



# BEAVER COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CONSERVATION LEAGUE



February 1, 2024, Minutes  
Meeting Location – Rochester

## 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	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	A	Pine Run	Rob Smith
	(Alt)	Frank Eder		(Alt)	Tim Hartzell		(Alt)	Jeff Ruckert
P	B.V. Archers	Walt Ketterer	P	Green Valley	Mike Sabat	P	Rochester	George Sullivan
	(Alt)	Michael Osman		(Alt)	Joe McMullen		(Alt)	Jerry Hooks
P	B.V Rifle & Pistol	Rich Wall	P	Hopewell VFW	Gary Grey	P	Sewickley	Mark Crevar
	(Alt)	Lee Gower		(Alt)	Ken Nestor		(Alt)	Laurie Bush
P	Conway	Ray Eppinger	P	Marion Hill	Daniel Freed			
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Keith Radcliff			
P	Ellwood Rod & Gun	Frank McCowin	P	Midland	Mark Benzio			
	(Alt)			(Alt)	Dave Knight	P	PFBC	Jeremy Allen
						P	PGC	Mike Yeck

## OFFICERS

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P	President	P	Vice President	P	Treasurer	A	Secretary
	Rich Kerlin		Dan Householder		Mark Benzio		Tonya Cable

*Jim Farland covering for Secretary. Thank You!*

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Sportsmen's Pledge & Moment of Silence

Host Club Welcome – George Sullivan, Rochester Delegate

## Guests

- Josh Krut, Beaver Falls

## Last month's minutes

- Motion to accept for audit. Rochester / North Boroughs. Passed.

## **Treasurer's Report – Mark Benzio**

- Report provided & reviewed.
  - Check written for Neven's Hunting Trip
  - Deposit of \$550 in dues
  - NWTF, Green Valley, Sewickley – still awaiting 2024 dues & credentials.
  - Pittsburgh Downriggers not rejoining the league at this time.

Motion to accept report for audit. Five Points / 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) – Mike Yeck – [Report](#)

- Madison Pugh begins to take over Matt Kramer's territory on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Jesse Bish, newly appointed Northwest Region Director
- Winter Turkey Sighting Survey from Jan 15<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Commissioner's Meeting Highlights
  - tabled the plans to reintroduce the American Martens
  - preliminary approval to a measure that would allow the Game Commission's Executive Director to make decisions on Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas. See report for detail.
  - Measure that prohibits the hunting of any furbearer through use of a dog during the overlap of any regular deer or bear season. See report for details.
  - Awarded Gary Alt the coveted John C Oliver Wildlife Conservation Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Preliminary 2024-25 Hunting & Trapping Seasons ... see report for details.
- Q & A

### [PA Hunting and Trapping Digest](#)

### PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) – Jeremy Allen – [Report](#)

- Must notify the commission when stocking waters. Look online for the permit application. – [notice](#)
- Still needing more waterways conservation officers. Apply on PFBC website.
- Trout Schedules located online.
- Shows: Great American Outdoor Show, Muskie Max and Cabin Fever Expo. See report for more detail.
- Boat courses available. Look online. A class is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at The Beaver County Community College.

### [PA Fish and Boat Commission](#)

## **Affiliated Organizations**

### Conservation District – (vacant) – [BCCD Report](#)

- Lindsey Shepler, Watershed Specialist / Environmental Educator
    - Recap of 2023 regarding permits.
    - West Nile Virus Program & tire collection. Check the District website & Facebook page.
    - 2024 Beaver County Envirothon at Brady's Run Lodge
    - Best Management Practices in erosion.
    - Growing Greener Grant money for farms improvement projects.
    - Raccoon Creek Streambank Stabilization Design and Construction Project
    - Looking for associate directors.
- see attached report for more details-----

### **BCSCL Youth Foundation** – Rick Caton

- Fishing Derby – May 4th
- Conservation Camp – June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A staff / Volunteer meeting will be held at Aliquippa Bucktails for anyone interested in helping this year.
- Youth Field Day – July 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is online. Posters printed. If any club would like to donate an item for the Sportsmen's Auction table, please bring it to an upcoming meeting.
- Jeff or Rick will provide a brief presentation about the Youth Foundation at the president's meeting.
- Working on getting grants for the youth foundation. (oil spill, Fish Commission, etc.)

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

- No report

## **Committee Reports**

### **Audit Committee** – Mark Benzio

- No report.

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

- Still need a new Bio or confirmation of an existing bio from the following clubs: Ellwood Rod & Gun, Forest Grove, Marion Hill, NWTF, Pine Run.

### **Game** – Mike Harcher – *absent*

- No report

### **Pollution** – Mike Harcher – *absent*

- No report

### **Fishing Derby** – Mike Zon – *absent*

- May 4, 2024

### **Fish Committee** – Mark Crevar

- Erie streams have good flow, guys are catching fish.
- Catching fish in deep holes.
- Niagra river condition is rough.
- Ice fishing in Erie.
- Winter trout stocking.
- Off and on steelhead fishing.
- Suggestions on requested information that anyone would like, please see Mark.

### **Conservation Camp** – Tonya Cable – *absent*

- Father's Day June 16, 2024, will be the check in date for next year's campers. Staff & counselors will arrive Saturday, June 15, 2024!
- Will be Group camp 2 (the larger group camp).
- May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Camper / Parent Meeting at Aliquippa Bucktails beginning at 6pm.
- Camper & Counselor applications ready!
- Posters ready!
- Camp account opened.
- Looking for Sponsorships. Checks to be made out to BCSCL & the money will be turned over to the camp for a camper. \$250 to sponsor a camper!
- A Staff & Volunteer meeting will be scheduled.
- Hoping for double the number of campers which will mean we need more counselors & more adult staff. Please help us fill the camp!!!!
  - Campers 13 – 15 years of age
  - Jr Counselors 16 – 17 years of age
  - Senior Counselors 18 – 20 years of age

## Archery – Walt Ketterer

- Indoor league on Tuesday evenings 6 pm
- JOAD archery – 11 Clubs
- Archery in Schools Program
- Five Points 3D Archery now allows crossbows. (Sunday 8 am – 2 pm)
- Lancaster foundation grant received to start a 3D Youth archery team in Beaver Falls.
- Discussion on a local 3D archery shoot forming at Rochester. Need more information.

## Events Coordinator – Craig Holdren

- Working on updating the BCSCCL website [bcsccl.net](http://bcsccl.net)
- Will be accepting sponsorships to help pay for the website. \$5/month or \$60/year. See Craig or Frank if anyone or any business is interested in a business card size advertisement.
- **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

- Great American Outdoor Show Feb 3 – 11. Jim Stoker & Klint Macro will be there.
- Trump speaking Feb 9 from 5pm to 7 pm on protecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment.
- FOAC Gun Bash – All funding goes to support 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. See craig for tix. Wall of Guns coming back again this year.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rally April 30<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg
- 7 house bills not passed where rewritten and resubmitted then dropped to 5
- PA is the only state that does not allow hunting Big Game with a semi auto rifle & Delaware does not allow anyone to own one.
- Petitions available to sign. See Craig.

## Hunter Education – Mike Zon – *absent*

- Midland Sportsmen's Club Class March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Concord Methodist Church Class March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Aliquippa Bucktails to be scheduled on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Rochester to be on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**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 – *absent*

- Last of the 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!
    - **Tickets & money must be returned at the February League meeting!**
- Call Guy to get tickets and or turn in tickets and money. (724-494-6464)

## Youth Mentored Hunts – Rich Kerlin

Pheasant

- No report

Goose

- No Report

## Youth Field Day – Tonya Cable

- To be held on 7/20/24 @ Midland.
- Contacting all station leaders.
- Reaching out to bring back the Cherokee trail (tomahawk throw)

## **Banquet** – vacant – Rich Kerlin

- President's Meeting – March 13, 2024, beginning at 7 pm. Location: Beaver Valley Archers
  - Invitations have been made for every delegate.
  - Invitations will be mailed to every club.
  - Clubs outside of the league and even outside of Beaver County can be invited. Let Tonya know who and an address to get an invitation mailed out.
    - Speakers & Presentations on the agenda: Conservation Camp, Youth Foundation, Follow up on Lead Abatement, FOAC, etc. Let Rich know if you have any other ideas of interest for the agenda.
  - RSVP to Tonya by March 1<sup>st</sup> (724)494-6465 or gtcttc@yahoo.com

## **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>
- **KEEP your Records!**

## **Firearms Training** – Rich Kerlin

- Personal protection in the Home Class & Personal Protection Outside the Home Class at Aliquippa Bucktails: Classes are full but there is a waiting list. Registration is online.
- Refuse to be a Victim Class at Aliquippa Bucktails March 16<sup>th</sup> 8am – 12 pm. (non-firearms) Registration NRA website. \$20 – [more details](#)
- NRA Basic Rifle Class is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>. Only 12 people.
- Ambridge having an NRA basic pistol class Saturday. \$125 / non-members.

*Go to NRA website "Training" for all class registrations. Register on the waitlist.*

- Get information to Rich regarding any upcoming club firearms training.

## **Unfinished Business**

- President's Meeting

## **New Business**

- NWTF 2<sup>nd</sup> chance Toms Banquet to be held at Ambridge District Sportsmen's Club on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - Discussion regarding purchasing an 8-person table with a table gun for the League. [here](#)Motion to purchase a table with table gun by Five Points / Green Valley. Passed  
Sign-up sheets to attend. See Mark B if interested.
- CV Trap Team is opening to other high schools in the area. Registration Season is February 1 through March 25.
- Beaver Falls also accepts youth shooters.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment Rally on April 30<sup>th</sup> – Looking at getting a bus for the League this year. As gun owners being under attack, we need to get back to attending the 2A Rally.

## **Good of the Order**

- Monaca American Legion Cash Bash March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Five Points 3D archery on Sunday. 8am – 2pm
- Hopewell Rifle Range Raffle tickets for 6.5 Creedmoor
- Midland Gun Bash May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Bucktails Swap Meet & Ham Shoot
- Ambridge Swap Meet March 9<sup>th</sup> 9am – 4pm
- Cabin Fever Shoot 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month Jan through March – [details](#)

- Steel Challenge 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month – [details](#)
- Elwood Wampum Rod & Gun Club Gun Show March 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 am to 5 pm – [details](#)
- Elwood Wampum Rod & Gun Club Annual Banquet March 16<sup>th</sup> – [details](#)
- Laurel Conservation Club Sportsmen’s Night Out Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 pm – [details](#)
- Beaver Falls Annual Youth Invitational Shoot to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August

**50/50 Drawing**

- Winner – Dan H

**UPDATED CALENDAR – [click here](#)**

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Rochester/ North Boroughs. Passed 9:50 pm

## 2024 Meeting Schedule

January 4	Aliquippa Bucktails - <b>Confirmed</b>	2564 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001
February 1	Rochester – <b>Confirmed</b>	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
March 7	Rochester – North Boroughs Hosting – <b>Confirmed</b>	181 Sportsman Ln, Rochester, PA 15074
April 4	B.V. Archers – <b>Confirmed</b>	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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