



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

September 8, 2022 Minutes

Meeting Location – Ambridge District Sportsmen's



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	A	Rochester	Dan Householder
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	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			
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Dave Knight			
A	Conway	Ray Eppinger		N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	A	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(Alt)		P	(Alt)	Robert Zeman	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

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

*Jim Farland filled in for Tonya for the 1st part of the meeting.

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Keep Tony Rich in your thoughts and prayers. (Admitted to Allegheny General Hospital)

Host Club Welcome – Tim Watson, Ambridge delegate

GUESTS

- Mike, BV archers Lifetime member
- Jeff Ruckert, member of Pine Run & Ambridge
- Dave Herko & Leigh Urda from Ambridge

Last Month's Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Checks written for the fire department donations that were previously approved.
- \$200 donation received & reimbursement received from gun purchase from the youth foundation.

Motion to Approve, Aliquippa / BV Archers 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.

Please submit all nominations to Craig.

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

PA GAME COMMISSION (PGC) – Matt Kramer – absent

[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

- Done & being distribution. Take some for your clubs!

GAME – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- PGC expanding managed Dove Fields started in 2019
- Restoring the Bobwhite Quail in Letterkenny Army Depot
- Piebald deer have skeletal deformities [article](#)
- 3-year study on Bear Harvest; shooting too many sows
- Increased littering on the State Game Lands
- CWD management area number 2 to be increased; affects Adams County

POLLUTION – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Shell cracker plant almost complete
- Some minor problems with pollution / contamination in fresh water; fines paid and problems correct
- Mussels present in the Western branch of the Susquehanna proving the water condition is improving

FISHING DERBY – Mike Zon – absent

- No report

FISH COMMITTEE – Mike Zon – absent

- No report

CONSERVATION CAMP – Breanna Edmiston – absent

- No report

ARCHERY – Walt Ketterer

- BV Archery – 2 Tuesdays left for 3 D archery (3 pm – 7pm; 20 targets) Range shuts down in October.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – Craig Holdren – absent

Check out the website at www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE – Craig Holdren (Lee Gower)

- 2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg to be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 – [Details](#)
- Strike team has meeting scheduled in Harrisburg for the day of the Rally
- Judge Patty McCullough rendered a decision against the PA state police and the PICS unit for not complying with PA state law.
- Support FOAC to continue the fight for our gun rights
- Governor Wolfe's announcement on shifting of funds

WE THE PEOPLE – Jerry Hooks – absent

- Successful booth at Big Knob Fair
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022 at Rochester 7:00 pm
- We the People of America website – WTPOA.ORG

HUNTER EDUCATION – Mike Zon – absent

- Aliquippa – September 10, 2022
- Hopewell VFW – September 17, 2022
- Midland – September 24, 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

- No Meeting held in August

FUND RAISING – Guy Cable

- Annual Sporting Clay Event set for September 25th @ Rochester Sportsmen's Club. Registration @ 8:00 am. (It is being held on a Sunday.) \$50 per shooter.
Contact Jerry Hooks with Team registration at 724-601-6964. [Poster](#)
- Youth Foundation Fundraising Ticket – 1st prize is a custom-made AR "Trump Punisher" (from 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 – held at Raccoon State Park "Nicol Doak Field"
 - 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.
 - MUST be **Licensed** Junior Hunter
 - Signup sheets passed around for volunteers to help!
- Goose Hunt – [Flyer](#)
 - Youth Hunt October 22nd, 2022; DEADLINE to register the youth is 10/14/22 by 12 pm
 - [Youth Goose Hunt Application](#)
 - Adult Hunts are 10/24, 10/28, 10/31, 11/4, 11/7, 11/14 & 11/18; DEADLINE to register adult hunters is 10/7/22 by 12 pm
 - [Adult Goose Hunt Application](#)
 - 4 blinds to be set up in October.
 - The County to begin advertising the beginning of September.
- Some discussion on Archery in the park permits. Permits available in September; not to be used until October regular season; not to be used in early season).

YOUTH FIELD DAY – Tonya Cable

- Finished passing out Thank you cards!
- Soliciting for next year's grants and prizes.
- Next year's field day to be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023
- Donation was delivered to Ohioville VFD by Tonya & Mark on 8/8/22
- Donation will be delivered to Hookstown VFD on 9/12/22

BANQUET – vacant

- No report

BIG KNOB FAIR – Guy & Tonya Cable

- Thanks to all that showed up to help!
- \$4,057.60 deposit given to treasurer
- After cost of booth, raffle items, etc. Profit this year is \$3213.60
- Some ideas for next year discussed

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. Recommended to keep good records of EVERYTHING your club does in regards to Lead abatement!
- EPA Best Management Practices for a Gun Range – [click here](#)
 - Contact Dan Losco losco1012@comcast.net if you have information regarding Lead Contamination involving your club and if you would like to take part in the committee. Bob Zeman interested in the committee.
- Need to think about getting other clubs to join the League. We share a lot of information that could be helpful to all clubs / organizations. Working on WELCOME packets of information for those interested in joining.

NEW BUSINESS

- Question regarding Membership count of each club to be added to the 2023 Club Credential Sheet. Credential Sheets to be mailed out soon and attached to upcoming minutes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Central Valley High School Trap Team starting their fall league. Another group of kids shooting at Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Club.
- Recognition of Beaver Fall hosting an Annual Youth Invitational Trap Shoot.
- Mention of decreased rabbit population.
- Five Points thanks all that helped make the "Hunt of a Lifetime" a success.
- Penn State Zoom Meeting on CWD – [click here](#)
- 2023 PA Gun Calendar – NWTF \$50 each
- Covid 19 discussion – [article](#)
- American Legion Riders – Gun Raffle 10/8, 10/9 & 10/10. \$5 each – see Mark B
- Economy VFD 10/1 - \$2 each – See Jeff R

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Aliquippa / Ambridge. Passed. 9:30 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 - confirmed
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