



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

December 12, 2019 Minutes
Meeting Location - Five Points Club



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	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	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

	President		Vice President		Treasurer		Secretary
A	Tony Rich	P	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Ron McDonald, Five Points Secretary

Guests - None

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve. Aliquippa/Pine Rune. Passed.

ELECTION - October

COMMUNICATIONS

- South Fayette Twp. sent the league a [Certificate of Appreciation](#) for our donation to help them with their Disabled Sportsmen's Hunt, which consists mainly of disabled veterans.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- For the 2019 general elk season, 98 hunters harvested 89 elk. Estimated weight of each of the 14 bulls was 700 pounds and over. The heaviest weighed 800 pounds.
- National Wild Turkey Federation biologist, Kristen Schnepf-Giger has filled the vacant District 1 position on the PGC's Board of Commissioners. [Article](#)
- The expanded Sunday hunting law takes effect Feb. 25, 2020 and will permit hunting on three Sunday's in a calendar year. These days will be identified by the Game Commission. The biggest stipulation is, if you're hunting on private property during one of these Sunday's, you must carry with you written permission from that property owner.
- All time record bear harvest set in Pennsylvania with a preliminary number of 4,577. Record license sales contributed to this number with over 200,000 licenses sold.
- Remaining antler-less deer licenses - WMU 2A= 3113. WMU 2B = 11,494.
- [Matt's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- 2020 fishing licenses went on sale December 1. They are \$22.90 for an annual license. Multi-year licenses are also available as well as trout-salmon and Lake Erie permits.
- Reminder, beginning on November 1 and lasting through April 30, boaters are required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or on any canoe or kayak.
- The 22nd Waterways Conservation Officer cadet class is set to graduate Act 120 (Police Academy) later this month and report to Fish and Boat School in January. The class will start field training in March and graduate this summer.
- The 60th annual Pittsburgh Boat Show will be January 18th and 19th at the Monroeville Expo-Mart. The PFBC is holding a boater's safety course both days.
- 2020 trout stocking schedules are being reviewed by the WCO's.
- Jeremy is in the Air Force National Guard and will be deploying for a few months. Officer Michael Walsh will be covering this area while Jeremy is away.
- [Jeremy's Report](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- No Report
- [Booklet](#) [Trifold Brochure](#)

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Two wildlife related diseases are in the news lately.
 - Bovine Tuberculosis - Three cases have been documented in Michigan of hunters who appear to have contracted the disease while dressing deer.
 - Eastern Equine Encephalitis - Has been found in Pennsylvania.
- PGC added a new water fowl biologist, Nate Huck.
- PGC outlined a new strategy to deal with CWD. This strategy includes increase tag allocations, season extensions and removal of point restrictions.
- PGC plans to launch a study on snowshoe hares by catching and radio collaring 60 snowshoe hares to determine their movements and how they respond to various habits. This study will last two years.

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

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

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Results from the Raccoon Lake Electro-Fishing and Trap Net Survey conducted in April 2019.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Size Inches</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Black Crappie	9	5 - 9	
White Crappie	597	3 - 12	1% were over 9"
Bluegill	266	2 - 7	

Largemouth Bass	98	4 - 20
Yellow Perch	12	4 - 6
Brown Bull Head	94	8 - 16
Yellow Bull Head	9	7 - 12
Walleye	5	16 - 29
Gizzard Shad	68	Not Measured
Rainbow Trout	4	Not Measured
Carp	12	Not Measured

- The lake is on a decline since the 2008 survey, for most fish.
- 1 Walleye was 29” and 12 pounds.
- Largemouth Bass have a good quality population.
- Crappie are the most abundant fish, but their size structure continues to be poor because of competition with Gizzard Chad for food.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Applications for food license and dates for the camp have been made.
- Application dates are June 13 through June 20. I’m waiting for approval for these dates.
- Bre brought her new son, Henry, to the meeting. While she was giving her report, Rich kept Henry occupied. [Pictures](#)

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Beaver Valley Archers partnered with New Sewickley Twp. in November with its “Give a Christmas Program” to purchase Christmas gifts for our local kids. They raised over \$500.
- 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.
- Archery in the Schools program is scheduled for January 18 & 19, 2020 at New Brighton High School. Help for this event, financial and physical would be greatly appreciated.
 - Financial: Make checks out to “New Brighton Area High School Archery.” Mail to - Glenn Fillinger, 1225 3rd Ave. New Brighton, Pa 15066.
 - If you can donate your time, call Glenn at 724-847-3514, or Becky at 724-561-8043.
 - [Informational Flyer](#)
 - Motion to donate \$250 from the League and \$250 from the Youth Foundation to support the Archery in the Schools program. Pine Run/Aliquippa. Passed.
- 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.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Any information you would like posted before the end of the year, please send it directly to Frank Kelly at itame@verizon.net My computer is in for upgrades and I won’t have it back for a while.
- If you submit pictures for an event, please keep the maximum number of pictures you send to us at 24.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- The State of Virginia, now entirely run by truly insane Democrats is proposing a new 2020 law, SB64, [Link to Bill](#) which will be taken up by the Senate beginning January 8, 2020. [Link to Article](#)
 - The law would instantly transform all martial arts instructors into criminal felons.
 - In fact, according to the language of the law, just “one” person learning such arts is a felony crime, which means that watching a DVD on Krav Maga would be a felony crime.
 - It would also criminalize all firearms training classes, including concealed carry classes.
 - It would even criminalize a father teaching his own son how to use a hunting rifle.
 - Suddenly, the citizens of Virginia find themselves living under extremist left-wing tyranny. The thing about tyranny is that you can sleep your way into it, but history has shown that you have to fight your way out of it.
 - If you live in Virginia or any other state where left-wing tyrants are trying to criminalize self-defense, read this important guide on how to [get your own county declared a “2A Sanctuary”](#) for human freedom and safety.
 - All this tyranny being unleashed against the citizens of Virginia, by the way, will soon be enforced across the entire country if the Democrats take the White House in 2020.
 - You think it might be time for more patriots and gun owners to get off their butts and get busy fighting this encroaching tyranny?

- The Pilgrims, of course, were the first to celebrate Thanksgiving. But they only could celebrate after they abandoned socialism – the socio-political-economic system that many of the Democrats running for their party's nomination for president in 2020 now espouse. [Link to Article](#)
 - Our way of life in the United States is being attacked on numerous fronts. Gun control, which is not about guns, but about control, is only one of those fronts. Socialism is another. Reducing the standard of living reduces the resources needed to resist the encroachment of tyranny.
 - Take the lesson of the pilgrims to heart. When you hear socialism being pushed, recognize it for what it is, an unworkable economic system being used to attack our way of life on the same order as gun control.
- Rich - Tony's been working on a patriot act to protect Beaver County from any lawmaker who would try to pass a law that conflicts with the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution or the laws, such as preemption of the State of Pennsylvania. Counties in Florida and Virginia and other states, have become 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Counties with the help of Gun Owners of America.

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent
- Rich - Classes are pretty much done for the year.
- If you want to schedule a class for next year, call George 724-601-4701.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Dick Smith

- Absent
- Rich - There will not be a Maple Syrup Festival in 2020.

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Guy still has a few fund raising tickets left. Sellers, please return any ticket stubs you may have.
- We didn't have a meeting last month due to not having a quorum. We don't have a meeting in December.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Still working on getting a good quality hat for the league.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Jerry

- Absent
- Mike Zon - Reserved the same virtual reality trailer that we used in 2019 from the Game Commission for the scheduled Youth Field Day on July 18, 2020.

BANQUET - Tony

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Rich - The core-sample drilling for Hereford Manor Lake Dam has been completed and is at the lab for analysis. The results should be in by the first of the year and those results will determine where the dam can be located.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Dick Bayer - Any idea who put the corn around one of the league's goose blinds at Brady's Run Park? This was apparently done to discredit and disrupt the league's youth goose hunt.
 - Rich - Have not found out who did this. It certainly looked intentional.
- Rich - The Allegheny Chapter of Delta Water Fowl has been helping us out in a number of areas. Also, they are putting on a Veterans EMS Hunt at Presque Isle this month. This is for any Veteran or Emergency Responder.

- Guy - Next to the virtual reality trailer at the Youth Field Day, the Delta Water Fowl station was the most popular.
- Mark - Has tickets for the Midland Club Gun Bash to be held on May 3, 2020. \$40/ticket. [Prize List](#)
- Mike - Was asked to play “Taps” this past Pearl Harbor Day- Saturday, December 7, 2019, at a brief memorial at Beaver Cemetery for the first Beaver County Serviceman killed in action in World War II. Some believe, possibly the first American serviceman killed in WW II. We also honored all the servicemen from Beaver County (15) who were at Pearl Harbor that terrible day.
- Dick Bayer - A friend of mine shot a bear with a muzzle loader, in Lawrence County, from a tree stand. He climbed down to take a picture but left his muzzle loader up in the tree stand. When he got down he discovered that he had only wounded the bear because it was gone.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$50 Won by Dick Ward

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- FOAC/Ambridge. Passed. 8:52pm

BCSCL 2020 Meeting Dates & Locations **Bold = Confirmed**

January 2	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 7	Southside	Sept 10	Ambridge
February 6	Rochester	June 4	Pine Run	Oct 1	Conway
March 5	Rochester - North Boroughs Hosting	July 2	Rochester BVRPC Hosting	Nov 5	Beaver Falls
April 2	B.V. Archers	Aug 6	Midland	Dec 10	Five Points

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL