



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

July 7, 2022 Minutes

Meeting Location – Rochester Sportsmen's Club



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland		Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Bobby Berl		(Alt)	Dan Losco	P	(Alt)	Dick Smith
	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
P	(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		Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)		P	(Alt)	Michael Sabat		(Alt)	
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall		Midland	Mark Benzio			
	(Alt)	Lee Gower	P	(Alt)	Dave Knight			
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Robert Zeman	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

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

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Host Club Welcome – Craig Holdren, BVRP

GUESTS

- None

Last Month's Minutes

- Motion to Approve, Pine Run / Aliquippa. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Absent

ELECTION

(July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections)

Contact Craig Holdren for nominations for President & Recording Secretary positions.

craig@craigholdren.com or 724-312-7463

COMMUNICATIONS

- Receipt of registered letter to South Side Sportsman's Club was received. [Receipt](#)

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION (PGC) – Matt Kramer – [Report](#)

- Hunter Education Instructors get a discounted hunting license.
- Annual Observation Turkey Survey on the game commission website; need help from the public to assist with determining the statewide population. [Report Here](#)
- Board of Commissioners to meet on July 8th & 9th. Public comments welcome on Saturday. Meeting can be watched on the You Tube Channel.
- Antlerless Doe License on Sale: Monday, July 11th for residents, Monday, July 18th non-residents can apply, August 1st is the 2nd round, August 15th is 3rd round and Over-the-counter is September 12th
- July 1st begins the new 2022-23 hunting license.

PA Hunting and Trapping Digest

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION – Jeremy Allen – [Report](#)

- Boating Season has been great despite the increase in fuel cost.
- 16 cadets graduated and are in the field.
- 15 men and 4 women signed up for the new class.
- Looking at a possible increase in boating fees ie. titling and fishing license. Nothing for sure said yet.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Booklet is put together and ready to be printed. 3 proofs passed around to all delegates for [review](#).

Motion by Aliquippa to order 500 booklets. 2nd by 5 Points. Passed.

GAME – Mike Harcher – [Report](#)

- Chronic Waste Disease
 - PA is one of the top 3 states spending monies to battle CWD due to many farms and importance of future hunting.
 - Federal government has been called upon to assist with the fight against CWD
- Drones being used in the PA game commission prescribed burn mission.
- PA game commission has shot gun ranges available and looking to add others throughout the state.
- Hunters have donated nearly 200,000 pounds of venison in the state of PA for 2020-21 season.

POLLUTION – Mike Harcher - [Report](#)

- Blue Cats are returning. *See information board.*
- 56 species of fish at the point; at the Montgomery pool where the beaver river comes in, up to 83 species are present.

FISHING DERBY – Mike Zon – absent

- Going to get back to the “Joe Craig Memorial Fishing Derby”

FISH COMMITTEE – Mike Zon – absent

- Blue Cats still coming to the Ohio River

CONSERVATION CAMP – Breanna Edmiston – absent

- Mention of contact with the Beaver County Adoption Center kids who may like to attend the camp.
- Need more help to continue the camp.

ARCHERY – Walt Ketterer

- 3 D archery shoots at Beaver Valley Archers on Tuesday evening any time after 4pm.
- Shoots on 1st Sunday of the month.
- BVA had a bear on their property destroy an archery target.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – Craig Holdren

- Frank reported 30 attacks today alone on the website.
- Many updates made to the website.
- Trail cam photo contest link is on the front page of the website.
- Annual Sporting Clay Information posted.

LEGISLATIVE – Bob Oles / Craig Holdren – [“INDEPENDENCE DAY” handout](#)

- 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg to be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 – [Details](#)

Motion made by Pine Run to contribute \$5,000 to the Joshua Prince Law Firm on the pending law suit. 2nd by BVRP. Passed. 14 in favor / 0 against

WE THE PEOPLE – Tony Rich

- We the People of America website – [WTPOA.ORG](#)
- Meeting next Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Harmony Ridge Golf Club beginning at 7:00 pm.
- Met with Allegheny County Sportsmen’s League which would add more clubs / members.
- Approaching 26,000 members and growing. Plan, once reaching 50-60,000 members looking to obtain a spokesperson and / or constitutional law lawyer.
- 200 + handbooks to go out to representatives and senators.

HUNTER EDUCATION – Mike Zon – absent

- 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

- [BCCD brochure](#)
- [Ticks](#)
- [West Nile Virus](#)
- [West Nile Virus and Farms](#)

YOUTH FOUNDATION – Mike Zon – absent; Guy

- Meeting held 6/16/22
- \$100 check sent to hunt of a lifetime
- \$300 check received from the Elk Foundation
- \$382 deposit from the fishing derby 50/50
- Game of chance license renewed
- Received check from Aliquippa bucktails for field day prize table
- Revising the sponsorship letter
- Going to clean out the trailer in the fall
- Field Day reimbursement amount of \$100 increased to up to \$250 / annual for clubs belonging to the league.
Working on updating the required form needed to submit for these funds.
- Next meeting is 7/21/22

FUND RAISING – Guy Cable

- Stoeger STR-9 Bottomland Camo Semi Pistol on July 4th 2022. Winner claimed the gun. All monies turned in.
- Annual Sporting Clay Event set for September 25th @ Rochester Sportsmen's Club. Registration @ 8:00 am. (It is being held on a Sunday.) Tony is providing lunch! – [Poster](#)
- John Brown's Armory donated a gun for the League to raffle.

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS – absent

- Waiting for dates.

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](#)
- 70 kids signed up so far. We have a waiting list to fill cancellations.
- Will be calling all station leaders to verify attendance and discuss any concerns.
- Safe handling of breakfast snack & prepackaged lunches.
- Set up will be on Friday, July 15, 2022 beginning at noon.
- Saturday start time at 6:00 am.
- Station Leader meeting will be held the day of the field day at the flag pole following the Safety briefing and opening remarks.
- Free drawings will be Project Appleseed, Guided Pheasant Hunt & Guided Chucker Hunt all donated for the field day. Thank you!
- Central Valley students may be helping that day as group leaders.

BANQUET – vacant

- No report

BIG KNOB FAIR – Guy & Tonya Cable

- August 30, 2022 – September 3, 2022. Beginning at 5:00 pm each day.
- Will have sign-up sheets at next month’s meeting.
- Ordered the gun for the raffle. Will have on cricket this year with soft case for kid’s raffle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Harmony Zellenople Sportsmen’s Club looking to joining the League.
- Discussion on Lead for “Best Management Practices”. Latest revision in 2005 on EPA website. Still working on organizing a committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 5 Points 8th Annual “Hunt of a Lifetime” to be held August 13th and 14th. Tickets available. \$10 per ticket. If anyone would like to donate \$100 to sponsor a target, 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](#)
- Rochester Sportsmen’s Club ticket “Month of September” \$50 per tix (giving away cash & guns daily)
- Andy Theodore thanks the League for all the support given to him and his family. [Letter](#)
- Aliquippa Bucktails Raffle for Glock 19 Gen 5 Custom Digital Camo for August 12, 2022. \$10 ticket per ticket
- Dan H knows of a gentleman willing to donate a bow to a youth in need of one. Let Dan know if you have someone in mind.
- Sewickley Gun Bash on November 7th. tickets available \$50 per ticket.

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Conway / Ambridge. Passed. 9:05 pm

2022 Meeting Schedule

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

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

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCL