



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

June 2, 2022 Minutes

Meeting Location – Pine Run Sportsmen's Club



## 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	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(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	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Michael Sabat		(Alt)	
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Midland	Mark Benzio			
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Dave Knight			
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	A	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Robert Zeman	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 – Rob Smith, Pine Run Delegate

## GUESTS

- Ricco Elmore – running for district 16 – [Brochure](#)
- Danny Evans – member of Pine Run

## Last Month's Minutes

- Motion to Approve, Five Points / Conway. Passed.

## Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio – Report

- Paid for website for the past 2 ½ years
- Liability Insurance paid
- Motion to Approve, Beaver Valley Archers / Ambridge. Passed.

## ELECTION

(July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections)

## COMMUNICATIONS

- South Side Sportsmen's Club signed to receive the registered letter – [Letter](#)

## STATE AGENCIES

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

- 2022 – 23 hunting licenses go on sale Monday June 13, 2022
- PA Game Commission will be holding a Junior Game Warden Camps – [Registration and Details](#)  
Registration is on-line. Free. Only 30 participants. Camp will be held on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. Location: Southwest Region Office in Bolivar, PA.

## [PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

### PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION - Jeremy Allen

- Absent

## [PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOOKLET – Rob Smith: Contact info (724) 266 – 3869 or [rasmith10@comcast.net](mailto:rasmith10@comcast.net)

- Tonya is helping Rob with getting the booklets updated.
- Each club was given a hard copy of the booklet information that was used in the last booklet to take back to their club for reviewing and updating. Please get in touch with Tonya (724)494-6465 or [gtctc@yahoo.com](mailto:gtctc@yahoo.com) with your updated club's bio ASAP. Planning to have the booklet updated by the July Meeting.
- Template of information that would be helpful for the booklet – [Click here](#)
- A copy of the most up to date bio of each club will ALSO be emailed.
- Once the booklet is up to date and current, this booklet will be used to update the website.
- You may not want to include club information that changes often.

#### GAME – Mike Harcher – [Report](#)

- National Deer Association claims CWD is out of control in PA.
- PA Game Commission spraying the Gypsy moths. Targeting Oak trees.
- Avian Flu found in vultures along the Susquehanna.
- PA to get \$1.7 million in state wildlife grants.

#### POLLUTION – Mike Harcher – [Report](#)

- Train derailment in Harmar Township.
- Coal Interests sue to block Carbon Policy.

#### FISHING DERBY – Mike Zon – absent

- Fish delivery mix up for the fishing derby. This error will be corrected when preparing for the derby next year. The company was very apologetic.
- Big Bothers and Big Sisters are holding a fishing event and reached out to the League & Youth Foundation about donating prizes. An email was sent out to the Youth Foundation committee and it was agreed upon to donate the prizes from the fishing derby to this event to support these youth. The County League and youth foundation will be acknowledged for this donation.

#### FISH COMMITTEE – Mike Zon – absent

- Blue Cats are going to be stocked in the Ohio River as soon as they are big enough to survive the other fish.
- Mike Harcher is working on an informational board on the blue cats.

#### CONSERVATION CAMP – Breanna Edmiston

- Camp is CANCELLED. Did NOT have enough kids signed up.
- Planning for next year has already begun. Need several co-directors to volunteer to keep the camp running. See Breanna or Rich to get involved!
- The camp has always been the week beginning on Father's Day. (Usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June)
- Clubs that sent Sponsorship money to the League to sponsor a youth for camp will be get refunded.

#### ARCHERY – Walt Ketterer

- 3 D archery shoots at Beaver Valley Archers on Tuesday evening any time after 4pm.
- 3 D shoot on Sunday.
- Other Clubs can get Archery information to Walt so it can be presented at the league meetings. Including information about the Beaver County Archery League Shoot.

#### EVENTS COORDINATOR – Craig Holdren

- Frank has special software that is used to run security on a weekly basis on the website. Numerous attempts are happening all the time to deface the League website. Note: 2,655 attempts in the past week.
- The website is being redesigned with the use of some ads to assist with payment off the website.

#### LEGISLATIVE – Bob Oles / Craig Holdren

- GOA & FOAC – [handouts](#)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rally in Harrisburg to be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 – [Details](#)
- Take Action: contact Toomey and let him know how you feel!

Guest Speaker: Rico Elmore

#### WE THE PEOPLE – Tony Rich

- We the People of America website – [WTPOA.ORG](#)
- Meeting next Thursday, June 9, 2022 at Rochester Sportsmen's Club beginning at 7:00 pm.
- Approaching 26,000 members and growing.
- Working with Lawrence County & Westmoreland Sportsmen's Clubs to join.

- Discussion on how the Governor vetoed bills that had passed the house and the senate.

#### HUNTER EDUCATION – Mike Zon – absent

- Pine Run – June 4, 2022
- Rochester – August 13, 2022
- Aliquippa – September 10, 2022
- Beaver Falls – October 1, 2022
- Hopewell VFW – date to be announced.

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

- No report

#### YOUTH FOUNDATION – Mike Zon – absent

- No meeting held in May (not enough attendance for a quorum)

#### FUND RAISING – Guy Cable

- Selling tickets for a chance to win the Stoeger STR-9 Bottomland Camo Semi Pistol on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. Winning number taken from the 7 pm PA lottery 3-digit number. \$5 per ticket. 5 numbers on a ticket. This was the gun that was won at the NWTF banquet. Have 9 books left. **Need to get the tickets turned in BEFORE July 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- Annual Sporting Clay Event set for September 25<sup>th</sup> @ Rochester Sportsmen's Club. Registration @ 8:00 am. (It is being held on a Sunday.) Includes a FREE Tony Rich wild game dinner! – [Poster](#)

#### YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS – Rich Kerlin

- Waiting for dates for pheasant hunt.
- Meeting was held with the Commissioners and the League will move forward in assisting with the goose hunt. Looking forward to better communication and elimination of the administration fees that have been charged in the past.
- Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Club is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Beaver County Youth Invitational Trap Shoot for High schoolers (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) on August 20, 2022
- Central Valley Trap Team - 15 kids are going to the state championship. 24 kids already signed up for the fall league.

#### 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](#)
- 50 kids signed up so far. We have a waiting list to fill cancellations.
- Collecting Raffle items.
- Received \$ 300 from Elk Foundation for the Field Day.
- Waiting for shotgun shells from Friends of NRA.
- Need to get enough safety glasses for each youth to have their own pair for the field day to aide in lessening contact.
- Working with a caterer for prepackaged lunches.
- Set up will be on Friday, July 15, 2022. Time to be determined.
- Station Leader meeting will be held the day of the field day at the flag pole following the Safety briefing and opening remarks.
- Still need to reach out to ROTC.

- Each child will receive a flashlight.
- Donated items received from BVRP & Pine Run for the field day. Thank you!
- All donated items MUST be received by the next League meeting.
- Aliquippa Bucktails donating \$250 to purchase prizes for the field day. Thank you!
- Working with Center Scout troops and Central Valley students that need service hours / leadership practice. They will help with anything that is needed that day!

#### BANQUET – vacant

- No report

#### BIG KNOB FAIR – Guy & Tonya Cable

- Check requested for the purchase of the raffle items. Starting with the same amount as last year. If costs have gone up, we may need to come back for additional money.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Money the League raised for Hereford Manor has gained \$5,000 in interest bringing the total to approx. \$65,000. There is an investor that assists with managing the money in conjunction with the board of directors.
- Motion to keep the money with the Wild Life for Everyone Endowment Foundation but moved to a separate account earmarked for Hereford Manor with quarterly reports to be reported to the League by Aliquippa / Midland. Passed.
- Bob Frances from Zelienople Sportsmen’s Club will be meeting with Tony soon about joining the League.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- 5 Points “Hunt of a Lifetime” to be held August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets available. \$10 per ticket. If clubs would like to donate with \$100 per target sponsorship, fill out a donation form and see Dan or Jim. The League and the Youth Foundation will both donate \$100 to sponsoring a target. – [Donation Form](#)
- Bob Oles is doing better and he says “Hi to everyone!” and he “enjoyed all the time he was in service with the League”.
- American Legion Riders Raffle ticket for \$1,000 Beresford Gift Card \$2 per tix benefits the Veterans – see Mark Benzio
- Bucktails is hosting Angel Trauma Solutions Classes: “Stop the Bleed” on 7/11/22 & “Treating Gun Shot Wounds” on 7/25/22. Survival active shooter course on 8/1/22 and CPR AED class on 8/22/22. See Rich for registration details. Check the bucktails [website](#)
- Bucktails Family Field Day on August 6, 2022
- Bucktails having another Free “Tony Rich Dinner” on August 12, 2022
- Conway Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday June 11, 2022. (Healing waters fishing day the week before opening day of trout season was a great success.)
- Rochester Sportsmen’s Club ticket “Month of September” \$50 per tix (giving away cash & guns daily)

#### **50/50 DRAWING**

- None

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Conway / Green Valley. Passed. 9:26 pm

# 2022 Meeting Schedule

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

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

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCL