



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

March 3, 2022 Minutes

Meeting Location – Rochester (Hosted by North Boroughs)



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Bobby Berl		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson		FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl	P	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Ed Lamb
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forrest Grove	Mike Karkalla	P	Rochester	Dan Householder
	(Alt)	Frank Eder			Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch		Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Michael Sabat	P	(Alt)	Laurie Bush, Treasurer
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	A	Southside	Louie Muller
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	None
A	Conway	Brian Lippert	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PGC	Matt Kramer / Mike Yeck
	(Alt)	Roger Hughes		(Alt)	Robert Zeman	P	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 Zeman, North Boroughs Vice President / Alt delegate

GUESTS

- Jason Killmeyer – running for Republican Primary PA District 17 - [Attachment](#)

Last Month's Minutes

- Motion to Approve, Aliquippa / Beaver Falls. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

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

Still need credentials for Pine Run, Pittsburgh Downriggers & Southside for 2022

Still have not received dues from 4 clubs for 2022.

Motion to Approve, BVA / North Boroughs. Passed.

ELECTION

(July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections)

COMMUNICATIONS

- No report

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION (PGC) – Matt Kramer – [Report Page 1](#), [Page 2](#), [Page 3](#)

- 3659 bears harvested this season
- 59 out of 67 counties harvested bears. None harvested in Beaver County
- Largest bear harvested was 722-pound male from Franklin County.
- 33rd class of cadets graduated on 2/5/22. 5 new wardens were added to the southwest region. (Western Allegheny County has a new warden; Evan McDaniel, of Washington)
- Board of Commissioners back to Quorum – April 8th & 9th
- Hunter Trapper Education Instructors Workshop to be held at the Rochester Sportsmen's Club on March 31, 2022 @ 6:00 pm (dinner provided)
- Continue to call the game commission when EHD in deer is suspected.
- Excise tax on guns and ammo is funneled back through the PA Game Commission and earmarked for Habitat Projects.

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen – [see report](#)

- As a result of Covid and survey responses, opening day for trout is Saturday, April 2, 2022
- Youth mentor date is Saturday, March 26, 2022; Adult must have a fishing license and a trout permit, the youth must have the mentor permit or the voluntary permit. adult catch & release, youth limit is 2 trout
- Trout stocking scheduled earlier; February 21st
- Basic Boater Course @ CCBC scheduled for 3/26/22. Call CCBC to register or contact Jeremy Allen at jereallen@pa.gov
- PFBC have a cadet class of 16 currently and have 16 openings to fill.

[PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET – Craig Holdren Email craig@craigholdren.com Phone (724)312-7463

- Absent

GAME - Mike Harcher

- Game Commission and Ducks unlimited are working together to create wet lands near Pymatuning
- David J Gustafson is the Director for the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management
- PA Game Commission to start trapping wild turkeys statewide using GPS trackers to track their movements
- Since 1997, the best year of buck harvest was 2020-21 season. (6.3 million harvested)

POLLUTION - Mike Harcher

- PA will receive 400 million dollars to plug open mines from the Infrastructure Bill
- 33 % of PA waterways are impaired
- French Creek got “Stream of the Year”

FISHING DERBY - Mike Zon – [Poster](#)

- April 30th at Hopewell Community Park
- 8 am – 12 pm
- Ages 15 and younger
- Increased budget for fish to \$1,000 for fish
- 438 trout ordered (24 tagged for prizes for the kids)
- Applied for the fish commission permit
- Bait for sale & concession stand open that day.
- 50/50
- See Mike Zon for posters to put up at your clubs and other areas that will reach the public

FISH COMMITTEE - Mike Zon

- Stocking of Blue Fingerlings catfish scheduled to be stocked this year in the Ohio river from the Point in Pittsburgh to the state line below Montgomery Dam
- Blue cats can grow to be 40-50 pounds

CONSERVATION CAMP - Breanna Edmiston

- Camp is booked: Dates are 6/19/22 – 6/25/22
- 25th year anniversary this year
- Will need ADULT kitchen HELP

ARCHERY - Walt Ketterer

- Currently NO indoor Archery shooting due to Covid
- Outdoor News discussion regarding crossbows

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Craig Holdren

- No report

LEGISLATIVE – Bob Oles – Absent

Lee Gower

- Rally to be held on Monday, September 12, 2022. More details to come later.
- Governor Wolfe vetoed HB 979 on February 3rd, 2022
- Frank C Tait for NRA Board of Directors – [see handout](#)

WE THE PEOPLE – Tony Rich

- We the People of America – [website](#)
- Nearly 16,000 members strong and growing
- Holding 2 meetings every month.
- Employee handbooks for our legislators are complete.
- We all share our Freedom and the status of being an America long before choosing a political party.
- Meeting to be held with West Moreland County League on 3/17/22 in hopes of getting them involved
- Next President's Meeting to be held on March 22, 2022 at Aliquippa Bucktails 7:00 pm. [Club Invitation](#)
 - Regular meeting to be held on 3/10/22 at Rochester Club at 7:00 pm
 - 2nd Regular meeting to be held on 3/27/22 at Rochester Club at 3:00 pm (directors will meet at 2:00 pm prior to regular meeting)

HUNTER EDUCATION - Mike Zon

- Aliquippa Bucktails, Rochester Club and Central Valley have all held classes. South Side School has a class scheduled for their students this month.
 - New Brighton Life Center – YMCA – March 19, 2022 (YMCA will promote the class) 9 am – 4 pm
 - Sylvania Hills Baptist Church – April 9, 2022 (9 am – 4 pm)

REGISTRATION is online [PGC](#)

Let Mike Zon know if your club would like to host a hunter-trapper education class.
Contact Mike at 724-683-5880 (call or text)

CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Dick Smith

- Absent

YOUTH FOUNDATION – Mike Zon

- Met in January & February
- Audit complete by the committee members and all transactions matched the books. To be done every January.
- Beaver Falls & Aliquippa presented with certificates for donations made to the youth foundation
- April 15th gun raffle tickets all sold
- Planning the Annual Sporting Clay Fundraising Shoot at Rochester in the fall
- Discussion on a wild game dinner fundraiser possibility
- The youth foundation would like to purchase flash lights and water bottles with the youth foundation Logo print in bulk that would last over the next several years to use at youth events. (300 flashlights and 288 water bottles) The cost is approximately \$2,000.

Motion to give youth foundation permission to spend the money for the flashlights and water bottles as requested
Motion to approve Rochester / Ambridge. Passed.

FUND RAISING – Guy Cable

- Raffle ticket All sold for: Stoger P3000 bottom land camo 12 ga pump shotgun (acquired through the NWTF banquet).
Ticket will be based on the 7 pm PA lottery 3-digit number held on April 15, 2022.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS - Rich Kerlin

- Pheasant hunt – too early, nothing at this time.
- Goose Hunt – Letter to the commissioners written and read to the delegates. [Letter](#)

Motion to approve the sending of the letter to the county commissioners.
Motion by Aliquippa / Green Valley. Passed.

YOUTH FIELD DAY – Tonya Cable – [Poster](#)

- To be held on July 16, 2022 at Midland Sportsmen's Club
- 8 am – 4 pm with 7 am registration
- Ages 8 – 17
- Registration is on line [HERE](#)
- 75 openings for youth to sign up
- 7 stations (some are dual stations)
- 2 Presentations (Kerlin Kanine & Beaver County Coon Hunters)
- Received a Grant Award valued at \$1,000 for ammo for the field day from "Friends of the NRA"
- Next committee meeting @ 6:00 pm 3rd Thursday of April prior to the youth foundation meeting.

Discussion regarding "Friends of the NRA" and the new people that are involved. Discussion of passed history and looking ahead at the new people in charge and the good things that they support now.

Motion to support "Friends of the NRA".
Motion by North Boroughs / Rochester. Passed.

BANQUET –

- Clubs that are in support of the banquet as of now are: Beaver Valley Archers, Five Points, Green Valley & Rochester.
- Letters explaining the awards banquet were sent to all the clubs and all the delegates last month. This letter was read aloud at the meeting. [Copy of the Letter](#)

BIG KNOB FAIR – Guy, Tonya & Chayce Cable

- No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion to move the Hereford Manor Funds raised by the League to the BCSCCL Youth Foundation 501c3 to be monitored and controlled by the clubs that belong to this league. Delegates were to discuss with their club members. A letter of explanation was sent out last month to all clubs and all delegates. This letter was read at the meeting. [Letter of Explanation](#)

Input at this time so far: Yes, move the money to the youth foundation 501c3 for closer monitoring – 5 Points, Rochester

- Looking for RSVP for President's Meeting to be held on March 22, 2022 at Aliquippa Bucktails 7:00 pm. A special presentation of an award through the PA Fish & Boat Commission will be held at the meeting. An invitation was sent to all clubs and club delegates. This invitation was read at the meeting. [Club Invitation](#)
- 12 clubs outside of those that belong to the league were invited
- **RSVP to 724-494-6465 by March 10th if you did not already do so**
- So far, 55 are planning to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- Request received to sponsor the South Fayette Township Handicap & Disabled Hunt for \$150

Motion to spend \$150 to sponsor the hunt.
 Motion by BV Archers / Aliquippa. Passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Aliquippa Swap Meet – March 26th \$ 10 a table
- Pest that infects and kills Eastern Hemlock Trees – Bob has done some research to see what needs done to stop it. For more info contact Bob at 724-561-9939 call or text
- Mike Sabat’s daughter recognized for shooting small bore for Hopewell at WPIAL championship this year.
- Aliquippa is the host club for Central Valley High School Trap Team (1st in the county) – 25 kids lined up.
- Aliquippa Young Bucks have a raffle ticket - \$ 5 each
- Ambridge Swap Meet March 12th
- Ambridge has Springfest Gun & Cash Bash tickets \$ 50 each for May 14th
- Aliquippa Ham Shoot on April 9th
- Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department Gun Bash tickets \$ 50 for June 4th
- Rich is expecting his 1st grandchild March 30th

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- BVRP / Five Points. Passed. 9:35 pm

2022 Meeting Schedule

January 6	Aliquippa Bucktails – confirmed	May 5	Southside	Sept 8	Ambridge
February 3	Rochester – confirmed	June 2	Pine Run	Oct 6	Conway
March 3	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting	July 7	Rochester BVRPC Hosting	Nov 3	Beaver Falls
April 7	B.V. Archers	Aug 4	Midland	Dec 8	Five Points

BCSCL 2022 Meeting Dates & Locations – These dates need confirmed by each club.

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCL