



# PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF THE SILVER SPURS.

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the November 1990 Minutes of our Board of Directors meeting held at the Pennsylvania & Ohio Camp in Clearfield County. The next meeting of our Board of Directors will be on January 10-11, 1991 at Herders Spring Lodge in the Sandy Ridge area of Centre County. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m., on Friday. A map showing directions to the camp is enclosed for your reference.

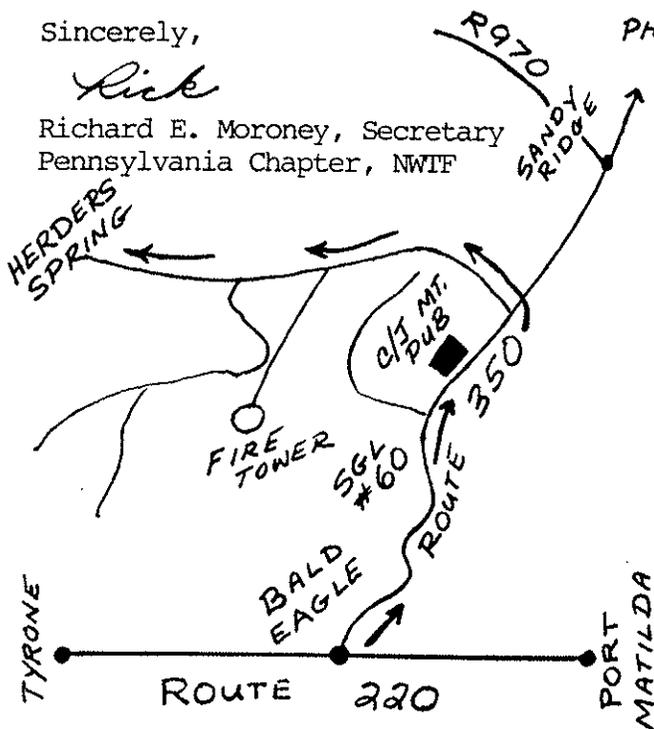
**Meeting Announcement:** The March 1991 Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, during the PA Chapter Convention March 8-9. Our board meeting will be held Saturday morning, on March 9, 1991, probably about 7:30 a.m.

Wishing all of you had the Happiest and Safest of Holidays. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting...let's plan to stay over Saturday...

Sincerely,

*Rick*

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Chapter, NWTF



### Directions for Herders Spring Lodge

**Northeast:** I-80 west to Exit 23, to route 220 south to the town of Bald Eagle. Turn right at Bald Eagle light onto route 350 north to Philipsburg.

Road to Herders Spring is 200-300 yards past C/J Mt. Pub on left side of road by Sandy Ridge Summit sign. Sign on right.

**Southeast:** Take route 322 east to route 220 south to route 350 north to Sandy Ridge Summit. Directions same as above from R. 220

**Southwest:** Route 22 east to Route 220 north to town of Bald Eagle. Take route 350 north towards Philipsburg at red light. Follow directions underlined.

**Northwest:** I-80 east to Exit 20 then route 322 east to Philipsburg. At Philipsburg take route 350 south towards Tyrone. Road to Herders is 1½ miles from blinking light in Sandy Ridge, 5 miles from Philipsburg. Take right turn at Sandy Ridge Summit sign.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9-11, 1990  
PENNSYLVANIA & OHIO CAMP - CLEARFIELD COUNTY

The November 1990 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Board Chairman Howard Meyers at 8:15 p.m., on Friday, November 9, 1990.

Chairman Meyers and board members thanked the owners of the P&O Camp for the use of their camp to conduct our meeting. Board appreciation was also extended to the Susquehanna Chapter for hosting the meeting and providing meals for the weekend. It was then noted that a quorum was present, and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

**NWTF REPORT** - Gary Tanner was unable to attend the meeting, however, he did provide a written report which was read before the Board by President Baldrige.

**Banquet Facts:** Banquet to beat - Laurel Highlands, which grossed \$103,410 and netted \$55,344.

Best first time banquet - Lakeland Longbeards, who became members of the "Golden Gobblers" club with a gross to net of 62 percent and a total net of \$13,576.

Most dramatic increase over '89 - Michaux-Yellow Breeches, with a net/net of \$1803 in 1989 and a net/net of \$6401 in 1990.

Pennsylvania banquets net/net in 1989 - \$63,938

Pennsylvania banquets net/net in 1990 - \$97,753 - up \$33,815!!!

1990 - Pennsylvania is #1 in net/net \$\$ raised, and #1 in new members.

Pennsylvania is \$2800/per banquet better than the national average (\$6982 versus \$4200) in net/net dollars raised.

For those who still do not believe in the Banquet System, Gary would like to know where else could we get \$55,000 in just one year to spend in PA ??? As reported, it was a fantastic year - and with even better goodies from National in '91, and a bunch of New Banquets, the Pennsylvania Super Fund will really grow! In concluding his report, Gary said: If you have friends in towns, other than your own, that would make good "banquet people," get me in touch with them, so we can continue the great work you've all done -

**Quaker Boy Support:** It was brought to the attention of the Board that Quaker Boy has entered into an agreement to provide banquet packages, through Gary Tanner, for banquet use only. As stated, the banquet packages are made up

of turkey, deer, elk, or duck units with a retail value of approximately \$200.00 at a banquet cost of \$32.00. **Important:** All inquiries for the Quaker Boy banquet packages must be made through the Regional Director (**Gary Tanner**). Do not contact Quaker Boy! Write to: Mr. Gary Tanner, R.D. #1, Box 186, Williamstown, NY 13493 or call (315) 625-4427. Along those lines, it was suggested that our secretary should write a letter to Dick Kirby to extend Board thanks and appreciation to Quaker Boy for their support of the banquet system.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tom Baldrige indicated that his report would be covered under the various committee reports to be given later in the meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Joel Bock reported that everything was set for the January board meeting at Herders Spring Lodge in Centre County. Joel mentioned that the remainder of his report would be covered under committee reports to be given later.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Rick Moroney was unable to attend the meeting, however, he did provide a written report which was read before the board by President Baldrige. As stated in his report, Rick asked for Board permission to write a letter to Rob Keck about an idea proposal he had gotten from Jerry Wunz during the August meeting. At the August meeting, Jerry suggested joining forces with the Sierra Club to combat legislation which threatens our environment. Jerry had also mentioned that we shouldn't avoid other conservation groups just because a few of their members may be anti-hunters - we should all be concerned about protecting our environment.

Rick proposed expanding upon Jerry's suggestion by asking Rob Keck if he would consider contacting the leaders of the Sierra Club, Ducks Unlimited, Audubon Society, and the National Wildlife Federation about joining forces to address environmental issues. With the National Wild Turkey Federation, this group would form the BIG FIVE in conservation. As proposed, the BIG FIVE would hire a lobbyist to represent their collective interest in Washington. Each group would have one representative (five total), and issues which threaten our environment would be addressed only after unanimous agreement is made by the BIG FIVE representatives.

Although Board action was not taken, the **Bottom Line** still remains: we can spend all of our money on habitat projects and land acquisition, but if acid rain, ozone depletion, and turning our forests into asphalt jungles goes unchecked, it won't mean didly do - think about it...

**Corrections:** The August 1990 Minutes were corrected as follows: Page 8, Constant Reminder Holographs - Along those lines, it was suggested that the PA Chapter should submit a Super Fund request for \$10,000.00 to reorder the Constant Reminder material. Was corrected to read: Along those lines, it was suggested that the PA Chapter should submit a Super Fund request for \$1000.00 to reorder the Constant Reminder material. **A motion to accept the August 1990 Minutes, as corrected, was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Joel Bock. Motion Carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Don Heckman reported on the Balance Sheet for the period ending October 31, 1990. As reported, our Checking Account balance was \$642.45, with a Savings Account balance of \$9648.70, and an Inventory (Fair Market Value) of \$17,181.70, making our Total Assets to be \$27,472.85. As noted and reported by the Treasurer during the August 1990 meeting, our Total Assets were reported to be \$162,551.02. The dramatic decrease in our Total Assets (from \$162,551.02 to \$27,472.85) is the result of establishing a more realistic Fair Market Value of our

print and stamp inventory. Beforehand, the Inventory (Fair Market Value) represented the retail value of our prints and stamps. The Inventory (Fair Market Value) of stamps and prints has since been more accurately established to represent our costs to have these products produced.

In continuing his report, Don reported on the Statement of Income for the period ending October 31, 1990. As reported, our Income for the period August 1 to October 31, 1990 was \$3227.32, with a year-to-date Income of \$22, 119.19, and a Fund Balance for 1989 of \$20,217.82. Our Expenses for the period August 1 to October 31, 1990 were \$8360.96, with a year-to-date Expenditure of \$31,063.36. As stated, our Fund Balance for the year-ending December 31, 1990 is projected to be \$10,487.82. **A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by John Szeferksi. Motion Carried.**

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Crist Newcomer was unable to attend the meeting. However, it was mentioned that Crist plans to resign as Membership Secretary, due to his work situation.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:** Howard Meyers reported he has been helping Lou Mamone with the Gun Raffle. Howard mentioned that 689 ticket stubs have been returned. It was also understood that most of the tickets have been sold but were not turned in, yet, by local chapters and/or individual members. Forty tickets were made available to be sold at the board meeting. Unfortunately, it was noted that six tickets have been lost. However, on the bright side, the Gun Raffle bills have been paid, and we have already begun to realize a profit. In noting the difficulties of competing with other sportsmen's organizations to sell gun tickets during the fall, Lou Mamone suggested that the Board might consider conducting the Gun Raffle during the spring. Along those lines, Don Heckman mentioned that the reason for operating a raffle in the fall is because the chapter starts running out of money at that time, and we need the additional income in order to operate during the months of October - December.

Howard reported that he had worked with members of Local Chapter #1 to get the plaque put on State Game Lands No. 51 in Fayette County. As reported, 35 people attended the unveiling ceremonies on September 22, 1990 (National Hunting & Fishing Day). Special thanks was extended to Dale Bassinger and members of Local Chapter #1 for their monumental effort in bringing about the success of the ceremony. As noted, Local Chapter #1 had gotten two head stones donated by a local rock quarry, for mounting the plaques on Game Lands #51 and #25 in Elk County. It was also mentioned that Dale Bassinger has graciously offered the use of his low boy to haul the head stone up to Game Lands No. 25.

**Special Presentation:** On behalf of the members of the Susquehanna Chapter, Reed Johnson presented the PA Chapter with a check for \$5000.00, for use in the Pennsylvania Super Fund, from the proceeds of a raffle for a 1990 Chevy Blazer, a canoe, and three guns. Reed stated that the Susquehanna Chapter would also be donating \$500.00 to the National Wild Turkey Federation in memory of Paul Dixon, a local artist from the Clearfield area. Reed also suggested that the PA Chapter might want to consider raffling off a vehicle ticket.

**TURKEY TALK:** Larry Smail reported that the current printing and shipping expense of **Turkey Talk** was \$4747.05, minus the expense of the fall issue. Larry said he has been sending all the material he receives from local chapters to **The Caller**.

**ART COMMITTEE:** Joel Bock reported that print sells for "The Apprentice" have not been going very well over the last six months. However, the Art Committee is taking steps to have an art competition next fall for our third conservation print, which should be released in the spring of '92.

As reported, there were approximately 280 stamp prints ('82-'83) distributed to sponsors who generously donated to the fundraising banquets in 1990. Joel stated that distributing the prints to those who support our banquets is a good way of showing our appreciation. Anyone interested in obtaining the '82-'83 stamp prints for banquet use should contact: Mr. Joel Bock, R.D. #1, Box 186, Philipsburg, PA 16866 or call (814) 342-0294.

A suggestion was made on the floor that we might want to consider looking at some other form of collectible art for money raising purposes, possibly a limited edition gun or something along those lines. While on the subject, it was noted that an individual from Browning had planned to attend the meeting on Sunday to discuss the possibility of doing a limited edition gun for the PA Chapter. (Unfortunately, it was mentioned that he had received the same directions to the camp as did the board members and, as a result there was some concern/fear that he would never find the meeting site.) **Secretary's note:** I only work here...for free too!

In concluding his report, Joel said there were 230 prints of "The Apprentice" left, along with approximately 40 Quaker Boy box calls. **Special Note:** Quaker Boy limited edition box calls are available to all local chapters for banquet use. Contact Joel Bock at the above given address or phone.

As part of the Art Committee Report, Reed Johnson expressed some concern over the future status of artwork which he has held in inventory to be used at a more appropriate time for the PA Chapter conventions. It appeared as though Reed was concerned that this particular artwork was going to be used in the '91 Convention rather than at a time when it would be of more value to collectors. Some discussion took place, and a decision was made to give the Art Committee a chance to discuss the matter and then to make a recommendation for Board consideration.

**SUPER FUND/HABITAT:** Joe Krug reported he was somewhat disappointed that he had only received one habitat proposal this year. As stated, Joe has spoken with Dan Devlin in an effort to get proposals from the Der Bureau of Forestry. According to Joe, Dan said he had sent out flyers to his people in the field, informing them that money is available from the PA Chapter for habitat projects. Unfortunately, however, we have not received any habitat proposals from DER for funding in quite awhile.

**Blue Mountain Proposal:** Joe was pleased to report that he had received a habitat proposal from the Blue Mountain Chapter, for a project on State Game Lands No. 210 in Dauphin County. As mentioned, the Blue Mountain Chapter wants to put three herbacious openings on Game Lands No.210. It was noted that the PGC is working in cooperation with the Blue Mountain Chapter on the project, and a Super Fund request has been made to pay for dozer work on the clearings and root raking. It was stated that the PGC has agreed to provide the seed and fertilizer, and to expand the corridor clearings from the original plan of 100 feet wide to 150 feet.

**Seedlings:** Joe indicated that he would like to see the Board agree to purchase seedlings for distribution to local chapters again this year. It was mentioned that there seemed to be more demand for autumn olive than for barberry, as the barberry can

be obtained from the PGC. As reported, Joe will be getting with his committee members to discuss seedling numbers/ratio of barberry and autumn olive.

**Gated Road Research:** Joe informed the Board about a discussion he had with Jerry Wunz, concerning what Jerry's thoughts were on where the PA Chapter could get the most out of their Super Fund dollar - habitat or land acquisition. It was stated that, originally, Jerry felt it would possibly be better to purchase quality land with good habitat, as it would probably be cheaper than the costs involved to create habitat.

However, while considering the question during the week, and figuring the amount of land purchased and the costs involved, Jerry had a change of heart. According to Joe, Jerry felt that we could get the most out of our Super Fund dollar by funding research projects to study road closures and their effect on turkey broods/population and other wildlife.

Along those lines, it was suggested that the Board might want to consider Jerry Wunz as a candidate to do a research study on road closures to vehicular traffic and its effect on wild turkeys. Some discussion took place concerning the costs of funding such a project. Joe indicated that he wasn't sure what costs factors would be involved, but he was fairly sure that Jerry would know. It is hoped that a road closure study project could be initiated sometime this coming summer.

**Secretary's Note:** As reported in the August 1990 Minutes, Jerry spoke to the Board about a 20-year baiting census project that was done in the Detwiller area of Huntingdon County. After 13-years, the road was gated on the project site, and resulting data showed that by closing the road to vehicular traffic the road became useful for wild turkey broods. As stated, sightings of four and five broods were made where before you were lucky to find one. Along those lines, our secretary was directed by the Board to write a letter to Dan Devlin, Director Bureau of Forestry, to express our interest in funding a project to gate roads for study purposes. This was done, and Jerry Wunz and President Baldrige were copied on the letter. However, it is not known, at this time, if Jerry had received a reply from Dan Devlin, yet.

**Broadcasting Seeds:** Joe was excited to report that his local chapter has been experimenting with scattering seeds, rather than planting, to see what type of results they would get. It was indicated that the results were favorable, particularly when seeds were broadcast over strip mining sites that had just recently been backfilled and was prepared for seeding. Joe mentioned that the opportune time would be to broadcast the seed prior to the first rain after the strip mine site had been backfilled/prepared for seeding. It was also mentioned that autumn olive, black locust and, possibly asiatic crabapple seeds would work best.

**SUPER FUND/TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Bill Drake informed the Board that a decision would be made by the PGC in regards to whether or not the PGC would support NWTF's Project 2000. For the record: Project 2000 is an NWTF program to establish wild turkey populations in all available habitat throughout the United States by the year 2000. In support of Project 2000, the PGC is being asked to trap turkeys in PA for transfer to Texas in order to establish an eastern wild turkey population in eastern Texas. In return, Texas will pay \$500.00 for replacement costs of each turkey. This \$500.00 replacement cost would be put into the Pennsylvania Super Fund for the purchase of land.

Bill indicated that he planned to support Project 2000, although he did have reservations about it. As stated, Bill was concerned about transferring PA turkeys to Texas after learning that Texas had already received 1000 turkeys from Iowa. Bill was also concerned about having these turkeys established on private land holdings in Texas, where individuals pay to hunt. Bill questioned: Do they need turkeys, or are we providing them Pennsylvania turkeys so that they don't have to go to the effort

of trapping and transferring the turkeys themselves, within state. Or so that they don't have to offend people in state by trapping turkeys for transfer in another portion of the state, and letting us take the heat in Pennsylvania instead of them taking the heat in Texas? As stated, these questions were put before the Board so that Bill could get an idea of what to say, on behalf of the PA Chapter, when Project 2000 is considered by the PGC. Bill mentioned that he thinks the PA Chapter is very supportive of giving Texas whatever they pretty much want for \$500.00 a bird, that is despite the fact that they have already received 1000 birds down there, and despite the fact that these birds will go on to private land where they'll be hunted for money.

These are the things that the PGC will be considering when they decide whether or not to support Project 2000, Bill stated. There's no consideration that we don't have the turkeys, or that we can't provide them. We got turkeys, that's not the issue. The issue might be: will the PGC be reimbursed or will we have enough land, after we're all through with this, to justify the cost to the PGC and the local flack that the PGC might catch for moving a few birds out of state. As stated, another concern of Bill's was: if Texas has public land, and if they got 1000 turkeys from Iowa, why can't they trap and transfer from that public land the birds that they transferred in?

President Baldrige began to address Bill's concerns, and stated that the PA Chapter was in full support of Project 2000. However, not knowing the full circumstances or facts about the transferring of turkeys to Texas, President Baldrige said that he would ask Dr. James Earl Kennamer to fax the information to Bill so that he would have it prior to the PGC meeting.

**Bottom Line:** Bill Drake made some very valid points, and his concerns should be everyone's concern. But since the PA Chapter does not know the complete facts surrounding the transfer of turkeys to Texas, it compounds the difficulty in making an intelligent decision. However, whether it is right or wrong, good or bad, to transfer turkeys to Texas, our decision to support the Project 2000 program is indisputable. Nothing but right and good can come about from establishing turkey populations in all available habitat throughout the United States. It is a goal and objective that we, as members of the NWTF, have pledged to bring about. We might, however, want to seriously consider being more discriminative in our support of Project 2000. Would'nt it be more prudent and competent to give our support (transfer of PA turkeys) on a state by state and/or program by program basis, with full knowledge, beforehand, of the facts?

**Turkey Track Census:** Bill Drake mentioned that the PGC would be conducting a track census in Erie County, if snow is available. According to Bill, the need for a turkey tracking census is to determine the impact of fall hunting on turkey population in fragmented range. The PGC will be looking at turkey populations in the hunted and non-hunted portions of Erie County to try and get some answers. **Special Note:** Bill asked for Board support of the PGC's decision to keep the fall turkey hunting season closed in the western part of Pennsylvania to include: Erie, Greene, and Washington counties, until such time as study data is available to support a fall season. It was noted that the PGC is fully aware that there are plenty of turkeys, yet there is some serious concern that the populations would be depleted to a point of downgrading the spring season if a fall hunt were allowed on fragmented range. Hopefully, the PGC will be able to get some answers and have supportive study data available, soon.

**State Game Lands No. 30:** Bill informed the Board that the PGC will be conducting a census on the game lands this winter, if snow is available. According to Bill, the plantings/habitat work is doing well but is in need of maintenance. It was noted that the PGC hasn't, as of yet, budgeted for maintenance work on Game Lands No. 30. However, Bill indicated that the PGC may yet budget some money for the project, if not, Bill said he would ask the PA Chapter for funding, as the work needs to be done.

**SUPER FUND/LAND:** Howard Meyers reported that his committee had received a proposal for land acquisition in Lancaster/Berks county. As reported, the proposal is still in committee and should be available for consideration at the January Board meeting.

**SUPER FUND/SAFETY:** Dan Roessner reported that we've been taking it on the chin, due to the turkey hunting accidents this fall. It was noted that Ron Sandrus had spoken with the PGC I&E Supervisors of each region and, therefore, had gathered updated information about the fall hunting accidents. Dan stated that one of the key actions which need attention by his committee and the Board is some type of a position statement on the use of rifles during the fall season.

**Rifle Proposal:** President Baldrige read a letter before the Board, which had been written and addressed to the PGC following the November 1987 Board meeting, stating the Board's position on the use of rifles for fall turkey hunting. As reported, the Board had informed the PGC that we would support a PGC decision to ban rifles and/or large shot sizes for turkey hunting. It was stated that the Pennsylvania Chapter would not take the initiative to ban either the rifle or large shot sizes. It was further stated that this letter, in no way, can be used as a recommendation or a position that the Pennsylvania Chapter advocates the banning of large shot sizes or rifles for wild turkey hunting. This subject is a very controversial issue and also concerns the principle of the right to bear arms.

This letter also referred to our January 1986 Board meeting, in which Paul Hickey addressed the Board and asked the PA Chapter to take a position to ban rifles for fall turkey hunting. As stated in the letter, the Board gave the message to Mr. Hickey that it was up to the PGC to ban the rifles for fall turkey hunting, since this issue was so controversial...the Board did not want the PGC to say that the PA Chapter wanted to ban the rifle...the PA Chapter would support the move of the PGC to ban rifles and the use of large shot because of the safety factor and loss of wounded wild turkeys...the PGC must take the first step...

**Question on the Letter:** In reference to the letter's statement of the Board's message to Paul Hickey, it was thought that the Board had agreed that it should be a joint effort of the PA Chapter and the PGC to ban the rifle, rather than a Board agreement that the PGC must take the first step. Some discussion followed, and there appeared to be a difference of opinion as to what the Board discussed and agreed upon in regards to our message to Paul Hickey. It should be stated that a suggestion was made to not make a decision on the banning of rifles until the PA Chapter has had a chance to meet with the PGC. However, there was some discussion that the PA Chapter should consider support of increased penalties and loss of hunting privileges for those causing an accident, rather than supporting a ban on rifles.

**Secretary's Note:** Upon review of the January 1986 Minutes, there is no record of our discussion with Paul Hickey or any agreement of the Board to ban rifles, although there is reference to the fact that Paul Hickey did attend the meeting at the Frost Camp in Huntingdon County. However, as recorded in the November 1987 Minutes of our meeting at the Bear Run Camp in Clearfield County, reference was made about the subject as follows: During Jerry's (Wunz) talk, the controversial rifle/shotgun issue was discussed. It was suggested and agreed that the PA Chapter should formulate a letter detailing our position on the rifle/shotgun issue and to inform the PGC that we, as an organization, will back the PGC if they initiate legislation to ban the rifle for fall turkey hunting, but we will not initiate the process of banning the rifle.

**Penalty Increase:** In regards to a suggestion of support for increasing penalties, our secretary wrote a letter on January 23, 1990 to John W. Plowman, Jr., legislative liaison PGC to state our official position on amending Game and Wildlife Code, Section 2522 - Shooting at or causing injury to human beings - by increasing penalties. Dan Roessner, Norm Schlosser, Tom Baldrige, and Pete Duncan were copied on the letter.

Our official position was stated as follows: WHILE THE PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER IS IN AGREEMENT WITH JIM FILKOSKY'S ASCERTAINMENT - INCREASED MONETARY PENALTIES WILL NOT HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON HUNTING INCIDENTS - WE DO, HOWEVER, SUPPORT AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF SENATOR ALBERT BELAN'S DRAFT LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE CODE WITH STIFFER PENALTIES AND REVOCATION PERIODS. The letter also stated: In light of the inadequate penalties now being imposed, we believe Senator Belan's proposed legislation represents a more realistic application of justice...Shooting a human being in mistake of game should be treated as an unexcusable offense...**Question:** What happened to this legislation?

**Turkey Hunters Blamed:** President Baldrige informed the Board that turkey hunters are being held partially at fault in court cases, resulting from turkey hunting accidents. It was stated that turkey hunters are being found anywhere from 10 to 50 percent at fault for being the victim of an accident because they were wearing camo clothing. **Bottom Line:** There's something drastically wrong here, and we should take whatever steps are necessary to correct this barbarian application of injustice.

**NWIF Safety Program:** President Baldrige mentioned that Rob Keck plans to kick off a nationwide safety program at the June 1991 Summit Meeting. Tom indicated that he had received a letter from Rob, which included a rough draft of what the NWIF is calling the Turkey Hunter Safety Summit Meeting. According to Rob, key players who are supporting and participating in the nationwide safety program will arrive at the Wild Turkey Center on a Monday afternoon in June 1991, meet Tuesday - Thursday, and depart on Friday. This very first strategic planning session is designed to address the broad scope of factors contributing to accidents, and to ultimately develop a comprehensive plan that chapters, agencies and others can "buy into" and utilize for their specific situations and needs.

**Rifle Resolution:** Larry Smail mentioned that a local sportsmen's club had presented a Resolution to ban the rifle for fall turkey hunting to the County League of Sportsmen's Clubs in Armstrong County for consideration. As stated, this Resolution was voted down by the County League, because they were concerned that it would be fuel for the anti-hunters' fire.

**Safety Posters:** Dan Roessner passed around two safety posters, which the PGC had developed for use in Hunter/Trapper Education Classes. These two posters were representative of the PGC's outlook on turkey hunter safety, showing a hunter wearing a fluorescent orange coat and the use of fluorescent orange tree bands.

**NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic:** There have been some changes made to the initial instructors books, which are being redone and should be available early next year. As reported, Earl Hower has indicated that the NRA is interested in conducting additional instructor clinics, early next year, such as the one held at State College in March 1990. Ron Sandrus stated that he and Wes Bower were in the process of setting up an NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic, tentative date will be April 7, 1991 for the Southcentral Region WCOs, deputies, and Hunter/Trapper instructors.

**Constant Reminder:** Ron Sandrus reported he had attended and instructed 11 Hunter/Trapper Education Classes this fall, along with three seminars, and had distributed safety holographs and defensive tip booklets at each. Ron also sent Constant Reminder material to four new safety instructors and a NRA instructor who had not received the material before. Overall, Ron has sent 188 letters and Constant Reminder material to those who have requested it.

**Safety Videos:** It was reported that Ron Sandrus had been approached by Tom Fegely, at the POWA meeting, to put Ron and Shirley Grenoble on contract as representatives turkey hunting accident victims on a couple of safety videos. Ron was also approached at the POWA meeting by WCO Tim Flannigan to work on the possibility on a video on turkey hunting safety.

**Accident Report:** Ron Sandrus reported that there were 41 accidents statewide, in the general small game season, three of which resulted in fatality from the use of

rifles during the fall turkey season. Turkey hunting accidents as reported by region, number, result, and firearm used were as follows: Northwest - 5 nonfatal/shotgun and one fatal/rifle; Southwest - 3 nonfatal/shotgun and one fatal/rifle; Northcentral - 6 nonfatal/shotgun; Southcentral - 8 nonfatal/shotgun, one/rifle and 1 fatal/rifle; Northeast - 1 nonfatal/shotgun; and Southeast - 1 nonfatal/shotgun.

**Support Group:** Ron mentioned that he had hoped to get more feedback on his suggestion to establish a Support Group for victims of turkey hunting accidents. Ron did, however, indicate that he had spoke with Dan Roessner about the Support Group, and there appeared to be a growing interest about it. It was stated that we might want to consider working with people from the professional side of it, such as those who serve on trauma units. More discussion took place in regards to the Support Group and a few ideas were bounced around, with the result being that the PA Chapter plans to move forward in an effort to put a Support Group in place.

**YOUTH:** Steve Lecorchick reported he has awarded three "First Bird" patches, and that he has received a couple more request. **Special Note:** Those requesting a "First Bird" patch should provide person's name to be awarded, their address, information about the turkey, and contact: Mr. Steve Lecorchick, R.D. #1, Box 566, Barnesboro, PA 15714. Steve will then return a congratulatory letter and a "First Bird" patch to the person being awarded. ("First Bird" patches are awarded to anyone, regardless of age, who has legally harvested their first wild turkey.)

**Youth Rendezvous:** Steve was very pleased to announce the success of his committee's first annual youth rendezvous, which was held at the Three Valley Sportsmen's Club. As reported, the program was a "super smash," and Steve was quick to thank his committee members Joe Krug, Al Enlet, and Al Keagy for a job well done. It was noted that 16 boys and one girl attended the weekend program, all of which appeared to have a great time and were 100 percent attentive to the information being dispensed - field and class work on habitat, firearm safety, and turkey hunting tactics, among others. Prizes were handed out, and the entire program was video taped. **Special Note:** Anyone knowing of a youth who might be interested in attending next year's Youth Rendezvous should contact Steve Lecorchick at the address given above or call him at (412)948-5133.

**1991 CONVENTION:** Sam Truxell reported that things were moving along pretty good for the 1991 Convention, to be held March 8-9 at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown. Sam mentioned that some of the convention committees are set up, to include a committee chairman for the exhibits and sportsmen's raffle. **Special Note:** If you know of anyone who would like to exhibit at the 1991 Convention, send their name and address to: Mr. Sam Truxell, R.D. #5, Box 572-T, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. Anyone wishes to make a donation to the 1991 Convention Sportsmen's Raffle should contact: Mr. Rudy Kovacina, R.D. #5, Box 264, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.

Banquet capacity is limited to 350 people, so it would be advisable to preregister in order to assure a seat. Rooms will be available at \$52.00 per/night. It was noted that there are a lot of restaurants in the area, and a bus shuttle will be provided for trips to the local shopping mall.

**Masters:** Steve Lecorchick reported that there will not be a preliminary round at this year's convention. Steve indicated that we should be in good shape to get a donation for the Masters from **Turkey Hunter** again this year.

**1992 CONVENTION:** Howard Meyers reported that there has been a change in the date for the 1992 Convention. As reported, the 1992 Convention will be held on March 14 and 15 at the Ramada Inn in Gettysburg, rather than March 20-21, 1992 as recorded in the August 1990 Minutes.

**LEGISLATION:** No Report.

**PROMOTIONAL ITEMS:** Skip Sanderson reported that he had plenty of inventory on hand but would need Board approval to order more hats and promo items for the Harrisburg Sport Show. It was noted that the PA Chapter would have to order 48 dozen hats in order to keep the cost down. As discussed, the PA Chapter would retain 12 dozen hats, with the PA Chapter logo printed on them, and would sell the remaining hats to local chapters at cost. These hats would be plain, and it would be up to the local chapters to have their own logos printed on the hats. Some discussion took place, and it was suggested that Skip should contact local chapter presidents and set a deadline date for ordering hats.

**Meeting Site Directional Signs:** Skip Sanderson reported that he had looked at getting signs made of reflective material with our logo, but found it would be cost prohibitive. Skip looked at real estate-type signs which would be about \$74.00 per sign with an order of six or more. Skip also looked at banner-type material with reflective colors would be \$29.88 per/sign.

**Super Fund Project Display:** Skip Sanderson showed the Board a map of Pennsylvania which he had made by a local artist. The map would be used to display Super Fund projects and their location. Some discussion took place and, since the Board was concerned about cost, weight, size, and portability of the map, it was put back into committee for further planning.

**LOCAL CHAPTER REPORT:** Ron Sandrus reported he is still working with Dale Rohm on the Perry County Local Chapter, with hopes of reorganizing that chapter soon. Ron is also working with Roger Carpenter in the Palmyra area on a new local chapter. It was mentioned that a letter of intent had been filed with National.

As reported, Jim Johns of the Confluence area had requested local chapter information from National. Ron indicated that he would be in contact with Jim Johns following the Board meeting.

As always, please keep Ron informed of election results. Send names, addresses, and phone numbers of new officers to: Mr. Ron Sandrus, 3022 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

**POWA:** Ron Sandrus reported that the POWA meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, site of the 1991 PA Chapter Convention. Ron indicated that he was very impressed with the facility. As reported, Ron attended the POWA meeting on October 19-20, as a representative of the PA Chapter. A table was set up, and a news release pertaining to the safety holograph program was distributed to five individuals who had not yet received it. A donation of a PA Chapter coffee mug and hat was made to the POWA raffle.

On a sad note, Ron mentioned that Ted Godshall, president POWA and chief of information PGC, had suffered a massive heart attack and died, shortly before the POWA banquet.

As a matter of information, Ron informed the Board that the AWIS had a table at the POWA meeting and has become a supporting member of the POWA. As Ron stated, it is vital that we keep up a good working relationship with the POWA.

**PAPER SUPPLIES:** Dennis Strawbridge reported he had gotten the new posters for the \$1000.00 reward, person leaving scene of an accident. Cost of the posters was about \$.35 per/poster. It was mentioned and noted that the lettering was slightly off center and, therefore, cost of the posters was reduced by \$27.00.

**Business Cards:** Quotes on business cards were as follows: 10,000 - \$210.50; (Quotes for 5000 and 3000 business cards were not recorded on tape and, therefore, are not available to be recorded in the Minutes.)

Dennis mentioned that he would be ordering more letterhead and safety brochures. Dennis also stated that he had received brochure-type membership applications from National, as that was all National had at the time, and would request the smaller wallet sized applications when they become available.

**Habitat Brochure:** A question was raised on the floor, regarding the status of the habitat brochure. Some discussion took place, and Joe Krug was asked to contact Jerry Wunz about getting information for the brochure. It was also mentioned that, during the August Board meeting, Jerry indicated he had data available for updating the habitat brochure.

**Reward Posters:** During a discussion on the reward posters, it was suggested that our secretary should contact Earl Hower of the NRA about getting the information of our reward offer into the NRA publication **The Hunter**. Along those lines, it was suggested that everyone should take a few posters for display in sportsmen's clubs, bars, and sporting goods stores. Dennis Strawbridge was directed by the Board to reorder reward posters, in lots of 500, before the January meeting.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No Report.

**CONSERVANCY:** No Report.

**Fall Rifle Issue/Special Discussion:** Much discussion took place, regarding the PA Chapter's position on the fall rifle issue. It should be stated that the PA Chapter is strongly in favor of supporting a shotgun only season for turkey with shot size no larger than #4s. **Important Note:** Ron Sandrus will serve as the official representative of the PA Chapter to discuss the rifle issue with the PGC at a meeting to be held in Harrisburg, sometime in December, for that purpose. **Bottom Line:** This is a very controversial issue, and our official position may result in the loss of some PA Chapter members. However, we must stand strong and united for the sake of human lives involved, for safety interests, and to prevent the mandatory wearing of fluorescent orange. We can't stand by and do nothing, when fellow turkey hunters are being killed with high powered rifles at ranges of over 200 yards...

**Slide Presentation:** Dan Roessner showed a slide presentation, which was prepared by a team of surgeons from Geisinger Medical Center in the Danville area, on turkey hunting accident statistics 1982-1987. After viewing the presentation, the Board agreed that the program had a great deal of merit for use in localized turkey hunting safety programs conducted by local chapters. Along those lines, Dan was to meet with Jim Filkosky and the surgical team to review, and update the slide program. It was mentioned that there will possibly be a news conference in Harrisburg, spring 1991, involving the surgical team, PGC, and the PA Chapter, to kick off a safety program utilizing the slide presentation.

**PORTFOLIO:** Skip Sanderson reported that he has been in contact with local chapters about getting their portfolios to him. Skip stated that he hasn't received any portfolios, yet, but that the chapters are working on them.

**LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:** The following local chapters were represented at the meeting, and each gave a brief report of their activities:

Local Chapter #1 - Allegheny Mountain - Susquehanna - Michaux-Yellow Breeches - Roger Latham - Mason-Dixon - Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers - Schuylkill Longbeards - and the Lakeland Longbeards.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The following communications were read before the Board - NRA

received our \$200.00 donation; Chapter letter to Frank Piper, thanking him for use of his camp; Chapter letter to Dan Devlin, expressing our interest in road closure study; Chapter letter to Linda Steiner, notification of Ron Sandrus appointment; Chapter letter to Pete Duncan, thanking and supporting Commission for season time change, and an NWTF letter, referring to the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Under the first item of Old Business, Don Heckman informed the Board that we completed the Certified Audit for Charitable Organizations Form 23, for organizations with a gross income of \$50,000.00 or more. This form was filed for 1989. If it becomes necessary to file for 1990, depending upon our gross income, we will be required to file Form 23 before February 28, 1991.

**Form 990:** Don reported that we also completed Form 990, a return for exemption from income taxes for 1989. Form 990 carries a \$100.00 fee, along with a \$100.00 accountant fee. Along those lines, it was mentioned that the Certified Audit carried a fee of \$600.00. **Important Note:** In compliance with Form 990, all committee chairmen must check their records in order to identify those companies who are not incorporated and in which the PA Chapter has paid \$600.00 or more for services rendered and/or any type of purchase made. This information **must be** sent to our treasurer or brought to the January Board meeting. Send information to: Mr. Don Heckman, 14 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**Hall of Fame Award:** Don Heckman reported he had checked with the individual in Harrisburg who does are plaques about a price for the Hall of Fame Award plaque. As stated, the total cost for 40 Hall of Fame Award plaques would be \$3040.00 - \$70.00 for screening, \$1600.00 for 40 plaques, and \$1200.00 for engraving, plus sales tax of \$170.00. Some discussion took place, regarding the price, and it was decided that the committee would bargain for a better price along with looking into reducing the number of plaques needed.

**NWTF Turkey Wreath:** Howard Meyers mentioned that Lou Mamone needs wild turkey feathers so that his wife can make a wreath for donation to the NWTF. It was noted that several members had already donated feathers for the project. However, more feathers are need. **Note:** Please bring wild turkey feathers to the January Board meeting for the wreath to be donated to NWTF. Any type of plucked turkey feathers, no skins please, will be appreciated. Ringneck and duck feathers **will not** be acceptable...

**Awards:** As mentioned, our secretary needs an update of all the PA Chapter awards so that the information can be put onto the word processor. It should be noted that Don Heckman made a valiant attempt at snookering Ron Sandrus into providing this information - the fox is still chasing the rabbit...

**Support Group:** Ron Sandrus asked the Board for input on ideas and suggestions that would help in getting the Support Group proposal off the ground. **Note:** Everyone was asked to give this proposal some serious thought, and to be prepared to discuss it and to possibly take some type of action on the Support Group at the January meeting.

**Project Wild:** The Board was asked to be prepared to reemphasize our involvement with Project Wild, during the January Board meeting. Project Wild is a program developed by the PGC to help offset anti-hunting rhetoric in our schools, by educating our young people about the importance of hunting's role in modern wildlife management. **Special Note:** Anyone wishing to participate in the Project Wild Program, to help provide tomorrow's adults with the facts on hunting and wildlife management, should

contact: Rick Moroney, 389 Kenney Avenue, Pitcairn, PA 15140 or call (412)372-6613.

**Posters:** It was suggested that we should approach Larry Smail about his ideas and willingness to make life size, colored posters of turkey gobblers and hens for teaching purposes. It was also mentioned that the cost to produce this material could be paid through the Super Fund. **Note:** Ideas and suggestions on the wording and what type of posters are needed will be discussed at the January meeting.

**Youth:** Alan Emlet expounded upon the report that Steve Lecorchick had given on the Youth Rendezvous. Like Steve, Al was quick to express his appreciation of the work done by committee members and the professionalism that was demonstrated by them. For Board information, Al gave a more detailed evaluation of the weekend Youth Rendezvous. From his report, several important, valuable, evaluations were made:

(1) The classes should be limited in number (20 youths maximum) to allow for a one on one learning/teaching process.

(2) Pre and final testing is of great value in determining the success of the program and what areas need improvement and/or expanded upon.

(3) Need more involvement from others (Head Directors) in order to expand the program - identify ineterested youths and serve as volunteers to conduct a Youth Rendezvous in other areas of the state.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The first item under New Business concerned the upcoming PA Chapter election. The following directors were reported to be up for election: Ron Baron, Max Dewing, Arnie Klepenko, Jim Leach, Bob Mogel, Ed Peterson, Steve Starner, John Szeferksi, and Paul Young. As provided in the PA Chapter Bylaws, the membership will elect eight (8) members to serve as directors. Ballots are to be sent to: Mr. Howard Meyers, RD 7, Box 11, Nessler's Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601 **not later than January 10.**

**1991 Budget Proposal:** Don Heckman covered the various points of the budget, and answering questions as they were brought from the floor. During the budget discussion, some concern was expressed over the location of our insurance policy premium. It was suggested that a copy of the premium should be sent to the PA Chapter attorney for his review. Some additional discussion took place, concerning the line item for the 1992 Conservation Print and whether we should put out a 3rd print before the 2nd conservation print is sold out. The Art Committee was directed to come up with a plan to sell out the 2nd conservation print, and to present their recommendation to the Board at the January meeting. Projected Budget Income for 1991 was listed at \$49,700.00, and the Projected Budget Expenses were listed at \$49,700.00. **Note:** Everyone was advised to look over the Proposed 1991 Budget and to make the necessary corrections and notations for final approval at the January Board meeting.

**Turkey Talk:** It was noted that the cost to produce **Turkey Talk** has been admirably reduced and kept within budget balance by Larry Smail. However, concern was expressed about finding a means to finance **Turkey Talk**, noting the loss of membership rebates from National. Consideration was given to publishing only the fall, winter, and spring issues. Consideration was also given to ask our local chapters to sponsor the cost of one publication per/year. This proposal would require grouping local chapters together geographically so that 5-10 local chapters would share in the cost. Much discussion took place, regarding local chapters' ability to raise funds to publish **Turkey Talk**, and still be able to donate funds to the PA Chapter and National. No decision was made, and it was suggested to bring the matter back onto the floor at the January meeting. **Bottom Line:** How much more water can we get from the local chapter well before it goes dry?...

**501 C.4 Status:** Don Heckman reported he had met with the CPA, to work on getting a 501 C.4 status for the PA Chapter. All the requirements have been met, and the required forms are awaiting signatures. In order for the PA Chapter to obtain a tax-exempt status, the Board was required to adopt an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation, which provides for the distribution of Chapter assets upon liquidation and or dissolution to an organization which shall, at the time, qualify for exemption under 501 (C) of the Internal Revenue Code. **A motion to adopt amended Article II of the PA Chapter Articles of Incorporation to allow for tax exempt status under Section 501 (C) of the Internal Revenue Code was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.** **Secretary's Note:** This provision is provided for in our Articles of Incorporation along with the PA Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

**PGC Seasons and Bag Limits:** Discussion took place and Board suggestions were made for consideration as official PA Chapter recommendations to the PGC Board of Commissioners. Suggestions for consideration were made as follows:

- (1) Spring Gobbler - recommend a two bird limit
- (2) Fall Turkey - recommend a one week extension in Zone 5
- (3) Fall Turkey - recommend a two week season in Zones 2A & 2B
- (4) Fall Turkey - recommend an earlier announcement of the seasons
- (5) Fall Turkey - recommend/support decision to keep Zone 1 closed

**April 17 at 10:30, PGC meeting in Harrisburg:** PA Chapter members will meet with the PGC, to discuss matters of concern. Along those lines, the PA Chapter plans to ask the PGC if they would consider legislation/wording, to outlaw roost shooting of wild turkeys and stalking or attempting to sneak up on wild turkeys for the purpose of getting a shot.

In other business, a motion to write letters of recommendation/support for the appointment of George Miller to another term as PGC Commissioner was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dan Roessner. Motion Carried. Along those lines, a motion to endorse Dennis Fredericks, and to write letters of recommendation/support, for PGC Commissioner to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Dana Chalfant was made by John Szeferiski, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.

**Awards Committee:** Having been recommended by the Board, Dennis Strawbridge volunteered to serve as Chairman of the Awards Committee for 1991.

**In Memory:** Ron Sandrus informed the Board that Don Heckman had represented the PA Chapter at the funeral of Ted Godshall, past president POWA. In the memory of Ted Godshall, the PA Chapter donated \$25.00, in Ted's name, to the American Cancer Society and \$25.00 to the American Heart Association.

**PA Chapter Direction:** It should be noted that the Board plans to discuss PA Chapter Direction on Saturday evening, following the adjournment of the January Board meeting. This PA Chapter Direction discussion is in direct relation to the letter Don Heckman wrote and presented to the Board in January 1990.

**Reward:** A \$100.00 reward was paid to an individual who provided information/testimony leading to the arrest and conviction of an outlaw, who killed a wild turkey hen during spring gobbler, before legal shooting time - it was dead dark!

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gil Shaffer, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rich*

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Chapter  
National Wild Turkey Federation



# PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

October 19, 1990

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF THE SILVER SPURS.

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the August 1990 Minutes of our Board of Directors meeting held at Elvies Acres Camp in Huntingdon County.

The next meeting of our Board of Directors will be held on November 9-11, 1990 at the Pennsylvania & Ohio Camp in Clearfield County. As recorded, the Board will conduct business Friday evening, hunt all day Saturday, and either conclude the meeting Saturday evening or carry business over into Sunday, if necessary. A map showing directions to the camp is enclosed for your reference.

**Meeting Announcement:** The January Board of Directors meeting will be held at Herders Spring Lodge in Centre County on January 11-12, 1991.

In reading over the August Minutes, you should notice several references to anti issues which should be addressed on the state and national level. As a concerned sportsmen, you should also be aware of the growing amount of support that the antis are getting on a national and state level - traditional hunts are being closed on a statewide level, hunters are forced to register with local police while rapist and murderers do not, just to name a couple of the thousands of anti-hunting/gun issues which confront the modern day sportsmen.

Although we are a special interest conservation group, our goals and objectives are many. The antis, on the other hand, have only two goals and objectives - to eliminate guns and to ultimately eliminate hunting. Unfortunately, the antis have the money and are gaining the support to meet their objective. And, unless steps are taken to change the attitude and thinking of the modern day sportsmen, the antis will meet their objective, and future generations will have to visit the library to learn about hunting. Something needs to be done, and it needs to be done **NOW**, before it is too late. (Dare I say, let's lead the way?)

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the November meeting. Paul Young and Reed Johnson have reported that there are a lot of turkeys in the area this year...

Sincerely,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Chapter, NWTF

Enclosure:



# PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 10-11, 1990  
ELVIES ACRES CAMP - HUNTINGDON COUNTY

The August 1990 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Board Chairman Howard Meyers at 9:00 p.m., on Friday, August 10, 1990.

Ron Sandrus spoke briefly about the camp, and it was noted that Local Chapter #1 had volunteered to provide the meals for the weekend. A scouting party was sent out to search for Local Chapter #1 members.

