayce on the work he is doing on this project. He reminded the rest of us, who are mostly in the upper age categories, that Chayce is an example of why we're doing what we are. We pass on our outdoor heritage to the younger generation who will eventually take over for us.
- Chayce's Contact info: 724-581-7037 or crossshares@yahoo.com
- [Chayce's Meeting Agenda](#) [Youth Field Day Flyer](#)
- [Sampling of Pictures](#) from 2018 Family Field Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Craig - At the last meeting the delegates received a handout for selling advertising space for this year league booklet. Each club was asked to sell \$500 worth of advertising. That is due at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rich - Asked for delegates to volunteer to attend the Turkey Federation Banquet that the league paid for.
- Dave Knight - State Representative Jim Marshall is holding a Concealed Carry Seminar at Midland Sportsmen's Club on Thursday, May 16, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Beaver County District Attorney, David Lozier and Beaver County Sheriff, Tony Guy will be there. [Link to Registration](#)
- Rich - My daughter or Chayce passed out a list of all the [League Youth Activities](#) it is holding this year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Bill Frishkorn - Conway is holding its annual "Healing Waters" event this Saturday, April 6.
- Dan Charles. New President of Green Valley Sportsmen's Club.
 - Dan reviewed events that took place over the past couple of years at Green Valley Club, that resulted in the dismissal of then, Club President Randy Wilson.
 - We almost lost our club because of a number of factors including our financial obligations not being taken care of.
 - Lessons we learned that I'd like to pass on to the other clubs here.
 - Make sure more people than just your treasurer, know who is authorized to access your financial accounts and what financial institutions those accounts are at.
 - Make sure more people than just your treasurer, know the financial obligations your club is responsible for to keep it open and running.
 - Make sure your treasurer files a tax return every year for your club.
- Dan Losco - 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.
 - [Flyer](#) [Donation Form](#)
- Bob - The video that you've heard mentioned a couple of times this evening, was Kim Stolfer addressing the Pittsburgh City Council about the gun control legislation the council is moving forward on. I don't know of anyone that has the background and fund of knowledge with quick recall, other than Kim who could have done this. He basically told the council that - They didn't know what they were doing - They needed educated on the Constitution because they weren't following it - They needed trained somehow - And they were breaking the law. He talked to them like a teacher does to his students who are not picking up on the presented material. He told what they needed to hear, but they just ignored him. The least that we can do is join that organization, the FOAC, to support him for the work he's doing in defending all of our rights. I have FOAC membership applications here. Please consider taking one and help him and the FOAC stand up for us all.
 - The entire video can be seen here. [Link](#) Kim's testimony starts at 1hr. 15min. 30sec and lasts for 15 minutes.
 - You can join FOAC on their website at: <https://foac-pac.org/Premium-Membership>
- Mike - We now have 34 youth signed up for the "Young Bucks" at Aliquippa Club.
- Larry White - A number of the publishing companies are censoring books about guns or the magazine stores are covering up the cover page of gun magazines.
- Mark - Midland is having its Turkey Shoot April 14, starting at 2:00pm. \$2 a shot. Turkeys, hams, bacon, cash. Going to raffle off a gun. Wobble trap will be open. The FREE Tony Rich Wild Game Feed. We'll also have a \$5, 50/50. [Turkey Shoot Flyer](#)
- Rich - Working with the Allegheny chapter of the Delta Waterfowl, they couldn't believe how organized the sportsmen in Beaver County are.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/BV Archers 9:45pm

BCSCL 2019 Meeting Dates & Locations - ****Note a change in meeting locations****

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

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL