



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

MINUTES REGIONAL MEETING

November 18, 1978
Buttermilk Lodge
Medix Run

MEETING: Called to order at 7:00 pm by President Moore. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING READ BY SECRETARY WILHELM, Approved as read TREASURE'S REPORT: Treasure DeMonte reported that we have \$493.00 in the checking account & \$850.00 in the saving account. Much discussion on why the renewals are coming in so slow. Bob Clark emphasized that we must bill all members directly in order to get best results.

VICE PRESIDENT: Shirley Grenoble asked for any information or material for the port-folio to be sent to the National. She also reported on the booth at forksville, saying that it may not be worthwhile anymore due to the competition.

SECRETARY REPORT: Wilhelm reported that the renewals are not coming in as expected even though two notices were mailed out. He stated that a lot of members were not getting their current newsletter ~~xxxx~~ because they moved and did not send us a change of address. Much discussion of renewals and it was agreed that we must mail individual renewals to be more successful ~~in~~ memberships.

✓ COMPUTER LABELS: Dave Wilcox discussed the computer system for labels how it worked and the cost. From all indication, after the initial set-up, it would be very worthwhile, lighting the work load of the secretary. Labels to be available by the first week in December.

✓ LOU HOFFMAN: Lou spoke about a new hunting annual "Spring Woods" to be published by North Woods Publishing Co. Approx 25,000 copies to be printed. 40 pages with 10-15 pages devoted to the wild turkey. Not only would this be great advertising for the Pa Chapter, but it should show a profit. After much discussion, a ~~xxxx~~ motion was made by Tom Dunkin & second by Ron Hudsick to accept their proposition. Motion carried.

✓ UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bud Erich reported that he has a new supply of patches and pins available. He also asked permission to refund advertising money to two business due to the fact that the newsletter was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ mailed out late. Motion by Wilhelm, second by Ron Hudsick. Motion carried.

Bud also stated that due to his very time consuming schedule, he has asked Ron Hudsick to take charge of advertising for patches, pins



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and Tee Shirts, etc. Motion by Beno DeMonte, second by Barry Gunter. Motion carried.

President Moore asked if every ~~xxx~~ director had received a Tee shirt. Saying that we will ~~xxx~~ make 113 % on each shirt sold.

- ✓ NEW BUSINESS: Beno DeMonte suggested that certificates be mailed to first time new members only. Motion by Fred Webster, second by Tom Dunkin-Motion carried.

Beno DeMonte also discussed the possibility of getting an insurance policy for all board members enroute to and from our regional meetings. Bob Clark stated that this is a good idea and we should get bids from two other companies and discuss it more at the next meeting.

- ✓ STATE CONVENTION: Andy Lipko, representing Ron Fretts, reported on the progress of the state convention. Things are starting to take shape, but at the present time, no main speakers have been scheduled. Much discussion about the high prices of Seven Springs rooms and if the high rates might keep a lot of people away.
- ✓ LOCAL CHAPTERS: President Moore discussed the by-laws and guidelines of local chapters. A package was distributed to each on present and President Moore went over each item. These packages to be mailed to officers of new local chapters.
- ✓ PUBLIC RELATIONS: Shirley Grenoble asked for approval to pay \$6.00 for Turkey ~~xxxx~~ Call magazine to be given to the Blue Mountain School District, which has a conservation class with turkeys as one of their subjects. Motion by Don Heckman, second by Beno DeMonte.-Motion carried
- ✓ WINTER MEETING: President Moore asked for suggestions for our winter meeting. Bud Erich and Robby Kohn was appointed to select a location for this meeting. Notices to be mailed at a later date.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectively Submitted

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MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING

AUGUST 11, 1978 *BLAIN, Pa*

MEETING: Called to order at 8:00PM by President Moore. Asked for introduction from each person present.

GUESTS: Tom Rodgers and Rob Keck from the National Federation. Gerald Wunz-Wildlife Biologist from the Pennsylvania Game Comm.

Minutes from the past regional meeting was read by past Secretary, Shirley Grenoble. Accepted as read.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Treasure, Beno DeMonte was absent. Report was read by Bud Erich. Present balance as of 7/31/78 was \$820.53. Copies of treasure's report was given to each member present. Report accepted as read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Wilhelm stated that 1910 newsletters had been mailed out. 24 to life members, 45 to out of state members, and 19 to out of state presidents, biologists. He apologized for the delay in mailing out the certificates and membership cards of new members due to a misfortune in the family, his personal hospital stay and a shortage of cards & certificates. Stating that much criticism has been received from members receiving their certificates so wrinkled that they were not suitable for framing. Mailing tubes were bought at .13 per tube to eliminate this problem. Approval from directors to continue using this tube. Stating that our bulk mailing rate has increased from .021 to .027 cents per peice. Report accepted as read.

President Moore stated that he had discussed the subject of local chapter to different members and officers and that we, as a State Chapter, have no local chapters at the present time. Material and guidlines are being prepared and will be mailed to the prospective local chapters and on approval of the membership, will be legal chapters of the state. Much discussion on this subject.

FREEDER PROJECT: President Moore stated that he has 48 turkey feeders at his home to be distributed accross the state in areas designated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Reading a memo from Gerald Wunz pertaining to winter feeding, and after much discussion, a motion was made by Dick Rutt and seconded by Ron Sandrus to distribute winter feeders wisley accordingly to the guidlines set



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by Wunz and the Game Commission. Motion Carried

FUNDS FOR FEED: President Moore stated that Bob Clark is heading a raffle for purchase of winter feed. Tickets will be in the mail in the near future.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Chairman Barry Gunter reported that after two long tedious meetings, updated changes were made in the Constitution and by-laws. These changes will be voted on at our next annual meeting.

PEN RAISED BIRDS: Secretary Wilhelm stated that a letter had been mailed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission informing them that the Pennsylvania Chapter supports the stand taken by the National Federation regarding the release of Pen Raised birds in Pennsylvania. Arron Teeple took the floor and reported that many, many letter and facts were mailed to the Game Commission, commission members, and sportsmen clubs opposing the releasing of such birds. President Moore then stated he had attended the last Game Commission meeting in Harrisburg. After a long heated discussion, the commission agreed to appoint a four man committee to survey "Pen Raised Birds vs Wild Trapped Birds". This committee to be composed of four commission members. Both Moore and Teeple stressed the fact that we should keep the pressure on. Gerald Wunz spoke briefly on how to detect a wild turkey with Blackhead. A motion was made by Barry Gunter and second by Bud Erich to send a letter to the Game Commission offering Pennsylvania's support with what ever help we can do to help that committee. President Moore said he will send the letter right away. Motion carried.

1979 STATE CONVENTION: After discussing several possible sites for the 1979 State Convention, Seven Springs Resort was selected. Ron Sandrus and Jed Riddell agreed to work on this. Date of convention will be announced later. Secretary Wilhelm offered any technical assistance he could to help with the convention committee.

NRA: The N/E regional conference meeting to be held September 8-9-10 at Blakely, Pa. Suggestion that we share a booth in conjunction with the National Federation.

ARREST AND CONVICTION: Motion made by Jack Crouse and second by Bud Erich that the Pennsylvania Chapter offer a \$100.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone killing an illegal wild turkey in Pennsylvania. Motion Carried.



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FALL MEETING: The next regional meeting will be held at Beno DeMonte's hunting lodge in Medix Run. Date of meeting to be announced later.

PROJECT COMMITTEE: President Moore appointed Steve Hawkins and Don Parks to the Project committee.

COMPUTER LABELS: President Moore discussed the possibility of getting our membership on computer labels. Jack Crouse made a motion to investigate the cost of these labels. Second by Barry Gunter. Motion carried.

FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN CLUBS: Discussion on the state chapter joining the Federation of Sportsmen Clubs so we can have a voice and vote on different matters. This was tabled until our next meeting.

TOM RODGERS AND ROB KECK'S REMARKS: THE National Convention will be held in Birmingham, Alabama on February 15-16-17. Tom Rodgers reports that the National membership in Pennsylvania has declined from approx. 6,700 to approx. 5,800 members. Thanks the state chapter for their co-operation. Rob Keck emphasized good public relation throughout the state. Congratulations to Bud Erich for his endless efforts on "Turkey Talk". Talked of things that both state and local chapters could do to increase their membership and fund raising program.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 AM.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED

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Minutes, Annual meeting, Edinboro, Pa. April 1, 1978

The meeting was called to order by president, James Wilhelm, who called on Jack Crouse to present the slate of officers. It was moved and seconded that the officers as presented by the nominating committee be approved.

The treasurer's and secretary's reports were read and accepted with the change that it be noted that the Hecla local chapter started in Westmoreland County, not Pittsburgh.

Jim Wilhelm reported that several local chapters have begun including one from State College. He asked Gary Hower, a representative from that chapter to speak. Gary Hower said this chapter was forming from a fraternity of professional foresters from the college. Jim asked that this chapter have a representative at our next director's meeting.

Next Barry Gunter explained the reasons for the proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws.

Then was read a list of directors to be appointed and it was so carried.

Bob Besch, chairman of the board of directors of the national spoke a few words of compliment to the Pa. chapter and its work. Then Fred Webster had some remarks on membership and the reasons why we should

encourage memberships.

Jack Crouse then suggested that we need to have a receipt on our membership applications as the lack of them has caused some problems through the year.

Rob Keck then spoke of the relationship of the state chapter to the national organization.

Bud Erich announced that state patches are in and can be ordered from him.

Jim Wilhelm announced that our planting project for this year is on a 10 acre food plot on Game Lands # 143 in Warren County.

The question was raised as to whether the Pa. chapter has made any stand on the question of the game farm bird. After much discussion, Howard Myers made the motion we endorse and support the resolution that the National Wild Turkey Federation adopted, as it appears in Turkey Call magazine. Tim Brady seconded the motion and it was carried.

David Wilcox made the motion at this point that we accept the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. Jack Crouse seconded and the motion was carried.

Jim Wilhelm then thanked the members for the privilege of being president and said he was always willing to work for the chapter. Wilson Moore then was introduced and he spoke of his projections for the coming year. He said our main goal should be to get more individuals involved in the state chapter work and in fund raising ideas.

Bob Clark gave a report of the feeding program he had carried out this past winter.

Meeting was adjourned.



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Treasurer's Report
March 28, 1978
Pa. Chapter N.W.T.F.

Present Checkbook Balance as of 3/28/78 \$ 876.34

Total Deposits:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 100.00	
New Memberships	2,621.00	
Donations	126.25	
Profit Reg. Meetings	208.60	
Advertising in T.T.	151.65	
Promotion Sales (Patches, Pins & Glasses)	1,426.36	
Renewals	1,963.00	
Miscellaneous	47.00	
Sale of Tickets (Convention Promotion)	<u>366.00</u>	\$7,009.86

Total Disbursements:

Postage	\$1,034.60	
Printing of T.T.	2,175.10	
Supplies	773.41	
Phone Expenses	85.56	
Promotional Expenses	1,598.90	
Blain U.S. Open	250.41	
Taxes	155.22	
Miscellaneous	<u>60.32</u>	<u>6,133.52</u>

Balance End of Year 3/28/78 \$ 876.34

Beno DeMonte
Beno DeMonte, Treasurer

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING - FEB. 4., 1978

JAMES WILHELM, PRESIDENT, presided at the meeting.

ATTENDING: Roscoe Stiles, Barry Gunter, Jack Crouse, Gerald Thompson, James Wilhelm, Wilson Moore, Carl Brown, Irvin Buttray.

Jim Wilhelm opened the meeting with talk in regard to our 3rd annual convention. Principal speaker is to be Harlon Carter, Executive director of NRA. The program is shaping up well, Jim said.

Barry Gunter gave a report on his efforts to line up a bus for the trip to the National Convention; the action died along the way.

There was a discussion about setting up a state booth at the national convention.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and the secretary's report, in letter form due to Shirley Grenoble's absence, was read.

The Awards committee made no recommendation. They are to be contacted by the president for their suggestions.

There was a report from Jim Wilhelm regarding the shrub planting project. We have pledged to support Gerald Wunz and others responsible for a spring seep and planting project in the Blue Eye State Game Lands near Warren, Pa. This will not be held the day after the convention

however.

The motion was made by Wilson Moore, seconded by Barry Gunter, that the Pa. chapter would be financially responsible for providing a lunch at the shrub planting project.

The nominating committee report was given by Jack Crouse: 23 names for directors were submitted. The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee for the coming year were:

President - Wilson "Moore
Vice-president - Shirley Grenoble
Secretary - Jim Wilhelm
Treasurer - Beno DeMonte

The state convention is to be held at the Edinboro Holiday Inn April 1.

The motion was made by Irven Buttray and seconded by Gerry Thompson that the exhibitors at the convention should pay \$ 15.00 each or contribute \$30.00 or more worth of merchandise.

President Wilhelm is to clear the legality of giving our membership roster to Orvis in exchange for a print for a gift at our convention and catalogues for distribution to the membership.

A constitution and by-laws committee was appointed: Members are Bud Erich, Barry Gunter and Carl Brown. They are to review our constitution and make a report at our annual convention April 1, 1978.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.