



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

June 6, 2019 Minutes
Meeting Location - Pine Run



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
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	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 Eder		(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	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton			
	(Alt)	Rich Wall		(Alt)	None			
A	Conway	Brian Lippert	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith	A	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(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 - Rob Smith, Pine Run Delegate

Guests - None

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Pine Run/Five Points. Passed.

ELECTION - October

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Absent

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- The season to hunt the timber rattlesnake and the northern copperhead is from the second Saturday in June to July 31.
 - The northern copperhead has an annual limit of 1. The timber rattlesnake has an annual limit of 1 but the snake must be at least 42 inches in length. [More snake hunting info](#) Scroll down to “Venomous Snake Permits”
- Bass season opens June 15, 2019 – Creel limit 6, Minimum size 12 inches.
- Fish For Free Day is July 4th. [More Info](#)
- Kids, fish with a Waterways Conservation Officer: June 15, 2019 @ 0900 – Keystone State Park.
- Contact the Southwest Region office for details. Bait and tackle will be provided. 814-443-9841
- New state record for lake trout - 5/11/19. 31-pounds, 13-ounces, 40-inches in length with a girth of 24.25-inches.
- New state record for flat head catfish - 4/6/19. 50 pounds, 7 ounces, 45.25 inches long with a girth of 31.25 inches.
- Operation Dry Water - July 4th through July 7th. WCOs will join forces with other law enforcement and will be actively looking for boating under the influence operators. This is a nationwide program.
- Lot of rain and storms this year so when you're out boating use caution. Be aware of fast approaching storms, high water and fast current.
- [PFBC Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas (WPRA) continue to decline in Pennsylvania. PGC Commissioners are split 4 to 4 whether to close the Hegins-Gratz WFRA.
- Deer in the Mid-Atlantic region are more susceptible to CWD than deer populations to the west that have been tested in other states. [Article](#)
- Opossums help us by eating ticks that carry Lyme Disease. - [Article](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Ohio River rebound stems from cleaner waters in Pennsylvania.

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- Absent

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Camp Dates - June 16 to June 22. Group Camp 2 at Raccoon State Park.
- Set Up - June 15, around 3:00pm.
- Schedule - Have it pretty well worked out.
- Security - Waiting on a confirmation from Sheriff Tony Guy.
- We have 23 applications at this point. Expecting more.
- Canoes are taken care of.
- Craig has NRA-ILA caps for the campers.
- Rich - Tuesday June 18, is the boating and fishing at Southside Club. WE NEED HELP every day, but this day especially.
 - Thursday night, July 20, at 7:00pm, is family night. If you've never been there, this is the time to attend.
 - Directions to family night - Go to the Raccoon Park ranger station on Rt. 18 and look for the yellow camp signs from there. We are at group camp 2.
 - For any additional information try calling, (cell service is spotty) but preferably text, Breanna Edmiston 412-489-6849 or Rich Kerlin, 724-601-6974.
- [Camper Application Form](#) [Camp Flyer](#)

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- 2019 Pennsylvania State Archery Association (PSAA) SW Regional Field / Hunter Round is Sunday 7/7/19. 9:00am shot gun start.
 - For more information call or text 724-498-9650. [Flyer](#)

- 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 for the league booklet as of tonight is \$1,770. So far 7 clubs have participated. This money will underwrite, the booklet, the league website and the Hereford Manor website.
- We would still like more participation in this.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- 75 years ago, June 6, 1944, some 5,000 ships and landing craft, 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces, supported by 11,000 aircraft, landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the coast of France's Normandy region, to begin the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany. An absolutely insane regime that thought they were the superior race and that they had the duty to eliminate those less worthy than themselves.
 - That insanity, our fathers and grandfathers had to face, started with an idea. An idea that, in the beginning, wasn't effectively challenged and which grew to affect and to kill millions.
 - Every generation, including ours today, has its own insane ideas it has to fight. For instance, the insanity of:
 - Gun Free Zones
 - Red Flag Gun Confiscation Laws
 - Gun Control in general. All a ruse toward eventual total gun confiscation from the civilian population.
 - Unlimited illegal immigration
 - Socialism
 - These insane ideas, if left to grow and mature will also end up affecting millions and killing more innocents.
- 2nd Amendment Rally numbers.
 - Attendees in Rotunda, 1200. Attendees Not Permitted access to Capitol Building, 300
 - Attendees on BCSCB Buses: Signed up to go, 112. Showed up to go, 91.
 - Out of the 32 officers, delegates and chair persons in the league, 15 attended this year's rally. Less than half.
 - For those who didn't attend, here's a 3.5 minute snippet of the video of the rally. [Video Link](#).
- Arm yourself with the facts to be able to oppose the lies from the anti-gun left.
 - Excerpts from Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC) Weekly Message for Sunday May 26,2019. [Link](#) See, "Gun Crime Is A Manufactured Term from The Anti-Gunners Who Distort (Lie) the Truth, Let's Look at The Real Numbers."
 - A few examples:
 - There are at least 120,000,000 gun owners in the US.
 - There's 5 million+ gun owners in Pennsylvania with 1.17 million of them possessing a license to carry concealed firearms. We are the majority of voting adults.
 - 53% of all shootings are by black men under 30. So, 3% of the US population does more than ½ the killing.
 - See, [American Renaissance](#)
 - 83% of all shootings are gang and drug-related.
 - Only about 7% of all shootings are from a rifle or shotgun and less than 40% of that 7% involve so-called "assault weapons".
 - Total Number of gun deaths in the United States: 38,000
 - Suicides: 28,500
 - Gang and Drug: 7,885
 - Remaining: 1,615
 - If not for gangs and drugs, the number of murders by guns is below 1,700 in a county of 330,000,000 people.
 - Remove the gangs and drugs, and the US is one of the SAFEST countries in the world.
 - So fellow firearms owners - here are facts - the REAL facts. Now it is up to you to SHIFT the paradigm.
 - Oh, in case you're wondering where I got these facts see the FBI unified crime report. They're all there for ANYONE to see. <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/publications>
 - Also take a moment to check out Dr. John Lott's Crime Prevention Research Center. <https://crimeresearch.org/2017/04/number-murders-county-54-us-counties-2014-zero-murders-69-1-murder/>
 - Craig - Referred to the info sheet on PA House Speaker Mike Turzai (who appears to be planning on running for Governor), and PA State Representative Bryan Cutler, who were both instrumental in getting HB2060 passed, which is Protection from Abuse (PFA) legislation that has a ridiculously short time frame for those who are subjects of a PFA to turn in their firearms. Please call these two legislators and voice your displeasure with their stabbing gun owners in the back. [Info Sheet](#) [Article on HB2060](#)

- Also, please contact House Speaker Mike Turzai and Rep. Bryan Cutler and request that they cosponsor and move HB1412, Constitutional Carry, which was introduced by Rep. Aaron Bernstine. Contact numbers are on the above info sheet.
- While you're at it, contact State Rep. Jim Marshall's office and ask him to cosponsor HB1412. See above info sheet.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent - Dan Householder reporting.
- Aliquippa Club hosted a Hunters Ed class on June 1, with 21 kids in attendance.
- Upcoming classes:

6/8/19	Midland Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
6/15/19	Pine Run	9:00am - 4:00pm
8/24/19	Pine Run	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/7/19	Concord United Methodist Church	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/14/19	Gobblers Knob Hunting Preserve	9:00am - 4:00pm
9/23/19 & 9/24/19	Ambridge Club	5:30pm - 9:00pm
9/28/19	Aliquippa Club	9:00am - 4:00pm
11/7/19 & 11/8/19	Concord United Methodist Church	5:30pm - 9:00pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Monthly meeting was May 16. Next meeting June 20.
- 2nd Annual Youth Foundation Fundraising Shoot profited more than \$1800.
- Dan Householder has been spending an enormous amount of time soliciting for the youth foundation. He also has Boscov shopping passes to give to those you wish to donate \$5
- Tonya has picked up the youth foundation equipment from Shawn.
- Thank you certificates presented to:
 - Pine Run for \$300 donation supporting the youth foundation.
 - Andy Theodore for donating a fishing charter trip as a prize at the fishing derby.
- Youth Foundation now has a small games of chance license.
- Youth Foundation donated \$100 to Beaver Valley Archers Archery Field Day.
- Pine Run donated 10 cases of shells and 3 boxes of sporting clays for the Youth Field Day.
- Shawn Cox is getting better and will be back with us as soon as he is able to.
- [YF Minutes](#) [YF Donation Form](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Tony - The league has two guns now. One is a table gun we won at the Turkey Federation Banquet. We also have a gun from the rally fund raiser that won on an unsold ticket. We'll plan on raffling those off sometime in the future.
- The YF should reimburse the league for the gun the league let the YF use for its raffle.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Chayce

- Saturday, July 20. Registration begins at 7am
- Ages 10-16. Family participation is encouraged.
- Set Up Day, Friday, July 19, at 4pm
- Station leader meeting will be held on set up day.
- 41 kids signed up so far. Need more kids. I have flyers to give to anyone who could put one up. Please spread the word.
- Meeting held last night with Jerry Hooks to fill out my senior project paperwork. We also reviewed donations received, stations and timelines.
- Request made for the delegates to approve a \$3000 budget to come from the youth foundation for the field day expenses.
- A report will be provided after the field day and all unused money will be returned.
- Motion to approve \$3,000 for the Youth Field Day to come from the Youth Foundation. Aliquippa/Pine Run. Passed.
- Please take a copy of the flyer back to your clubs and ask if they would like to donate a prize, ammo or clay birds.
- Thank you to all clubs and individuals that already donated. [Youth Field Day Flyer](#)

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Tony - Has the rally hats.
- Tony - Showed pictures of Zelienople Airport flooded after the recent heavy rains. This flooding would probably not have occurred place if the Hereford Manor Lake Dam was in place. [Link to Pictures](#)

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony - The 2nd Amendment rallies in Harrisburg are good and I support them. But as I've said before, there's more that we could do. So I'm proposing a declaration for Beaver County, "The 2nd Amendment Preservation Act."
 - Where as, any Beaver County city, town, borough or municipality that passes any ordinance, regulation or law that goes against Pennsylvania's State Preemption law, or against the Constitution of the United States or Pennsylvania, that we would be the ones to file a lawsuit against that.
- We as a group, we've got to let people know that we're here and we're going to protect the Constitution and the 2nd Amendment as our duty and responsibility given to us by our forefathers when they voted and fought to give all of us our freedom.
- This idea is sponsored by what's going on in Pittsburgh with the city counsel's illegal lawmaking that violates the state's preemption law on firearms. The Allegheny County District Attorney is supposed to take care of issues like this by charging the mayor and members of city counsel with a crime for clearly breaking the law. But he won't do it. We need to combat this lawlessness and make sure nothing like it happens in Beaver County.
- I want to form a committee to start putting this together so that the committee can work with those who know and understand the Constitution and the law so we go about this the right way. Craig and Bob were asked to join this committee as well as anyone else who is interested.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Dan Losco - This week-end, Five Points is holding its 5th annual Hunt of a Lifetime 3D Shoot. \$100 sponsors a target.
 - [Flyer](#) [Donation Form](#)
- Aliquippa Club is having a Tony Rich Wild Game Dinner on June 14, at 6:00pm.
- Tony - South Fayette Twp. Parks and Recreational Department on Oct 17, 18, 19 is holding its annual "Disabled Sportsmen's Deer Hunt" mostly disabled veterans. We would appreciate donations.
 - Motion to donate \$150 to this cause. Aliquippa/Beaver Falls. Passed.

50/50 DRAWING

- No Drawing

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- B.V. Archers/Five Points. Passed. 9:10pm

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