



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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Treasurer's Report
December 31, 1977
Pa. Chapter N.W.T.F.

Present Checkbook Balance as of 12/31/77 \$ 923.80

Total Deposits:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 100.00	
New Memberships	1,630.00	
Donations	96.75	
Profit Reg. Meeting	208.60	
Advertising in T.T.	116.65	
Promotion Sales (Patches, Glasses & Pins)	1,250.50	
Renewals	1,902.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>47.00</u>	\$ 5,351.50

Total Disbursements:

Postage	\$ 839.69	
Printing of T.T.	1,748.90	
Supplies	732.86	
Phone	26.88	
Promotions	641.85	
Blain U.S. Open	250.41	
Taxes	128.79	
Miscellaneous	<u>58.32</u>	<u>4,427.70</u>

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Beno DeMonte, Treasurer

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Minutes of Officers and Directors meeting, Nov. 12, 1977, Elk County.

AT BINO'S LODGE

Present: Officers, Jim Wilhelm, Beno DeMonte, Shirley Grenoble.

15 regional directors present.

Guests: Roger Latham, Paul Lipko, *TOM CARLETON, & ED PREVENSIK*

Beno DeMonte, treasurer reported that the bill for the printing of 8500 Turkey Talk's was paid and the balance in the treasury is \$888.40.

First order of business was brought up by Tim Brady, who introduced the gentlemen from the P. ttsburgh area who have formed a local chapter of the Turkey Federation and came seeking to affiliate with the State Chapter. After much discussion as to how to handle those who had joined the local chapter but were not members of the State chapter, Fred Webster made this motion, which was then carried.

" Any one serving on the board of directors of the local and all officers of the local must be members of the state chapter. Any member of the local chapter not belonging to the state chapter is to be considered an associate member; they will not be entitled to the privileges of regular membership such as receiving the Turkey Talk, wearing the state chapter patch. Likewise they will not be entitled to the vote." The local chapter shall be responsible to set up its own dues structure."

The next item of business was to welcome this group as the first local chapter of the State chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.



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The next item of business was to set up committees to prepare for the Annual State meeting to be held in Erie, April 1, 1978.

RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Fred Webster, Bill Barron, Jerry Thompson.

Awards: Bob Keck, Bob Clark

Nominating Committee: Jack Crouse, Tim Brady

Projects Committee: (to be investigating prospects for worthwhile projects of benefit to the turkey in our state.): Tom Dunkin, Terry Rohm.

Jim Wilhelm and Bob Clark to work on having a planting project in conjunction with the state meeting as was done last year.

The discussion was held as to whether people wanting booth space at the state meeting shall pay a flat rental fee or a percentage of the profit they make. The discussion was tabled until the February directors meeting.

Barry Gunter was appointed to look into the possibility of chartering a bus to provide transportation to the National Convention.

The motion was made by Fred Webster and seconded by Jerry Thompson that the State chapter delegate to the National Convention should be the president and that the state chapter should pay his transportation costs and lodging. Motion was carried.



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MINITS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING

BLAIN, PA. AUGUST 12, 1977

IN ATTENDANCE:

SPECIAL GUESTS FROM NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION:

Tom Rodgers, Executive vice-president
Jerry Allen, Executive secretary
Bob Besch, President, NWTf

All officers of Pennsylvania chapter and 12 directors

Jim Wilhelm, president, opened the meeting by stating that the officers from the National Wild Turkey Federation were attending our meeting because there are some things which need aired out. He cautioned to listen with an open mind.

Tom Rodgers spoke of the purpose of their visit; it was a fact-finding mission. He said he sensed that there was and is a lack of communication between the National and the State chapter. "We want you in Pennsylvania to know how we operate," he said. He then asked Jerry Allen to give some insight on the relationship between the state and local chapters.

Jerry Allen: " State chapters are organized from the national and then local chapters are formed from the state. The role of state and local chapters is to watch over turkeys in your own area.

executive committee must be adhered to.

At this time, Pennsylvania is the only chapter that charges dues to its membership. The national fully believes that money raised in the states through fund raising projects should stay in the state chapter."

Next followed a time of discussion about fund raising projects, and how other state chapters raise funds. Then one of Pennsylvania's directors asked this question: "Are you insinuating that the Penna. chapter should not charge dues?"

Jerry Allen: "You could function without dues - other chapters do it. In fact, the executive committee may establish a policy of not charging dues. Whatever decision is made about it will be in the best interest of turkeys. "

Bob Besch: "At this time there is nothing at all in the national constitution which would prevent any state chapter from charging dues so this discussion is irrelevant at this time. It is right, isn't it (speaking to Rodgers and Allen) that the chapter may charge dues?"

Tom Rodgers and Jerry Allen: "Yes, a state chapter may charge dues if they wish. But there are other very successful ways to raise money and the other state chapters go that route."

Bob Besch: "The one area in which the Pennsylvania chapter is in violation of the National constitution and by-laws is in the matter of not requiring your members to be members of the national."

Up to now, the executive committee has more or less skirted this issue but it has to be dealt with. There are alternate plans,. If you don't feel you want to require chapter members to be national members then a system can be set up whereby these folks who are not members of the national would be called "associate members" or something of that order. That way you could have what you want and still be in accord with the national constitution."

QUESTION: (from a Pennsylvania director) " I put \$10.00 a year in dues to the National. What do I get out of it?"

TOM RODGERS: " The national put no less than \$24,000 in direct mailing in Pennsylvania. We want to build the turkey states as much as possible. But we are also interested in states with few or no turkeys. \$2,000 was put into the national convention last February. It takes \$42000 in computer costs to produce TURKEY CALL magazine for Pennsylvania people.

Tons of educational material is poured into the state. The national has television and radio spots all over the state.

Furthermore, it costs \$30,000 per month to run the national organization; your state contributes its share for that. We have grown 250% in less than 11 months so we must be doing something right.

There are 6,700 members of the national from Pennsylvania. Every month a report is sent from the national to the state chapter presidents and they are responsible to see that their directors are informed. "

QUESTION: (from a State chapter officer) " Are these 6,700 persons names available to the state chapter?"

TOM RODGERS: " Yes"

JIM WILHELM : " We will make arrangements to secure these names."

Next followed some miscellaneous discussion about how to secure a bulk mailing permit. Tom Rodgers advised that the state chapter need only request a copy of the national's constitution and take it to the post office and request the permit. Jim Wilhelm said he would take care of requesting the constitution from the national.

Following a brief intermission, Jim Wilhelm called to order a meeting of just the Pennsylvania State officers and directors.

First was the secretary's report given by Shirley Grenoble, who explained the system for cataloguing the members into counties and regions and how one director in each region has a complete list of the members within that region. Also there are about 400 members who are delinquent with their dues as of this meeting.

Next, the treasurer's report, showing that from April, 1977 to August 9, 1977 total receipts were \$,567.50 and total disbursements were \$ 1,752.48 leaving a balance of \$ 1,815.02.

Then Wilson Moore, vice-president brought up several items of business.

1. If anyone finds out the names of those persons who wish to form local chapters give the names to him and he will contact them.

2. There must be a uniform way of dealing with the monies and profits made from fund raising events in the various regions. It has come to the officer's attention that some regions keep profits they make to promote other activities within their own region and other regions have been sending the profits back to the state treasury. It was thrown open for discussion.

Jim Wilhelm stated that he thought it had been agreed upon at a prior meeting that monies made in a region should stay in that region.

Others voiced the opinion that everyone cannot do as he pleases with profits made; we must all do the same thing and follow the same policies.

Shirley Grenoble stated that when the treasurer has to fill out certain tax forms etc. in which the total income of the chapter must be stated, it is important to know exactly what they are. If regions are going to keep their monies, they must at least file an accurate report with the treasurer so exact books can be kept.

After more discussion of the pros and cons Wilson Moore made the motion that all profits made under the name of the Pennsylvania Wild Turkey Federation be sent to the treasurer. Tim Brady seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Following this, Tom Dunkin made the motion that a regional director could spend up to \$50.00 for expenses incurred for meetings or fund raising events without approval. Any expense over \$50.00 would have to be approved by an executive committee, which is to be composed of the four chapter officers and the immediate past president. Bob Clark seconded the motion and it was carried.

The next officers and directors meeting is to be held November 12 at Beno Demonte's camp in Elk County. Beno is to see to it that everyone receives a map of the location.

The officers and director's meeting after that is to be held Feb. 4 in Roscoe Stiles' area (East).

Tom Dunkin made a motion that the State meeting be held in Erie. Beno DeMonte seconded and the motion was carried. Jim Wilhelm is to appoint a chairman for the meeting.

Beno DeMonte then read a letter from Bud Erich, who could not attend the meeting. There were two items to be considered in Bud's letter.

1. Should the chapter design a new patch? Barry Gunter made a motion that a committee be formed to investigate the patch situation. Beno DeMonte seconded and motion was carried. Jim Wilhelm appointed Bud Erich and Rob Keck to that committee.

2. Bud suggested having an arts and crafts booth at the state meeting at which members could display their handiwork. There was a lot of discussion about this and this item was tabled for the November board meeting.

Bob Clark reminded everyone of the tree and shrub planting project and that orders must be placed by November 1.

Tom Dunkin raised the issue of the possibility of running a big raffle and how it might be done. This was also tabled for the November meeting.

suggested that he take the cards with him and have them typed to a Xerox labeling system. Then the labels can be peeled off and attached to the Turkey Talk magazine or whatever is being mailed. The officers and directors approved this course of action and he received from Shirley Grenoble a complete file of members as of August 13.

It was also brought up that no report of the expenses and profit resulting from the State Convention in Dubois last April was ever made public to the directors, officers or membership. Bob Clark said that was an oversight on his part and he would see to it that the report was forthcoming.

The meeting was then adjourned. It was 1:30 a.m.