



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

November 4, 2021 Minutes  
Meeting Location – Beaver Falls



## MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	A	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Mike Harcher		(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		(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
	(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 – Bob Miller, Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Club President

## GUESTS

- None

## **Last Month's Minutes**

– Motion to Approve, Sewickley / Ambridge. Passed.

## **Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio**

Starting Balance as of 10/7/21      Ending Balance as of 11/4/21

- Trailer storage pd.

Motion to Approve, Pine Run / Beaver Valley Archers. Passed.

Credential sheets for 2022 attached [click here](#)

Mark will check with the league's accountant regarding proper filing of taxes within the guidelines of the 501c7

## **ELECTION**

(July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- No report

## **STATE AGENCIES**

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

- Operation Game Thief Hotline (nationwide) – available to report game violations. 1-888-pgc8001. Also, available to submit online <http://bit.ly/PGCOGT> 20-minute turnaround time. Possible rewards available for the game commission program and for the person reporting the violation. See details in the attachment.
- CWD detected in Jefferson County. See link on PA game commission website for more detail. [www.pgc.pa.gov/CWD](http://www.pgc.pa.gov/CWD)
- Fall Turkey Season – begins October 30<sup>th</sup> Remember: no rifles during fall turkey season
- Deer Crossing – PA has the highest risk of vehicle collision with deer in the US.
- Excellent job with the Pheasant hunt!
- Reminder – hunters MUST notch out dates on your tags.

## **PA Hunting and Trapping Digest**

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### BOOKLET - Rob Smith

- Craig Holdren & Frank Kelly are taking over the booklet.
- Reminder to all Clubs to get your information updated and turned in for 2022 booklets / pamphlets.
- Rob will get in contact with all clubs that have not yet received the information on how to turn in their club bio.

#### GAME - Mike Harcher

- 3-year Calf Elk Study being done by Penn State and PGC to determine the survival rate.
- No pheasant stocking at Hereford Manor Lake area.
- Finding hemorrhagic disease in rabbits.
- New Elk record – non-typical elk 455 inches. Scored 468. 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the world & largest in North America. Shot by a Washington County resident.
- Expect a large bear harvest this year.

#### POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- PFBC doing a project with fresh water juvenile mussels in the 13 streams & rivers. The Beaver River is one. These mussels help to filter the water. Going to monitor for success and survival.
- Discussion of toxic chemicals in water, pizza boxes, certain non-scratch cookware, etc.
- Mussels are attaching to the American eel as they come in through the Susquehanna River. Bringing back the eels and mussels.
- Road Salts are getting into the trout streams.

#### FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon

- April 30, 2022 8 am – 12 pm
- Will be working with Hopewell Park to determine the level of League participation in regards to the actual derby.
- Will be asking for a budget at the beginning of next year.

#### FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Nice walleyes are hitting in the Ohio & Beaver Rivers.
- Raccoon Lake was stocked with trout in October.
- Cold Water Law is in effect now. Wear lifejacket from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>

#### CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Absent

#### ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer.

- Discussion about the crossbows in the outdoor news.
- Crossbows can be another hunting opportunity.

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- Absent

#### LEGISLATIVE - Bob Oles

- Absent

#### WE THE PEOPLE – Jerry Hooks (absent) / Tony Rich

- Meeting held at Rochester on October 28, 2021
- Meetings are interesting and educational. College Professor teaching about the Constitution and about American history.
- New tri-fold brochures – please take some back to your club and hand them out. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated. [“We the People of America” trifold-brochure side 1 & side 2](#)
- Elected Official Employee Handbook being printed.
- Website available. Some high-profile people are on the board.
- Next meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. ALL are WELCOME to attend!

#### HUNTER EDUCATION - Mike Zon

- More classes to come in the spring.
- Let Mike know if 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 October 21<sup>st</sup> 2021
- Current treasurer report: not available
- Youth Foundation elections for 2022: President – Mike Zon, Vice President – Guy Cable, Treasurer – Dan Householder, Secretary – Tonya Cable
- Next meeting November 18, 2021 7pm at Bucktails
- Andy Theodore on a medical leave from the youth foundation.

#### FUND RAISING – Guy Cable

- “Wolf Print” ticket Raffle to go off on Thanksgiving Day with the PA evening 3-digit number.
- Discussion on Spring ticket for the NWTF gun and a knife.

#### YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

##### RE: Pheasant Hunt

- Very successful
- 28 kids registered. 22 youth hunted that day and harvested 20 birds. 68 birds were stocked.
- Fields were thick and tough to hunt.
- Multiple clubs and club members recognized for their participation. Much appreciated!
- Photos taken by Emily! Rich will be getting a flash drive of the photos.
- Thanks to the PA Game Commission for their support!

##### RE: Goose Hunt

- The league will not participate in the county goose hunt this year due to lack of communication from the county after multiple attempts by multiple league members.
- Discussion on possibly sending a letter to the Commissioner regarding the lack of communication and the disappointment of the league not being able to participate.

#### YOUTH FIELD DAY – Tonya Cable

- Soliciting larger companies and organizations for donations.
- Beginning to solicit smaller local businesses.
- Collecting donations from clubs and individuals for the raffle table to offset the cost of the field day. See Tonya with donated items.
- Discussing with the youth foundation what personal take away gift we would like to see all the youth receive the day of the field day. (Example: water bottle)

#### BANQUET - Tony Rich

- Ask your clubs thoughts on supporting and attending the Awards Banquet.
- Need club members to join a committee to help with planning of the banquet.

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

- No report

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Club feed back on the opportunity for hunting Bear with dogs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- None

**50/50 DRAWING**

- None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Beaver Valley Archers / Aliquippa. Passed. 8:45 pm

January 7	Aliquippa Bucktails – <b>not held due to COVID Restrictions</b>	May 6	Southside	Sept 9	Ambridge
February 4	Rochester – <b>not held due to COVID Restrictions</b>	June 3	Pine Run	Oct 7	Conway
March 4	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting – <b>not held due to COVID Restrictions</b>	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