



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



October 5, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – Conway

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	A	N. Boroughs	Robert Zeman
	(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)	Jeff Ruckert
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	A	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Dan Bailes		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
			A	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed			
				(Alt)	Keith Radcliff	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
						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

Host Club Welcome – Bill Frishkorn, President of Conway Sportsmen's Club

Guests

- None

Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. Ambridge / Sewickley. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Report provided & reviewed
 - Check written to South Fayette Twp for Handicap Accessible Hunt
 - Deposit of Big Knob fair booth proceeds
- 2024 League dues.....Credential sheet attached [HERE](#)
 - Please mail to the PO box listed on the credential sheet attached.
 - Please have credential sheets complete and turned in with club dues by end of year
 - Remember to include total of **ALL** registered members (regular, lifetime, junior, etc)

Motion to accept report for audit. Pine Run / BV Archers. Passed.

Elections

July – appointed nominating committee / October – Elections

- **Positions up for election are Vice President & Secretary**

Nominations opened:

Nomination for Vice-President: Dan Householder

Nomination for Secretary: Tonya Cable

Nominations closed.

1 vote cast for Dan Householder for Vice-President & 1 vote cast for Tonya Cable for Secretary

Communications

- Please send ALL League correspondence to the Post Office Box address listed below.
 - BCSCCL – PO Box 276, Beaver, PA 15009

State Agencies

PA Game Commission (PGC) – Officer Mike Yeck

- New CWD rules
- CWD management areas adjusted
- Reintroduction plan for the American Martins
- Hemorrhagic disease outbreak in Crawford County
- Archery deer season opened statewide
- Open discussion

PA Hunting and Trapping Digest

PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) – Jeremy Allen – *absent* – “*deployed*”.

- No report

PA Fish and Boat Commission

Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District – Dick Smith – *absent*

- No report

BCSCL Youth Foundation – Mike Zon – *absent*

Guy Cable, vice-president

- Thank you card from Five Points for Youth Foundation's donation to Hunt of a Lifetime
- No meeting in September – *not enough attendance for a quorum*

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- Committee establish: Mark C, Bob Z, Tim W.
 - Committee to get together to complete the audit
 - Audit results will be available next month

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

- We are out of League Books *printed in 2022*.
 - All clubs, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, need to review their bio and get changes turned in ASAP.
 - **New clubs that have recently joined the League, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, please submit a bio for the book.**
- UPDATES to the books need to be turned in BEFORE the end of the year!

Game – Mike Harcher – *absent*

Pollution – Mike Harcher – *absent*

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No report

Fish Committee – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No report

Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable

- Father's Day 2024 will be the check in date for next year's camp
- Extra group pictures available. Please take one!
- Video presentation of the youth skits on family night at camp

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Youth in-school program at BV Archers have decreased; need help boosting attendance for this youth archery program. If you want to help with increasing participation; contact Glenn Fillingner 724-847-3514
 - Junior Olympics at Beaver Valley Archers
- Hunt of a Lifetime successful!
- Beaver Falls working on 3D Shoots & Night Shoots

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Working on updating the BCSCCL website bcsccl.net
- Updating and adding advertisements! Let Frank know if you would like more information on adding an advertisement to the site.
- **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

- PA is the only state outside of Delaware that we cannot hunt big game with a semiautomatic rifle.
- Biden defunding the archery and hunting programs in the schools has been reversed. [Page 1](#) [Page 2](#)
- Republican Candidate Forum [Click here](#)
- FOAC Voters Guide for Beaver County [pg 1](#) & [pg 2](#)

- Contact Craig if you would like a voter's guide for other counties.
- Follow up discussion regarding HB 1300

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Classes complete for 2023.

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

- Working on a ticket to include: NWTF Savage Axis 6.5 Creedmoor with Bushnell Scope & 45 ACP Derringer

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin - absent

Pheasant

- Pheasant hunt will be on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Raccoon Park.
- 9 registered
- Additional birds purchased through Gobblers Knob by the Youth Foundation
- Need help with the hunt!
- Check in @ 7:00 am & Safety Briefing @ 7:30 am
- 1st hunt begins at 8 am

Goose - [application](#)

- Youth Goose Hunt to be held on October 28th at Brady's Run Park
- Will take 16 licensed junior hunters with migratory bird stamp (4 to a blind)
- Deadline is October 13th for sign-up
- Register at the Ice Arena
- Done by drawing if more than 16 youth sign-up
- Application fees waived
- Adult dates are 10/31, 11/3, 11/7, 11/10, 11/14, 11/17, 11/21
 - Applications at the Ice Arena
 - 27 applications turned in at this time
 - May be done by drawing

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable

- Date for next year is 7/20/24

Banquet – *vacant*

- No report

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- None

Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices – Dan Losco

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

- Herford Manor Update
 - Still need to meet as a committee to decide how the monies raised by the League for Herford Manor should be saved, monitored, and utilized.
- Tony Rich Scholarship fund: need to organize a meeting to decide criteria for the scholarship and time of presentation of the scholarships.
- Still need access to Tony's briefcase to access the Proclamation and other important league information.
- We have more green league shirts available. Need to inventory sizes.
- PFSC patches and plates available. \$5 for a patch & \$10 for a plate

New Business

- Concern & Discussion regarding the rise in child trafficking

Good of the Order

- 2024 League Schedule handed out to delegates for clubs to confirm dates for meeting. [Click here](#)
- Volunteers needed for a Full Emergency Exercise plan at Pittsburgh International Airport to be held on October 18, 2023 6pm – 9pm.
 - For more information, contact Deputy Fire Chief Shaun Prouty at 412-472-5603
- **BACK TO YOUTH EVENTS!** Asking delegates to go back to their club to solicit for youth foundation sponsorship to assist with finances for these upcoming youth events.
- Aliquippa Bucktails hosting NRA Personal protection in the home class. Personal protection outside the home coming next month.
- BVRP hosting ladies only shoot.
- Ambridge: Ridge Road Renegade muzzle loader shoot on the 2nd Sunday of each month with signups at 8 am & Turkey Shoots on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month with registration at 12 pm
- Pine Run Turkey Shoots the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month & a basic pistol class to be held on October 8th & 15th (1pm – 6 pm both days)
- Beaver Falls shoots held on Wednesdays
- Sewickley Gun Bash Tickets available for Nov 5th \$50 per ticket. See Mark C

50/50 Drawing

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- Conway / NWTF. Passed 9:10 pm

2023 Meeting Schedule

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

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCCL

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