



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

October 3, 2019 Minutes  
Meeting Location - Conway



## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Harcher	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Guy Cable		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	A	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	David Holderny
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	A	Rochester	Jerry Hooks
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	George Sullivan
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	A	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	George Klinger		(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	A	Southside	Louie Muller
	(Alt)	Rich Wall		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
P	Conway	Brian Lippert	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None	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 - Brian Lippert, Delegate Conway Club

Guests - Beaver County District Attorney Dave Lozier, Beaver County Sheriff Tony Guy, Jack Wiseman, BV Archers

Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve. B.V. Archers/Five Points. Passed.

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Pine Run/Ambridge. Passed.

## ELECTION - October

- Rich Kerlin, Vice President and Mark Benzio, Treasurer were up for election this month.
- Tony asked for nominations from the floor. There were no additional candidates.
- The Secretary cast 1 ballot for Rich Kerlin for Vice President and 1 ballot for Mark Benzio for Treasurer. Both men will hold these offices for the next 2 years.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## STATE AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Because of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) rules, Pennsylvania hunters most likely can not bring harvested deer, elk mule deer or moose home without first removing the carcass parts with the highest risk of transmitting CWD.
- A CWD Response Plan, available for viewing at [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov) is in draft form and public comments on this plan will be accepted until 2/29/20.
  - Potential actions could include expanded deer seasons, the removal of deer-antler point restrictions and increased allocations of antlerless deer licenses.
- Through 2018, 250 free ranging CWD positive deer have been detected within the state - 246 of them within Disease Management Area (DMA) 2 in south-central PA.
- Fluorescent orange requirements have been simplified by eliminating the requirement to wear fluorescent orange:
  - Any time while archery hunting for deer, bear or elk
  - Fall turkey hunters
- Hunting in CWD areas requires:
  - Harvested deer be taken to a cooperating taxidermist or deer processor associated with the DMA they were taken in.
  - If hunters wish to process their own deer and would like to transport low risk parts outside of that DMA, they may stop by one of the many disposal sites within the DMA.
- Sunday hunting is still NOT Legal in PA. [Mike's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Raccoon Lake trout stocking, originally scheduled for today has been moved to Oct. 30. Meet at the park office at noon. Water temperature needs to be 68° or below. Currently the water temperature is 74°.
- Brady's Run Lake trout stocking is scheduled for Nov. 19. Meet at the Ice Arena at 1:00pm
- Oct 21 and 22, is the PFBC Quarterly Board Meeting in Harrisburg.
- This summer a 20" blue catfish was caught in the Ohio River near Baden. It's been around 100 years since blue catfish have been caught in PA.
- An invasive snakehead fish was caught on the Monongahela River near Kennywood.
- Trout Unlimited is hosting a Veterans Family Fish Program at Spring Creek Fisherman's Paradise on Oct 13, and Oct 27.
- This is now the extended trout season, which is from Sept 3, to Feb 28. This means creel limits to go 3/day in all trout stocked waters.
- Steelhead are still on the lake. They're not moving up the mouths of the streams yet, not enough water. [Jeremy's Report](#)

## GUESTS

### BEAVER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY - David Lozier

The misuse of firearms gives us all a bad reputation. My office is very aggressive in prosecuting the illegal possession and misuse of firearms. We keep the felonies as felonies. We aggressively work with the federal government to ensure we have the maximum sentence possible for someone who uses a firearm while committing a crime.

The other side of this issue is when someone properly uses a firearm in self defense. I make the decision on prosecuting. We have not prosecuted a number of individuals who have stood their ground and appropriately used their firearm. But we have prosecuted some who have used their firearms inappropriately. One man got into a fight, went to his car to get his gun and came back to the scene and used it. He was prosecuted.

### BEAVER COUNTY SHERIFF - Tony Guy

Dave talked about a couple of issues regarding the proper use of firearms and weapons in defense of yourself and others. A couple of times a year, Mr. Lozier and I put on a "Concealed Carry Seminar, hosted by our state legislators. I looked at the Legislative hand out for tonight and noticed all the legislators in our area have an A or A+ rating from FOAC. These are our friends and they understand gun rights and gun laws and what we're trying to do with educating the public.

This Saturday at North Sewickley Fire Hall, we're going to be doing another one hosted by State Representative Aaron Bernstine at 10:00am till noon. It's a great opportunity to go over cases like Mr. Lozier just mentioned. We get tons of really good questions. So if you have any questions on the legal aspect of using a firearm in self defense, this is a chance to ask them. Coffee and donuts are provided. We have our equipment with us so renew your concealed carry permit, or get your concealed carry permit for the first time.

I have pictures of the Beaver County group at the 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg last year. I'll leave them with Tony.

Mr Lozier and I are running for reelection this year. I believe both of us have represented 2nd Amendment supporters, people who believe in gun rights in Pennsylvania and Beaver County well. We expect to be endorsed again by FOAC.

Also, if you would be interested in us attending your monthly club meeting between now and the election, we would be happy to do so. I want to come out and answer questions from your members.

Pay attention to the FOAC voters guide when it comes out. The people who are on that guide are the ones you should be supporting in this election. It's important for us to get that endorsement from FOAC.

#### AFTER MEETING FOLLOW UP - Bob Oles

Both District Attorney David Lozier and Sheriff Tony Guy have been endorsed by Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC) For FOAC Voters Guides, go to: <https://foac-pac.org/Voter-Guide>

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent
- [Booklet](#) [Trifold Brochure](#)

#### GAME - Mike Harcher

- Absent

#### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Absent

#### FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- No Report

#### FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- No Report

#### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

#### ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Christmas Archery Shoot. Saturday, Nov 16, 2019, 8:00am-2:00pm. 600 round indoor archery shoot.
  - BVA has partnered with the New Sewickley Twp. Police Department and their "Give a Christmas Program." They will use your registration fees and donations to purchase gifts for our local kids.
- 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

- Absent

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- This is going to be a review of the PA State Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on crime and firearms held in Harrisburg Sept. 24 & 25.
- Out of about 15,000 members of the clubs that belong to the BCSCS we had 5 people travel to Harrisburg and attend these meetings.
- Out of 5 million gun owners in PA, of which over 1 million are concealed carry license holders, 200 to 250 2nd Amendment activists showed up. And this was considered a decent showing.
- Each hearing was scheduled to last 3 hours. 9am - noon on Tuesday and 1pm - 4pm on Wednesday. Each meeting hosted 7 to 9 panels or groups of individuals who testified for their position. Basically those who want more gun control and those who believe the violence problem solution lies elsewhere and more gun control will just limit the freedoms of the law abiding while doing nothing to solve the problem or actually make it worse.
- Time control was horrible. Anti-gun groups testified first and took all the time they wanted, while pro-gun testifiers, toward the end of the hearing were cut short. Nationally recognize expert on firearms and crime, Dr. John Lott, who flew in from Nevada at his own expense, was given 5 minutes for his portion. That was a travesty.
- The gun control crowd, at the last minute, scheduled a news conference in the hallway just outside of the entrance doors to the hearing room, to begin shortly before the hearing room doors were opened. This necessitated the 2nd Amendment

supporters be moved away from the area. This was an attempt to enhance their opportunity to gain first entrance into the hearing room for their people and perhaps prevent 2nd Amendment supporters access. But thanks to the intervention of State Representatives Stephanie Borowicz and Valerie Gaydos with the Capitol Police, this tactic did not work.

- What will be the outcome? As Kim Stolfér wrote in his latest news letter, “Only time will tell. But one thing is abundantly clear, if there had not been such an overwhelming turnout of gun owners, the messaging of the anti-gun groups, Ceasefire PA and Mom’s Demand Action would have dominated the airwaves and the attention of legislators.” [Link to Kim’s news letter.](#)
- When these hearings come up, you, as a law abiding 2nd Amendment supporter, are needed. As many people as possible need to attend and show these anti-gun legislators and groups that we will fight to keep our Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms. Yea, it’ll cost you a couple of bucks. BUT, WHAT IS FREEDOM WORTH TO YOU?
- There is some good legislation. HB-1066 passed the House Judiciary Committee. This legislation will strengthen preemption law that currently exists by providing for the recovery of legal fees if communities that pass illegal gun laws lose in court.
  - Attached is a list of our area’s State Representatives. Please call and email them to let them know you support this legislation. [Representatives List](#) [HB-1066 talking points item #1](#)
  - This would be a big help in instances like we have going on in Pittsburgh with Mayor Peduto’s illegal gun ordinances for the city.
  - Concerning this lawsuit, FOAC’s weekly email on its status included a plea for financial help to see this fight through. Please consider helping out this cause, which is actually helping you as a gun owner. [FOAC Email](#)
- The bottom line is, the only way we can get these anti-gun politicians off our backs is to vote them out of office. If you don’t vote, you don’t have a voice. You’re not doing yourself or your fellow 2nd Amendment supporters any favors by not voting. And the first step you should make before you cast your ballot is to consult the FOAC Voters Guides. They support pro-gun candidates. [Link to FOAC Voters Guide](#)

#### HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming classes:  
11/7/19 & 11/8/19      Concord United Methodist Church      6:00pm - 9:30pm

#### CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Dick Smith

- George Sullivan resigned from his position on the board of the Conservation District due to health issues. Dick Smith is on the Conservation District board and will give this report in the future.

#### YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Guy - Reviewed the YF meeting minutes.
- Tony - In the future the Youth Foundation will donate directly to the Beaver County Conservation Shooting League to support youth shooting with that league.
  - Motion for the Youth Foundation to donate \$300 directly to the Beaver County Conservation Shooting League for youth trap shooting. Pine Run/Midland. Passed.
- [Youth Foundation Meeting Minutes](#)

#### 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, 2107 State Road 168, Georgetown PA 15043.
  - Initial registration is with the PGC at: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/146569>
  - Must be a licensed junior hunter. Although the hunt is currently full, you can still go on the registration website and get on the waiting list.
  - Check in at the hunt, 7:00am. Safety Briefing, 7:30am. Hunts begin at 8:00am. Help needs to be there by 7:30am.
  - Still need help. We need bird planters and mentors. Mentors need to have their hunting license but do not need to have a pheasant stamp. Bird planters don’t have to have anything.
  - George Sullivan will be there for the bird cleaning. This is a good educational portion of the hunt.
  - Need donuts, hot chocolate and water from the youth foundation.
  - We’ll have signs posted for directions to the site.
  - [Rich’s Pheasant Hunt Report](#)
- Controlled Goose Hunt at Brady’s Run Park
  - 2019 Youth Goose Hunt will be 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.

- Any youth 16 or older must have a federal duck stamp.
- 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 is Wednesday Oct. 16. Meet at the Public Works Building on Rt. 51 at 8:00am.
- HELP!!! Is the key to these hunts being successful, and we need more of that. Contact Rich at [kerlinkanine@aol.com](mailto:kerlinkanine@aol.com) or 724-601-6974
- [Press Release](#) [Hunter Application](#). [Rich's Goose Hunt Report](#)

**YOUTH FIELD DAY** - Jerry

- Absent

**BANQUET** - Tony

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

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

- Total income = \$4,429. Net to league = \$3,039.
- Over the 5 years that Guy, Tonya, Chayce, and all of the helpful volunteers that have been doing the Big Knob Fair, they've raised over \$12,000. [Guy's Report](#)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- The cost to purchase the new BCSCCL hats that we will sell for profit is \$8.25/ea. 48 hats = \$396.
  - Motion to purchase hats. Pine Run/B.V. Archers. Passed.
- The Hereford Manor Lake restoration project is moving along. The geographical study for the proposed dam placement site will be completed by January 1, 2020

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The letter to Walmart voicing our concern about their change in policy concerning firearms and ammunition was sent and was read to the group at the meeting.
  - [Letter to Walmart](#) [Walmart Announcement Article](#)

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Vic - Thanked those who spent their time and money to travel to Harrisburg for the Senate Judiciary Committee meetings on gun control. They're defending all of us.
- Tim - Showed the new shirt for Ambridge Club celebrating their 85th anniversary. \$10/ea. It has the Ambridge logo and the Conservation League logo on it. Contact Tim Watson. 724-766-0372. [hyperbuzzin@yahoo.com](mailto:hyperbuzzin@yahoo.com) [Shirt Picture](#)

**50/50 DRAWING**

- No Drawing

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Aliquippa/Pine Run Passed. 9:20pm

**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