



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



April 6, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – Beaver Valley Archers

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	N. Boroughs	Robert Zeman
P	(Alt)	Rick Caton		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dave Herko
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	A	FOAC	Craig Holdren	P	NWTF 2 nd Chance Toms	Tim Reichl
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Frank Kelly		(Alt)	
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Michael Sabat		(Alt)	Ed Lamb
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	A	Hopewell VFW		P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)						(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	
						P	PGC	Matt Kramer
						A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

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P	President	P	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 "Remember Harry Norton"

Host Club Welcome – Pete Vorderbrueggen, President of BV Archers

Welcome to the League: NWTF 2nd Chance Toms & Hopewell VFW Post 8805

Guests

- Dan Freed from Marion Hill Sportsmen's Club – Welcome!

Last month's minutes

- Motion to approve. M. Crevar, Sewickley / T. Watson, Ambridge. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

Motion to approve R Smith, Pine Run / W Ketterer, BV Archers. Passed.

Elections

July – appoint nominating committee / October – Elections

- Nothing to report

Communications

- None

State Agencies

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

- Executive Director Presented the Annual Report to Legislature
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- Harvest Estimates for Deer for 2022-23 Season
 - 422,960 white tail deer (164,190 buck & 258,770 antlerless) – 12 % increase over 2021-22 season
 - 1 A – 9,000 bucks & 13,800 does
 - 2 A – 8,700 bucks & 11,000 does
 - 2 B – 6,600 bucks & 15,000 does
- Board of Commissioners Meeting to be held April 14th & 15th 2023
 - Meeting can be viewed on PA Game Commission website
- Youth Turkey Season April 22nd for ONLY 1 day
 - Regular season starts on April 29th
- SW Region H.T.E. Instructor Training Workshop for Beaver County is on April 26th beginning @ 6pm at Hopewell VFW. Dinner will be served.

PA Hunting and Trapping Digest

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

- Busy with trout fishing!

PA Fish and Boat Commission

Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District – Dick Smith – *absent*

- Conservation District presented at the Presidents' Meeting. Hope to see them attend our future League Meetings.

BCSCL Youth Foundation – Mike Zon – *absent*

Vice president, Guy Cable – *absent*

Secretary, Tonya Cable

- Meeting held at Aliquippa Bucktails March 16, 2023
- New applications for sponsorships / memberships to the youth foundation
- \$2030 was donated to the Youth Foundation in Memory of Tony Rich in lieu of flowers. This money will be used as the seed money for the beginning of the "Tony Rich Scholarship Fund".

Motion to move the \$2030 from the Youth Foundation to the "Tony Rich Scholarship Fund"
J. Farland, 5 Points / R. Smith, Pine Run. Passed

- Currently looking into applying for grants.
- Solicitation sent to Safari Club International
- Looking into possible donations of small .22 crickets for the Field Day through Keystone Firearms
- Working on Inventory of League equipment – This Equipment is available for clubs to use for "Field Day"
- Welcome to committee member, Jeff Ruckert
- Next Meeting will be held at Aliquippa Bucktails on April 20, 2023 beginning @ 6pm (Field Day Committee Meeting) & 7 pm (Youth Foundation Committee Meeting)

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks - *absent*

- Meeting held on March 23, 2023
- Organizing a trip to Harrisburg to Speak with the politicians
- Working on the Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
- Next Meeting will be on April 25, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm
 - Location: Rochester Sportsmen's Club

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- None

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

- Books available *printed in 2022*. See Rob or Tonya
 - All clubs need to review their bio and get changes turned in ASAP
- New books will be printed after Big Knob Fair

Game – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Outdoor news – 500th issue (20 years published)
- State agencies show Collaborative Efforts in detection and management of CWD
- Many Colleges and Universities are working together with studies on CWD using testing methods and looking at best practices
- Federal Funding has been made available for the ongoing study of CWD
- Reintroducing the American Marten to the State of PA
- PA Senate Bills upcoming
 - to restore Monday as the season Opening Day – **What does your club think?**
 - to make Senior Hunters exempt from Antler restrictions – **What does your club think?**
 - Reach out to your Representative and tell them what you think!

Pollution – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Pyrolysis – decomposition brought about by high temperatures. Burning without oxygen and saving the carbon to go back into the ground. Penn State experiments dealing with the pharmaceuticals that are harming fish and drinking water.
- Western basin of Lake Erie – Bluegreen algae bloom concerns.

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- May 6, 2023
- Posters available to post
- Bringing it back as a derby with prizes without measuring fish
- Will have registration giving each child a number that will be used for giving away prizes
- Will have tagged fish for additional prizes

- Ages: up to age 15 years
- 8 am to 12 pm. REGISTRATION begins at 6:30 am

Fish Committee – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No report

Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable

- Dates of the Camp are July 23 – July 29, 2023
- Cost of the camp is \$250 for the week
- Looking for clubs to either send campers or sponsor campers
- Posters available for posting – [poster](#)
- Camper (age 13-15) applications ready to be handed out – [camper application](#)
- Counselor (JR age 16-17 & SR age 18-20) applications ready to be handed out – [counselor application](#)
- Need background checks information on all counselors age 18-20 & adults helping with the camp
 - (Copies need to be given to Tonya)
 - [“link for PA state Police Check”](#)
 - [“link for Child abuse Clearance”](#)
 - [“FBI background”](#)
 - HTE Instructors that are current and up to date; **a copy of your card is acceptable**
 - **BE SURE TO SPECIFY “VOLUNTEER” when completing the background checks, so they will be FREE**
- [Staff & Counselor Meetings – to be held @ Aliquippa Bucktails](#)
 - **Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 6 pm – for staff & counselors**
 - **Sunday, June 25, 2023 @ 6 pm – for staff, counselors, campers & parents**
- We have **ONLY** 4 campers registered to date – **MUST have 20 Campers registered by MAY**
- We have 2 sponsored camp scholarships to date
- HTE class for campers scheduled for June 17th at Aliquippa Bucktails. Registration on-line [PGC](#)
- CPR being arranged with HVFD to certify counselors & staff (\$45 per person for material)
 - Saturday, July 1, 2023 beginning at 8 am
- Discussion on camp account – access has been a problem.
 - Suggesting to close camp account and work through the League account with Paid Camp fees / sponsorships and through the Youth Foundation for Supplemental costs that exceed the paid camp fees / sponsorships. Suggestion for a beginning Budget. Reports will be available after camp. If a new account need opened in the future; it can be revisited.

NOTE: A deposit of the remaining \$100 from camp last year will be deposited back into the camp account funding bringing the camp account balance to \$435.20. Then a check will be written with camp account funds to Breanna Edmiston for reimbursement of \$410.19 of camp preparation leaving a balance of \$25.01 which will go into the League account.

Motion made to approve a \$3000 starting budget for 2023 Conservation Camp. G. Sullivan, Rochester / R. Eppinger, Conway. Passed.

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Tuesday archery begins at @ 4:00 pm
- National Archery in the School Program – [letter](#)
 - Needs funds to replace youth target butts. Targets last 3-4 years. Targets used by multiple schools regionally. Shooting practice at BV archers sponsored by BV Archers.

Motion made through the League to approve replacements of 8 new target butts for Archery in the Schools Program through the Youth Foundation. M. Crevar, Sewickley / M. Benzio, Midland. Using role call for a vote. Unanimously Passed.

This information will be taken to the next Youth Foundation Meeting.

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren - *absent*

- Check out the BCSCCL website bcscl.net
- **Email** club information that you want shared on the website to Craig, Frank & Tonya
 - Directions for submitting information for the BCSCCL website – [see here](#)
 - Craig - contact at Ch316@comcast.net
 - Frank - contact at frankkelly51@outlook.com
 - Tonya - contact at gtcttc@yahoo.com

Legislative – Craig Holdren - *absent*

- Harrisburg Rally on Monday June 12, 2023 on the front steps of the capital - [INFO](#)

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- 4/15/23 – Sylvania Hills Church
- 5/20/23 Midland Sportsmen's Club
- 6/17/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails
- More classes to come

REGISTRATION for classes are on-line [PGC](#)

Contact Mike @ 724-683-5880 (call or text) to host a hunter-trapper education class.

Fundraising – Guy Cable

- Annual Youth Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot scheduled for August 19, 2023
- NWTF Banquet to be held on April 15, 2023 at Ambridge Club
 - Will raffle the NWTF table gun
- Welcome Raffle ticket IDEAS????

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
- Poster ready to post – [field day poster](#)
- Registration is on-line – <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/39?zip=15052&distance=10>
- Information is on the www.bcscl.org website
- We would welcome Marion Hill Sportsmen's Club back to participating in the Youth Field Day
- Field day committee meetings held at 6pm prior to each youth foundation meeting to begin in January.
 - All are WELCOME to come and participate!

Motion made to approve a \$3000 budget for 2023 BCSCCL & Youth Foundation Youth Field Day.

R. Smith, Pine Run / J. Farland, 5 Points. Passed.

Banquet – vacant

- Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League Awards Descriptions being reviewed
 - AGSL Presidents Meeting to be held on April 28th 2023 – RSVP through Rich Kerlin

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- August 29 – September 2, 2023

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

- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>

Unfinished Business

- President's Meeting held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm @ Aliquippa Bucktails
- NWTF – April 15th at Ambridge Sportsmen's Club
- Last call for ordering the BCSCS shirts **DEADLINE to ORDER is TODAY.**
- Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
 - May 7, 2023
 - To be held at Brady's Run Lodge
 - Wear the County League shirt or your Club shirt
 - **If you have a Silent Auction item for the Celebration of Life contact Tonya Cable 724-494-6465 call or text**
 - Thank you to all who have already donated
 - Set up begins at 9:00 am
 - Jerry Hooks has the extra tickets. Contact Jerry Hooks or Dan Householder
 - Checks & credit cards will be accepted at the event.
 - PA Game Print donated for the event
 - Climos Catering controlling the kitchen
- Projector and screen will be used to show an ongoing video at the event.
- Welcoming anyone who would like to bring cookies

New Business

- Discussion on letters received by clubs from Insurance companies not willing to renew policies.
- Suggested agents to contact for club Insurance:
 - Joseph Keppel & Son Insurance Agency in Moon Township, PA 412-264-8072
 - Malagise & Associates Inc in Bridgewater, PA 724-770-0101

If your club has another Insurance Agent to suggest, please bring this information to the next meeting to share.

Good of the Order

- Aliquippa Family Field Day – August 5th 2023 – space is limited. Registration is on line at <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/39?zip=15001&distance=10>
- 5 Points 9th Annual "Hunt of a Lifetime" Charity 3 D Archery Shoot on August 12th & August 13th – tickets available \$10 each
 - The League & Youth Foundation supports this event every year with sponsoring targets
- Project Appleseed @ Beaver Valley Rifle Pistol Club – [details](#)

50/50 Drawing

- Winner \$55 donated to the "Tony Rich Celebration of Life Scholarship Fund"

Motion to Adjourn

- J. Ruckert, NWTF 2nd Chance Toms / R. Eppinger, Conway. Passed 9:30 pm

2023 Meeting Schedule

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

THE FINAL Celebration of Life Meeting begins at 5:00 pm prior to the regular scheduled League Meeting in MAY!

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