



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

May 2, 2019 Minutes
Meeting Location - Southside



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)	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	P	Southside	Louie Muller
	(Alt)	George Klinger		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Rich Wall		(Alt)	None			
A	Conway	Brian Lippert	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(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 - Greg Sauers, President, Southside

Guests - George David

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Aliquippa/B.V. Archers. Passed.

ELECTION - October

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Each item listed is a short synopsis of Matt's report. [Link for Matt's report.](#)
- 2019-20 Hunting/Trapping Seasons Approved.
- Perhaps one of the biggest changes is the new opening day for the firearms deer season, which will be the Saturday following Thanksgiving.
- Antlerless deer license allocations for WMU 2A = 46,000. Down from 49,000 last year. WMU 2B = 54,000 down from 58,000 last years.
- 142 elk licenses will be issued. 32 antlered and 110 antlerless will be awarded by lottery. Two additional elk seasons and lottery drawings for licenses have been added. Hunters must apply separately for all the seasons they wish to be eligible to hunt. Each application costs \$11.90.
- The PGC adopted a slate of deer seasons for 2019-20 including a split, six-day antlers deer season from Nov 30 - Dec 6 and a seven day concurrent season from Dec 7-14 in 20 Wildlife Management Units.
- Fall Turkey Season Changes Adopted. In WMU's 1A, 2A, 4A & 4B is one week, Nov 2-9, plus a two day Thanksgiving season Nov 28 & 29.
- Fluorescent Orange requirements were simplified and will become effective in the license year 2019-20 to begin July 1.
- The PGC is 100% committed to putting into place measures to manage CWD. We have heard from hunters and legislators in the Bedford and Blair Counties over their opposition to our efforts to control CWD in this region. We took a step back to re-evaluate a better path forward.
- Trappers using snares might soon have more direct guidance on the types of locks that can be used on the devices.
- World champion turkey caller and television personality, Matt Morrett is now the PGC's new marketing specialist. He will help to keep existing hunters involved and attract more newcomers to the hunting tradition.
- The PGC Board of Commissioners met with the State House Game and Fisheries Committee to discuss the Saturday opener for the 2019 deer season. The PGC will analyze results of this new opening day to see if the overall affect was beneficial or not and then decide whether to continue with this new opening day in 2020 and beyond.

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Opening week-end wasn't too bad this year. A lot of campers at Brady's Run and most people were well behaved.
- There are two more in season stockings. One at Brady's Run and another at Raccoon Creek State Park.
- Lake Erie creel limits for yellow perch will remain at 30/day and for walleye 6/day.
- Commissioners encouraged the public to participate in a survey that will assist in forming the agency's new strategic plan. Visit the main page of www.fishandboat.com through May 10. Participants may take the survey anonymously. Questions about the survey or the strategic planning process can be directed to Sean Gimbel at (717)705-7842 or sgimbel@pa.gov
- River temperatures are starting to rise.
- A 40 pound catfish was caught the other day.
- Walleye and Sauger season opens this Saturday May 4th. Creel limit is 6. Walleye need to be 15 inches and Sauger need to be 12 inches to harvest.
- The WCO class is moving forward. Graduates of this class should be in the field by the summer of 2020.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Still working on it

GAME - Mike Harcher

- There are plenty of turkey gobblers around so hunters can take advantage of that.
- PGC Commissioner Jim Delay, from Butler County, resigned from his Board position on 4/9/19.
- PGC gave preliminary approval to use the 6.5mm rounder for elk hunting. Final vote at the July meeting.
- PGC added 100 acres to its game lands 176 in the Penn State area. Additional land was purchased in the Chester County area.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Coal ash pollution in ground water has been found at 91% of the power plants in 39 states.

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- The 2019 Youth Fishing Derby was held Saturday, April 27, at Hopewell Community Park.
- 114 children attended and 63 of them ate the meal provided by the Youth Foundation.
- 431 trout were stocked 4/23/2019, 305 total fish caught, and 5 trout were tagged.
- 66 total prizes were given out.
- One tagged fish was caught for a \$25.00 Cabela's gift card
- Jerry Hooks donated \$100.00 for the stocking of 20" plus fish and provided a prize if caught
- Andy Theodore of Strictly Fishing Charters donated a 3 person walleye fishing charter that was won by an 11 year old boy from Aliquippa.
- The 6 trophy winners also received a fishing rod and reel combo and a tackle box
- Trophy winners:
 - Girls Division
 - Biggest Trout caught was 16"
 - Most Trout caught was 24
 - Most combined fish caught was 27
 - Boys Division
 - Biggest Trout caught was 16"
 - Most Trout caught was 9
 - Most combined fish caught was 15
- Budget: \$1,750.00. Total expenses, \$1,709.32
- Thanks to the clubs that donated, guys who helped stock and everyone else who helped to make this event possible.
- [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.
- We'll start setting up on June 15, around 3:00pm.
- We're having a staff meeting May 19, at 5:00pm at Aliquippa Club.
- We're having a parents meeting on May 19, at 6:00pm at Aliquippa Club.
- We have 14 applications at this point.
- Hunter Ed. class scheduled for the campers that need it before camp at Aliquippa Bucktails on 6/1/19.
- [Camper Application Form](#) [Camp Flyer](#)

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Our 3-D shoots started Tuesday, April 2. They will continue each Tuesday, beginning at 5:00pm, and they are open to the public.
- 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.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Advertising sales information was supposed to be turned in by this meeting. Each club was asked to sell \$500 worth of advertising for the league booklet.
- Send any photos of the Fishing Derby to Frank Kelly

GUEST SPEAKER - George David

- Former Beaver County Sheriff George David talked about his candidacy for Sheriff, his past accomplishments during his time as Sheriff and what he would work toward if elected to office. He is very supportive of the 2nd Amendment and all that the league does to support and pass on the outdoor heritage to the next generation.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Pittsburgh's Illegal Gun Control. [Handout](#)
 - The Mayor and six members of City Council are being sued by, Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC), Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), Firearms Policy Foundation (FPF), and three individuals.
 - State Representative Daryl Metcalfe is calling for the impeachment of Mayor Peduto.
- 2nd Amendment Rally. [Handout](#)
 - From, FOAC's Top Weekly News Stories for the week of April 28, 2019. [Link to Complete Article](#)
 - Considering the onslaught we are facing from billionaire funded anti-gun groups, sometimes the payoff is not in a gain, but in limiting the damage

- We are going to 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg, Monday, May 6, in an effort to protect our Right to Keep & Bear Arms. We will present to legislators, a list of anti-gun bills that we ask them to not support. Such as - Register & Tax all Firearms Annually, HB768. Extreme Risk Protection Orders, HB1028 / HB1075 / SB90 / SB293, better known as Gun Confiscation Orders. And Licensing Firearms Ownership, HB467 / SB344.
- We will also present to legislators a list of pro-gun bills that we ask them to support. Such as - Strengthening Pennsylvania Firearm Preemption Law, HB1066 / SB531. which would go a long way to preventing the flagrant violation of current preemption law that we currently see taking place in Pittsburgh.
- We have two buses rented with free seating. We try to make it as easy as possible.
- [Rally Flyer](#)

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent
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| 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

- Absent - Jerry Hooks reporting.
- We still have two openings on the YF Board. We could use a couple of volunteers.
- May 18, we're having a Fund Raising Shoot to benefit the Youth Foundation at Rochester Club.
- [YF Donation Form](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Jerry Hooks Reporting
- For the fund raiser at the Rochester Club we sold 76 out of 80 tickets
- Beaver County is the strongest county in the state when it comes to supporting the 2nd Amendment. But even at that, we struggled to fill 2 buses for the 2A rally in Harrisburg when in past years we've been able to send three buses to this event. Out of 15,000 sportsmen and women that this league represents, we can only fill 2 buses for the rally. That's pretty scary. And we're the best out of 67 counties.
- Thank you to Tony Rich, Dan Keener, Duke's Sports Shop, Ronn Gerra, Jerry Hooks, all donated guns for the raffle.
- Thanks to Bob Bryner who donated the pheasant print for the raffle.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Absent

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Need a Chairman

- We still need .22 ammo and 12 gauge shotgun shells.
- [Sampling of Pictures](#) from 2018 Family Field Day.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Craig - Attended the NRA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.
 - At the convention, Trump signed the documents necessary to order the "unsigning" of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty which effectively withdraws the United States from that treaty.
 - Talked to Eric Pratt from Gun Owners of America and he sent out a 2nd email announcing the 2A rally in Harrisburg.
 - Reminded all teams to visit Speaker of the House Turzai and State Rep. Cutler about their broken promise to not run any anti-gun legislation. After that we ended up with HB2060 a Protection from Abuse bill that has elements of Red Flag Laws in it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - We have the request letter from the FAA asking for public comment dealing with aviation purposes only, concerning the reconstruction of Hereford Manor Lake dam. We couldn't comment on aviation aspects of HML so we're waiting for a request for general public comment before we write to them.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Tony was not able to attend the Turkey Federation's Banquet that he said he would. He gave Mark \$100 to reimburse the league for the money it spent for his seat at the banquet. This is customary and should be followed more often than it is. If you say you're going to attend an event that the league is paying for, and for one reason or another you're not able to, you should reimburse the league for the cost of your seat.
- Jerry - This wasn't the first gun that Duke's Sports Shop donated for one of our events. We need to try to support this business that so often helps us out.
- Craig - One of the guys from BVRPC that attended the Rochester fund raiser donated \$100 toward the buses for the rally.
- Craig - Last year Sheriff Tony Guy provided security for the BCSCCL youth conservation camp.
 - Tony Guy is having a fund raiser spaghetti dinner for his campaign for Sheriff at Our Lady of Fatima church. \$10/plate on Sunday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

50/50 DRAWING

- No Drawing

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Five Points/FOAC. 9:05pm

BCSCCL 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 BCSCCL