



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

October 6, 2022 Minutes

Meeting Location – Conway Sportsmen's Club



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Bobby Berl		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	A	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Clint DeLuca		(Alt)	Ed Lamb
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forrest Grove	Mike Karkalla		Rochester	Dan Householder
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell	P	(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Michael Sabat		(Alt)	
A	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
A	Tony Rich	P	Rich Kerlin	P	Mark Benzio	A	Tonya Cable*

*Jim Farland filled in for Tonya.

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Moment of Silence in memory of our President, Tony Rich. Keep Tony's family in your thoughts and prayers. [Obituary](#)

Host Club Welcome – Bill Frishkorn, President of Conway Sportsman's Club (Donation of \$100 presented to the BCSC Youth Foundation from Conway in memory of Tony Rich.)

GUESTS

- None

Last Month's Minutes

- Motion to Approve, Sewickley / Green Valley. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Checks written for the memorial blanket & wind chimes for Tony's family & gas for the delivery.
- Deposit made from Big knob Fair booth proceeds
- Tax information to be turned in to the CPA by November 15th

Motion to Approve, BV Archers / Ambridge. Passed.

Need to select an audit committee to audit the financial records / books.

- Mark Crevar, Dan Losco & Dan Householder communicate with Mark Benzio to get the audit started.

ELECTION

July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections

October Elections are for President & Secretary

Tony had accepted nomination for President & Tonya had accepted nomination for Secretary.

Opening the floor for nominations for President:

- Dick Ward nominated Rich Kerlin for president. Rich accepted.

Tonya has accepted nomination for Secretary.

Opening the floor for nominations for Secretary:

- No further nominations

Nominations closed.

Jim Farland filling in for Secretary at present time cast the following votes:

Rich Kerlin for President & Tonya Cable for Secretary

Opening the floor for Nominations for Vice President:

- Notify Craig Holdren 724-728-8930 or craig@craigholdren.com for Vice President nominations prior to the November League Meeting.
- Will open nominations for Vice President again at the November League Meeting.

Nominations closed

COMMUNICATIONS

- None

STATE AGENCIES

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

- State Game Land Tours – 1st one planned for Oct 2nd and each Sunday through Oct 16th. If interested, check website.
- Statewide ban on urine-based deer attractants did not advance with the Board of Commissioners. They want to do more research before a decision can be made.
- HPAI (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza) continues. The public is asked to continue to report wild bird mortality events to the PA Game Commission. Bird hunters advised to take precautions
 - Harvest healthy looking birds only
 - Wear gloves when handling wild birds
 - Good hand washing after handling wild birds
 - Dress harvested wild birds in the field

See attached report for more recommendations.

New release: Now there is a Disease Management Area for RHD (Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease); follow regulations on PA Game Commission website.

Thank you for the respect shown at the funeral home for Tony by the PA Game Commission!

PA Hunting and Trapping Digest

REMARKS on Tony Rich - Jerry

- Thank you to all the clubs and all the people that showed to support the family. It was truly appreciated.
- Springtime "Celebration of Life" for Tony. Call Brady's Run office to accommodate this gathering.
- Looking into a "Memorial Bench" in memory of Tony facing the lake at Hopewell Park.

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

Blue Catfish Information – [click link](#)

PA Fish and Boat Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Books available.

GAME – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Whitetails and how some does get antlers
- Game commission Black Lab training for PA game commission
- Junior Warden Camps
- Elk Camera still up
- New bow fishing record 222 ½ pound 88 in wide Butterfly Ray taken off the Delaware coast
- PA is establishing an outdoor recreation department
- The game commission has 2,027 bodies of water on the state game lands.
- Increase in sandhill cranes.

POLLUTION – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Discussion on what the Conservation District does
- Bald Eagles returning to our state

FISHING DERBY – Mike Zon – absent

- May 6, 2023 – scheduled for the Saturday **AFTER** Opening day of Turkey

FISH COMMITTEE – Mike Zon – absent

- Notice received today that the 1st stocking of the blue catfish in Pittsburgh (13,000 fingerlings) happened this week.

CONSERVATION CAMP – Breanna Edmiston – absent

- No report

ARCHERY – Walt Ketterer

- Archery – interesting article in PA outdoor news of an 82-year-old hunter that has hunted every bow season except one since he was of age to hunt.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – Craig Holdren – absent

Check out the website at www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE – Craig Holdren (Lee Gower) – absent

- Dedication to Tony Rich in the FOAC newsletter.
- Get out & VOTE
- Shootings and crimes that occur in locations other than the USA do not always make the news / media. Examples for today; an attack / shooting by a gang in the Bahamas, Mexico town hall shooting including killing the mayor prior to the town hall meeting in his home & Thailand childcare center shooting. These are heavily gun controlled areas.

WE THE PEOPLE – Jerry Hooks

- Slight delay in getting handbooks out. Addresses needed to be reformatted to avoid PO boxes. Getting mailing labels ready with street addresses. Will have 253 mailings that include the employee handbook ready to be mailed out very soon.
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at Rochester 7:00 pm
- We the People of America website – WTPOA.ORG

HUNTER EDUCATION – Mike Zon – absent

- In-person classes done for the year. Check for on-line classes until 2023.
- Look at your calendars for springtime & let Mike know when you are ready to schedule a class at your club for 2023.
- May look into a cable restraint class and an archery class in 2023.

REGISTRATION for next year will be 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 – absent

Bobby

- Meeting 9/15/22
 - Fishing derby 5/6/23
 - Field day 7/15/23 – submitting grant applications
 - Fundraising – 7 books left for the Thanksgiving Day Drawing ticket
 - Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser had a profit of over \$2,000.00 Waiting Final figures.
 - It was requested that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the youth foundation in Tony's name.

FUND RAISING – Guy Cable - absent

- 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 – to be held at Raccoon State Park “Nicol Doak Field” (off rt. 168)

- October 8, 2022

- 18 youth signed up so far with 2 cancellations
- Will be 2 separate check-in & safety briefing times 7 am followed by 9 am
- Game commission provides 2 birds per youth for the field.
- Youth Foundation purchasing 12 extra birds.
- MUST be **Licensed** Junior Hunter
- Still need help!
- Bird cleaning station on site.
- Once the hunts are over & the gate is locked, the youth can return to the field with the parent / guardian as long as the parent / guardian is a licensed hunter.

Goose Hunt – Brady’s Run

- Youth Hunt October 22nd, 2022; DEADLINE to register the youth is 10/14/22 by 12 pm
 - 3 youth signed up at this time
 - [Youth Goose Hunt Application](#)
 - 4 kids per blind
 - Drakes Waterfowl donations obtained for the youth.
 - Youth ages 16 and older MUST have their Migratory Bird stamp and Federal Duck stamp
- 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
 - 13 adults applied at this time (each adult can bring 3 friends)
 - [Adult Goose Hunt Application](#)

4 blinds to be set up in October. Blind set up date will come out in an email as soon as it is confirmed.

- 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).

Central Valley High School Trap Team has started Fall Competition & Beaver Falls Sportsmen’s Club is now organizing a Western Beaver Trap Team (taking youth from other schools).

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

BANQUET – vacant

- If no banquet, we need to bring back our Sportsmen’s Recognition Awards to be presented at some point. Suggestions for presentation of 2023 can take place at the President’s meeting or maybe the Celebration of Life Gathering for Tony.
- Nominations can come from any club member.
 - Rich Kerlin willing to head this committee but will need help. Suggestion that “The Sportsmen of the Year Award” be renamed “The Tony Rich Sportsmen of the Year Award”.
- Getting a list together of all awards to make sure none are missed.

BIG KNOB FAIR – Guy & Tonya Cable

- No report

LEAD ABATEMENT / RANGE MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES – Dan Losco

- 5 Points hired Civil Environmental Consultants; a report will be submitted to the DEP – a rough draft was complete; waiting for the final draft. Colored pictures available that show shot spray.
- Contact Dan Losco losco1012@comcast.net if you have information regarding Lead Contamination involving your club and if you would like to share the information.
- The clubs that are being impacted should join the committee.
- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Looking for accurate number of club members belonging to each individual club. It is added to the new 2023 credential sheets. This number will only be used to show total number of members belonging to the Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League.
- Need to follow up with Zelienople Sportsmen's Club and their joining of the League.
- 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.
- Asking if anyone knows of any clubs that are not part of the League, encourage them to join. The membership dues are worth all the information shared. League representation is willing to go to club meetings to discuss what the League is about and answer any questions about the League.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cleaning up Raccoon Creek

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Keep Tony's family in your thoughts.
- Bucktails has ticket for CMP Expert Grade Springfield M1 Garand \$10 per ticket – 2 numbers per ticket – drawing based on the PA 3-digit evening number on Christmas Day (Only 7 tickets left)
- Youth Foundation Fundraiser "Trump Punisher" AR Pistol tickets – drawing based on the PA evening 3 digit on Thanksgiving Day – \$10 per ticket with 5 numbers per ticket – (Only 7 books left)

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Ambridge / Rochester. Passed. 8:58 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 - confirmed
April 7	B.V. Archers – confirmed	Aug 4	Midland - confirmed	Dec 8	Five Points - confirmed

BCSCL 2022 Meeting Dates & Locations – These dates will be confirmed monthly by each club.

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCL