



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



December 14, 2023, Minutes  
Meeting Location – Five Points Hunt Club

## 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	A	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	NWTF 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance Toms	Tim Reichl
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Frank Kelly		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla		Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell	P	(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer		Green Valley	Mike Sabat	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Michael Osman	P	(Alt)	Joe McMullen		(Alt)	Ed Lamb
	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Hopewell VFW	Gary Grey	A	Rochester	George Sullivan
P	(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	Ellwood Rod & Gun	Frank McCowin	A	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed			
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Keith Radcliff	P	PGC	Madison Pugh
						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 – Ronald McDonald, Secretary of 5 Points Hunt Club

## Guests

John Surowiec – will be the alt delegate for BV Archers

Wendy Thompson representing Beaver Archery K-12 provided a detailed report on the program.

- Motion to give a \$500 sponsorship to Beaver archery. Bucktails / Hopewell. Passed

## Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. Five Points / Pine Run. Passed.

## Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Report provided & reviewed.
  - Checks for office supplies & 1 year post office box rental fee
  - Deposit including league dues & insurance refund.
- 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)

Motion to accept report for audit. BV Archers / Hopewell VFW. 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*

- Madison Pugh – self introduction. Will be the game warden for the Southwest division beginning in January.
  - Q & A

## [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 – Jeff Ruckert

- Working on reviewing the bylaws
- Presented certificates for youth foundation sponsorship to Aliquippa Bucktails, Beaver Valley Rifle & Pistol, Pine Run

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

- No report

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- Complete with no corrections needed.

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

- Pine Marten reintroduction pending.

**Pollution** – Mike Harcher

- No report

**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.
- Group camp 2 (the larger group camp) – application submitted.
- Camp account opened at Huntington Bank
- Obtained the 2024 food license.
- Will need much more help this year as we hope to have more kids!

**Archery** – Walt Ketterer

- Indoor league started open to the public in January Tuesday evenings 6 pm
- Archery in the schools' program
- JOAD archery (74 kids signed up)
- Beaver Falls continues with 3 D shoots. Had a successful night shoot.

**Events Coordinator** – Craig Holdren

- Working on updating the BCSCCL website [bcsccl.net](http://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](mailto:Ch316@comcast.net)
    - Frank - contact at [frankkelly51@outlook.com](mailto:frankkelly51@outlook.com)
    - Tonya - contact at [gtcttc@yahoo.com](mailto:gtcttc@yahoo.com)

**Legislative** – Craig Holdren

- Discussion on HB 495 & Senate Bill 708
  - Thoughts on the return of the Monday opener. What does your club want to see happen?
- Several Bills coming out of the Judiciary committee. Emails came out from FOAC.
  - --HB 335, HB 336, HB 43, HB 777, HB 1190, HB 1859, HB 941, HB 1629. Call 717-705-7011
  - Great American Sportsman Show coming in February to Harrisburg. FOAC will have a booth!

**Hunter Education** – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Get your classes scheduled for 2024. Contact Mike to get scheduled.

**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

- Raffle tickets available for the chance to win: Savage Axis 6.5 Creedmoor with Bushnell Scope (NWTF table gun) & 45 ACP Derringer (donated by Mark). \$10 ticket. Raffle goes off on Valentines Day!  
**Call Guy to get tickets and or turn in tickets and money. (724-494-6464)**
  - Motion that all proceeds benefit the youth foundation. Midland / Hopewell VFW. Passed.

- Will get date for annual Sporting Clay shoot from Rochester (Jerry)

### **Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin**

#### Pheasant

- No report

#### Goose

- Over 30 adults attended & 5 kids. 11 geese harvested.

### **Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable**

- To be held on 7/20/24 @ Midland.

### **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](mailto: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. Working on meeting with a financial advisor.
  - Discussion on the sale of Herford Manor
- 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
- Website needs updated. Please have someone in your club review the League website and look closely at your club info and reply with any changes.

### **New Business**

- President's Meeting for 2024 (February or March) Does your club want to host it? Let us know what dates work and what dates do not work for your club. Suggestions on speakers or topics, let Rich know. Let Tonya know if you have suggestions on clubs we should or could invite.
- Asking the delegates to go back to their club to get a vote on returning to Monday opening day for hunting. Come back to the January meeting with numbers.....how many members say "yes" and how many members say "no"?
- Discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rally participation.
- Discussion on committees and participation.
- Budget request will need submitted in January.
- Need accurate membership numbers on the credential sheet to show representation of sportsmen / women.
- Swap meet dates. Clubs need to coordinate to avoid having the swap meets on the same day.
- Forming a new committee for "firearms training"

### Good of the Order

- Small Bore shooting. **Contact Mike Sabat (Green Valley) for more information.**
- Gun Tickets available supporting Western PA Youth Outdoorsman. See Beaver Falls members, also available online. See Dan H.
- Midland Gun Bash May 5<sup>th</sup> @ Center Stage. Contact Mark B.
- Ambridge Cash Bash May 18, 2024. See Jeff R
- Please get Bio's in ASAP!!!

### 50/50 Drawing

- Winner – Larry W

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

### Motion to Adjourn

- Aliquippa / BVA. Passed 9:30 pm

# 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

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