**President's Report:** No Report.

**Second Vice President's Report:** No Report.

**Secretary's Report:** Rick Moroney provided a written report in which he expressed his thanks to the Board for purchasing a word processor for secretarial use. As reported, the total cost of the word processor was less than \$600.00, including supplies, and that the Board had approved a maximum expenditure of \$750.00. It was noted that Rick had checked prices at four locations, and received information from Howard Meyers, Don Heckman, and "Consumer Reports" before making the purchase.

Rick reported he had written a letter to Pete Duncan, Executive Director PGC, concerning time changes in the spring and fall turkey season. Written on behalf of the Pennsylvania Chapter, this letter expressed our thanks, appreciation, and support of the Commissioners' decision to make these time changes.

**Corrections:** The June 1990 Minutes were corrected as follows. Page 7, Super Fund/Safety - Ron reported that Dan Roessner, Joe Kime, and himself had met with Frank Piper... Was corrected to read: Ron reported that Dan Roessner, Joe Kline, and himself met with Frank Piper...

Page 8, 1991 Convention - As noted, Ron had also approached Tom Fegley about serving as MC of the Banquet. Therefore, it was suggested that Kelly Cooper and Tom Fegley should be given the first option to serve as MCs respectively. Was corrected to read: As noted, Ron had also approached Tom Fegely about serving as MC of the Banquet. Therefore, it was suggested that Kelley Cooper and Tom Fegely should be given the first option to serve as MCs respectively. A motion to accept the June 1990 Minutes, as corrected, was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Alan Emlet. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Heckman reported on the Balance Sheet for the period ending July 31, 1990. As reported, our Checking Account balance was \$6714.91, with a Savings Account balance of \$9528.61, and an Inventory (Fair Market Value) of \$146,307.50, making our Total Assets to be \$162,551.02. Don acknowledged the June Board meeting discussion which took place, concerning what constitutes Fair Market Value. Don stated that he was unable to check with the accountant about it as he was out of town on business. It was reported that Don used the same Fair Market Value figures as those used in the June Treasurer's Report.

Reporting on the Statement of Income, for the period ending July 31, 1990, it was shown that our Total Income, for the period May 1 - July 31, was \$14,490.77, with a year-to-date Total Income of \$18,963.87. Our Total Expenses, for the period May 1 to July 31, were \$10,990.28, with year-to-date Expenses of \$22,702.40. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by John Szeferksi. Motion Carried.

**Membership Secretary's Report:** Crist Newcomer distributed a listing of local chapter president names and addresses which need to be corrected from those published in "Turkey Talk." Crist reported that he had received a call from Graphics 100, regarding 2000 mailing labels which were lost by the post office in Philadelphia. It was noted that National had been informed of the problem, and that steps were taken to get the labels so that "Turkey Talk" could be mailed to our membership without further delay.

A question was raised on the floor, as to whether National had put the Allegheny Mountain L.C., back on the Master List. It was reported that the problem had been rectified.

**Chairman of the Board:** Howard Meyers provided a written report, in which he reported that he had worked on the gun raffle and tickets were ready for distribution. Howard worked on getting the plaque and rock placed on Game Lands No. 51. Howard mentioned that a dedication ceremony had been planned for September 22, National Hunting and Fishing Day, with the possibility of going on a tour of the Game Lands after the ceremony. It was stated that Dale Bausinger, Red Perry, and other Local Chapter #1 members had done a lot of work and a super job on getting the rock and plaque ready for the dedication.

It was reported that Howard had taken the bus trip to Edgefield for the Regional meeting, and he had taken photos which were sent to the PGC for possible inclusion in "Game News." Howard stated that everyone appeared to have a good time, and that the distribution of information was very beneficial to all who attended. As reported, Howard looked over the hotel facilities at the Ramada Gettysburg as a possible convention site.

In concluding the report, it was stated that Howard had worked with the PGC on a 2558 acre land acquisition project in Schuylkill County. (More information will be provided under the Super Fund/Land Report.)

**NWIF Report:** Tom Baldrige reported that Gary Tanner was unable to attend the meeting due to a serious health problem in the family.

**Turkey Talk:** Larry Smail was unable to attend the meeting. However, Dan Sullivan reported on the problem of getting "Turkey Talk" mailed to the membership, as a result of the lost mailing labels. Dan mentioned that the mailing service had not yet

received the labels, as of Thursday, August 9, 1990. It was also noted that the lost labels included all membership zip codes with a 150 - 160 prefix. While on the subject, Dan indicated that the mailing service had agreed to continue our service through 1991. However, it was mentioned that there would be a slight increase in the cost.

**Art Committee:** No Report.

**Super Fund/Safety:** Dan Roessner acknowledged the work that Ron Sandrus has done on the safety holograph program. Dan expressed his thanks and appreciation to Ron, stating that Ron has worked diligently on the program, and was largely responsible for the program's success. During Dan's report, copies of the 1990 spring turkey hunting accident report were submitted for Board review.

It was mentioned that NRA Hunter Clinics were being held at various locations throughout the state. Along those lines, special thanks was given to John Szeferiski, Ron Sandrus, and other certified instructors for their work in this area. Thanks was also extended to Don Heckman for his assistance in presenting a program on turkey hunting safety to 30 of the top Hunter Education Instructors in Pennsylvania at PGC headquarters on March 25, 1990.

Dan reported that his committee is working with Dr. Greg Nerkus of the Northeast Regional Trauma Center, in an effort to secure a copy of his slide presentation on turkey hunting accident statistics. As noted, there is a good possibility that the PGC will be able to reproduce the slide presentation for distribution to all local chapters in the state.

Ron Sandrus gave a distribution report on the Constant Reminder Holograph Program. In noting the need to keep the program out in front of the public, Ron asked the state and local chapters to consider an additional purchase of the Constant Reminders for distribution to fall hunter/trapper education instructors. In acknowledgement of the needs for turkey hunting accident victims, a suggestion was brought to the floor for Board consideration and input. Ron Sandrus suggested that the Board might want to consider the possibility of establishing a support group for victims of turkey hunting accidents. Ron indicated that he didn't know if this idea would be feasible or if it had ever been done before. However, in talking with Frank Piper, Shirley Grenoble, and Jerry Wunz, Ron did feel that the idea of a support group had a lot of merit, and that there was a real need for such a program. Ron asked the Board to consider the establishment of a support group, to give the suggestion some serious thought, and to put those thoughts into writing prior to the November Board meeting.

Along the lines of safety materials, Ron suggested that the Board might consider getting full-sized color or photo charts of turkeys for use in seminars and hunter education classes. As mentioned, students have a difficult time understanding the terms and jargon used in safety and hunting seminars/classes. With the charts, an instructor could point out the danger colors of a turkey, what a beard is and where it's located, the visual differences between a hen and gobbler, along with other vital information that our future hunters should be made aware of.

At that time, questions were raised on the floor in regards to where National stands with the safety program. It was mentioned that National has a nationwide safety program in the works, but it was not known whether the program was still in the talking and planning stages or somewhat further along. **Bottom Line:** Concern was expressed that the PA Chapter would be financially unable to keep the safety program going without assistance from National and our local chapters.

Steve Lecorchick gave a report on the audio tape the Northern Cambria County L.C., had prepared for getting a fall turkey hunting safety messages on the radio. As reported, the tape will be aired on four major radio stations at a cost of \$100.00 to \$125.00/per station for 20 ads for a week. It was suggested that other local chapters should consider a similar program. **Special note:** For a copy of the safety tape prepared by the Northern Cambria County L.C., write to: Mr. Steve Lecorchick, R.D. #1, Box 566, Barnesboro, PA 15714. Include your return address and appropriate funds for return postage of the tape. (Radio stations which will be airing the tape one week prior to the fall season are: Dubois WOWQ 102FM, Altoona 1430AM, Johnstown WJAC 850AM, and Altoona WVAM.

**Super Fund/Land:** Howard Meyers reported he worked with the PGC on the purchase of a 2558 acre tract of land situated in Tremont and Pine Grove Townships in Schuylkill County. This tract borders State Game Lands No. 211, and was purchased from the Wildlands Conservancy at a cost of \$849,875.00. As reported, the PGC needed a \$30,000.00 contribution from the PA Chapter in order to complete the deal, or they would have had to seek funds from the legislature. Bill Drake and John Szeferiski gave a brief report on their findings after having traveled to the area look it over. It was reported that the area carries an abundant amount of wildlife and diversified habitat. It was also noted that the purchase opens up 44 - 45,000 acres of public hunting and serves as a protection against strip mining. Bill also indicated that he was impressed with the remoteness of the tract being that it is adjacent to a highly populated area. Howard reported that the Super Fund/Land committee members and the Super Fund chairmen had agreed on the purchase of this tract, and that a symbolic check was presented to PGC Commissioners Roy Wagner and George Miller during the Regional meeting in Edgefield.

**Game Lands No. 51:** Howard stated that a dedication ceremony will be held on September 22, 1990, National Hunting & Fishing Day, to unveil the rock and plaque at a site overlooking the 653 acre tract which the PA Chapter help to purchase. On behalf of the Local Chapter #1 members who worked on getting the rock and putting it in place for the ceremony, Dale Bausinger gave a brief report. It was noted that the rock which was chosen was 4 1/2 tons and in the shape of a turkey fan. Dale mentioned that plans were being made to somehow highlight the appearance of turkey tail feathers, either by etching groves in the stone or some other form of artwork. It should be noted that Dale had also gotten another rock, which had to be cut yet, for placement on the 715 acre tract of Game Lands No. 25 in Elk County. Dale indicated that he would be willing to haul the rock to the Elk County site, but would need to have someone from that area to take care of getting it unloaded.

**Super Fund/Habitat:** Joe Krug was unable to attend the meeting. However, Steve Lecorchick gave Chairman Meyers information that he had gotten from the Bureau of Forestry. According to Steve, a program is scheduled for 1991 on habitat and wildlife management, and a request was made for a speaker to represent the PA Chapter at this function. The program will be held somewhere in upper Delaware County, and we were asked to speak for one-two hours on wild turkey habitat and management. It was suggested that Joe Krug and/or Jerry Wunz might be interested in representing the PA Chapter. Howard Meyers stated that he would see that Joe received the information.

**Youth Committee:** Steve Lecorchick reported that he had received a check from the Super Fund for a planned youth program. Steve mentioned that his committee would be taking 16-20 boys, ages 12-16 years old, to Three Valleys Sportsmen's Club,

near Blue Knob for two days. As reported, a full weekend program is planned to include: visiting a habitat project, turkey hunter safety, turkey identification, hunting and calling techniques, and other ideas to assure a funfilled, educational weekend. In concluding his report, Steve mentioned that Skip Sanderson had turned over the First Bird patches to him. Steve stated that he would take care of the distribution of First Bird patches and mailing letters of congratulations to the honored recipients.

**Promotional Items:** Skip Sanderson said he had hats, patches, and decals available for those who needed them at the meeting. Skip mentioned that he also has an inventory of license plates at home. As reported, all orders for promotional items are to be prepaid.

**Portfolio:** Skip Sanderson reported that he had drafted a letter to be sent to local chapter presidents, which was to be mailed following the Mason-Dixon Super Fund Banquet. Skip indicated that he would take any information that the local chapters had for inclusion in the PA Chapter portfolio.

**Paper Supplies:** Dennis Strawbridge reported that he had enough brochures to last until the November Board meeting. Dennis said that he hadn't had time to do any thing on the reward posters. It was also mentioned that he was working on getting prices for the business cards, but he had not received a reply from his contact as of yet. Dennis indicated that he had brought letterhead and envelopes for those who needed them.

**Public Relations:** Dan Sullivan reported that he had contacted Lou Hoffman about putting an article into the "Pennsylvania Sportsman," which touched on the accomplishments of the PA Chapter. It was reported that Lou had agreed to give us a full page write up. However, as it turned out, the article was edited down to a blurb and only a couple of the original sentences were used in the article. Along those lines, it was suggested that Dan should contact Shirley Grenoble about asking Lou why our material was cut from "Pennsylvania Sportsman."

Dan mentioned that he had worked with Tom Baldrige on a letter to the Outdoor Writers. It was indicated that several newspapers throughout the state had published the letter. This letter was also forwarded to National for inclusion in "The Caller."

Dan reported that he had been in regular contact with Tim Kimmel about the goshawk survey Tim has been doing at Penn State. According to Dan, the survey has been going well, but is not yet completed. It was noted that over 200 people had responded to the survey and, as a result, several goshawk nests had been located. It was further mentioned that the PA Chapter had gotten a lot of good mileage out of its participation in the survey program through published news releases.

Dan said he was planning fall news release that would concentrate on the PA Chapter's involvement with the Constant Reminder safety program. Dan also indicated that he would like to get an overview draft of the youth program from the Youth Committee.

In regards to PA Chapter representation for public relations purposes at PGC and POWA meetings, Dan stated that it would be difficult for him, due to business commitments, to attend those meetings. Along those lines, Dan asked for some help and assistance from Don Heckman and Ron Sandrus.

Following a brief recess, the floor was given over to President Baldrige and opened up for discussion. The Board was asked to review information from the June Minutes and to provide feedback and comments on the following subject matters: **Super Fund Party, Portfolio, PA Chapter Goals, and any other subject matter which would assist the Board in keeping the PA Chapter in a front runner role through the '90s.**

Much discussion took place, but Board action was not taken on any matter. On the bright side, however, it appeared as though the Board was working together on the same page. Some false beliefs and misunderstood concepts were cleared up, and Board members seemed to agree to work together towards a brighter future for PA Chapter and the NWTF organization. Most importantly though it should be understood that much more work needs to be done, and certain matters need to be taken care of in the form of goals to be set for the PA Chapter to follow.

An outline of things that need our attention, input, and Board action are as follows:

- (1) the Chapter needs to establish goals for a three or five-year period.
- (2) the Chapter needs to restructure the local chapter system.
- (3) the Chapter needs to direct finances through the Super Fund.
- (4) the Chapter needs to establish a means by which all local chapters are capable, able, and willing to contribute to the Super Fund.
- (5) the Chapter needs to put more emphasis and encouragement on portfolio participation from all local chapters.
- (6) and lastly, but certainly most important, is the need to maintain and mold the friendships that have held our Chapter together for the past 15 years.

**Conservancy:** No Report.

**Local Chapters:** Ron Sandrus reported that, since the first part of the year, he had been able to reorganize two local chapters, which had been inactive. Ron said he hopes to be able to reorganize a third local chapter. As stated, Ron had attended two meetings, Port Royal and Blain, PA, in an effort to reorganize the Perry County L.C. It was noted that Ron has been working with Dale and Robby Rohm towards that end.

Ron mentioned that he had organized a new local chapter in the Mercer, Greenville area of Mercer County. It was noted that the new local chapter had chosen the name: Lakeland Longbeards. Ron indicated that acceptance of the new local chapter would be put to a vote under New Business.

As reported, Ron is still working on possible new local chapters in several areas of Pennsylvania. Contact was made with Sam Steiner who had stated that he was interested in getting a local chapter in Clairion County. However, Sam explained that he was not in a position to take an active leadership role in the local chapter which, as Ron pointed out, puts us back to square one.

In keeping with tradition, Ron would like all local chapter presidents to **please** keep him informed of election results within the local chapter system, to include names and addresses of the officers. This information should be sent to:  
**Mr. Ron Sandrus, 3022 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601. - Thank you.**

**Legislative:** Norm Schlosser was unable to attend the meeting. Dan Sullivan did, however, report on Norm's behalf. According to Dan, Norm was concerned over an issue that was brought up in the June Minutes by Joe Krug. As was pointed out by Joe, the Army Corp of Engineers has been considering the possibility of turning all of their lands over to private developers. Relative to the Army Corp of Engineers

issue, Norm's concern focused on the ineffectiveness that our state chapter would have in addressing nationwide issues. It was noted that there are other issues on a nationwide level that need to be addressed - BLM lands being farmed out for example. However, it was felt that the state chapter's effectiveness in addressing these issues would be very limited. As a result, Norm felt we should prevail upon our parent organization to address these major and important legislative issues, noting that the NWIF is more versed and financially capable.

Dan indicated that Norm was also concerned with the controversy over wetlands in the Northwest Region. Apparently, landowner property is being declared wetlands, thereby, preventing landowners from using their own land. It was reported that Norm would like our full support on a recommendation to establish a zero tax base for landowners whose land has been declared a wetlands. Along those lines, Max Dewing mentioned that the biggest problem is that DER, Conservation Commission, and the Army Corp of Engineers each has a different definition of wetlands. Max stated that there needs to be one definition which, hopefully, is being resolved.

**House Bill 1567:** Howard Meyers stated that this is a landowner bill, which would permit landowners to arrest trespassers and to charge a fee for hunting privileges. After some discussion, it was decided that the PA Chapter would support recommendation for a rewrite of H.B. 1567. It was further decided that the bill information would be sent to Chairman Norm Schlosser of the Legislative Committee for review and appropriate action. Norm, in turn, was directed to copy President Baldrige on any written action taken before the November Board meeting.

**Raffle Permit:** Don Heckman reported that the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs is working with 10-12 sportsmen's clubs in Harrisburg, with lawyers, on amendments for the raffle permit bill. Don asked if Norm would check on the rewording of this bill, in order to give a report on it at the November meeting.

**1991 Convention:** Sam Truxell reported that the 1991 Convention would be held March 8-9, 1991 at the Uniontown Holiday Inn. As reported, 177 rooms will be made available. Exhibitor space will hold as many as 60 exhibitors - bottom end, with 24 hour security from Friday night 'til Sunday morning. According to Sam, there is a shopping mall nearby, and the Convention Committee is in the process of setting up a shuttle service. Other discussion took place in regards to seminar speakers, but as some loose ends needed to be tied up, more information will be provided at a later date. In an effort to raise additional funds for the convention, **a motion to give ten (10) 2nd Conservation Prints to the Convention Committee for the purpose of raising funds for the 1991 Convention was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.** In concluding his report, Sam requested a list of the convention committees. It should also be noted that the Art Auction will be held at about 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, as opposed to during the banquet.

**1990 Convention:** Ron Sandrus informed the Board that we have a couple of awards that we need to get to people who had been honored at our banquet in March. It was indicated that the wording on the POWA award needed to be redone, and that Dale Rohm had not received his Hall of Fame Award. It was agreed that this problem would be rectified, ASAP.

**1992 Convention:** Howard Meyers reported he had received a letter from the Ramada Inn in Gettysburg, requesting that a PA Chapter member look over their facility as a possible convention site. Howard said he was impressed with the Ramada Inn, and he recommended it for a convention site. Dates for the convention would be March 20

to 21, 1992. It should also be noted that Howard had received a commitment to host the convention from the Mason-Dixon and Michaux-Yellow Breeches L.Cs. After fielding several questions from the floor, a motion to accept the Ramada Inn in Gettysburg as a site for the 1992 PA Chapter Convention was made by Dan Roessner, seconded by John Szeferksi. Motion Carried.

