



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

August 5, 2021 Minutes
Meeting Location – Midland



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
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Clinton DeLuca		(Alt)	Ed Lamb
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forrest Grove	Mike Karkalla	A	Rochester	Dan Householder
	(Alt)	Frank Eder			Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	A	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Jack Weisman		(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	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	Jacob Lippert		(Alt)	None	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

	President		Vice President		Treasurer		Secretary
P	Tony Rich	P	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	P	Tonya Cable

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome – Midland's President, Dave Knight

GUESTS

- Bobby Berl from Aliquippa Bucktails.
- Representative Jim Marshall

Last Month's Minutes

- Motion to Approve, 5 Points / FOAC. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – see Mark Benzio

Motion to Approve, Pine Run / Beaver Falls. Passed.

ELECTION – NONE

(July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections)

Treasurer & Vice President up for election in October.

Nominating committee: Craig Holdren

- To nominate someone, contact Craig Holdren at 724-312-7463

COMMUNICATIONS

- No report

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION – Mike Yeck – [Report](#)

- 2021-22 Antlerless Hunting License fee went up \$.07
- Antlerless Licenses have been reduced by 7,000 this season
- May hold 6 doe tags at one time
- Game lands maintenance man hit by an ATV hit and run – stable and doing well now.
- Peregrine Falcon may be coming off the endangered list.
- Red tag program (Feb – October 2021), may change to correlate with the hunting license year (July 2021 to June 2022). Currently receiving red tags, may change to the land owner getting coupons. The hunter can go to the land owner to request a coupon to purchase a tag to hunt the land. May increase the tags from 1 to 4. The Hunter will be required to report (successful and unsuccessful hunts), not the land owner.
- Mentored hunters – age 7 and older can purchase their own bear license. Under the age of 7, the mentor will have to transfer their license. For waterfowl – need PA migratory bird license in addition to their hunting permit. Hunters over the age 16 still need to purchase the federal duck stamp.
- Game Commission Regulatory change – straight wall center fire cartridge is now legal in Allegheny County.
- New deputy executive director – Dave Mitchell
- Hunter Education on line classes are still available.
- Bears are everywhere – New Sewickley twp., North Sewickley twp., Franklin twp. Marion twp., etc.

Jim Marshall – Question was posed to him by a resident living in Industry regarding if PA has an Adult Mentor hunting program. Yes, PA does have a program. Adult Mentor License may be purchased but for 3 consecutive years ONLY then he must take the hunter education class and purchase an adult hunting license after the 3rd year.

Club members recommended that a suggestion be made that the individual join a sportsman club.

Attach article in the digest regarding Mentor License click [here](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Absent Absent

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Absent

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Absent

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- No report

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Racoon Creek State Park 2nd lake (behind the ranger station) is going to be drained in the fall of 2021. Anglers encouraged to keep the fish caught in that lake. See attachment for more detail.....[details](#)
- 2,000 Walleye fry put into the big Racoon Lake.

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

Camp is cancelled for 2021.

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Introductory Youth Archery every Thursday evening 7:00 – 8:45 pm. Equipment & Instructions provided. Adult supervision.
- Tuesday night through the summer – 3 D shoots.
- 3 D Field shoot – 1st Sunday of the month.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- If your club has something that needs posted on the BCSCCL website, get the info emailed to Craig Holdren at craig@craigholdren.com and Frank Kelly at itame@itame.com

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles – see attachment for details.....[handout](#)

- Discussion on David Chipman's stand on gun control and how it will affect the hunters. He wants to ban ARs. This will cause a loss of tax revenue that supports state wildlife & habitat conservation, law enforcement, hunter safety programs and other wild life uses.
- David Chipman in 2017 opposed HR3668 (Sportsman's Heritage and Recreation Enhancement Act). EVERYONE needs to call your Senator BEFORE the August recess (which is August 7th) with your stand on David Chipman.
- Pat Toomey is planning to vote against Chipman. Let Bob Casey know how you feel. *Contact information is on the last page of the handout.*
- Pat Toomey will not be running for Senator in 2022; however, Sean Parnell is planning to be one of the candidates running for Senator. Sean opposes David Chipman. If you would like to support Sean Parnell, refer to attached handout for details.
- Discussion on Connor Lamb's stand on supporting David Chipman & gun control versus Sean Parnell's stand on where he believes the country is headed if we don't make a change.
- President Biden's quote on 7/21/21 *refer to handout*
- Good read – Mark R Levin "American Marxism" Chapter 7 "We Choose Liberty!"
- Music Video by Toby Keith, "Happy Birthday America" – see last page of the handout for the lyrics.

*What will you do?
Ask God for help.*

WE THE PEOPLE – Jerry Hooks – absent

Tony Rich

- Doesn't matter your party, we are all AMERICANS first.
- Established 501C4
- Membership applications available.
- 7 people on the board at this time; however, many people attend the meetings.
- 1st draft of the "Legislative Public Servant Employee Handbook" has been complete. Many profession resources used to create this handbook.
- Remember the Politicians need us. They need our vote.
- We the People will move forward with respect, dignity and honor of being an American.
- We want to hold the politicians accountable for their actions.
- Delegates – go back to your clubs and invite your club members to the "We the People" meetings.
- Next Director's Meeting will be held at Rochester Club on 8/12/21 @ 7:00 pm
- Next Regular Meeting will be held at Rochester Club on 8/19/21 @ 7:00pm – Come and get involved!

HUNTER EDUCATION - Mike Zon

- Cable Restraint Class to be held on 8/21/21 at Ambridge Club 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Pre-register for \$15.00 at register-ed.com
- Hunter Education Classes Scheduled
 - Aliquippa Bucktails on September 18, 2021 from 9 am to 4pm
 - Baden Legion on October 2, 2021 from 9 am to 4 pm
 - Green Valley on October 9, 2021 from 9 am to 4 pm
- Hunter Trapper Education Instructors recently went through some on-line training classes.
- NRA still has the on-line classes available which may impact the attendance of in person classes.
- In 2020 - 28,025 people certified in hunter trapper education (This is a decrease from 2019 of 9%)
- 176 classes in 2020 pre-covid (This is down 123%)
- "0" fatal HRSI (hunting related shooting incidents) in 2020.
- 22 total incidents – 30 % were self-inflicted.
- 1,850 + instructors in the state of PA.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Dick Smith

- The Conservation District is back in order & operating to the fullest extent. Better organized. The executive Director is Jeff Pflug.
- They will no longer be running the Maple Syrup Festival but they do have some syrup available.

YOUTH FOUNDATION – Mike Zon – no meeting held in July

- Sporting Clay Fundraiser Shoot to be held on 9/11/21 at Rochester. [9-11 Fundraiser Shoot](#)

FUND RAISING – Guy Cable

- Gun raffle for the 4th of July finished and all proceeds turned in.
- Working on a Raffle for a Framed Print in the near future.
- Tony R. has another print ready for raffle.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

RE: Pheasant Hunt

- Jr Pheasant Hunt will be on October 9th; registration will be on PA game Commission website beginning August 1st. 28 spots open for the kids. Link to register is [click here](#)
- Must be a “**licensed**” junior hunter.
- To be held in the same location – Nichol Road / Doak Field (Property at Racoon State Park).
- There will be 2 separate check-ins
- There will be no food.
- Will be needing the money for the additional 12 pheasants that we get each year (roughly \$250) from Gobblers Knob.
- Rich will be looking for help for the day of the hunt.

RE: Goose Hunt

- Rich will be meeting with Tony, the director of Beaver County Recreational and Tourism this coming Tuesday to discuss the Goose Hunt. and other information in general regarding the hunting in the park.
- Not sure of exact dates yet. (Most likely end of October – beginning of November.)

Discussion on the BCSCCL possibly promoting the Adult Mentor Hunts. Maybe a list of volunteers could be put together. Take it back to your clubs and see if any members are interested in being a mentor to adult hunters.

YOUTH FIELD DAY – Tonya Cable

- No report

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- No report

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- To be held 8/31/21 – 9/4/21. (Tues – Fri 4pm till close & Saturday all day).
- Raffle – Savage Axis II 7 mm 08, his & her binoculars, fishing rod-reel & tackle box.
- Kids Free give away raffle – Savage Rascal (boy & girl). Thank you Jerry & Thank you Tim!
- We will do a 50/50

- Following Covid Precautions

- Picture Slide show.
- Club books to handout.
- Signup sheets available. Please sign up to help. Call Guy 724-494-6464 or Tonya 724-494-6465 if you can help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of the money remaining in the 2A Rally fund. “We the People” are going to have a different impact on the politicians and are looking for ways to finance the organization to cover expenses. Asking that the delegates go back to their clubs and ask the members thoughts on transferring the 2 A rally funds to the “We the People” funds.

We can vote on it next month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- On June 7th, Craig Holdren with a group of individuals went to the Rally in Harrisburg to see leadership. Met with Kerry Benninghoff and Bryan Cutler to go over some bills.
- Contact information for Kerry Benninghoff is (717)783-1918 & Bryan Cutler is (717)783-6424. Call them and push for Preemption Law HB 979 / SB 448 & constitutional carry HB 659 & SB 565.
- Sean Parnell running for US Senate in 2022. Sean supports the league and supports the constitution. Get involved and help however you can to support him.
- Contact for Connor Lamb (412) 344-5583 to express your concerns.
- Aliquippa Bucktails Field Day is August 7th. It is full.
- Aliquippa Bucktails wild game dinner at Aliquippa Bucktails is August 20th
- SWAP meet at Aliquippa Bucktails on August 28th \$10 / table
- Bucktails is hosting an NRA Basic Pistol Course Sept 11th – register on line.... Attached are the details. [details](#)
- Bucktails is hosting additional NRA courses – Protection in the home in October and protection outside the home in November. Check on the NRA website.
- Midland hosting a Gun Show SWAP meet on August 21st 9am – 1pm. See attached flyer for details. [flyer](#)
- Sewickley Gun Bash will be held on November 7th at Center Stage. \$50 per ticket – see Mark Crevar
- Hopewell Parkfest was a successful and exciting day promoting the BCSCCL.
- NWTF – We had a full table. The table gun won is a Stoger P 3000 12 ga pump shotgun which we will raffle off at a later date. We won a couple of folding outdoor chairs and a hat.
- Please sign up for Big Knob fair & help sell tickets.

NOTE: Next month meeting is to be held at Ambridge on September 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

50/50 DRAWING

- \$67.50 winner – Dave Knight (donated to the youth foundation)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Pine Run / BVRP. Passed. 9:15pm

January 7	Aliquippa Bucktails – not held due to COVID Restrictions	May 6	Southside	Sept 9	Ambridge
February 4	Rochester – not held due to COVID Restrictions	June 3	Pine Run	Oct 7	Conway
March 4	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting – not held due to COVID Restrictions	July 1	Rochester BVRPC Hosting	Nov 4	Beaver Falls
April 8	B.V. Archers	Aug 5	Midland	Dec 9	Five Points

BCSCL 2021 Meeting Dates & Locations – These dates will be reviewed and / or confirmed at each monthly League meeting.

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCL