



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



February 2, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – Rochester Sportsmen's Club

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable		Five Points	Jim Farland		Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Rick Caton	P	(Alt)	Dan Losco	P	(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	Ambridge	Tim Watson	P	FOAC	Craig Holdren	A	Pittsburgh Down Riggers	Andy Theodore
	(Alt)	Tim Reichl		(Alt)	Frank Kelly		(Alt)	Ed Lamb
A	Beaver Falls	Larry White	A	Forest Grove	Mike Karkalla	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Vic Gurinowitsch	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Michael Sabat		(Alt)	
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Midland	Mark Benzio			
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight			
A	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	N. Boroughs	Robert Zeman	P	PGC	Mike Yeck
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Herko	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 & Prayer for the military, police, first responders & for our country.

All Credential sheets turned in for 2023!

Host Club Welcome – Jerry Hooks, Rochester Sportsmen's Club President

Guests

- Sandie Egley, Beaver County Treasurer provided info for hunting, fishing & boating. Open discussion on 501c status and applying for small games of chance license.

Last month's minutes

- Motion to approve D. Knight, Midland / G. Cable, Aliquippa. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio –

- Includes purchase of the league computer and dues deposit.
- Audit scheduled to be done by Mark Crevar, Dan Losco & Dan Householder.
- Savings account housing the Tony Rich Scholarship Fund currently holds a balance of \$2,000 (starting balance of \$355 + \$1,645 in club & individual donations)

Motion to approve J. Hooks, Rochester / W. Ketterer, BV Archers. Passed.

Elections

July – appoint nominating committee / October – Elections

- Nothing to report

Communications

- None

State Agencies

PA Game Commission (PGC) – Mike Yeck – [report](#)

- Seedling Sale Underway
 - Order forms on line
- Watch Wildlife from Home
 - 4 live streams – www.HDOnTap.com or www.pgc.pa.gov
 - Bear den in Pike County
 - Farm country eagle
 - Hanover, Pa eagle
 - Snow goose migration at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area
- Preliminary 2023-24 Hunting & Trapping Seasons Approved
 - No major changes
 - Youth & regular spring turkey season are proposed to open 5 days later than in 2023
 - Data showed a positive change in the Saturday opener to fire arm deer season
- Highlights from Commissioners Meeting
 - New antlerless license processing for 2023-24 will be purchasing on line and at issuing agents. NO applications by mail. **See Mike's report for further details.**
 - New processing options considered for hunters in CWD areas. (Game commission would be creating a statewide list of cooperating processors and taxidermist) **See report for further details.**
- Restoring Habitat of State Game Lands
 - PGC partnered with Ducks Unlimited to improve 1,600 acres of wetland habitats on 61 state game lands across PA.

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) – Jeremy – *deployed*

- No report

[PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

Affiliated Organizations

Conservation District – Dick Smith – *absent*

- No report

BCSCL Youth Foundation – Mike Zon – *absent*

Vice president, Guy Cable

Meeting held at Aliquippa Bucktails January 19, 2023

- Financial Audit complete. No reconciliation was needed
- BCSCL is a 501c3
- All donations received for the Youth Foundation in memory of Tony Rich will be the seed money to begin the Tony Rich Scholarship Fund

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- \$500 check donated by We the People of America to the Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
- Meet monthly at Rochester Sportsmen's Club
- Next Meeting will be on February 23, 2023
- Working with Mike Christiansen to coordinate a trip to Harrisburg
- Membership is always open
- Currently have about 25,000 members
- 50/50 winner, Jim M donated \$97.50 to the Celebration of Life

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Dan Losco, Dan Householder, Mark Crevar

- To be scheduled and complete ASAP

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

- Books available *printed in 2022*. See Rob or Tonya
 - All clubs need to review their bio and get changes turned in as soon as these changes occur
- New books will be printed for 2024

Game – Mike Harcher – *absent*

- No report

Pollution – Mike Harcher – *absent*

- No report

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- May 6, 2023 (1 week after opening day of spring turkey)
- Bringing it back as a derby with prizes without measuring fish
- Will have registration giving each child a number that will be used for giving away prizes
- Will have tagged fish
- Looking to stock fish as in the past in addition to the correction that the hatchery gives for the mistake on last year's delivery

Fish Committee – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No report

Conservation Camp – Breanna Edmiston – *absent*

- Breanna stepping down to co-direct with Tonya as the new director
- Dates of the Camp are July 23 – July 29, 2023
- Risk Management Plan for parent night submitted
- Covid Plan submitted
- Cost of the camp is \$250 for the week
- Looking for clubs to either send campers or sponsor campers
- Posters ready to be handed out – [poster](#)
- 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](#)
- Will be looking at the applications from last year's camp that was cancelled to see if they are still interested
- 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](#)"
- Mandatory meetings are scheduled
- Setting up a HTE class for campers
- Photographer set up for the week
- Camp info going out in the Greene twp. newsletter
- Meeting with Mark to getting banking information updated
- Breanna has receipts from the planning of the 2022 that had to be cancelled (she will need reimbursed)
- Meeting with Breanna this weekend to review possible schedule of events and menu
- I have a meal planner who is also willing to do the shopping (going to use the camp's last menu as a guide)
- Need kitchen help, security at night, help from all clubs that host events, set up, clean up, etc
- 20th Anniversary for the Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation Camp – encouraging EVERYONE that ever went to the camp to come out on Family Night for Recognition!
- GOAL is to have 50 kids registered for camp. MUST have at least 20. May 15th is the deadline to have at least 20 kids registered. If a child does not have the money, we will look for a sponsor.

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Indoor shooting at BV Archers Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
- Kids in school program on Saturday at 6:30 pm
- 5 Points 3D (20 target) Winter Shoot on February 5th 8am – 2pm
- Archery in the classroom (CV, NB, Beaver, etc). Waiting for information to support the annual Invitational.

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Website updated. Check it out the BCSCCL website [bcsccl.net](#)
- Research is complete in looking for the best computer for the best deal for a league computer with back up equipment
- Email club information that you want shared on the website to Craig and / or Frank.
 - Craig contact at craig@craigholdren.com
 - Frank contact at fkelly@itame.net

Legislative – Craig Holdren

- Jim Stoker, President of FOAC
- Elections actions & reactions
- FOAC gun bash on March 18, 2023. Get your ticket. Help support your 2nd Amendment!
- Josh Prince running in the May primary election
- Harrisburg Rally on Monday June 12, 2023 on the front steps of the capital

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- 2/25/23 – YMCA Life Center
- 3/18/23 – Rochester Sportsmen's Club
- More classes to come

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

- Annual Youth Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot scheduled for August 19, 2023
- NWTF Banquet to be held on April 15, 2023 at Ambridge Club

Motion for the League to purchase a table for the NWTF banquet by D. Losco, 5 Points / V.
Gurinowitsch, Green Valley. Passed.

Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- No report

Goose

- No report

Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable

- Scheduled for 7/15/23 at Midland Sportsmen's Club
- All station leaders and volunteers were emailed information on the plan for the Field Day
- New station signs ordered for better visibility
- Flyer updated and ready for the print shop
- Field day committee meetings held at 6pm prior to each youth foundation meeting to begin in January. All are WELCOME to come and participate!

Banquet – vacant

- Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League Awards Description
 - Done by nominations
 - Awards committee will need formed
 - Need to decide when this can be done for 2023 or 2024. Ideas – maybe a picnic?

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- August 29 – September 2, 2023
 - Money due by June for the fair booth / space

Lead Abatement / Range Management Best Practices – Dan Losco email: dlosco@creswellwater.net

- The environmental stewardship plan was complete for 5 Points; waiting for DEP remarks.
- Civil and Environmental Consultants are coming to the President's meeting with a presentation for the clubs.
- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>

Unfinished Business

- President's Meeting to be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm @ Aliquippa Bucktails – [Invitation](#)
 - RSVP by March 10th
 - Invitations sent out to clubs that belong to the League & clubs that do not belong to the league. Approx. 40 invitations were mailed out Monday, January 30th
 - Possible topics of discussion – lead abatement, Monroeville Pitcairn incident, etc.
 - Catered event sponsored by the League
 - Delegates to attend along with their club president
 - Wear your BCSCS League shirts!
- Order forms available NOW for ordering the BCSCS shirts. Let Tonya know if you would like to order a league shirt. Call or text 724-494-6465
 - Beaver County Sportsmen's Conservation League hats to be available soon
- Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
 - May 7, 2023
 - To be held at Brady's Run Lodge
 - Committee meetings held at 5 pm prior to every county league meeting
 - All proceeds raised will go to the start of an annual "Tony Rich Scholarship" Fund
 - Raffles – entrance ticket, 50/50, silent auction
 - Accepting auction items from clubs, individuals, etc for the auction table
 - A Rochester member donated a Henry Big Boy chambered in 35 Remington for the Scholarship fund
 - Midland member donating a pig cooked and prepared
 - Working on an Agenda for the day
 - After the event, the youth foundation will manage the scholarship fund
 - Tony Rich's family is wanting to donate gun(s)
 - Band donated
 - Thanks to all stepping up to assist with the planning of this event. Please join us at the committee meetings each month @ 5 pm prior to each league meeting
 - Climo's Catering in addition to many others will be donating to this event
 - Tickets for admission (440 capacity) will be available soon. \$10 ticket is the entry fee for EVERYONE. This ticket gets you a chance to win a commemorative Henry Golden Boy
 - Will have ongoing fundraising to keep money in the fund for giving the scholarship(s) annually
 - Working on criteria for applicants & looking for the family to select the winners each year
 - Looking at giving two \$2,500 scholarships each year
 - Going to need lots of help such as cooks, servers, set up, clean up, etc

New Business

- Green Valley Sportsmen's Club will be hosting the May 4th League meeting! Thank you, Green Valley!
 - Address of the club is [101 Fishpot Road, Monaca, PA 15061](#)
- Making arrangements with Huntington's Bank for adding appropriate officer names to the account / safety deposit box
- Going to form a Bylaws committee to review and make changes if necessary
- Discussion on where League Correspondences should go; the League may need a Post Office Box.

Motion for the League to obtain a post office box for receiving league related correspondences by M. Sabot, Green Valley / D. Losco, 5 Points. Passed.

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- 2/5/23 – 5 Points Polar 3 D Shoot 8 am – 2pm (20 targets)
- 3/11/23 – Flea Market at Midland Club & at Ambridge Club – *public welcome*
- 3/18/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails Ham Shoots
- 3/25/23 – Swap Meet @ Aliquippa Bucktails (\$10 per table)
- Ambridge has Springfest tickets available
- Rochester has gun / money tickets available
- Aliquippa has lottery scratch off tickets raffle
- Green Valley small bore league

- CDC article – [see here](#)
- Many guns being stolen by young people. Lock your guns up. Be safe!
- Tony's wife Ellen received a certificate from the House of Representatives listing the many things that Tony was involved in with the original picture of the 1st action day.
- Dave Knight stepping down from president position of Midland. The new upcoming president to attend the league's president meeting with Dave.

50/50 Drawing

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- T. Watson, Ambridge / V. Gurinowitsch, Green Valley. Passed 9:55 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	Oct 5	Conway
March 2	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting - confirmed	July 6	Rochester – BVRPC Hosting	Nov 2	Beaver Falls
April 6	B.V. Archers - confirmed	Aug 3	Midland	Dec 14	Five Points

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