



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



January 5, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – Aliquippa Bucktails

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable		Five Points	Jim Farland		Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Rick Caton	P	(Alt)	Dan Losco	P	(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Frank Kelly		(Alt)	Ed Lamb
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(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)			(Alt)	Dave Knight			
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger		N. Boroughs	Robert Zeman	P	PGC	Matt Kramer
	(Alt)		P	(Alt)	Dave Herko	A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

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

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Sportsmen's Pledge

Moment of Silence & Prayer for Kim Stolfer, the military, police & EMS.

Host Club Welcome – Rich Kerlin, Aliquippa Bucktails President

Guests

- Tim Kelly from Lawrence County
- Craig, Central Valley HS Trap Coach
- Brett, Western Beaver youth Trap Team

Delegate Changes

- George Sullivan the new delegate for Rochester
- Jeff Ruckert the new alternate delegate for Pine Run

Last month's minutes

- Motion to approve G. Cable Aliquippa / T. Watson Ambridge. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio - [report](#)

- Starting Balance \$ 11, 875.88 – Ending Balance \$12,275.88
 - Includes dues deposited
- 2023 Dues need turned in by the February Meeting – [credential sheet for 2023](#)
 - 13 out of 16 clubs have turned in dues as of today
 - 13 out of 16 clubs have turned in credential sheets
- Taxes done.
- Audit scheduled to be done by Mark Crevar, Dan Losco & Dan Householder.

Motion to approve G. Cable Aliquippa / D. Losco Five Points. Passed.

Elections

July – appoint nominating committee / October – Elections

- None currently.

Communications

- Allegheny County Sportsmen's League sent invite to join their league.

State Agencies

PA Game Commission (PGC) – Matt Kramer – [report](#)

- Beaver Trappers
 - Abundance of beavers that need to be trapped in Beaver County. Get ahold of Matt Kramer through the PA Game Commission for locations.
- The PA Game Commission is asking for public assistance reporting turkey flocks
 - Report turkey sightings between now – March 15th on line at [Turkey Survey](#)
 - Data used for animal survival rates, annual spring harvest rates, etc.
 - See attached report for more detail
- Deer hunting
 - Statewide flintlock muzzle loader season ends 1/14 – extended opportunities in 2B
 - 2B flintlock muzzle loader hunting continues through 1/28
know wear your boots are.....

READ YOUR DIGEST & KNOW WHERE YOU ARE HUNTING

- Several HRSI throughout the state. PLEASE practice firearm safety throughout the entire hunting season.
- Game news article: [game news pg 1](#) [pg 2](#)

Comments: request for PA archery class & cable restraint classes every other year. Search PA Game Commission website details regarding classes.

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) – Jeremy – *deployed*

- No report

[PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Books available *printed in 2022*. See Rob or Tonya
 - FOAC submitted changes for the booklet

Game – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Bear harvest – 1,018 during 4-day regular firearm season
 - Tioga County harvested the most bears in PA (187 bears)
 - One hunter harvested a 681-pound bear with a long bow
 - 14-year-old junior hunter harvested a 693-pound bear
- Goshawk
 - Decreased in population – listed as endangered
 - Being captured, studied and vaccinated
- Penn State Study
 - Vaccination in bears with mange
- Avian flu
 - Still spreading in PA
- Cornell Lab
 - Study show lighting in the cities are interfering with the migration route of birds
- Hunters sharing the harvest
 - Kick off at Collier Township Sportsmen's Club
- Bats
- Wildlife Funding stalled for PA

Pollution – Mike Harcher - [report](#)

- Plastic in PA waters
- Keystone pipeline spill into a creek in Washington County, Kansas.
- Regulations finalized to protect waterways

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Scheduled for May 6, 2023 (1 week after opening day of spring turkey)
- Bringing it back as a derby with prizes without measuring fish.
- Will have registration.
- Looking to increase number of fish stocked this year.

Fish Committee – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Successful fishing in Erie for Steelhead

Conservation Camp – Breanna Edmiston – *absent*

- Application to book Raccoon State Park camp is due to be submitted in January

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Indoor shooting at BV Archers Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
- BV Archers youth having a multi club shoot this weekend (Fri -Sat)
- 5 Points 3D (20 target) Winter Shoot on February 5th 8am – 2pm
- Archery in the classroom (CV, NB, Beaver, etc). Waiting for information to support the annual Invitational.

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Email club information that you want shared on the website to Craig and / or Frank.
 - Craig contact at craig@craigholdren.com
 - Frank contact at fkelly@itame.net

BCSCL website is bcscl.net

Legislative – Craig Holdren

- 2nd amendment remains under attack
- FOAC-ILLEA new chapter in 23 (Kim Stolfer stepping down) – [credentials pg 1](#) [pg 2](#)
- GOA article – [see here](#)
 - Contact your local representatives & Lisa Baker “stop adding more anti-gun bills”

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- Meeting held on Dec. 15th at Rochester
- Continuing to work on a plan to get the Legislative Handbooks out to the politicians / elected officials
- Will hold workshops prior to the trip to Harrisburg so we know how to present
- Discussion on fundraising
- Need more help!
- Speaker, Malley Branchetti – war of 1812
- Discussion on your “status” and laws regarding citizenship. References: David Straight “Rumble” & book titled “Government by Consent”
- We the People of America website is WTPOA.org
- Next meeting to be held on January 12, 2023 at 7 pm @ Rochester Sportsmen’s Club

Hunter Education – Mike Zon

- 2/25/23 – YMCA
- Waiting for final 2022 report on classes.

REGISTRATION is on-line [PGC](#)

Notify Mike Zon if your club would like to host a hunter-trapper education class.
Contact Mike @ 724-683-5880 (call or text)

Conservation District – Dick Smith – *absent*

- No report
- BCSCL is part of the nominating committee

Youth Foundation – Mike Zon – *absent* (Guy Cable)

- No meeting in December
- Checks presented to CV HS Trap team & Wester Beaver youth Trap team - [picture](#)
 - 15 youth qualified for states & 2 went to nationals – 1 state champion
- Next meeting January 19th at 7:00 pm at Aliquippa Bucktails
- Treasurer audit to be conducted at 6:00 pm prior to the regular meeting in January

Fundraising – Guy Cable

- 2 prints available for a raffle
- Gun ticket to come after the NWTF banquet

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- No report

Goose

- No report

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable

- Scheduled for 7/15/23 at Midland Sportsmen's Club
- Field day committee meetings held at 6pm prior to each youth foundation meeting to begin in January

Banquet – vacant

- Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
 - May 7, 2023
 - To be held at Brady's Run Lodge
 - Committee meetings held at 5 pm prior to every county league meeting
 - All proceeds raised will go to the start of an annual "Tony Rich Scholarship / Award" Fund
 - Raffles – entrance ticket, 50/50, silent auction
 - Accepting auction items from clubs, individuals, etc for the auction table
 - Checks for donations to the Celebration received from Aliquippa, Rochester, Midland, 5 Points, Tim W, 50/50 winners – ALL DONATIONS are to be written to the BCSC.
 - After the event, the youth foundation will manage the scholarship / award fund
 - Tony Rich's family is wanting to donate gun(s)
 - Band donated by Jerry Hooks
 - Thanks to all stepping up to assist with the planning of this event. Please join us at the committee meetings each month @ 5 pm prior to each league meeting
 - Climo's Catering in addition to many others will be donating to this event
 - Tickets for admission to the event will be available at the next meeting
 - Will have ongoing fundraising to keep money in the fund for giving the scholarship / award annually
 - Working on criteria for applicants & looking for the family to select the winners each year

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- August 29 – September 2, 2023

Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices – Dan Losco email: dlosco@creswellwater.net

- 5 Points still waiting to get the environmental stewardship plan to the DEP
- Civil and Environmental Consultants are interested in coming to the President's meeting
- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>

Unfinished Business

- President's Meeting to be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm @ Aliquippa Bucktails
 - Invitation will be sent out to clubs that belong to the League & to clubs that do not belong to the league.
 - Possible topics of discussion – lead abatement, Monroeville Pitcairn incident, etc.
 - Delegates to attend along with their club president.
 - Working on informational packets in case a club has an interest in joining the league.

New Business

- Difficulty retrieving league information for minutes due to malfunction of flash drive
- Discussion on getting a league laptop to keep all club meetings, minutes and other correspondences on a single device utilizing memory back up that allows us to save all information for retrieval at any time.

Motion to provide Tonya with \$700 to purchase a laptop with access to storage & memory for BCSCCL business that will be owned by the BCSCCL.

- Motion made by M. Sabat Green Valley / 2nd by R. Eppinger Conway. Questions & Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Good of the Order

- 1/9/23 – US Law Shield seminar @ Aliquippa Bucktails @ 6pm
- 3/18/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails Ham Shoots
- 3/25/23 – Swap Meet @ Aliquippa Bucktails (\$10 per table)
- 2/5/23 – 5 Points Polar 3 D Shoot 8 am – 2pm (20 targets) – NO crossbows
- Are BCSCCL shirts available for purchase? Will ask Bruce Pia

50/50 Drawing

- \$58 winner

Motion to Adjourn

- R. Eppinger Conway / G. Cable Aliquippa. Passed 9:28 pm

2023 Meeting Schedule

January 5	Aliquippa Bucktails	May 4	Green Valley	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	Aug 3	Midland	Dec 14	Five Points

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCCL

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