



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



March 2, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – North Boroughs HOSTING
At Rochester Sportsmen's Club

MEMBER CLUBS & AGENCIES

P = Present, A = Absent

P	Aliquippa	Guy Cable	P	Five Points	Jim Farland	P	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Rick Caton		(Alt)	Dan Losco		(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
P	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	Matt Kramer
	(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

Host Club Welcome – Bob Reid, President of North Boroughs Club

Guests

- Sherriff, Tony Guy – tony@sherifftonyguy.com or (724) 770 – 4600

Last month's minutes

- One correction to the Starting Balance (an extra 1 was present) Correct starting Balance was \$12,275.88
Motion to approve as corrected M. Crevar, Sewickley / D. Knight, Midland. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- 2 checks written for invitations for the upcoming President's Meeting
- Deposit of 2023 dues
- Audit done by Mark Crevar, Dan Losco & Dan Householder on 2/8/23. All books in check after 1 – clerical error. Correction made for a miscalculation which resulted in an addition of \$102.02
- All dues are paid & all credential sheets complete
- Savings account housing the Tony Rich Scholarship Fund currently holds a balance of \$3,097.50

Motion to approve R Smith, Pine Run / T Reichl, Ambridge. Passed.

Elections

July – appoint nominating committee / October – Elections

- Nothing to report

Communications

- Each delegate was asked to review the credentials for their club and submit corrections.

State Agencies

PA Game Commission (PGC) – Matt Kramer - [report](#)

- The derailment and the run off in the streams are NOT linked to the 3 deer that have been spoken of by the media. The cause of death for those 3 deer is undetermined.
 - Additional information in regards to the train derailment provided by Mike Harcher.
 - The solution to pollution is dilution
- Projects Exploring CWD - **see attached report for more detail**
 - Expanding across Pennsylvania
 - Dogs trained to sniff out CWD
- 34th Cadet class graduated in February 2023
 - Southwest Region got 3 new game wardens
- Waterfowl Season
 - Set up by the US Fish & Wildlife Service
 - PA Game Commission's Annual Waterfowl Briefing to be held on 3/9/23 at 1:00 pm. It will be recorded and a link will be provided to view on-line.
 - public comments can be submitted - **see attached report for more detail**
- Bear Harvest
 - 3,170 bears harvested in 2022 (down approx. 500 bears from 2021)
 - Largest bear harvested was 755 pounds. Taken with a muzzle loader in Monroe County
 - No bears harvested in Beaver County
 - 2 bears harvested in Allegheny County
- American Martens
 - Talking about possibly reintroducing within Pennsylvania's woods
 - Meeting on 4/4/23 at the Southwest Region office. Public comment welcome
- "Tame" Grouse
 - Working on a genetics study looking for genetic specificity to that particular grouse
 - Encouraging Pennsylvanians to report the location of any "tame" grouse. These grouse will NOT be removed from their location; only a swab of DNA will be taken for the study
- PA Game Commission has reorganized into a Unit Concept with Groups
 - Matt Kramer will now be the Supervising Officer for Group 1 which covers Beaver, Western Allegheny and Northern Washington Counties. **CONGRATULATIONS OFFICER KRAMER!**

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

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

- He has returned home, **WELCOME BACK**

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 February 16, 2023
- Friends of the NRA donated \$600 in ammo this year for the Field Day
- Next Meeting will be held at Aliquippa Bucktails on March 16, 2023 beginning @ 6pm (Field Day Committee Meeting) & 7 pm (Youth Foundation Committee Meeting)
- All donations received for the Youth Foundation in memory of Tony Rich will be the seed money to begin the Tony Rich Scholarship Fund
- New applications being printed for sponsorships / memberships to the youth foundation

We The People of America – Jerry Hooks

- Meeting held on February 23, 2023
- Organizing a trip to Harrisburg to Speak with the politicians
- Next Meeting will be on March 23, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm
 - Location: Rochester Sportsmen's Club

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Dan Losco, Dan Householder, Mark Crevar

- Audit complete by Mark Crevar, Dan Losco & Dan Householder on 2/8/23.
 - All books in check after 1 – clerical error. Correction made for a miscalculation which resulted in and addition of \$102.02

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 as soon as these changes occur
- New books will be printed for 2024

Game – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Sheep dog killed 8 coyotes defending his farm in Ga
- Increased amount of Pileated Woodpeckers
- PA is 4th highest in Buck deer harvest numbers in the country
- CWD (Chronic Waste Disease), deer farms, management areas & taxidermist deer processors – **see attached report for details**
- 50th Anniversary of the NWTF
- Turkeys – studies on population in PA show Turkeys are doing well & they may NOT be showing a decline

Pollution – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- OHIO train derailment
- “Forever Chemicals” in the drinking water setting limitations

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- May 6, 2023
- Hopewell Twp making posters
- 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
- Ages: up to age 15 years
- 8 am to 12 pm

Fish Committee – Mike Zon – *absent*

- No report

Conservation Camp – Tonya Cable

- Dates of the Camp are July 23 – July 29, 2023
- Cost of the camp is \$250 for the week
- Looking for clubs to either send campers or sponsor campers
- Posters ready – [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](#)
- 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”](#)
 - HTE Instructors that are current and up to date; **a copy of your card is acceptable**
 - **BE SURE TO SPECIFY “VOLUNTEER” when completing the background checks, so they will be FREE**
- [Staff & Counselor Meetings – to be held @ Aliquippa Bucktails](#)
 - **Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 6 pm – for staff & counselors**
 - **Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 6 pm – for staff & counselors**
 - **Sunday, June 25, 2023 @ 6 pm – for staff, counselors, campers & parents**
- HTE class for campers scheduled for June 17th at Aliquippa Bucktails. Registration on-line [PGC](#)
- Meeting with Mark to getting banking information updated
- Menu & Food Service Application for License submitted
- CPR being arranged with HVFD to certify counselors & staff (\$45 per person for material)
 - Saturday, July 1, 2023 beginning at 8 am
- 25th 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 campers registered by May 15th
- If a child does not have the money, we will look for a sponsor.
- **I would like to challenge each delegate/club to do their best to get at least 1 camper to participate**
- Communication out for the canoes
- Sherrif Tony Guy & Captain Alstadt are arranging for security at night during the week of camp
- Working on the week-long schedule of events / happenings
- 5 Points provided a check this day to sponsor 2 campers (\$500) **THANK YOU!**

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Indoor shooting at BV Archers Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
- Archery in the classroom (CV, NB, Beaver, etc). Annual Invitational held at Central Valley in February 2023

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Website updated. Check it out the BCSCSCL website bcscl.net
- **Email** club information that you want shared on the website to Craig, Frank & Tonya
 - Directions for submitting information for the BCSCSCL website – [see here](#)
 - Craig - contact at Ch316@comcast.net
 - Frank - contact at frankkelly51@outlook.com
 - Tonya - contact at gtcttc@yahoo.com

Legislative – Craig Holdren

- FOAC gun bash on March 18, 2023. Get your ticket. Help support your 2nd Amendment!
- FOAC – [info](#)
- **Harrisburg Rally on Monday June 12, 2023 on the front steps of the capital**
- Petitions (Beaver County) available for Tony Guy, Dave Lozier, Dan Camp, Jack Manning, Sandie Egley & David Gabauer - see Craig

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- 3/18/23 – Rochester Sportsmen's Club
- 3/25/23 Concord Church
- 5/20/23 Midland
- 6/17/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails
- 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
 - See Mark Benzio if interested in attending the banquet
 - Will raffle the NWTF table gun

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
- We have new station signs
- Flyer updated and ready for the print shop – [field day poster](#)
- Planning to have lunch catered again
- Registration is on-line

- Information is on the www.bcscl.org website
- Donation for \$600 in ammo received from Friends of the NRA
- Waiting for donations from many others who were solicited
- 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
 - In the works!

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- August 29 – September 2, 2023
 - Need check for \$180 to pay for the space at the Big Knob Fair.

Motion for \$180 check to pay for the space at the fair. D. Knight, Midland / R. Smith, Pine Run. Passed.

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

- 5 Points submitted the environmental stewardship plan to the DEP.
- 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**
 - 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 BCSCL League shirts!**
- NWTF – Tim Reichl is now the president of NWTF "2nd chance Toms chapter" – Banquet to be held on April 15th at Ambridge Sportsmen's Club. For more info contact Tim at 724-683-0768. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 5th. BCSCL purchased a table – [pg 1](#) [pg 2](#)
 - NWTF "2nd Chance Toms Chapter" joined the BCSCL and turned in a credential sheet
- New County League hats that were approved in the past, have been ordered.
- Order forms available NOW for ordering the BCSCL shirts. Let Tonya know if you would like to order a league shirt. Call or text 724-494-6465. **DEADLINE to ORDER is APRIL 6th**
- BCSCL & BCSCL Youth Foundation Bylaws to be reviewed this year. Discussion on types of 501c statuses. Special meetings to be scheduled.
- Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
 - May 7, 2023
 - To be held at Brady's Run Lodge
 - Tickets available. \$10 each. See Dan Householder
 - Encourage attendance of those that purchase the tickets
 - **Silent Auction items MUST be brought to the APRIL League Meeting or contact Tonya Cable 724-494-6465 call or text**
 - 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
 - All proceeds after event cost will be used to form the "Tony Rich" Scholarship Fund

New Business

- Nevin's Hunting Friends – [click here for information](#) [part 2](#)
 - Started 8 years ago by Nevin
 - Banquet being held on March 25, 2023 for fundraising – *see attachment for contact info*

Motion to donate \$300 to support Nevin's Hunting Friends. G. Cable, Aliquippa / R. Smith, Pine Run. Passed.

Good of the Order

- 3/11/23 – Flea Market Swap Meet at Ambridge Club
- 3/18/23 – Flea Market Swap Meet at Midland Club
- 3/18/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails Ham Shoots
- 3/25/23 – Swap Meet @ Aliquippa Bucktails
- Ambridge – 2 Turkey Shoots (3/5/23 & 3/19/23)
- Clubs with Current Raffle tickets
 - Rochester – \$50 (gun & cash ticket)
 - WTPOA - \$10 (bundle of scratch off tickets)
 - Enon Valley Rod & Gun Club (bash tickets)
- 5 Points 3 D shoot – check 5 points website & league Facebook
- CV & Western Beaver both received donations from Friends of the NRA

50/50 Drawing

- None

Motion to Adjourn

- T. Watson, Ambridge / C. Holdren, FOAC. Passed 10:05 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

NOTE: Celebration of Life Meeting begins at 5:00 pm prior to the regular scheduled League Meeting in APRIL & MAY!

Tonya Cable, Secretary BCSC

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