



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

August 4, 2022 Minutes

Meeting Location – Midland 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
A	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	A	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Michael Sabat		(Alt)	
P	B.V. Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Midland	Mark Benzio			
	(President)	Craig Holdren		(Alt)	Dave Knight			
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger		N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	A	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)		P	(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 – Dave Knight, Midland Sportsmen's Club President

GUESTS

- Jeff Ruckert, member of Pine Run

Last Month's Minutes

- Motion to Approve, Aliquippa / Beaver Valley Archer. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio -

- Paid Hunt of a life time target, Big Knob Fair budget, Joshua Prince Law Firm & Minuteman Press for booklets.

Motion to Approve, FOAC / North Boro Passed.

ELECTION

(July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections)

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

craig@craigholdren.com or 724-312-7463

no nominations received.

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION (PGC) – Mike Yeck – absent

PA Hunting and Trapping Digest

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

- Operation Dry Water – 12 BUI (boating under the influence) across the state over the 4th of July weekend
- Spears or Gigs & Bowfishing (bow and arrow) – may be used to take ONLY carp, suckers and catfish.
 - Bow fishing is prohibited in stocked trout water during the closed season
 - Bow fishing is prohibited in special regulation trout waters
- Board voted to amend bowfishing regulations: The changes will prohibit bowfishing on any special regulation trout waters; make it unlawful to cast direct rays of a spotlight, mounted headlight, or any other artificial light of any kind from any watercraft upon any occupied building or another watercraft; limit noise from generators used aboard a boat while bowfishing to no more than 90 dB
 - Proposed rulemaking: add invasive snakehead fish to the list of approved species that can be targeted with spears, gigs and bows.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 500 Booklets printed and ready for distribution.
- Any changes that need made, MUST get to Rob or Tonya before the 2023 – 2024 booklet gets printed next year.

GAME – Mike Harcher – [Report](#)

- Discussion on HB 8167 (Pittman Robertson Funding) & HR 8167 (appeal of Pittman Robertson “Wild Life Restoration Act”. Looking to remove and / or replace with excise tax on fire arms.
- Informed of possible reintroduction of the Pine Marten in PA
- PA game commission may ban deer urine attractant due to possible spreading of CWD
- Mention of surrogate mother bear taking on 2 cubs in addition to her own 3.
- Other professional will now be permitted to pick up road kill deer to allow for field time and law enforcement for the game wardens.
- New commissioner elected for District 8 – Todd Pride
- Discussion on restring habitat for Grouse to increase population.

POLLUTION – Mike Harcher – [Report](#)

- Display of blue catfish with maps and articles.
- PA DEP to put a ban on using well site water on gravel access road to keep down dust.
- Dairy Grazing Project – to limited nitrogen pollution in the Chesapeake by using rotation grazing.

FISHING DERBY – Mike Zon – absent

- No report

FISH COMMITTEE – Mike Zon – absent

- No report

CONSERVATION CAMP – Breanna Edmiston – absent

- No report

ARCHERY – Walt Ketterer

- 30 target 3 D archery shoot on Sunday 8am – 2pm at Beaver Valley Archers
- Field Day Shoot on 9/4 & 9/5 at Beaver Valley Archers

EVENTS COORDINATOR – Craig Holdren

- Website updated with Field Day pictures and other events

Check out the website at www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE – Craig Holdren

- 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg to be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 – [Details](#)
- Regarding HR-1808 “assault weapon” ban – Help to alert the house to vote “NO” to the ban of “so called” assault weapons. Call your senator and let him know how you feel. AR in other words, Armalite Rifle not assault rifle) is used in 49 states for hunting many times for women and young people. [HR-1808](#)
 - Senator Mitch McConnell 202-224-2541
 - Senator Pat Toomey 202-224-4254
 - Senator Bob Casey 202-224-6324
- Discussion on lawmakers wanting to add more taxes on semiautomatic rifles, handguns and shotguns.
- Additional discussion on Joshua Prince financial support for protecting our 2nd amendment.

WE THE PEOPLE – Tony Rich

- We the People of America website – WTPOA.ORG
- Meeting next Thursday, August 11, 2022 at Rochester Sportsmen's Club beginning at 7:00 pm. Mike Christiansen will be the speaker for the evening.
- Waiting to hear if Allegheny County Sportsmen's League will be joining WTPOA with a membership.
- Approaching 26,000 members and growing.
- 200 + handbooks to go out to representatives and senators.

HUNTER EDUCATION – Mike Zon – absent

- Baden – August 6, 2022
- Rochester – August 13, 2022
- Aliquippa – September 10, 2022
- Beaver Falls – October 1, 2022

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; Guy –

- Meeting held 7/21/22
- 8 in attendance
- Treasurer report at present time See Dan H
- Next meeting is 8/18/22

FUND RAISING – Guy Cable

- Stoeger STR-9 Bottomland Camo Semi Pistol on July 4th 2022. \$800 of monies collected will go to the league for the purchase of the gun (ie paying for the NWTF banquet table that was purchased). \$200 profit deposit for the youth foundation.
- Annual Sporting Clay Event set for September 25th @ Rochester Sportsmen's Club. Registration @ 8:00 am. (It is being held on a Sunday.) Contact Jerry Hooks with Team registration at 724-601-6964. Tony is providing a FREE wild game dinner! – [Poster](#)
- New Raffle – 1st prize is a custom-made AR (Brown's Armory), 2nd prize NWTF print and 3rd prize NWTF knife. Winner will win all 3 prizes based on the 1st 7 pm 3-digit PA lottery number on November 24th, 2022 (Thanksgiving Day). Call Guy for tickets (724)494-6464. [Prize details](#)

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS – Rich Kerlin

- Pheasant Hunt
 - October 8, 2022
 - 28 youth plus a waiting list
 - Registration will be on line at [pgc.org](#)
 - Will be 2 separate check-in times 7 am followed by 9 am
 - No food / beverages
 - Game commission provides 2 birds per youth for the field.
 - Youth Foundation purchasing 12 extra birds.
 - Will have sign up sheets for help for the day at the next meeting
- Goose Hunt
 - Tony Caultery's assistant has reached out to begin communication for the Goose Hunt at Brady's Run for this year.

YOUTH FIELD DAY – Tonya Cable

- Held on July 16, 2022 at Midland Sportsmen’s Club
- 56 youth plus some family members in attendance
- 30 emails and 1 phone call (due to no email address) sent out for feedback on ways to improve future field days.
 - All responses reviewed and discussed at youth foundation meeting. ie. Need station number signs (looking to purchase 13), maybe grouping younger children together since they are smaller and may need smaller guns, need more bathroom facilities, etc
- All reports completed for donators and / or sponsors. Will begin process for next year’s donations.
- League needs to purchase small cricket rifles for younger and smaller children for upcoming youth field days.
- Thank you cards complete and being sent out. [Thank you](#)
- Financial report
 - Budget was set for \$3,000
 - Field day cost \$ 2,307.49
 - Raffle and Donation income \$ 2,690
- Medic Rescue unable to attend Field Day as emergency responders; they cancelled on the Thursday before the field day. Ohioville Volunteer Fire Department and Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department had 1st responders that volunteered their time. All 5 of them were in attendance the entire day and helped with “clean up”. Thank you!

Motion made to give profits from youth field day (roughly \$300) to Ohioville & Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department (split between the 2 departments) by FOAC

Questions and discussion on the motion,

Amended motion made to give Ohioville & Hookstown Volunteer Fire Departments \$200 donation each by FOAC / 5 Points

Questions and discussion on the motion,

Motion for \$200 donation to Ohioville & Hookstown Volunteer Fire Departments rescinded

New motion made to give \$500 donation each to Ohioville & to Hookstown Volunteer Fire Departments by Midland / Conway

Questions and discussion to make 2 separate motions

Motion to give \$500 donation each to Ohioville & to Hookstown Volunteer Fire Departments rescinded

New Motion made to give \$500 donation to Ohioville Volunteer Fire Department for their services by North Boro. / Conway. Passed.

and

Motion made to give \$500 donation to Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department for their services by North Boro. / Conway. Passed.

BANQUET – vacant

- No report

BIG KNOB FAIR – Guy & Tonya Cable

- August 30, 2022 – September 3, 2022. Beginning at 5:00 pm each day. Saturday will start earlier.
- Sign-up sheets available. **Contact Guy & Tonya to sign up to help at the booth!**
- May have mystery gun this year for main raffle 1st prize, 2nd prize will be an NWTF “deer” print from past NWTF banquet and 3rd prize gift certificate for ammo.
- Cricket rifle package for kid’s raffle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion on Lead Contamination on club / organization ranges and the effects it is having on the clubs / organizations. Still working on organizing a committee. Go back to your clubs / organizations and ask for anyone interested in taking part in this committee. Would like to have someone from each club / organization.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on reaching out to other organizations and clubs to join the league.
- Lancaster Archery Foundation looking for donations but also offering grants / scholarships for archery events / activities. See Dan H. if interested.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- In addition to gun rights, we also need to be aware of our medical rights. See Vic for more detail. “No such thing as public health”.
- Recognition of Central Valley High School Trap Team members that went to States and some to Nationals.
- The league is sharing club posts when available.
- Will be cleaning the youth foundation trailer in the fall.
- FOAC gun bash tickets will be available at the next meeting. \$50 per ticket
- Sewickley Gun Bash on November 5th. tickets available \$50 per ticket.
- Updated inventory sheet of youth foundation cabinet stored at the Cable Family house. [List](#)
- Tony Rich Wild Game Dinner August 12th at Bucktails, August 17th at Rochester & August 29th at 5 Points.
- Band Jam at Conway to be held on September 17th proceeds benefit “Meals on Wheels”
- Congratulations to Beaver Valley Rifle Pistol Youth small bore team.

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Conway / Rochester. Passed. 9:15 pm

2022 Meeting Schedule

January 6	Aliquippa Bucktails – confirmed	May 5	Southside – cancelled (held at Rochester)	Sept 8	Ambridge - confirmed
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 will be confirmed monthly by each club.

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCL