



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

March 5, 2020 Minutes NF  
 Meeting Location – Rochester Club  
 North Boroughs Hosting



## 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	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	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	A	Bob Oles

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome - Bob Reid, North Boroughs Club President

Guests - Sean Parnell - Republican candidate for PA 17th Congressional District.

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

Treasurer's Report -  
 Motion to approve. Aliquippa/Five Points. Passed.

**Dues** - Clubs that still need to pay their annual league dues: Sewickley and Southside.  
 Also don't forget, clubs that renew their league membership at the Platinum Level get a free Wild Game Dinner provided by Tony Rich.

## **ELECTION** - October

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- None

## **STATE AGENCIES**

### PA GAME COMMISSION - Mike Yeck

- Absent

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## **GUEST** - Sean Parnell

- Sean does not consider himself a politician. This is the first time he's run for any office. The journey that brought him to this point began on 9/11. He knew he needed to join the military, serve something greater than himself, serve his country. He became a leader in the military in Afghanistan, wounded a number of times. Wrote a NYT best seller, "Outlaw Platoon." Carries the "servant leader" concept into civilian life and will do so into his political life. His decision to run for office was made when President Trump asked him to run against Conor Lamb in PA's 17th Congressional District. Pro Constitution, pro small government, pro 2nd Amendment, pro life. "This election is not about me, it's about giving the people of Western PA a voice. I don't care about Republican, I don't care about Democrat, I care about what is right. Unlike my opponent who has voted with Nancy Pelosi 47 out of 48 times."
- [seanforcongress.co](http://seanforcongress.co)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

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

### GAME - Mike Harcher

- PGC has contracted with an outside research group to perform an aerial survey of PA's elk herd. Current estimates are at 1,000 elk in the state.
- PA is one of 23 states that are trying to reestablish Bobwhite quail habitat. One area is the Letterkenny Army Depot in Franklin County on which controlled burns will be conducted.
- Doesn't look good for the return of wild pheasants to PA. Wild pheasant habitat is estimated to have declined by 86% between 1962 and 1992.
- Evidence suggests that owls are doing more scavenging than previously thought.
- PA ranks 6th in terms of bucks harvested. The latest numbers are 147,750. From 2016 to 2018, fewer yearling bucks have been harvested which is a good sign that larger bucks will be available in the future.

### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Litter pollution along our state highways is very apparent this time of year and is increasing each year. Somehow we need to find a way to reduce this blight upon our roadways.
- Individual clubs, even the league could get involved in a roadside clean up event.
- Tony asked Mike if he would like to be the chairman of a Litter Committee.
- [Mike's Report](#)

### FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- The date for the 2020 Youth Fishing Derby is May 2, from 8:00am till noon, at Hopewell Community Park. Kids 15 years old and younger are welcome.
- Fish will be delivered the week of April 27.
  - There will be 5 tagged fish. 220 pounds of 10 to 12 inch and 178 pounds of 12 to 18 fish. Around 400 fish total which will be about 30 less fish compared to last year, due to a price increase.

- Trophies will be a little different this year. They will be - Boys most fish caught 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Girls most fish caught 1st, 2nd, 3d place.
- Andy Theodore, from Pittsburgh Downriggers club is donating a charter trip, again this year, on his boat to a winning kid.
- If you can help, let me know or stop down. 724-683-5880. [miketzon@gmail.com](mailto:miketzon@gmail.com)
- [Fishing Derby Flyer](#)

#### FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Walleye are hitting good in the Ohio and Allegheny with fishable water levels.

#### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent. Rich reported
- We're celebrating our 20th anniversary of the conservation camp this year. On Thursday night of the camp, which is family night, we'd like to have as many of the alumni campers and staff come back for that evening as we can.
- We had our first staff meeting a week ago.
- We added one new event. We'll visit an environmentally friendly farm in West Virginia.
- Camp is June 14-20, 2020 at Group Camp 2. Camper tuition is \$200.
- Staff can arrive June 13 after 3:00 pm for set up.
- Parents meeting on Sunday May 17, 6:00 pm at Aliquippa Club.
- Our goal is to have 50 campers this year. Last year we had around 30. Delegates, please work your clubs to find more campers.
- Mike Zon set up a Hunter Safety Course (required for attendance) on June 6th at Aliquippa Club for any new campers that need it.
- Like last year, we have plenty of counselors. If you know someone who wants to be one, have them send in an application and I will add them to the wait list. [Counselor Application](#) Breanna's email [bbarcaskey@gmail.com](mailto:bbarcaskey@gmail.com)
- [Camper Application](#)

#### ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- The (NASP) National Archery in the Schools program is holding a Championship Shoot at Penn State main campus on March 13, 2020. [Link](#). (This tournament has since been canceled)
- 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.
- 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.
- <http://www.beavervalleyarchers.com>

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- The website is almost up to date as of this afternoon.
- Frank gave an overview of the website and activity on it. We've had 3,930 hits on the website in the last 12 months. Last 6 months 2,000. Last 3 months over 800. The Conservation Pledge gets hits all the time.

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Absent

#### HUNTER EDUCATION - George Sullivan

- Absent
- If you want to schedule a class call George 724-601-4701.

#### CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Dick Smith

- Absent

#### YOUTH FOUNDATION - Guy Cable

- Our committee meeting was Feb 20, at Aliquippa Club. There were 6 present, 6 absent.
- Beaver County Conservation League Youth Foundation Annual Sporting Clay Fundraising Shoot. May 9, 2020 at Rochester Club. 100 targets - 15 stations. Plenty of food after the shoot. Contact Jerry for more info. 724-601-6964.
- [Flyer](#) [Youth Foundation Meeting Minutes](#)

#### FUND RAISING - Need a Chairman.

- No Report

#### YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- No Report

#### YOUTH FIELD DAY - Jerry

- The Youth Field Day is scheduled for July 18, at Midland Sportsmen's Club.
- Like the Conservation Camp, the Field Day attendance has not been what it could be. Delegates, please spread the word about this great event for our youth.
- Jerry is looking for an energetic individual to work with him and eventually take over as head of this event.

#### BANQUET - Tony

- No banquet scheduled for this year.

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

- No Report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Tony - Bad news on the Hereford Manor Lake project. According to State Rep Aaron Bernstine, the project study came in too expensive for the funds set aside for dam repairs in the state, to be used for just one dam. Instead the allocated money will be used for repairs to a number of smaller dam projects around the state.
- This year's Presidents meeting is scheduled for April 22, 7:00pm, at Aliquippa Club.
- Tony - We are still working on the Beaver County 2nd Amendment Resolution that states the sense of the county is pro 2nd Amendment. We don't want any potential jeopardy for anyone or the county so we're making sure, (as sure as we can) that this is correct.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Dave - Midland Club is having its swap meet on March 7. \$10/table. [Flyer](#)
  - There are 3 other clubs that have scheduled similar activities on the same day or in close proximity. It would be better if we could somehow coordinate our scheduling efforts to maximize turnout at each club's events.
- Is the League sending buses to the 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg this year?
  - Dave - We may have enough money in the treasury to pay for it but what about potential costs associated with 2nd Amendment Resolutions for the county and then for the townships? Maybe it would be better to hold that money in reserve in case we run into unforeseen costs.
  - Discussion continued on whether the expense for the buses is worth it or not since we still ended up with HB2060.
  - Tony - Tabled the issue. At this point it is unclear whether the League will be sponsoring buses to this year's 2nd Amendment Harrisburg Rally.
- Dan Keener - Discussed a number of changes that he would like to see implemented at the Pymatuning Propagation Area in regards to goose hunting. He offered to represent the League at the Game Commission as he works for these changes.
- Tonya - Chayce is officially scheduled for his Eagle Scout board of review on March 23. Please say a prayer for him. I want to thank all you guys in this room because you've all been like family in your support for us and for Chayce. I hope all of you will think about coming to his Eagle Ceremony and celebrating with us.
- Guy - Is selling dollar candy bars and \$3 bags of jelly beans to support the scouts.
- Five Points Club is hosting its 6th annual Hunt of a Lifetime Benefit 3D Shoot, June 13 & 14, 8:00am to 2:00pm.
  - Dan is selling \$10 tickets for a chance to win 2020 Mathews VXR Bow, or a Henry all weather with scope and gun case.
  - For more information or to sponsor a target [go to this link](#) or call 412-787-0744 or 724-601-6797.
- Rich - We now have 74 kids that belong to the Young Bucks at Aliquippa Club. We're working toward buying some light weight 20 gauge shotguns for their trap and skeet shooting. To do this we have a \$5 raffle ticket, only 250 will be sold, for a 20" Bridgestone propane grill, Yeti cooler, 10 pounds of Tony's hotdogs, 10 pounds of Tony's hamburgers, 10 pounds of Tony's sausage, and a \$25 gift card. Drawing will be the week before July 4th.
- Tim - Ambridge Spring Fest Saturday May 9. \$25,000 cash and prizes \$50/ticket. [Link](#)
- Rochester is having a gun bash this year. 1000 tickets, \$40 each. Held at the Big Knob Fair Grounds May 17, starting at 1:00pm. This will be a high end bash plus table guns. [Flyer](#)

**50/50 DRAWING**

- Larry White - \$67.50

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Five Points/Aliquippa. Passed. 9:20pm

**BCSCL 2020 Meeting Dates & Locations**

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

Thanks to Jim Farland and Vic Gurinowitsch for their help with the minutes during my absence.

Bob Oles, Secretary BCSCL