



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

November 7, 2019 Minutes
Meeting Location - Beaver Falls Club



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Mike Harcher		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	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
A	Conway	Brian Lippert	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	A	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None	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 - Bob Miller, President, Beaver Falls Club

Guests - Jack Wiseman, BV Archers

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

Treasurer's Report -

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

ELECTION - October

COMMUNICATIONS

- Mike Harcher, and his Mother Donna Harcher, sent a very moving [Veterans Day card](#) to the league, thanking all Veterans, and especially those in the league for their service and sacrifice to our country.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Absent

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

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

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Absent

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Absent

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- The date for the 2020 Youth Fishing Derby is May 2nd.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- The PFBC is discussing the possibility of stocking the Ohio River, at the mouth of the Beaver River, with blue catfish next fall.
 - From October's meeting minutes - 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 Pennsylvania.

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 its "Give a Christmas Program." They will use your registration fees and donations to purchase gifts for our local kids.
 - Gift donations will also be accepted.
- 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.
- We started our Junior Olympics program on Sundays at 11:00am to 2:00pm. You need to be a member of the club and there is a fee. Kids from 11 to 17 years old are welcome. For more information call Ron Roth 412-931-6153.
- Walt told us about a fellow archery hunter who stayed out hunting too late and had trouble finding his way back out of the woods in the dark. He became disoriented and lost some of his equipment. Fortunately he wasn't hurt. Be aware of your surroundings and how much daylight you have left when you're out hunting.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Reminded us to email any information about their clubs that they want posted on the league's website

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Out of the 11 pro gun candidates on the FOAC voters guide for Beaver County, 7 were elected. That's a 63% win.
- Samuel Adams of Boston TEA Party fame said, "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote . . . that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."
 - Not everyone in the world has the privilege to vote. Remember what a gift God has bestowed upon us and the generations of patriots who have sacrificed to pass it on. Keep this in mind especially on this Veterans Day.
- From FOAC = Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge James ruled 'against' ALL the gun control ordinances signed into law by Pittsburgh's Mayor Peduto!

- The next step will most likely be an appeal to the Commonwealth Court and when the City of Pittsburgh loses (most likely) they will then appeal to the PA Supreme Court. This battle is likely to cost a great deal more money (which is part of the aim of Everytown) 'and' take at least two more years in the courts.
- Any financial help you can spare will be greatly appreciated.
 - Personal donations can be made out to: Firearms Owners Against Crime or FOAC
 - Company or Club donations can be made out to: Allegheny County Sportsmen's League or ACSL
 - Either donation can be mailed to:
 - Herb Ohliger
950 Lindsay Rd Carnegie PA 15106
 - Put: Pittsburgh Preemption Lawsuit - in the memo line.

• [Legislative Handout](#)

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

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

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Dick Smith

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Guy - Reviewed the YF meeting minutes.
- YF meeting held 10/17/19 at Aliquippa Club. Anyone can attend these meetings
- YF election results, Guy President, Mike Zon V.P. Dan Householder Treasurer, Kristen Read Secretary
- [Youth Foundation Meeting Minutes](#)

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- For the Youth Foundation - Guy has tickets for a drawing for a PGC print of the outdoors. Tickets are \$5 each.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Pheasant Hunt was held October 12, at Raccoon State Park.
 - 20 youth were registered, 18 actually attended.
 - Out of 60 pheasants that were released, 18 were harvested.
 - Had the best turn out for help that we've had in years. You made a tremendous impact on the youth hunters of which most were first time hunters. That will go a long way with influencing them. Thank you so much for your time and effort.
 - Youth Foundation provided refreshments.
 - Thanks to Hopewell Sunoco for donating the coffee.
 - Thanks to Mark Siefert, a client of mine, for donating earplugs and shooting glasses.
 - Thanks to Vic Gurinowitsch for donating \$100 cash.
 - The league paid for the extra pheasants.
 - Recommendations for the future:
 - No juice. Limited demand.
 - No muffins, paper wrappers were littered and had to be cleaned up afterwards.
 - Every youth hunter received a league brochure and a Tri-fold informational handout about the league.
 - It was an absolutely great day!!!
- Youth Goose Hunt was held on October 26, at Brady's Run Lake. This hunt also had a great turnout for help.
 - 13 kids signed. Ended up with 2 cancelations. Used 3 out of the 4 blinds. This was the best turnout we've had.
 - Thanks to Kristen for posting the event on Facebook as early as she did, and Frank for posting it on the league website early.
 - Thanks to Mike Zon, Guy Cable, Mark Benzio for their mentoring help.
 - Thanks to the dog handlers, Pat Reilly, [The Call Reserve](#) and Matt Prepelka, [Bucks & Bows Archery Shop](#)
 - Thanks to [Delta Water Fowl](#), Dave Rager and John Delach. They provided camo hats and duck calls to all the kids.
 - Thanks to the Youth Foundation, Kristen, for providing the donuts.
 - Coffee and hot chocolate were donated by Rich Kerlin
 - Each youth hunter received a league brochure and a Tri-fold informational handout about the league.
 - There were geese on the water, but they stayed out of range. No shooting. Even so, it was a great day to see so many kids show up.
- Adult Goose hunts were held on Oct 28, Nov 1, Nov 4. They really appreciated the opportunity to hunt.
 - Only 9 adults applied so we only held 3 days of hunting even though 6 were originally scheduled. Quite a few no shows.
 - Registration went very well.

- There were plenty of geese on the water. Only 2 birds were taken.
- On the morning of Nov 1, corn was discovered near the Handicap Blind. We cleaned it up and contacted the Game Commission. We believe it was a setup by anti-hunters.
- Many thanks to the Beaver County Commissioners, Tim Ishman Director of Recreation & Tourism and the Beaver County Sheriff's Department.
- Blind set up day was Oct 17. Thanks to Mike Zon, Vic Gurinowitsch, Larry White, Bob Oles for their help.
- Overall, all hunts were very successful.
- [Rich's Report](#)

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Jerry

- Absent
- Jerry is still looking for someone to step up and learn his position and take over.

BANQUET - Tony

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The geographical study for the proposed dam placement site will be completed by January 1, 2020. If the report indicates the area being studied will support the proposed dam, then the legislature needs to approve the funds to study how much the dam will cost to build.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Craig informed us about Sean Parnell:
 - Decorated Combat Veteran, New York Times Best-selling Author, and Speaker. Retired Army Infantry Captain with the Elite 10th Mountain Division and Veteran of 485 Days of Fierce Fighting Along the Afghan-Pakistan Border, Sean Parnell's Unique Leadership Skills Welded His Platoon Into One of the Most Fierce and Effective American Fighting Units in Modern Military History.
 - He is a regular contributor on Fox News. Articulate, down to earth and engaging, Sean's leadership abilities have been called the, "gold bar standard of the post-911 Army."
 - Sean will be kicking off his Campaign for Congress in the 17th District against Conor Lamb. Sean is a very viable Republican candidate and a native of Western PA.
 - [About Sean Parnell](#)
 - Here's a little history on Conor Lamb. Out of 46 House Bills that are rated anti-gun by FOAC, Conor Lamb has voted "Yea" on 26 of them. He is following right along with the anti-gun Democrats.
- Rich - Announced the new delegate for Aliquippa Club is Guy Cable.
- Dick Bayer - A background check, which cost \$10, is required to purchase ammunition in California. This is what happens when gun owners don't get involved. [Article](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- No Drawing

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa/FOAC Passed. 8:40pm

****See next page for 2019 and 2020 meeting dates**

BCSCL 2019 Meeting Dates & Locations

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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

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Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL