



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



June 1, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – Pine Run

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	N. Boroughs	Robert Zeman
P	(Alt)	Rick Caton		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(Alt)	Dave Herko
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	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	P	Hopewell VFW	Gary Grey	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Dan Bailes		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
A	Conway	Ray Eppinger	A	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
			P	Marion Hill			
				(Alt)		P	PGC	Mike Yeck
						A	PFBC	Jeremy Allen

OFFICERS

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

*Jim Farland for Tonya Cable. Thank You!

Welcome Marion Hill back to the League.

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Sportsmen's Pledge & Moment of Silence

Host Club Welcome – Rob Smith, Pine Run

Guests

- FOAC – Jim Stoker, President & Bob Canova

Last month's minutes

- Motion to approve. NWTF 2nd Chance Toms / BV Archers. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio - *absent*

- No report

Elections

July – appoint nominating committee / October – Elections

- Vice President & Secretary

Communications

- None

State Agencies

PA Game Commission (PGC) – Mike Yeck - *absent*

- No report

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

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

- No report

[PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District – Dick Smith – *absent*

- No report

BCSCL Youth Foundation – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No meeting in May
- Next Meeting will be held at Aliquippa Bucktails on June 15, 2023

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- Organizing a trip to Harrisburg to Speak with the politicians and distribute “Employee Handbooks”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio - *absent*

- No report

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 clubs that have recently joined the League need to submit a bio for the book

Game – Mike Harcher

- Bass
- Falconers
- Gypsy Moth Spraying
- Elk Study by Penn State

Pollution – Mike Harcher

- Shell plant started back up after a shutdown and fines for air pollution
- Ohio River pollution

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Great success!
- 107 kids
- 2 – 3 tagged fish caught
- Pictures on facebook
- Prizes out every 15-20 minutes
- Tony Rich was missed.

Fish Committee – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No report

Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable – *absent*

- Dates of the Camp are July 23 – July 29, 2023
- Cost of the camp is \$250 for the week
- Still need clubs to send campers OR sponsor campers (13 youth still need sponsored)
- 23 kids & 7 counselors at present
- 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**
- **Mandatory Meetings – to be held @ Aliquippa Bucktails**
 - **Sunday, June 25, 2023 @ 4 pm – for staff & counselors; followed by 6 pm meeting with campers & parents**
- HTE class for campers scheduled for June 17th at Aliquippa Bucktails. Registration on-line [PGC](#)
- **CPR for all counselors & staff at no cost to you! Saturday, July 1, 2023 beginning at 8 am at Hookstown Volunteer Fire Department**
- 1st day of camp, counselors and staff will meet at the ranger station @ NOON
 - Kids arrive at 4:00 pm
- Canoeing & Fishing area confirmed at Raccoon State Park Canoe launching area
- **Need help: Tuesday for canoeing & fishing at Raccoon Park; Wednesday after lunch for shooting @ 5 Points**
- There will be signs to direct you into camp from Rt. 18

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Lost members
- Shoots on Wednesday night
- 3 D shoot
- Ambridge Summer Field Archery Season on Wednesday nights @ 6 pm – more info on facebook
- 5 Points – 9th Annual Hunt of a Lifetime August 12th & 13th

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Working on updating the BCSCCL website bcsccl.net
- Working on getting a printer since the old one at Rochester is outdated & does not work
- **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

- Jim Stoker
 - Would like to visit clubs to do a concealed carry seminar free
 - Laws are getting more convoluted and clubs are not understanding the seriousness of what is happening
 - Discussion on bills
 - Mandatory storage not brought up
 - Mandatory reporting of lost and stolen brought up and failed
 - Red flag laws passed the House
 - Universal backgrounds check passed the House
 - Get on FOAC website and subscribe to get the newsletter for more detail
- FOAC membership application – [click here](#)
- Harrisburg Rally on Monday June 12, 2023 on the front steps of the capital - [INFO](#)

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- 6/17/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails
- 6/24/23 – Pine Run
- More classes coming in August & September

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 - *absent*

- Annual Youth Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot held at Rochester Sportsman's Club – posters made; need date clarified.
- NWTF Banquet gun to raffle

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- Info should arrive in June to July

Goose

- contact the County in July

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable – *absent*

- Scheduled for 7/15/23 at Midland Sportsmen's Club
- Registration is on-line – <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/39?zip=15052&distance=10>
- Open with a safety briefing @ 6:45 am inside the building followed by a picture then the dog demonstration
- Pizza for lunch, chips & drink
- Ohioville Fire department will be onsite
- We now have two .22 crickets for smaller youth
- 27 kids signed – registration will take up to 100
- Information is on the www.bcscl.org website

Banquet – *vacant*

- No report

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable – *absent*

- August 29 – September 2, 2023
- Booth is paid
- Plans in the works

Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices – Dan Losco – *absent*

To contact Dan: email dlosco@creswellwater.net

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

Unfinished Business

- Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
 - Thank you to those who participated, volunteered, partaken in the event, etc.
 - Total Income \$ 17,941.15 less the expenses \$ 1,069.00 = Profit from the event \$ 16,872.15
 - One outstanding bill remains for the processing fee for all the meat from Tony Rich's shop
 - Tony's family were so appreciative!
 - A raffle still to come on the Damascus knife
 - Ideas on using remaining wild game for other fundraising events to come
- Scholarship Fund – set up special saving account through the BCSCS Youth Foundation specifically to house this scholarship fund.
 - Will be working on the criteria for the scholarships with the youth foundation and Tony's wife & daughter
- Thank you letter from Glen Fillingner
- Archery kids from Beaver County are on their way to Nationals
- Western Beaver HS Trap Team placed 5th in their conference
- CV Team placed 1st in their conference

New Business

- Nothing new

Good of the Order

- 9th Annual Hunt of a Lifetime for 5 Points on August 12 & 13. \$10 tickets
 - Still need to sponsor a target
- Aliquippa Bucktails on August 5th 9 am – 2 pm. Registration @ 8:30 am
- June 26th - 8 am Hunting License on sale.
- \$50 donation from T. Watson for bus to Harrisburg

- First aid, trauma kit, Life vac, AED & training – What do you have at your club for emergency?
- [Click here for APPLESEED Event Flyer](#)

50/50 Drawing

- 50/50 Winner

Motion to Adjourn

- FOAC / Ambridge. Passed 9:04 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 - confirmed	Oct 5	Conway
March 2	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting - confirmed	July 6	Rochester – BVRPC Hosting - confirmed	Nov 2	Beaver Falls
April 6	B.V. Archers - confirmed	Aug 3	Midland - confirmed	Dec 14	Five Points

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