



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

October 7, 2021 Minutes
Meeting Location – Conway



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Mike Harcher	P	(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	A	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	P	(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Jack Weisman		(Alt)	None		(Alt)	None
A	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Bob Oles	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	A	Southside	Louie Muller
P	(Alt)	Rich Wall		(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
P	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 – Bill Frishkorn, Conway President

GUESTS

- None

Last Month's Minutes

– Motion to Approve, Aliquippa / Five Points. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

Motion to Approve, Beaver Valley Archers / Ambridge. Passed.

ELECTION

(July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections)

Guy Cable nominated Rich Kerlin for Vice President. Rich accepted. No other nominees.

Guy Cable nominated Mark Benzio for Treasurer. Mark accepted. No other nominees.

- The secretary cast 1 ballot for Rich Kerlin for Vice President and 1 ballot for Mark Benzio for Treasurer. Both of these gentlemen will hold these offices for the next two years.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Taxes in the coming years must be filed electronically instead of by mail. Rick will be notified.

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION – Mike Yeck [Mike's Report page 1 & page 2](#)

- Commissioner's meeting was held in September – discussed the change regarding raptors and the restoration of bobwhite quail.
- Digital hunting license now available for download. NOTE: you need a physical hard copy of your tags.
- Discussion on Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Serotype 2 (RHDV2) – if you find 2 or more rabbits dead with unknown cause in one location, contact your local PA Game Commission office.
- Study being conducted on waterfowl.
- Bear season “statewide” begins October 16th 2021 – strongly advises hunters to get their bear tag.

PA Game Commission “News Release” regarding bear hunting in PA – [news release](#)

We should always be looking for ways to increase participation in the sport of hunting by increasing opportunities for hunters.

Tony asked the delegates what they thought about using dogs for bear hunting.

- PA is the only state in the Appalachian range that does not allow bear hunting with the use of dogs.

A delegate vote was held regarding the use of dogs for bear hunting with proper regulation by the game commission.

All 12 delegates present unanimously are in favor of using dogs when bear hunting with proper regulation by the PA Game Commission.

Resource for using a trained dog to track – www.unitedbloodtrackers.org

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET - Rob Smith (Craig & Frank put the booklets together for print)

- Current BCSCCL 2019 booklet handed out to each delegate / alternate to take back to their club for review and revisions. Instructions provided along with contact information as to where to send the updated information.
- Will discuss with the committee at a later date, the plan regarding advertisements.

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Absent

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- Absent

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- To be held on 4/30/2022 at Hopewell Park

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Fishing is picking up with the water temperatures going down.
- Raccoon Lake stocking for the fall is 10/19/22 at 12:00 pm

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Indoor Archery will be held in Dec – Jan

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Absent

LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles – **Video 1 & video 2**

- Absent (Bob asked Brian to show videos)
 - **Voters' guide**

WE THE PEOPLE – Jerry Hooks / Tony Rich

- New tri-fold brochures – please take some back to your club and hand them out [“We the People of America” trifold-brochure side 1 & side 2](#)
- Estimated 70 people in attendance at the September meeting. The challenge was for everyone to come to the next meeting and “bring 2 people with you”.
- “We the People of America” is the title being used. Getting established in hopes of having this organization carry on from generation to generation.
- Strongly encourage individuals to join and delegates to take the information back to encourage clubs to join with club memberships. Information and details are included in the trifold brochure.
- Tony & Jerry are willing to go to any club to present “We the People of America”.
- In the process of meeting with other counties in western PA to get them involved.
- Next meeting will be held on October 28, 2021 @ 7:00 pm at the Rochester Sportsmen’s Club. (Dress for the weather in case the turnout is too big for the building.)
- The meetings are professional and educational. Many professional individuals are involved and participate in these meetings. Currently going through and teaching the constitution.

HUNTER EDUCATION - Mike Zon

- Last Hunter Education Class Scheduled for 2021
 - Green Valley on October 9, 2021 from 9 am to 4 pm

More classes to come in the spring. Let Mike know if you / your club would like to host a class in 2022.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Dick Smith

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION – Mike Zon [youth foundation meeting minutes](#)

- Met on September 16th 2021
- Current treasurer report: see Dan Householder
- Youth Foundation elections will be held in October
- Thank you to Rochester for hosting the sporting clay shoot fundraiser. \$1,045.39 raised. Fun day! Need to encourage more clubs to send teams next year.

FUND RAISING – Guy Cable – [PA Game Commission print](#)

- “Wolf Print” ticket Raffle to go off on Thanksgiving Day with the PA evening 3-digit number. 10 numbers on a ticket. 100 tickets to sell. \$ 5 a ticket. We still have some tickets to sell. Contact Guy Cable for tickets. (724) 494-6464

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

RE: Pheasant Hunt

- Jr Pheasant Hunt to be on October 9th. Full registration of 28 youth.
- Must be a **“licensed”** junior hunter.
- To be held in the same location – Nichol Road / Doak Field (Property at Racoon State Park). – NOTE: Hanover-Kendal Road is closed. You will have to take Rt. 18 to Frankfort Springs and turn right onto Rt. 168 or come in on Rt. 30 turning onto Rt. 168 or simply follow Rt 168 from Hookstown. Look for “hunt” signs. DO NOT park in the parking area. Go through the gated area and follow it all the way back to the hunt site.
- There will be 2 separate check-ins
 - Group A – registration / check in 7 am, safety briefing at 7:30 am, hunt starts at 8 am
 - Group B – registration / check in 9 am, safety briefing 9:30 am, hunt starts as soon as Group A hunt ends.
- There will be no food. Only a cooler of water for the workers.
- Still need more help. Signup sheet passed around for help on the day of the hunt.
- NO bird cleaning station this year.
- Will follow Covid precaution regulations. Seating area will be closed. Masks to be worn during registration.

- No photos / no videos. Rich will arrange for the photographer.
- Gate will be locked at the completion of the pheasant hunt. An adult can take the youth back for additional hunting when the event is over; HOWEVER, no vehicles will be permitted back at that point. Follow rules and regulations in the PA Hunting and Trapping Digest including the pheasant stamp requirement. Kindly, let Rich Kerlin know if any pheasants are harvested after the organized hunt. Contact Rich via email at kerlinkanine@aol.com
- Rich provided his phone number in case anyone cannot find the field.

RE: Goose Hunt

- After multiple attempts, via emails and phone calls, to contact the county, no response as of yet. No goose hunt this year.

YOUTH FIELD DAY – Tonya Cable

- Youth field day committee meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 pm just prior to the youth foundation meeting.
- Welcome email was sent out to the group of individuals involved with the planning of the field day. Let Tonya know if you would like to be included in that group. Hoping this will make communication better for everyone involved.
- Soliciting for donation has begun for the field day to offset the cost of the event.
- Collecting donations for the raffle table has begun. See Tonya with donated items.

BANQUET - Tony Rich

- Rich K brought up that we need to bring the banquet back to recognize the sportsmen and sportsmen's clubs. We don't want to lose the history that this banquet has brought and we need to get back to presenting the many awards that are much deserved.
 - Possibly look to get a committee together for planning the banquet.

BIG KNOB FAIR - Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Need to get the "BCSCL" hats ordered. It was already approved prior to the start of the Covid pandemic. Going to get 4 dozen ordered.
- Going to check on the total monies raised for Hereford Manor through the league's effort. Discussion on the best way to safeguard those funds until ready for use.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Ambridge is hosting a concealed carry seminar with Kim Stolfer as the speaker presenting the class. To be held on October 16, 2021 from 10 am – 12 pm. It is FREE. [Concealed Carry Seminar](#)
- Aliquippa Bucktails is hosting "America's Rifle Challenge (ARC) Clinic 9am -1pm on Saturday, October 16, 2021 **ARC Details for registration.**
- Five Points thanks everyone who helped with donations to make "Hunt of a Lifetime" a successful fundraiser.
- Midland has the annual January gun raffle tickets available. \$ 50 a ticket. Contact Mark Benzio for tickets.
 - gun ticket
- If the information is provided, it is put out on the leagues face book page.
- See Vic for voter's guide.

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa / Ambridge. Passed. 9:20 pm

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