



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

January 2, 2020 Minutes  
Meeting Location - Aliquippa 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	P	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	David Holderny
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	P	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	A	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	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

## OFFICERS

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

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Al Bouman, Club Vice President

Guests - None

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

Treasurer's Report - Absent

**ELECTION** - October

## COMMUNICATIONS

- None

## STATE AGENCIES

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Matt Kramer

- Participation in the current hunting and trapping season is down at this point because of weather. Once we get some snow activity should pick up.
- The PGC:
  - Has another bald eagle nest live stream camera. [Watch the PA Farm Country Eagle Nest Live Stream.](#)
  - The format of the Commission's quarterly meetings will change starting in January. They will take place on Friday and Saturday rather than Monday and Tuesday. This new format will provide more opportunity for public comment and better accommodate board members which should attract additional applicants for open board positions.
  - Has developed G-PAST, or Grouse Priority Siting Tool in an effort to deal with the dramatic population losses of Pennsylvania's state bird, the ruffed grouse. It will help identify priority areas where disease risk is low and the probability of grouse benefit is high. [PGC Articles on G-PAST](#)
- Delegates, see if there is interest in holding a Hunters Education class at your clubs. And or if your club is interested in having Mike Yeck or Matt Kramer visit your club for a regular meeting. Get your request for these dates in ASAP, through the regional office. 724-238-9523.
- Matt thanked Jerry Hooks for the donation of the "Robo Deer." Although it only took 20 minutes before someone shot it.
- Antlerless licenses availability. 2A = 2,375. 2B = 9,111.
- [Matt's Report](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

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

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- Although the West Nile Virus is playing havoc with the ruffed grouse population, it is not affecting the wild turkey population. This according to a study last spring by PGC biologists in cooperation with the Wild Turkey Federation. But, turkeys infected with the West Nile Virus could become carriers of the disease. Further study will be necessary to see if the disease will cross over from turkeys to ruffed grouse.
- House Bill 1772, better known as the Purple Paint Law will go into effect late January. It will allow property owners to post no trespassing notification by painting purple stripes on trees and posts along the boundary line. [Article](#)
- Hunters who missed out on their first opportunity to get antlerless deer permits to use on specific properties within Disease Management Area 3 (DMA 3) now have a second chance. [Article](#)
- PA State Representative Kurt Masser has sponsored House Bill 2043 which would allow hunters to choose to wear either blaze pink or blaze orange when afield. [Article](#)
- Will climate change affect the deer population in PA? One study suggests it will create conditions more favorable for deer but less favorable for hunting. [Article](#)

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- PA is lagging behind in its commitment to its Chesapeake Bay clean up goals. Legislation is moving forward that would pay private organizations to reduce nutrient pollution in bay drainage.
- Mike is involved in Penn State Extension in the water quality area. If you have questions concerning water quality you can talk to Mike. 724-378-7642. Or [spearcatcher73@outlook.com](mailto:spearcatcher73@outlook.com)
  - [Links to water quality resources](#)

### FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- The date for the 2020 Youth Fishing Derby is May 2, from 8:00am till noon, at Hopewell Community Park. Mike asked that the normal budget of \$1,750 for this event be approved.
  - Motion to approve \$1,750 for the 2020 Youth Fishing Derby, Pine Run/Aliquippa. Passed.

### FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- No Report

### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent
- From last month's meeting - Application dates for this year's youth camp are June 13 through June 20. I'm waiting for approval for these dates

### ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- 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.
  - If you have banners you want to put up bring them with you.
  - Financial: Make checks out to "New Brighton Area High School Archery." Mail to - Glenn Fillinger, 1225 3rd Ave. New Brighton, Pa 15066.
    - Pine Run Club made a donation to help with this program.
  - If you can donate your time, call Glenn at 724-847-3514, or Becky at 724-561-8043.
  - [Informational Flyer](#)
- Our Junior Olympics program is 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.
  - There will be 135 kids at our club this week-end participating.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- The 2020, 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg will be on Monday June 8. This year the rally will be held outside.
- Both of our websites, the league and Hereford Manor, need enhancements for security reasons and posting for informational material to them. Upgrades will cost around \$1,000 for each website. This funding also includes money for printing the BCSCCL booklets and flyers.
  - Motion to approve \$1,000 to upgrade each website. B.V. Archers/Green Valley. Passed.

### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- This is all about what's happening right now, in Virginia, since both the Virginia State Senate and House went Democrat with the current Democrat Governor. And as I go over this information, please understand that Pennsylvania is in a similar position as Virginia was, before their last election. The same thing could happen here, next year, if gun owners don't get up and get active in the 2020 elections. [Meeting Handout](#)
- Here's the summary on what's happening in Virginia [Article on following information](#)
  - With Michael Bloomberg's help, the Democrats took over the Virginia state congress.
  - There's an anti-paramilitary bill that would disallow armed people to gather or teach others how to use firearms or any technique that could cause injury or death. [Article](#)
  - There's a bill that would make semi-automatic weapons illegal.
  - Nearly the entire state (aside from the highly populated areas that elected these yahoos) has balked and formed Second Amendment sanctuaries.
  - A legislator threatened the sanctuaries with the National Guard.
  - The sanctuaries responded by activating organized militias.
- The Governor proposed increased prison spending to jail gun owners that won't comply with new unconstitutional gun laws. [Article](#)
- Virginia Governor requested a special 18-officer team to enforce gun ban. [Article](#)
- Virginia's Attorney General (AG) Mark Herring, wrote an advisory opinion (AO) that says Second Amendment resolutions have 'no legal effect.'
- Senior Vice President, Erich Pratt of Gun Owners of America (which is headquartered in Virginia) along with the President of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, Philip Van Cleave, wrote a response to the AG's AO that in essence states:
  - These officials appear to believe that blind obedience is required irrespective of whether a law violates the U.S. Constitution, the Virginia Constitution, or is manifestly destructive of the pre-existing rights of the People of Virginia. This radical view is demonstrably false, and ignores the significance of the fact that local officials are required by law to take an oath to support the federal and state constitutions above the laws enacted by the General Assembly.
  - This is an 11 page response. If you only read one page of it, read the conclusion starting on page 11.
  - [GOA / VCDL Response](#)
- To say this is getting serious is an understatement. Gun owners, in Pennsylvania and the entire nation need to drive, walk or crawl if necessary to the primary and general elections this year. And an understanding of which party is promoting the majority of these gun control bills will guide you in your voting.

- To give you an idea of what we're up against - AmmoLand published a Zogby Poll of likely Democrat Primary voters and discovered that 36% of those voters approved of confiscation of legally owned firearms from American Citizens who have not committed a crime. These are the Americans who really do want to take your guns. [Article](#)
- And if you bird hunters and trap shooters thought your shotguns were safe, think again.
  - From the Sportsmen's Alliance, "Georgia Legislation Bans Common Hunting, Sporting Guns."
  - Senate Bill 281 State Senator Donzella James, (D-Atlanta) even bans common semi-automatic shotguns used for bird hunting and trap shooting. And you think Democrat legislators in Pennsylvania aren't thinking the same way? [Article](#)
- When voting in the upcoming elections, make absolutely sure you use the Firearms Owners Against Crime voters guides that will be out before each of these elections. You can go directly to these guides at: <https://foac-pac.org/Voter-Guide>

#### HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- I'm planning on having dates and availability coordinated with Matt & Mike and should have everything altogether by the first of next month. I advise you to get your requests in early.
- All you guys should have a hunters ed class at your club.
- If you want to schedule a class call George 724-601-4701.

#### CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Dick Smith

- Last month I reported that we may not have a Maple Syrup Festival this year, but now things are looking up. We're working with a non-profit group, not the county, and looks like we may have a festival after all.
- We're still having problems with the DEP. We're trying to get our ability to do DNS studies back. We're working on rectifying the issues we are faced with.

#### YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- We didn't have a meeting in November or December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, here at Aliquippa Club.
- We did have a winner for the print on Christmas Day.
- The next ticket we do for the Youth foundation will probably be the Winchester shotgun.

#### FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- No Report

#### YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- On December 31st I took a young man who won the pheasant hunt prize at the Youth Field Day, a friend of his and both their fathers on that prize hunt. They ended up coming back with 7 pheasants. This was the first pheasant any of them had ever shot. They had a great time and appreciated the Youth Field Day. They were from the Ohioville area.

#### YOUTH FIELD DAY - Jerry

- The Field Day is scheduled for July 18, this year.

#### BANQUET - Tony

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

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

- No Report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Tony:
  - Federal tax filing for 2018 was completed by the deadline.
  - We changed tax accountants due to escalating costs at our previous accountant.
  - The core samples from the Hereford Manor Lake proposed dam site are at the lab and we're waiting for the results. Funding will be the next step if those samples come back positive. Following that, I'd like to have the Executive Director of the PA Fish & Boat Commission, Tim Schaeffer, Commissioner of PFBC District 2, Rocco Ali, the Hereford Manor Lake Conservancy group, present at this years Annual President's meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Dan - Pastor Bob is going to have his Wild Game Dinner this year on February 7 & 8 at Rochester Free Methodist Church. [Flyer](#)
- Dan - Pastor Bob has reloading equipment for sale. If you're interested, make an offer. **BUT**, if you have a grandson or granddaughter, a young son or young daughter who is interested in reloading, pastor Bob will donate the equipment. Contact Pastor Bob at: 724-312-0018 or [rcsingleton@comcast.net](mailto:rcsingleton@comcast.net)
- Rich - Reminded everyone that the 2020 dues were due last month. Those club's who's dues are not paid by the February meeting will not have a voice at league meetings until the dues are paid.

## 50/50 DRAWING

- \$60, won by Jim Farland. Jim donated his winnings to the Youth Foundation. Thanks Jim!

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

- FOAC/Ambridge. Passed. 9:15pm

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

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

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL