



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



November 2, 2023, Minutes
Meeting Location – Beaver Falls

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
A	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren		NWTF 2 nd Chance Toms	Tim Reichl
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Frank Kelly	P	(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
A	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	A	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
			A	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 – Please keep Mike Harcher in your thoughts.

Host Club Welcome – Ron Neff, President of Beaver Falls Sportsmen's Club

Guests

- None

Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. Five Points / Beaver Valley Archers. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Report provided & reviewed.
 - Check was not cashed. Voided due to check being 6 months old. Nevin's Hunting Friends Donation.
 - Mark tried to reach out to them.
- 2024 League dues.....Credential sheet attached [HERE](#)
 - Please mail to the PO box listed on the credential sheet attached.
 - **Please have credential sheets completed and turned in with your dues at the December Meeting or by 12/31/23.**
 - Remember to include total of **ALL** registered members (**regular, lifetime, junior, etc**)
- Audit complete and signed off. No discrepancies and no corrections needed.

Motion to accept report for audit. Green Valley / Pine Run. Passed.

Elections

- No report

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 – *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

BCSCCL Youth Foundation – Mike Zon – *absent*

Guy Cable, vice-president

- Election of new officers took place at the October Meeting.
 - President – Jeff Ruckert
 - Vice President – Rick Caton
 - Secretary – Tonya Cable
 - Treasurer – Dan Householder
- Presented Hopewell VFW with Certificate of Appreciation for monetary donation. Thank you!

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

- Next meeting to be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ Rochester Sportsmen's Club beginning at 7 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- Complete with no corrections needed.

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

- We are out of League Books *printed in 2022.*
 - **Submit ALL updates and bio information for the booklet on or BEFORE the December Meeting.**

Game – Mike Harcher – *absent*

Pollution – Mike Harcher – *absent*

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- May 4, 2024

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
- A camp account will be reopened with \$1750 (funds that are earmarked for bus transportation for 2023 invoice) Rhodes transport is now ABC transit.

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

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 gtcttc@yahoo.com

Legislative – Craig Holdren

- Click on the County for a Voter's Guide: [Allegheny](#) [Beaver](#) [Butler](#) [Lawrence](#) [Mercer](#)
- Discussion on 2023-gun bills
 - 50 anti-gun bills and 12 pro-gun bills proposed in the House since the beginning of the year.
 - 29 anti-gun bills and 10 pro-gun bills proposed in the Senate since the beginning of the year.
- Elections are so IMPORTANT. Get out and VOTE! More than that, encourage others to VOTE!
- For Concealed Carry Classes: Contact Jim Stoker at 412-260-4675

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

Pheasant

- Held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Raccoon Park.
- 11 kids attended.
- Harvested 12 birds.
- Only 7 people showed up to help with the hunt.
 - Clubs represented to help: Aliquippa, Sewickley, Rochester, Beaver Falls, Midland, and Lawrence County.

Goose

- Youth hunt held on October 28th at Brady's Run Park.
 - 6 licensed junior hunters attended. 3 geese harvested.

- Only 2 people showed up to help set up blinds before the hunts.
- Only 1 person showed up to help with the actual youth hunt.
- 29 adults signed up for the adult hunts.
 - o EVERY Tuesday & Friday through the end of the month.

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable

- To be held on 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
 - o 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.
- PFSC patches and plates available. \$5 for a patch & \$10 for a plate

New Business

- Discussion on the PA Fish & Boat Commission and the enforcement of not transporting any waters.

Good of the Order

- Discussion on 22-point buck taken.
- Discussion on the Brunton Dairy fire loss & the support that Brunton Dairy has given to the Conservation Camp over the past years.
 - o Motion to donate \$500 to assist with their loss. Aliquippa / Green Valley. Passed.
 - Vote was unanimous to donate in the amount of \$500.
- Small Bore Season has started. **Contact Mike Sabat (Green Valley) for more information.**
- Welcome Ellwood Wampum Rob & Gun Club. Joined the League.
 - o Frank McCowin, delegate
- Five Points Hunt Club ANNUAL Turkey Shoot Friday Nite, November 10 starting time 6:30 pm
- Rochester – 5 Stand on Sundays from 11 am – 1pm
- Green Valley presented discussion re: watch list.
- Discussion re: ammo companies selling to Czechoslovakia.
- NWTF sponsoring Turkey Shoots at Ambridge & Pine Run on Alternating Sundays – sign-ups at 12 noon.
- Beaver Falls Turkey Shoots
- BVRP has make up match November 12
- Elwood City Wampum Turkey shoots Tuesday 6 pm from now till Thanksgiving
- Gun Tickets available supporting Western PA Youth Outdoorsman. See Beaver Falls members, also available online.
- Aliquippa Young Buck raffle tickets for \$1000 gift certificate for Milkhouse meats \$10 each. See Rich.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

- Have a Safe Hunting Season!

50/50 Drawing

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- NWTF / BVA. Passed 8:50 pm

2023 Meeting Schedule

Dec 14	Five Points - confirmed
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2024 Meeting Schedule

January 4	Aliquippa Bucktails	2564 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
February 1	Rochester	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
March 7	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
April 4	B.V. Archers	277 Rothhart Drive, New Brighton, PA 15066
May 2	Green Valley	101 Fishpot Road, Monaca, PA 15061
June 6	Pine Run	385 Blacks Woods Road, Freedom, PA 15042
July 11	Rochester – BVRP	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
August 1	Midland	142 Eastwood Road, Industry, PA 15052
September 12	Ambridge	2900 Ridge Road, Ext., Baden, PA 15005
October 3	Conway	100 Magill Rd, Zelienople, PA 16063
November 7	Beaver Falls	247 Sportsman Road, Darlington, PA 16115
December 12	Five Points	285 Bocktown-Cork Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001