



BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



May 4, 2023 Minutes
Meeting Location – Green Valley

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)	
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	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
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	Midland	Mark Benzio	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
						P	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 "National Prayer Day"

Host Club Welcome – Vic Gurinowitsch, Green Valley Delegate

Guests

- Rebecca Sabat – Small bore shooter at WPIALS. New high score 293

Last month's minutes

- Motion to approve. J. Ruckert, Pine Run / J. Farland, 5 Points. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio

- Checks written for Camp Budget, Trailer Storage, PO Box for the League, D & B for League hats & Safe Deposit Box bank fee
- Deposits made for camp fees, scholarships and remaining money from camp account
- \$4,892.50 remains in the Savings account (\$4,537.50 Tony Rich Memorial Fund)
 - All funds in the Tony Rich Memorial Fund will soon be transferred to the Youth Foundation “Tony Rich Scholarship Fund” after the Tony Rich Celebration of Life Event.

Motion to approve T. Reichl, NWTF / M. Crevar, Ambridge. Passed.

Elections

July – appoint nominating committee / October – Elections

- Nothing to report

Communications

- None

State Agencies

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

- PA Game Commission restructured with Matt Kramer as Supervisor
- 2023 – 24 Hunting Trapping Seasons Approved (see attached “report” for details)
 - Archery season for Elk opens one week later
 - Crow Season adjusted by adding Thursdays
 - No major changes with whitetail or turkey; continue with Saturday opener to the firearms deer season
 - Increase in Antlerless deer licenses
 - No applications will be done by mail (pink envelopes are gone)
 - Hunting License to be purchased on line and at issuing agents beginning on Monday, June 26th this year for PA residents
 - Non-residents can purchase a hunting license beginning Monday, July 10th this year
 - DMAP permits will begin on Monday, August 14th this year

See report for additional information regarding the purchase of multiple

- The PA Game Commission will begin developing a statewide list of certified cooperating processors and taxidermist that you can take a deer to that is shot outside of PA or within a DMA or EA

Questions & Discussion

[PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

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

[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 on April 20th, 2023
- Discussion on large purchases and donations & the impact it has on the youth foundation's ability to fundraise more money to continue sponsoring or funding youth events
- Looking at changing the date for the Annual Youth Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot that is held at Rochester to avoid having it on the same day as the Youth Invitational held at Beaver Falls
- \$500 donation presented to the Youth foundation from SCI (Safari Club International)
- Still working on the League's gun inventory. Once inventory is complete, they will be labeled then a process of signing out guns will be put into place.
- The youth foundation received a donated small "Chipmunk" plus a case from Cricket and purchased a small .22 to be used by youth of smaller stature
- Next Meeting will be held at Aliquippa Bucktails on May 18, 2023 beginning @ 6pm (Field Day Committee Meeting) & 7 pm (Youth Foundation Committee Meeting)

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

- Meeting held on April 25, 2023
- Organizing a trip to Harrisburg to Speak with the politicians
- Malley Branchetti, Tony's Nephew presented the story of Mad Anthony Wayne
- Working on the Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
- Next Meeting will be on May 25, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm
 - Location: Rochester Sportsmen's Club

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Mark Benzio

- None

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

Game – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- Discussion on reintroduction of Pine Marten & Fishers
- 2nd egg hatches in the Pittsburgh nest (They now have 2 eaglets in the nest)
- Concern for Avian Flu and the effect it would have if it would get to the pheasant chicks
- Animal Cruelty Bill in the works (House Bill 6690)
- New Deputy Executive Director, Deana Vance
- 286 acres of State Game Lands added
- Penn State National Turkey Federation Club awarded. Sara Benzio was a past President of the club.

Pollution – Mike Harcher – [report](#)

- US Federal Judge blocks the Clean Water Rule
 - Law suit filed
- 24 states involved
- Federal Streams vs Intermittent Streams

More details in attached report

Fishing Derby – Mike Zon – *absent*

- May 6, 2023
- Lake is stocked 500 + trout
- Will have registration giving each child a number that will be used for giving away prizes
- Will have tagged fish for additional prizes
- 50/50
- Will have a designated handicapped area
- League Rods & Reels will be available if needed
- Ages: up to age 15 years
- 8 am to 12 pm. REGISTRATION begins at 6:30 am

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
- Still need clubs to send campers OR sponsor campers (13 youth still need sponsored)
- Posters available for posting – [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**
- [Mandatory Meetings – to be held @ Aliquippa Bucktails](#)
 - **Sunday, June 25, 2023 @ 6 pm – for staff, counselors, campers & parents**
- We have 21 campers registered to date
- We NEED counselors
- HTE class for campers scheduled for June 17th at Aliquippa Bucktails. Registration on-line [PGC](#)
- CPR being arranged with HVFD to certify counselors & staff (\$45 per person for material)
 - Saturday, July 1, 2023 beginning at 8 am
- Schedule still in the works
- Food Service Inspector coming on the 1st day of camp
- Canoeing & Fishing area confirmed at Racoon State Park Canoe launching area
- Working on bus reservation
- Still need staff to stay overnight

Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Tuesday 3D archery at Beaver Valley Archers begins at @ 4:00 pm (\$10 for non-members)
- Russ Sabo had a youth from Beaver County that won the state championship
- 5 Points has a 3 D course the second weekend of the month

Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Working on a new set up for the BCSCCL website bcscl.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

- For every Action there is a Reaction
- The amount on anti-gun bills is 3 ½ times the amount of pro-gun bills
- FOAC membership application – [click here](#)
- Harrisburg Rally on Monday June 12, 2023 on the front steps of the capital - [INFO](#)

The 2023 Primary Election is next Tuesday, May 16th – [Primary](#) & [Judicial](#)

The Firearms Owners Against Crime Voters Guides are now available. You can find these guides at: foac-pac.org

Click on the Voter's Guide button on the top menu and follow the instructions.

If you want levelheaded elected officials who will support the Constitution, use the guide when you go to the polls. Please think about forwarding them to all family and friends. If you're paying the slightest bit of attention, you know we're in trouble. An informed ballot can help us out.

Since most of the league's members live in Beaver County, we have attached these guides (County and Judicial Guides) to this email. If you happen to live in another county, you can access your county's guide at foac-pac.org

Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- 5/20/23 Midland Sportsmen's Club
- 6/17/23 – Aliquippa Bucktails
- More classes coming in August & September

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 held at Rochester Sportsman's Club
- NWTF Banquet gun to raffle
- Will need to consider a fundraiser for the BCSCCL

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
- Poster ready to post – [field day poster](#)
- Registration is on-line – <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/39?zip=15052&distance=10>
- Will be reaching out to station leaders
- Information is on the www.bcscl.org website

Banquet – vacant

- No report

Big Knob Fair – Guy & Tonya Cable

- August 29 – September 2, 2023

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

- Best Management Practice website at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/best-management-practices-lead-outdoor-shooting-ranges>

Unfinished Business

- Celebration of Life for Tony Rich
 - May 7, 2023
 - To be held at Brady's Run Lodge
 - Wear the County League shirt or your Club shirt
 - Set up begins at 9:00 am
 - Jerry Hooks has the extra tickets. Contact Jerry Hooks or Dan Householder
 - Checks will be accepted at the event for the silent auction items.
 - 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Discussion on the count on what each club feels about the Saturday opener versus going back to the Monday opener

New Business

- New League hats available for \$15 each
- Thoughts to begin a County Level Firearms training committee so clubs can coordinate training events
- 2nd Annual Beaver County Youth Invitational Trap Shoot seeking Sponsors

Motion for a BCSCS \$250 Sponsorship to support the Beaver County Youth Invitational Trap Shoot
Motion by NWTF / FOAC. Passed.

Good of the Order

- 9th Annual Hunt of a Lifetime for 5 Points on August 12 & 13. \$10 tickets
 - Still need to sponsor a target
- Aliquippa Bucktails on August 5th 9 am – 2 pm. Registration @ 8:30 am
- Aliquippa Bucktails hosting Angel Trauma Solutions classes. Check face book for more info. RSVP to Rich Kerlin
- [Click here for APPLESEED Event Flyer](#)

50/50 Drawing

- 50/50 Winner

Motion to Adjourn

- R. Eppinger, Conway / R. Zeman N. Boroughs. Passed 9:45 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 - confirmed	Oct 5	Conway
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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