



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE

November 3, 2022 Minutes

Meeting Location – Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Assoc.



MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Rick Caton		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dick Smith
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	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	P	Rochester	Dan Householder
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	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		N. Boroughs	Harry Norton	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)		P	(Alt)	Robert Zeman	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

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

Call to Order - 7:00pm

Pledge & Sportsmen's Pledge

Moment of Silence & prayer for military & first responders and a special prayer in memory of Tony Rich.

Host Club Welcome – Bob Miller, President of Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Assoc.

GUESTS

- Ron Neff, Western Beaver Trap Coach
- Mike from Beaver Valley Archers
- Sandi Egly, Beaver County Treasurer – SB 431 passed. Online purchasing of doe licenses.
- (Sandi's concerned for the Beaver County hunters without internet access getting doe tags quick enough and discussion on how she and her office staff can help). Inviting Sandi back next year for feedback.
 - Handouts – Government Directory, Hunting & Trapping Digest, Fishing & Boating Summary Handbook and Beaver County Experience Guide.

Last Month's Minutes

- Correction for October 6, 2022 BCSCCL minutes: Booklet – Rob Smith phone number is 724-407-3945.
 - Motion to Approve, Aliquippa / Rochester. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

Checks written for the website

2023 dues have been received from 4 clubs as of today. [Credential sheet or 2023 due](#)

Membership count will ONLY be used to show how many sportsmen / women and children that the League represents.

Motion to Approve, BV Archers / Ambridge. Passed.

Audit committee to audit the financial records / books as soon as Mark receives all the books back from the account.

- Mark Crevar, Dan Losco & Dan Householder will conduct the audit.

ELECTION

July – appoint nominating committee & October – Elections

Nominated for Vice President

- Dan Householder
- Mike Harcher

Open nominations for Vice President

1st, 2nd and 3rd request for nominations for vice president

No more nominations at this time

Closed nominations for vice president

Craig and nomination committee passed ballots out to the delegates or alternate delegates and line officers to cast votes.

Dan Householder elected to be the Vice president of the League for the remaining of the current term.

Motion to destroy the ballots, Five Points / Green Valley. Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- South Fayette Township “Thanks for Giving” appreciation luncheon November 18, 2022 at Top Golf – [flyer](#)
 - Dan Householder willing to attend and we need 1 other to attend from the league. Notify Mark ASAP
 - Mark will need to RSVP by November 14th
- Letter and donation from Lake Latonka Fish Club received in memory of “Tony”. Tony was a member.
- Card of appreciation to the Vets from the Harcher family.

STATE AGENCIES

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

- Statewide Bear Season
 - Regular statewide bear season Nov 19 – Nov 22 including the Sunday before Thanksgiving.
- Statewide Pheasant Season
 - Game commission will be stocking about 235,000 pheasant. Approx. 14,000 more than last year.
- Snow damage at the southwest game farm postponed some pheasant stockings ONLY be 1 week
- Deer on the move (in the rut)
 - Crossing roads more now
- Elk Season
 - General Elk season begin October 31st and ends Nov 5th
- Restructuring of The PA Game Commission Law Enforcement state wide to enable the Game commission to operate 24 / 7 – 365 days a year including all holidays using dispatch to whomever is on call.

Questions & Discussion:

- Deer EHD
- Sunday hunting
- Goose hunts, blinds and no shows

PA Hunting and Trapping Digest

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION – Jeremy Allen – deployed

- Thoughts and prayers for Jeremy and his family.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOOKLET – Rob Smith: Contact info 724-407-3945 or rasmith10@comcast.net

- Books available.
- Get booklet updates and revisions to Rob or Tonya

GAME – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Record elk shot with crossbow in Zone 10 Armstrong County. Scored 467
- Penn state study on a new parasite found on deer and elk. Website www.parasitehunters.com
- 3,000 acres added to the PA game lands
- Bird hunters reminded to take precautions due to the Avian Flu.
- RHDV2 – rabbit hemorrhagic disease Virus 2 affecting the population
- PA in number one state in the nation for striking wild game (mostly deer) with automobile
- Albino or Piebald deer – Would you take it as a trophy or let it go?

POLLUTION – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Shell pipeline fined \$670,000 in civil penalties for violations of pipeline permit (Falcon Pipeline)

FISHING DERBY – Mike Zon – absent

- May 6, 2023 – scheduled for one week LATER than usual date
- Will ask for fishing derby budget in the January meeting
- Tagged fish mishap will be settled for the 2023 derby

FISH COMMITTEE – Mike Zon – absent

- PA Fish and boat Commission may increase testing on hatchery waters that may have an impact on PA stockings.

CONSERVATION CAMP – Breanna Edmiston – absent

- Application due in January.

ARCHERY – Walt Ketterer

- Nice buck harvested on the club grounds by one of its members.
- Archery indoors this month.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – Craig Holdren

Check out the website at www.bcscl.org

LEGISLATIVE – Craig Holdren

- Get out & VOTE on NOVEMBER 8th – [voters' guide information](#)
- Article regarding gun ranges in PA – [click here](#)
- FOAC led a toast to Tony Rich at the gun bash.

WE THE PEOPLE – Jerry Hooks - absent

- Meeting held on 10/27/22
- Tributes to Tony and presentation of flag that was made in his memory. Need more active directors & members to carry on Tony's vision.
- Handbooks ready to go; decided to wait till after elections and may decide to hand deliver the handbooks in Harrisburg
- Malley – guest speaker and presentation of America's history
- Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Rochester 7:00 pm
- We the People of America website – WTPOA.ORG

HUNTER EDUCATION – Mike Zon – absent

- Classes done for the year.
- Look at your calendars for springtime & let Mike know when you are ready to schedule a class at your club for 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

- Meeting 10/20/22 -
 - Guests present for the meeting
 - Central Valley High School and Beaver Falls in attendance soliciting help for the youth trap teams. Youth Foundation will discuss further at next meeting and bring information to delegates at a county league meeting.
 - Elections held for 2023
 - Mike Zon, President
 - Guy Cable, Vice President
 - Tonya Cable, Secretary
 - Dan Householder, Treasurer
 - Firearm inventory check list to be verified and will be brought to a future meeting
 - Youth foundation looking to obtain wild game dinner left from Tony's shop to use for the "Celebration of Life Ceremony in memory of Tony Rich".
 - Financial Report
 - Next meeting on November 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm Aliquippa Bucktails

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](#) **11 tickets left**

YOUTH MENTORED HUNTS – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant Hunt – to be held at Raccoon State Park "Nicol Road / Doak Field" (off rt. 168)

- Youth Hunt October 8, 2022 -
 - 15 youth hunters
 - 19 pheasants harvested
 - Many clubs represented
 - Pheasant cleaning station by George
 - Registration was put on line a little too late this year

Goose Hunt – Brady's Run

- Youth Hunt October 22nd, 2022 - [picture](#)
 - 13 youth hunters
 - Delta waterfowl present and donated waterfowl ID books and duck calls for the youth hunters
 - Drake waterfowl donated hats and gators for the youth hunters
 - Thank you, Lee for your help with setting up of the blinds
 - Great communication with the County this year for the goose hunts
 - Adult hunts still happening (19 adults signed up)

YOUTH FIELD DAY – Tonya Cable

- Next year's field day to be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023

BANQUET – *vacant*

- No banquet this year
- Looking at May 7th for "Celebration of Life for Tony Rich" at Brady's Run All Season Lodge – the County waived all fees for this event.

- Forming a committee
- May be looking at a special award to be presented in memory of Tony Rich
- 359 pounds of meat available with unpaid processing fees (Would like to serve at "Celebration of Life" for Tony)

BIG KNOB FAIR – Guy & Tonya Cable

- No report

LEAD ABATEMENT / RANGE MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES – Dan Losco - absent

- 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.
- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>
- Need a company to remove lead
 - Option for the clubs: Contact for Lead Shot Reclamation (816)863-9003 or www.gipsonricketts.com

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Need to follow up with Zelienople Sportsmen's Club and their joining of the League.
- Still working on WELCOME packets of information for those interested in joining.
- Rocco Ali will be monitoring the Funds that were raised for Herford Manor. In the past, a decision was made to keep this money in an Escrow account through the Wildlife Forever Endowment Fund. Rocco will be our representative and keep us updated on this funding.

NEW BUSINESS

- Interested in shooting small bore. Contact Mike Sabat, Green Valley Alternate Delegate
- Congratulations to Rachael for her shooting abilities and her trip to WPIALS
- Ron Neff explained youth trap beginning again through Western Beaver district (recruiting from 8 different school districts in PA and 2 in OH) looking for support from the league youth foundation.
- Youth Foundation discussing ideas to support these youth trap teams. These ideas will be brought back to the league for approval.
- Discussion on a County Wide Sportsman's Swap meet location possibility to be held in 2023 at Brady's Run Lodge.
- Pitcairn Monroeville Sportsmen's Club – social hall rental not used as the club had agreed. [Video](#).
 - Holding a sportsman's forum on November 8th to get a group discussion on what can be done to prevent infiltration, suggestions on how clubs can be better protected, and better ways to take in new member, etc.

All Club members are welcome to attend this Forum Discussion:

Tuesday, November 8th beginning at 7:00 pm Location:

Pitcairn Monroeville Sportsmen's Club

505 Mossie Blvd, North Versailles, PA 15137

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Midland Annual 30-day ticket that goes off in January \$40 ticket. See Mark B
- Will look ahead for 2023 date to hold League Presidents' meeting.

50/50 DRAWING

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- FOAC / Conway. Passed. 9:27 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.

All 2023 meeting dates listed below need confirmed.

2023 Meeting Schedule

January 5	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 4		Sept 14	Ambridge
February 2	Rochester	June 1	Pine Run	Oct 5	Conway
March 2	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting	July 6	Rochester – BVRPC Hosting	Nov 2	Beaver Falls
April 6	B.V. Archers – confirmed	Aug 3	Midland	Dec 14	Five Points

Looking for any club that does NOT yet host a meeting to volunteer to host the May meeting!

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCCL