



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



September 14, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – Ambridge

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	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	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Dan Bailes		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
A	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
			P	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed			
				(Alt)	Keith Radcliff	A	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 – Tim Watson, Ambridge delegate.

Guests

- Sandie Egley, County Treasurer – discussion on the new process for purchasing hunting licenses
- David Lozier, District Attorney – provided background, 2nd amendment standing

Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. NWTF / Five Points. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Report provided & reviewed
 - Checks written for Big Knob Fair and Scholarship Fund
- Tony Rich “Celebration of Life Funds”
 - Closed Saving account; paid meat processing fee; Balance \$3,152.95 transferred to Youth Foundation to oversee Scholarship Fund Activity
- Youth Foundation Treasurer to have report next meeting on Scholarship Fund Account

Motion to accept report for audit. BV Archers / Rochester. Passed.

Elections

July – appointed nominating committee / October – Elections

- **Positions up for election are Vice President & Secretary – *no nominations to date as of yet***

Nominations opened:

Guy C nominates Dan Householder as Vice President. Accepted.

Tim W nominates Tonya Cable as Secretary. Accepted.

Nominations closed, election in October.

Notify the Nominating Committee for placing nominations. Nominating committee contact info listed below.

- Craig Holdren – Ch316@comcast.net or call (724)728-8930 or (724)-312-7463
- Rich Wall – wall585@comcast.net or call (724)-987-8919

Communications

- League Post Office Box
 - **BCSCL – PO Box 276, Beaver, PA 15009**

State Agencies

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

- No report

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

- Sporting Clay Shoot \$3,000 deposit for profit from the shoot & donation.
- Jeff R working on the League gun inventory.

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- On the move: working with Lawrence County Patriots and reaching out to other organizations in surrounding counties to come together in larger numbers for rallies and other political events when needed.
- On September 27, 2023 6 pm Ben Franklin Tap Room: 2nd Amendment Town Hall Meeting – All are welcome! Guest speakers will be Malley Branchetti, Jerry Hooks, Jim Stoker.
- Handbooks: In the process of making new address labels to get them ready for mailing to the district offices

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- Committee establish: Mark C, Bob Z, Tim W.
 - Committee to get with Mark B, treasurer to arrange details for the audit
 - Audit results due October

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.**
- **UPDATES to the books need to be turned ASAP!**

Game – Mike Harcher – *absent*

Pollution – Mike Harcher – *absent*

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Mention of Hopewell Township Park recently lost many fish secondary to the ecology of the lake, correcting the problem and getting things back in order. Some fishing is going on again.

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
- Thank you cards and pictures sent out
- Comments and verbal appreciations to and from clubs

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 Fillinger 724-847-3514
- Archery in the park by application (at the ice arena) following the state wide calendar

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Working on updating the BCSCCL website bcsccl.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 qtcttc@yahoo.com
- Club delegates, please have someone in your club access the county league website at bcsccl.net Review your clubs information and report back if anything needs updated or corrected.

Legislative – Craig Holdren

- Jim Stoker went to Philadelphia for the Supreme Court
- Governor of New Mexico temporary suspended open & concealed carry across the state
- Get involved to protect your 2nd amendment
- Use of semiautomatic rifles for big game: Only 2 states (PA & Delaware) do not allow it.
- HB 1300 Republicans voted to move millions of dollars from the PA game commission to the General Fund to use it for "clean streams". The league and all individual clubs need to send letters to representatives letting them know that we are upset that they got into PA hunter's funds. Phone in and express your feelings to your representatives.

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- 9/23/23 - Rochester

Check the website for details.

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

- NWTF Banquet gun to raffle: Savage Axis 6.5 Creedmoor with Bushnell Scope
 - 45 ACP Derringer donated by Mark C to be put with the NWTF banquet gun

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin - absent

Pheasant

- Pheasant hunt will be on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Raccoon Park.
- Registration is on-line through PA Game Commission website
- Plan to take up to 28 licensed junior hunters with pheasant stamp
- Deadline approaching quickly
- 8 registered to date
- Additional birds will be purchased through Gobblers Knob by the Youth Foundation
- Need help with the hunt!

Goose

- October 28th at Brady's Run Park
- Will take 16 licensed junior hunters with migratory bird stamp
- 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
 - Done by drawing

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable

- Date for next year is 7/20/24
- Submitted for Friends of NRA award

Banquet – *vacant*

- No report

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- Deposit \$3928 given to Mark B
- \$156 change from budget for fair expenses returned
- Magnets made with league / youth foundation events

Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices – Dan Losco

To contact Dan: email dlosco@creswellwater.net

- 5 Points still waiting to hear from the DEP.
- If your club shoots trap, get a plan in place.
- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>

Unfinished Business

- Herford Manor Update – Jerry Hooks
 - Copy of the Memorandum given to Rich Kerlin
 - Suggested to meet as a committee to decide how the monies raised by the League for Herford Manor should be saved, monitored, and utilized; currently earmarked for Hereford Manor
 - Funds begun in 2015; as of today, funds are currently gaining interest with Wildlife Forever Endowment
 - Jerry will email copies to the League officers
- Still need access to Tony's briefcase to access the Proclamation and other important league information

- We have green league shirts available
- PFSC patches and plates available. \$5 for a patch & \$10 for a plate
- 2023 Youth Invitation Stats
 - 130 shooters
 - 10 teams
 - Beaver Local Top Team - 470 out of 500 birds
 - Top Shooter – Jesse Scott with 97 out of 100 birds
 - Western Beaver had 4 shooters in the top 5
 - \$5,000 worth of prizes given away
 - Next year will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 and possibly Sunday as well if it keeps growing

New Business

- Jeff Ruckert requesting funds for cleaning and upkeep of the league guns
 - Motion for \$50 to purchase supplies by Pine Run / Sewickley. Passed.
- South Fayette Township Park & Recreation Department for the Handicapped accessible Hunt Sponsorship application. Looking for support.
 - Motion to donate \$200 to support this event. Aliquippa / Hopewell. Passed

Good of the Order

- Aliquippa Bucktails is selling M1 Grand raffle tickets. See Dan H
- NWTF calendars are available for purchase to support the banquet and youth activities. See Jeff R or Tim R
- September 30, 2023 FOAC gun bash tickets available, held at Washington County Fair Grounds. You can purchase on-line or contact Craig H.
- Sewickley Gun Bash Tickets available for Nov 5th \$50 per ticket. See Mark C
- PA NRA conference to be held on October 7, 2023 at Pittsburgh Airport Marriott
- Ambridge turkey shoots 10/8 & 10/22. Registration 12 pm & shooting starts at 1 pm

50/50 Drawing

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- NWTF / Ambridge. Passed 9:34 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
April 6	B.V. Archers - confirmed	Aug 3	Midland – confirmed	Dec 14	Five Points

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSCCL

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