



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

September 5, 2019 Minutes
Meeting Location - Ambridge



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Mike Harcher	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Guy Cable		(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	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(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 - Tim Watson, Delegate Ambridge Club

Guests - David Drewnowski, Mayor of Ambridge

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

Treasurer's Report -

- Motion to approve, Aliquippa/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

- Archery season starts in WMA 2B on Sept 21.
- Please call the regional office of the PGC if you know of anyone using bait to attract game. 724-238-9523.
- Next meeting of the PGC Board of Commissioners is Jan 26 - 28, 2020 at the Harrisburg headquarters.
- PGC is partnering with Penn Vet over White-nose syndrome, Chronic Wasting Disease, and West Nile Virus. Testing times for samples from suspected diseased animals will be shortened with this partnership.
- The third annual Wild Pheasant Youth Hunt, will be held at the Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area on Nov 2nd and Nov 9th. Applications are due by Sunday Sept 15th.
- 38 permits will be issued to licensed junior hunters between the ages of 12 and 16.
 - Apply online at: <https://pgcdatacollection.pa.gov/PheasantYouthHuntApplication>
- With dove season in full swing, keep in mind there are managed dove fields throughout the state available to hunt at.
 - Managed doves fields are ready: <https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/Game-Commission-Details.aspx?newsid=328>
- The PGC's survey on wild turkey sightings will end tomorrow, Sept 6.
- Antlerless deer license update: WMU 1A = 13,458. 2A = 28,373. 2B = 42,383.
 - For current antlerless deer license availability, go to: <https://www.pa.wildlifelicense.com/deeravail.php>
- [Matt's Report](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Tony - Displayed a copy of the new booklet. The Trifold brochures were a big hit at the Big Knob Fair.
- We cannot thank Frank and Craig enough for all the work they put into this. There are booklets here for you to take back to your clubs.
- Frank - Did an overview of the booklet while displaying it on the projector screen.
- [Booklet](#) [Trifold Brochure](#)

GAME - Mike Harcher

- A female barn owl and five owlets were banded in a barn on private property in Somerset County on June 14, 2019. This is the first time barn owls have been banded in the Southwest Region. [Article](#)
- The PGC is looking into regulating electric bikes on state Game lands.
- Game Warden Camp Creek teaches youngsters about role of the thin green line. [Article](#)
- HB-1188 by State Representative Parke Wentling will permit the use of thermal and night vision equipment for hunting. [Co-Sponsorship Memo](#)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- No Report

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- Absent

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Our last shoot of the year is a Mixed Scramble with 7 Field Targets, 7 Hunter Targets, 7 Three-D Targets and 7 Animal Targets. [Flyer](#)
- Our last 3-D shoot of the season will be this coming Tuesday Sept 10, from 5:00pm until dark, and is 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

- Frank covered everything in the video. I also would like to thank him for his time and effort on the booklet and brochure and everything else he does for the league.

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Welcome to the brave new world of progressive thinking. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to adopt a resolution, designating the NRA as a domestic terrorist organization. [Article](#)
- The biggest anti-gun legislation threat, in my opinion, are Red Flag laws or Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO). Why? Because a family member, the police and in some states, doctors or school officials can petition a judge to deem a gun owner mentally unfit to own firearms. The next thing the gun owner knows is the police are either knocking at his door or breaking it down to confiscate his/her firearms. No notice, no chance to face the judge or his/her accusers. Just file the petition, rights gone. Isn't there something in the 4th and 15th Amendments in our Constitution about "Due Process?"
- Something like this happened to a Florida man because of mistaken identity. Jonathan Edward Carpenter was forced to turn in his firearms because an ERPO was filed against a Jonathan Edward Carpenter but a different Jonathan Edward Carpenter [Article](#)
- A New Jersey man was visited by police attempting to confiscate his firearms because his 13 year old son was overheard at school having a conversation about what would be the best way to escape an active shooter situation at school since the school's policies were "trash". He was marked as a threat and school administration officials called the police who then came to the boy's home in an attempt to intimidate his parents into surrendering their firearms. [Video](#)
- Who can petition to have your firearms confiscated? Just about anyone who has ever lived with you. Short term, long term, family member or not. Plus police, and sometimes doctors, and school administration officials.
 - [HB-1075 Page 9, Lines 21 - 25](#)
- What determines grounds to confiscate your firearms? Eight basic categories from potential suicide, to threatening someone to, get this, animal cruelty, a recent purchase or attempted purchase of a firearm, or abuse of controlled substances or alcohol. Get happy one night and see where you might end up.
 - [HB-1075 Page 10, Lines 26 - 30, Page 11, Lines 1 - 18](#)
- State Representative Aaron Bernstine wrote a great article, "Red Flag law is not the solution to mass shootings." Here is the last paragraph of his article:
 - "The bottom line is that our constitutional rights ensure that every American — white, black, rich, poor, young, old, Republican and Democrat — is vigorously protected, in both good times and bad. We must either stand by the right to bear arms in challenging times such as this, or forfeit the right to call ourselves 'the land of the free.'" [Article](#)
- Kim Stolfer, Firearms Owners Against Crime, has a position paper on Red Flag Law legislation that is currently in the Pennsylvania State House and Senate. SB-90, SB-293, HB-1075 and HB-1028. The first paragraph:
 - "Right now, Extreme Risk Protection Orders are probably the single biggest LEGISLATIVE and Constitutional threat to the 2nd Amendment and Article 1, Section 21 which is spreading through the country." [Position Paper](#)
 - The Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee is holding hearings on behavioral health issues related to recent mass murders and ERPO's and Universal Background Checks (Universal Gun Registration) in Harrisburg on Tuesday Sept 24 9:00am to 12:00pm and Wednesday Sept 25, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. [Kim's Critically Important Update](#)
 - If there's any way you can make it, now's the time to do it. If you can only make one day, do it. If you can make both days, do it. For more information, contact Bob Oles, 724-709-5669, or roles120@reagan.com
- Tony - If the left, in this country, gets its way, they'll end up trying to take the guns away from all of us. Where will your clubs be if your guns are all gone? They would fold up. There would be no reason for your clubs to exist if no one has any guns.
 - Some might think that we're getting political, we're not. We're a group of American patriots who are standing up, within the law and taking steps to protect our freedom by making sure our government officials obey the same law as we the citizens are required to obey.
 - Set a committee meeting date for the Declaration of the Preservation Act of the 2nd Amendment and the Preemption laws pertaining to guns in Pennsylvania. Thursday, Sept 12, 7:00pm at Rochester Club.

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Absent

HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Upcoming classes:

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

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - George Sullivan

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Tony - Dan Householder sent his treasurer's report to me.

FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- Tony - Guy gave me a preliminary report that we had the best year ever, financially, at the Big Knob Fair. He will have the final report next meeting.

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 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.
 - If George Sullivan can make it, he will be there for the bird cleaning. If not, we'll need someone to step up for that station. This is a good educational portion of the hunt.
 - Need approval to purchase the additional roosters at Gobblers Knob that we do every year. Approximately \$250.
 - Motion to approve purchase: Midland/ Aliquippa. Passed.
 - Need donuts, hot chocolate and water from the youth foundation.
 - We'll have signs posted for directions to the site.
- 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.
 - 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 usually the Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the first hunt date. Will confirm that.
 - HELP!!! Is the key to these hunts being successful, and we need more of that. Contact Rich at kerlinkanine@aol.com or 724-601-6974
 - [Press Release](#) [Hunter Application](#)

YOUTH FIELD DAY - Jerry, Chayce

- See partial report under Fund Raising

BANQUET - Tony

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- Absent

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 hour maintained blinking light on the breast of the dam. 2) Control of the bird population on the water that the lake will attract.
- The PFBC then released \$150,000 to do the geological study of the proposed dam area to ensure the necessary bedrock is there with the necessary soil around the dam area. This should be completed by the end of the year.
- The DEP has already tested the water to make sure it will support aquatic life.
- The next step after the dam site is approved, our state legislators will move for the funding for the survey study and cost to construct the dam. Then the project can be put out for bid.
- We already have 13,000 signatures on a petition to restore the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rich - Proposed investing in new league hats that can be sold for a profit. Tony will check on prices and report back for approval.
- Rich - Aliquippa Club's insurance carrier is not insuring sportsmen's / gun clubs anymore, so the club is looking for a new insurance company. Because of the high profile of the recent mass shootings in the country, insurance companies are moving away from insuring any groups that deal with firearms.
 - Tony - Have you ever heard of a mass shooting at a gun club? It doesn't happen. This is just another avenue that the anti-gun groups are using to remove guns from society. That's why I continue to say, if we don't start doing something, it's just going to be one thing after another with these people and they won't stop. If we just stand by, we're going to lose it all.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Larry - Mike Symbala, who generously donated \$3,000 toward the buses for the Harrisburg rally, won a 50/50 raffle at a Pirate game. He made back what he donated to us, plus. Mike is a great guy. He would do anything for us.
- Bob - I forgot to add Forest Grove Club to the league attendance roster. Will get the updated lists out.
- Craig - After Walmart announced it will no longer sell hand gun ammunition, I called their corporate headquarters to let them know I was unhappy with their decision. I reviewed how criminals get their guns and equipment from illegal sources so it won't affect them. How K-mart suffered after they partnered with Rosie O'Donnell against guns. How Dick's Sporting Goods business is falling off after they caved to the anti-gun pressure.
 - I would like the league to send a letter to Walmart and let them know how we're not happy about their decision.
 - Motion to send a letter to Walmart: FOC/Five Points. Passed.
- Craig - Reviewed the internal spending problems with the NRA and how they are missing in action right now in supporting the 2nd Amendment.
 - Motion to send a similar letter to the NRA. FOAC/Aliquippa. Passed.
- Jim - Brought a You Tube channel, Heirs to the Outdoors to our attention. [Link](#)
- Mike - Brought Riverwise for Beaver County to our attention. [Link](#)
- Larry - New Zealand has banned numerous guns after a mass shooting there.
 - Tony - That's what they want to do in this country
- Dick Bayer - A kid in Colorado was target shooting with his mother. After he posted the video of his experience on social media he was notified that he was suspended from school until it could be determined that he was not a threat to anyone. [Link](#)

50/50 DRAWING

- No Drawing

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- B.V. Archers/FOAC. Passed. 9:20pm

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