



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

July 11, 2019 Minutes NF  
Meeting Location - Rochester  
BVRPC Hosting



## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

A	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	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 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	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	Dick Smith	A	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 - Craig Holdren, BVRPC Vice President

Guests - Audrey Zanath

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Pitt Down Riggers/B.V. Archers. Passed.

## ELECTION - October

- Vice President and Treasurer are up for election this year.
- Election Committee - Craig Holdren, Jim Farland

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## STATE AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- The big concern with all the rain we're having is how is it going to effect turkey reproduction. Poults are at different stages of growth and they don't do real well with that wet wet grass.
- CWD - Since last year, 123 additional free range deer have tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease. Disease Management Areas (DMA) 2 and 3 have been expanded again because of these new cases.
  - There has been a total of 250 known CWD case in free-ranging deer in Pennsylvania since 2012.
  - PGC has tested 9,631 free ranging deer and 122 elk for CWD taken in the 2018 seasons. To date no elk free ranging elk have tested positive.
  - For the most up to date map, go to the website [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov)
  - You can not tell whether a deer is infected with CWD unless it is tested. The difficulty is increased because a deer will not test positive until 18 to 24 months after it is infected.
  - There no indication that a human can contact CWD by eating an infected deer, however, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommend that you do not eat a deer that you know is infected. If you're not sure, don't eat it.
- The PGC is doing its summer turkey surveys and is asking the public for help. Go to our website and download the app for this. If you see a turkey, submit a report.
- The turkey population runs about 200,000 to 220,000.
- PGC shooting range have been established on 29 state game lands throughout the state. To use these ranges you must have a valid hunting or fur taking license or a valid shooting range permit.
  - Beginning July 1, shooting range permits will be sold anywhere hunting license are sold. You can also continue to purchase them on line and print them at home if you wish.
- Doe licenses went on sale Monday July 8. Non resident license go on sale July 15.
- Antlerless license available in Beaver County, WMU 1A = 44,831. WMU 2A = 44,569. WMU 2B = 53,502.
- Fledgling eagles in Beaver County have begun to leave the nests.
- [Matt's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- Absent

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Absent

### FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- Absent

### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- The 2019 Conservation Camp was held on June 16 to June 22 at Group Camp 2, Raccoon State Park.
- We had 28 campers with zero no shows. First time that's happened. Two boys became home sick and went home early. There were 14 camp counselors.
- 24 of the 28 campers were sponsored by various clubs
  - Five Points - 4, Conway - 4, BVRPC - 4, Aliquippa - 3, Rochester - 3, Midland - 3, Ambridge - 2, Pine Run - 1.
- We had one ER visit which was my bother, Jonathan Barcaskey. He need stitches at 2:00am Wednesday night.
- Everything went very smoothly. Even though it was supposed to rain/storm everyday. I think we got away with only one day really raining on us, and that was parents night. It rained every night, but we got lucky during the day's activities.
- Breanna handed out the financial report to concerned individuals.
- Current balance is \$66.60. Starting balance was \$1,1157.79. Total deposits were \$6,000. Total expenditures were \$7,105.49.

- To pay two remaining bills, approximately \$450, and to have a balance to start off next year, I'm asking for \$1,500.
- Motion to approve \$1,500 from the Youth Foundation for camp. Pine Run/Five Points. Passed by unanimous consent.
- Raising the camp fee to \$200 really helped out this year.
- Breanna passed out certificates of appreciation to those individuals and clubs who helped out in one way or another.
- The Beaver County Sheriff's Department provided security. The deputies were extremely helpful and their presence was much appreciated.
- Rich - Echoed Breanna's comments on how well the camp went.
  - It was disappointing that no delegates came out to visit the camp and help out with the activities. We have our stalwarts who are part of the staff and work every year, but no one else showed up.
  - Tony - Visit the camp a couple of times and commented on what he saw and well everything was working out. He asked for a round of applause for Breanna for extraordinary work she does for the event.
    - He also suggested that next year we form committees to organize volunteers to help with specific activities.
  - Breanna recognized Audrey Zanath for her invaluable help.
- Craig - The NRA was nice enough to donate some sharp looking Navy/Silver NRA-ILA caps. Tony Rich and Jerry Hooks made sure they were embroidered in time for the 2019 Conservation Camp for the Kids. [Pictures of Cap](#)

#### ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

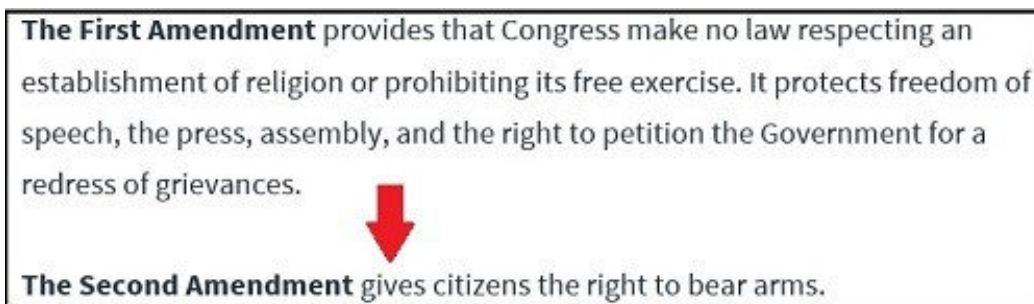
- 2019 Pennsylvania State Archery Association (PSAA) SW Regional Field / Hunter Round was held on Sunday 7/7/19. We had 32 shooters. This event reflects old time archery shooting. Everyone who came, really enjoyed themselves.
- 3-D shoots take place each Tuesday, beginning at 5:00pm, and are open to 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. No charge for this program and you don't have to be a member to participate.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Current advertising income, which subsidizes the booklet, BCSC and Hereford Manor websites, stands at \$2,390.
- Only 8 clubs, out of 16 have participated. That's 50% participation.
- Frank - Introduced a tri-fold handout pamphlet, an inexpensive introductory piece to the league.

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- We just celebrated America's 243 anniversary of its founding. From the Declaration of Independence:
  - We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights . . . . The Founding Fathers recognized that these rights needed to be secured, and defended. Do we recognize that? And if we do, are we taking any steps to help secure them? Why would we need to do this?
  - With one entire political party, the majority of the news media, the entertainment industry, our universities, etc. etc. doing everything they can to tear down the fabric of what has made America great, morality, faith in God, control of our borders, the 2nd Amendment a strong military and others. It falls to those of us who are still proud of our country to secure our rights. [The Kaepernick / Nike issue](#). The NY Times July 4th celebration video, "[Please Stop Telling Me America Is Great](#)" are a couple more examples.
- So how do we defend our liberty? At this point at least, we make our voices heard. Any way we can, as often as we can. Here's one small way to do this.
- Pro-rights blogger and long-time Second Amendment activist David Codrea spotted an egregious error in the White House's description of the Bill of Rights, where they state that the Second Amendment gives citizens the right to bear arms. This appears to be a holdover from the Obama White House, however when we have an administration promising to protect our Second Amendment rights, this error cannot be left unchallenged.



- As stated by the Framers, and what every gun owner should know, the Second Amendment protects a preexisting individual right to keep and bear arms. It doesn't "grant" or "give" anything. [Go to this link to sign the petition](#)
- [Original email from the Arizona Defense League.](#)

- Even with all of the above listed groups against the founding values of America, it could still get worse. That's why we need to get busy letting our voices be heard. The news media isn't going to do it. Texas, with its 41 Electoral votes is in danger of turning blue on the political spectrum. [Texas may cost Trump 2020](#)
- It would be beneficial to do all you can to defend our rights, especially the 2nd Amendment. Take note:
  - [Violent Antifa Has Members Arming Themselves](#)
- Tony - We as gun owners should be doing more than just going to Harrisburg once a year. That good and effective to some degree, but, we continue to play defense. My idea of the "Declaration of the 2nd Amendment Preservation Act" that I mentioned last month, I'm getting a committee together, to legally enact a program, here in Beaver County, that we could get behind and be on the offense.

#### FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Absent

#### HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming classes:

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

- The Conservation District's Water Shed Specialist, Marty Warchol retired on June 25th after 19 year of service to the county.. We wish her an fulfilling retirement. Her replacement is Hannah Schrauder. [News Letter Article](#)
  - Rich - Hannah is one of our former alumni of the Youth Conservation Camp.

#### YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Absent
- Rich - YF met on June 20 at the camp.
- We received two thank you letters for our donation to Hunt of a Life Time. One from Five Points and one from a kid that went on the hunt.
- Dan is working on grants to try to get the YF trailer repaired. We acquired that trailer to turn into an educational center.
- Mike Zon, Guy, Tonya and myself attended the Hopewell Park Fest and provided free fishing all day for the kids who attended. It did storm but there were enough beaks in between showers that the kids could fish. We had a pretty good turn out for the weather the way it was.
- This year for the first time, Hopewell Township awarded two Bob Steigerwald Volunteer of Year Awards to the Father and Son Team of Richard G. Kerlin and his son (me) Richard L. Kerlin. Complete surprise to both of us. We both thought the other was getting it. Members of the Youth Foundation were in on the surprise and helped supply some of the bio information to the Township.
- Our donations to the Hunt of a Life Time helped 12 year old Adam go on a fishing trip to Canada. You can read [Adam's thank you letter here](#).
- Midland received certificate for again being a Youth Foundation Club Sponsor.
- Tonya - There are still two YF Board positions open. Only one position has an interested candidate. Monthly YF meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at the Aliquippa Club.

#### FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- No Report

#### YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- 2019 Youth Pheasant Hunt will be on Oct 12 at Raccoon State Park, Nichol Road/Doak Field. Registration with the PGC should go on line Aug 1. When it does, I'll get the link to Craig, Frank and Bob.
  - Must be a licensed junior hunter. Total number of kids will be 24 due to the limited help.
- 2019 Youth Goose Hunt will Oct 26. There will be 4 blinds with up to 16 hunters. Prospective hunters need to apply at the Beaver County Ice Arena by Oct 15. Each of the 16 youth hunters will be selected by drawing.
- 2019 Adult Goose Hunts will be Oct 28, Nov 1, 4, 8, 12, 15. Adults can bring up to 3 additional hunters with them. Prospective hunters need to apply at the Beaver County Ice Arena by Oct 15 and will be selected by drawing.
- The news release for both hunts will be going out shortly. I'll make sure Craig, Frank and Bob get a copy.
- HELP!!! Is the key to these hunts being successful, and we need more of that.

### **YOUTH FIELD DAY - Chayce**

- Saturday, July 20. Registration begins at 7am. Flag ceremony at 8:00am followed directly by Rich Kerlin's dog training. Station rotation starts at 9:00am.
- Ages 10-16. Family participation is encouraged.
- Set Up Day, Friday, July 19, starts at 12:00 noon.
- See Chayce if you would like to volunteer. I'll be contacting station leaders starting tomorrow.
- 58 kids signed up so far. Need more kids.
- The PGC has a new trailer that contains a virtual reality experience. We've added this trailer as a station to visit for the field day.
- Thank you to all clubs and individuals that already donated. [Youth Field Day Flyer](#)
- Rich - We'll be the first county in the state to have access to the PGC virtual reality trailer.

### **BANQUET - Tony Rich**

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

### **BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable**

- Tonya - Guy is working with Wayne at Dj's Quick Stop for a couple of popular guns we're looking at.
- I need \$700 to get things moving.
  - Motion to approve \$700 for the Big Knob Fair. Pine Run/BV Archers. Passed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Tony - Hereford Manor Lake (HML), The FAA will be back in touch with the PFBC on a determination on HML.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tony - the "Declaration of the 2nd Amendment Preservation Act," or whatever name the committee decides on. We, as American citizens and gun owners, have the Right, under the 2nd Amendment, it is our duty and obligation to protect that right. Any municipality in Beaver County that would make any law / ordinance that goes against the 2nd Amendment or the existing Preemption Law in Pennsylvania, they are in violation of the law. They will hear from us legally. This is what I mean when I talk about pushing back.
- So far we have, Craig, Jerry, Rich, Clint, and Bob on the committee. I'm planning on having a committee meeting before the next league meeting.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Andy - Saturday, July 6, I took the winners of the fishing derby, Zach Bailey his Dad and cousin, out for their charter fishing trip. We caught 27 walleye and limited out in 3 hours. We all had a great time and I look forward to doing this every year.
  - Tony - We really appreciate you doing all of this for these kids. Great job!
- Rich - Aug 3, is Aliquippa Club's Family Field Day. No age limit. You can register on line with the PGC.
- Rich - The Aliquippa Young Bucks have a 100 ticket raffle. \$5/ticket. Prize is a PGC deer print.
- Craig - FOAC's Fall Gun Bash is on Oct 12. Tickets are \$50. Contact Craig. [Prizes](#). This money is put to work defending all of our 2nd Amendment rights like fighting against Pittsburgh's illegal gun ban.
- Dick - Pine Run's Youth Field Day is Aug 3. Sign up is on the PGC website. [Flyer](#)
- Jim - Thanked everyone who donated to the Five Points Hunt of a Life time. It was very successful.

### **50/50 DRAWING**

- No Drawing

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- FOAC/BV Archers. 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