



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

August 1, 2019 Minutes  
Meeting Location - Midland



## 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 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	Mike Yeck
	(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 - Dave Knight, President, Midland Club

Guests - Dennis Nichols, Steve Necaster

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Five Points/Aliquippa. 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 - Mike Yeck

- Recovering America's Wildlife Act, H.R.3742, would dedicate \$1.3 billion annually, by congress, to states to conserve troubled fish and wildlife. Pennsylvania could receive over \$30 million to better address conservation action for these species.
- Due to contractor computer issues, online purchasers of 2019-20 hunting licenses have experienced slow delivery.
- Commissioners Meeting Highlights
  - Approved the increase of the normal annual \$20,000 donation to "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" to \$55,000.
  - Final approval to dissolve the Hegins-Gratz Valley Wild Pheasant Recovery Area and adjusted the boundaries on the state's two remaining WPRAs.
  - Final approval to permit PA elk hunters to use the 6.5mm Creedmoor round and related .26 caliber firearms.
  - Adopted measure to require snares used to capture beaver and otter be equipped with approved locks.
  - Final approval to require applicants to provide proof of public hunting in seeking permits to conduct culls to manage deer in urbanized areas.
- [Mike's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## GUEST SPEAKERS

**Steve Necaster** - Running for Common Pleas Judge, Steve is currently with the Beaver County District Attorney's office and is a 2nd Amendment supporter. A member of the NRA, FOAC and Midland Club. Steve cited founding father George Mason, "To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them." We need good judges who are going to uphold the 2nd Amendment. I take that oath seriously. [Steve Resume](#) <http://stevenecaster.com>

**Dennis Nichols** - Is running for Beaver County Commissioner. Dennis retired from electrical engineering early in life and then became involved in politics in an attempt to make Beaver County, although a great place to live, an even better place to live. He sees the need to attract more business to the county to provide good paying jobs. I started hunting with my dad when I was 12 years old. I've always enjoyed the outdoors and am someone who supports the 2nd Amendment and will always do so. I'm an NRA and FOAC member. [Dennis Bio](#) [www.dennisenichols.com](http://www.dennisenichols.com)

**Tony** - I had a opportunity to speak with both of these gentlemen at our Youth Field Day. What we're mostly interested in is our gun rights and the protection of the 2nd Amendment. I can tell you this, these two gentlemen stand are for that. When you go back to your clubs, you can relate to them what you heard here.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Tony, Craig - They should be ready in time for the Big Knob Fair.

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- SB-147 which would permit the PGC to allow Sunday hunting has passed the PA Senate has been referred to the House Game and Fisheries Committee.
- The PGC is coordinating a study to understand how susceptible turkey poults are to the West Nile Virus.
- Nuisance wildlife trapping permits could cost more in the future.
- Eagles in PA are growing enough in numbers, the state does not have a firm count on how many there are.
- Craig - Called the treasurer's office at the court house and they informed him that they were processing antlerless deer license applications in a timely manner. They are up to speed.

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

### FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- No Report

## CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

## ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- 3-D shoots take place each Tuesday, beginning at 5:00pm and running until dark, 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.
- The Beaver Valley Archers Field Day this year is August 31 and Sept 1.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

## EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Advertising income for the booklet is currently at \$2,550. The booklet should be ready for the Big Knob Fair.
- Ad space is still available, but only for a short period of time.

## LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- The Right to Keep & Bear Arms holds a foundational place in the establishment and the continuation of the liberty this country provides all of us. As individuals and as a league of clubs, our interest is in passing on our heritage to the next generation, and part of that heritage is the Right to Keep & Bear Arms.
- But there are so many individuals and organizations working to destroy this Constitutional Right. So much so that we find ourselves in a cultural war. Those we oppose had a champion in Saul Alinsky who wrote the book, "Rules for Radicals." In that book is listed the "Eight Levels of Control to Create a Social State." As you read this list, think of how each one of them has been or is being implemented.
  1. Healthcare – Control healthcare and you control the people
  2. Poverty – Increase the Poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.
  3. Debt – Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.
  4. Gun Control – Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state.
  5. Welfare – Take control of every aspect of their lives (Food, Housing, and Income)
  6. Education – Take control of what people read and listen to – take control of what children learn in school.
  7. Religion – Remove the belief in the God from the Government and schools
  8. Class Warfare – Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to take (Tax) the wealthy with the support of the poor.
- Does any of this sound like what is happening to the United States? [Link to Article](#)
- In light of what recently came out in Senate committee hearings, I'd like to concentrate on #6 in regards to what people read and listen to.
  - Senior Research Psychologist Dr. Robert Epstein, on July 16th, testified at a senate subcommittee on Google and Censorship. Google's bias in search results gave at least 2.6 million additional votes to Hillary Clinton in 2016. And in the 2020 election if Google, Facebook, Twitter and big tech's manipulation, there are 15 million votes on the line that can be shifted without peoples knowledge, and without leaving a paper trail for authorities to trace.
- We are being controlled in ways we aren't even aware of. This is important, because this control is what takes place prior to the loss of freedom which ultimately leads to confiscation of our firearms.
- [Link to 7 minute video](#) of Dr. Robert Epstein testifying before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, chaired by Senator Ted Cruz.

## FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Youth fishing derby at the boardwalk on the Beaver River, no charge. Sponsored by Reddi Bait and the Church of the Living Christ. 4 to 12 year old children.
- Saturday August 24, 9:00am till 12:00pm
- 724-728-2057 for Registration

## HUNTER EDUCATION - Mike Yeck

- Upcoming classes:

8/24/19	Pine Run Club	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
9/19/19 & 9/20/19	Rochester Club	5:30pm - 9:00pm
9/23/19 & 9/24/19	Ambridge Club	5:30pm - 9:00pm
9/28/19	Aliquippa Club	9:00am - 4:00pm

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Committee met July 18 at Aliquippa Club. 5 present, 5 absent, 2 empty seats. Andy Theodore is interested in running for one of the open seats.
- There were over 7,700 hits on our Facebook page before the youth field day.
- Dan is continuing work on the grants for the trailer.
- Five Points Hunt of a Lifetime (HoLT) fund raiser income totaled, \$21,034. This includes the YF donation. Guy read portions of a thank-you letter from a young cancer patient who was a recipient of a HoLT hunt.
- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rochester Club for their support of the youth foundation.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- No Report

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Pheasant Hunt at Raccoon State Park
  - 2019 Youth Pheasant Hunt will be on Oct 12 at Raccoon State Park, Nichol Road/Doak Field. Initial registration with the PGC at: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/146569>
  - Must be a licensed junior hunter. Total number of kids will be 24 due to the limited help.
  - Registration/check in at the hunt, 7:00am. Safety Briefing, 7:30am. Hunts begin at 8:00am
  - Will have a sign up sheet for help at the September league meeting. It takes a minimum of 24 people to put this event on. I need bird planters and mentors.
- Controlled Goose Hunt at Brady's Run Park
  - 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 on October 17 at noon.
  - 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 on Oct 17 at noon.
  - Blind set up date will be announced. Please consider helping out.
- HELP!!! Is the key to these hunts being successful, and we need more of that.
- [Rich's Report](#)

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Jerry, Chayce

- Jerry - Reviewed Chayce's request to do the YFD as his senior project. Chayce helped with the planning, organization and soliciting of a number of planning meetings for the YFD. Prizes, food, stations etc. A lot of thanks goes out to Tonya and Guy who helped Chayce to be successful with this project. If I was asked to grade Chayce on all he did for this event, I'd have to give him and A+.
- Things went very smoothly thanks to all the volunteers and donations from clubs and individuals. If you take back one thing to your clubs, take back a BIG THANK-YOU from Chayce and myself for all the donations. From ammo to door prizes, the water, handouts for the different stations, all added to the day. Special thanks to Midland club for the use of their grounds. There aren't too many clubs that we could pull and event like this off.
- Chayce - Thanked everyone who helped get him graduated. And thanked Jerry for his help and encouragement.
- Tony - Gave a special thanks to Chayce, Jerry and their committee for handling everything as well as they did.

BANQUET - Tony

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Tonya - Has a sign up sheet for volunteers to help at the fair. Everything else is fine, I just need people to sign up to help. And if you can't sign up, just show up. We'll be there every day from 4:00pm to 11:00pm, except Saturday, and then we'll be there from 11:00am till 11:00pm. The fair runs from August 27, to August 31, Tuesday through Saturday.
- Thanks to George Klinger for setting us up with all the candy for the kids, we can use. The kids are going to love it.
- We're raffling off: First prize is a Ruger American Camo with a bronze coated barrel and action. Second prize is a pair of binoculars. Third prize is fishing tackle. We're also doing a 50/50.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Tony - Hereford Manor Lake (HML) The FAA came back with its determination that the 77' high dam will not interfere with any flight patterns going in and out of the Zelenople airport and is approved under two conditions. 1) The dam has to have a 24 maintained blinking light on breast of the dam. 2) Handle the bird population on the water that the lake will attract.

## **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**

- Craig - You've all heard about the lawsuit FOAC has against Pittsburgh City Council for passing illegal gun control laws for the city. Lawsuits are expensive. FOAC gets money in two ways. Membership and gun bashes. If you're not a member, help out and join. If you don't have a FOAC gun bash ticket, I have some with me. [Gun Bash Prizes.](#) [FOAC Application](#)
- Craig - We've collected \$2,550 through advertising in the league booklet. But only 8 out of the 16 league clubs contributed to this. That's only 50% participation.
- Craig - At the youth field day, I happened to find out, that out of the eight, \$100 tickets the league purchased for volunteers to attend the Turkey Federation Banquet, only one individual actually bothered to attend. The league wasted \$600. This is an example of how people tend to view other peoples money under socialism, they don't appreciate it. The topic Bob talked about. It was only \$600 because Tony manned up and reimbursed the treasury for his ticket because his business interfered with him attending the banquet.
- Vic - Hopewell VFW Gun Club is facing community opposition because of the shooting noise. The club could be shut down.
- Dan - George Sullivan's wife Carol had surgery this morning to have a cancerous tumor removed from her liver. Please keep George and Carol in your prayers.
- Mike - Tony's doing his wild game dinner at Aliquippa Club, next Friday, August 9, starting at 6:00pm.
- Jerry - This is the best financial shape the league and the YF have been in for a long time. We're starting to do things a little bit smarter. The booklet advertising is just one example. But when only 8 out of 16 clubs participate, it looks like those clubs are not getting the message taken back to them. Delegates, make sure you go back to your clubs and drive all these messages home. The delegate position is a very important job. Please try to do it the best way you can.
- Rich - Aliquippa Club's The Ultimate Family Field Day is this Saturday starting at 8:00am. We still have openings.
- Rich - Aliquippa Club's Young Bucks Raffle goes off this Saturday. I have a few tickets left. Proceeds support the Young Bucks
- Mike - I attended the Council of Governments for Beaver County. A lot of valuable information came out that the league could get involved with. We should try to have a league representative attend next year.
  - Tony - Asked Mike to be the committee chairperson for this.

## **50/50 DRAWING**

- No Drawing

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- FOAC/Aliquippa. Passed. 9:30pm

**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