**Local Chapter Presidents:** The following local chapters were represented at the meeting, and each gave a brief report on their activities:

Local Chapter #1 - Allegheny Mountain - Michaux-Yellow Breeches - Mason-Dixon Northern Cambria County - Allegheny Sultans - Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers - Endless Mountain - Roscoe Sportsmen - Schuylkill Longbeards - James E. Wilhelm - Fort Chambers - and the Lakeland Longbeards.

**Old Business:** The first item under Old Business was a report by Howard Meyers on the fall gun raffle. According to Howard, there was only 175 tickets left to be distributed. Howard expressed his thanks to Lou Mamone who had taken on the responsibility of the fall gun raffle. Anyone needing tickets was asked to get in touch with: Mr. Lou Mammone, 5 Buttermilk Road, Imperial, PA 15714.

**Bus Trip:** Tom Baldrige gave a brief report on our bus trip to the Regional Meeting in Edgefield. Once again, the information which was dispensed by the NWTF staff and Regional Directors was of great value to those who attended.

**Constant Reminder Holographs:** Ron Sandrus felt that a decision should be made to reorder the holographs ASAP, within the next week or two. Although the Board agreed that we need to reorder the holographs and that there was a definite need to continue the Constant Reminder safety program, some discussion took place over concern for how the program would be paid for. Along those lines, it was suggested that the PA Chapter should submit a Super Fund request for \$10,000.00 to reorder the Constant Reminder material. In the meantime, it was decided that the PA Chapter would subsidize the Safety Committee from the general fund for an amount to be agreed upon, which would be based on orders from our local chapters and what our treasury could bare. Board action was not taken, however, and the Constant Reminder safety program was put back into Committee in order to get the dominoes in place.

**Project Wild:** Tom Baldrige informed the Board that he had material available from the Project Wild program. **Special Note:** Anyone in the educational field who is interested in getting Project Wild material for use in the schools should contact: Mr. Tom Baldrige, 13519 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or call (412) 864-1978.

**POWA:** Tom Baldrige appointed Ron Sandrus to serve as a representative of the PA Chapter at POWA meetings. Along those lines, Ron Sandrus mentioned that he was working on the possibility of setting up a meeting between the POWA and PA Chapter, similar to the meeting we have each year with the PGC. Ron said he had spoke with POWA President Ted Godshall about the possibility of a meeting and, as a result, he was referred to the POWA Support Member Representative Joe Kline in order to work out the details.

**PGC Meeting:** Tom Baldrige informed the Board that he had written a letter to PGC Executive Director Pete Duncan about possible date and time for our annual meeting with the PGC. Tom said he would inform the Board of the approved date and time at the November meeting. In a relative matter, Crist Newcomer was directed to include Roy Wagner and George Miller on our mailing labels.

**November Board Meeting:** The November meeting is scheduled for November 9-11, 1990 at the Ohio/Pennsylvania Camp in Clearfield County. Some discussion took place in regards to making the annual hunt meeting a hunt meeting. As a result of that discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to conduct the business meeting on Friday night, hunt all day Saturday, and to either conclude the meeting Saturday evening or carry it over into Sunday, if necessary.

**New Business:** The first item brought to the floor under New Business concerned nominations for the Roger Latham Sportsman's Turkey Service Award. Chairman Meyers opened the floor for nominations, and nominations were announced as follows:

**A motion to nominate Gib Hayes was made by Sam Truxell.**

**A motion to nominate Tom Baldrige was made by Dan Roessner.**

**A motion to nominate Joe Krug was made by Ron Sandrus.**

Chairman Meyers asked if there were any other nominations for consideration from the floor. There being no other nominations put forth, **a motion to close nominations for the Roger Latham Sportsman's Turkey Service Award was made by Tom Baldrige, seconded by Dan Roessner. Motion Carried.** Noting the number of nominations for the Roger Latham Award, Chairman Meyers stated that the vote would be taken by secret ballot, and the ballots would be counted by Skip Sanderson and Don Heckman. The ballots were tallied, and the results showed that Tom Baldrige would receive the PA Chapter Board of Directors' nomination for the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award.

**NWTF Donation:** Howard Meyers informed the Board that Lou Mamone had graciously donated a picnic table to the NWTF for their use at the Wild Turkey Center in Edgefield. It was further noted that Lou would be willing to provide a pole swing at his cost (\$150.00). **A motion to have the PA Chapter donate \$150.00 towards the cost of a pole swing which, in turn, would be donated to the NWTF, and to include some type of inscription to credit the PA Chapter for the donation was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.** Along those lines, Lou had also volunteered his wife to make a turkey feather wreath which would then be donated by the PA Chapter to the NWTF for placement inside the Wild Turkey Center. **Special Note:** Lou needs our help in getting Pennsylvania wild turkey feathers to be used in making the wreath. It was also suggested that a plaque should be made to mount the wreath in the shape of Pennsylvania. (It may be a good idea to bring wild turkey feathers to the January Board meeting, as Lou's work usually allows him time to attend. Just a thought). On the same note, Tom Baldrige volunteered the taxidermy services of Ed Korinko, unbeknown to Ed of course, to donate a wild turkey which Tom had taken in Greene County.

**PGC Meeting:** Howard informed the Board that we need to start thinking about any changes we might want to support at the PGC meeting on seasons and bag limits, in January. As noted, input on the subject will be asked of the Board during the November meeting.

**NRA Support:** Howard Meyers mentioned that Lou Mamone had suggested that the PA Chapter should consider donating funds to the NRA Legislative Committee, in support of their fight against anti-hunting and anti-gun legislation. Therefore, **a motion to donate \$250.00 to the NRA Legislative Committee to help in their continued fight against anti-hunting and anti-gun legislation was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Skip Sanderson. Motion Carried.** Along those lines, much more discussion took place over concern of what the PA Chapter could do to thwart media attention on

anti-hunting and gun issues which oppose our interest in the outdoors. Steve Lecorchick even suggested an organized march on Washington D.C., with Rob Keck as a main speaker. **(LOAD THE BUSES)**. Ron Sandrus cautioned the Board in stating that demonstrations and marches are usually associated with radicals. On a positive note, Dan Roessner reminded the Board about the resolution to designate the week of November 18 through 24, 1990, as "National Wild Turkey Week" and November 22, 1990, as "National Wild Turkey Day." House Joint Resolution #615 was introduced into the House by Representative Butler Derrick, and Senate Joint Resolution #344 was introduced into the Senate by Senator Strom Thurmond. **Special Note:** Every turkey hunter should write their Congressmen in support of these resolutions.

**Pennsylvania Deer Association:** Ron Sandrus reported that the PA Deer Association is very interested in doing a habitat project, either on their own, jointly with the PA Chapter, and/or with a combination of different organizations. According to Ron, the PA Deer Association has been purchasing quality, older stock, fruit-bearing trees for a project. With that in mind, Ron suggested that the PA Chapter might consider the possibility of working with the PA Deer Association, and to consider donating some trees for their project. Ron asked the Board to give his suggestion some thought and to be prepared to possibly make a decision on it at the November meeting.

**Support Group:** As reported on Page 3 of these Minutes, under Super Fund/Safety, Ron Sandrus asked the Board for their thoughts and input on the possible establishment of a Support Group.

**Turkey Posters:** In reference to his report, under Super Fund/Safety - Page 3 of these Minutes, Ron Sandrus asked the Board to consider full-sized color posters of turkeys - gobblers, hens, bearded hens, anything that could be of an educational value to our future hunters attending Hunter/Trapper Education Classes.

**New Local Chapter:** Ron Sandrus reported that our 41st local chapter was organized on July 30, 1990 and was named: Lakeland Longbeards Local Chapter which is located in the Greenville area of Mercer County. It was also noted that Gary Beatty was elected to serve as president of our newest local chapter. Following an announcement that the paperwork of the Lakeland Longbeards was in order, a **motion to accept the Lakeland Longbeards as the 41st local chapter of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dan Roessner. Motion Carried.** At that time Gary Beatty spoke briefly before the Board. Gary stated that he had hopes his chapter would be able to do for the PA Chapter what the PA Chapter has been able to do for him. Gary also outlined some plans and hopes that he had for his chapter.

**Hall of Fame Award:** In other business, Don Heckman said he would take care of getting plaques made for the Hall of Fame Award, and that he would have information on it to report at the November meeting. There was some concern, however, over whether Bud Erich's turkey, which is displayed on the Hall of Fame Certificate, could be reproduced on the wooden plaques.

**Special Report:** After receiving a hearty welcome from the Board, Jerry Wunz reported that there is almost nothing being done on wild turkey in Pennsylvania. At that time, some discussion took place on the floor, concerning what projects need to be done that aren't being done. Among the projects mentioned were the State Game Lands No. 30 project, and the Erie project - to determine turkey populations on fragmented land and the effects of an open season.

It was mentioned that the PGC is faced with a manpower problem (wildlife biologist are retiring and not being replaced) and, as a result, the PGC must prioritize their projects. Therefore, some of the turkey projects have been put on hold. It should be noted that a lot of money has already been invested in these projects, PGC and PA Chapter funds, and yet nothing is being done. As stated, the PGC is working on priority projects only and, since the wild turkey population is doing well, turkey projects are not considered to be a high priority.

On a positive note, the Board was informed that the biologist would be replaced in time. It was also suggested that the PA Chapter might want to consider expressing our concern to the PGC, when appropriate, in the hopes of hastening the process of getting more biologist hired. Again along those lines, it was suggested that the PA Chapter might want to talk with Commissioners Roy Wagner and George Miller about the possibility of hiring more biologist.

In regards to things that can be done, Jerry indicated that we need to find out how to have more turkeys in the problem areas, especially the northcentral region. Where we have a lot of public land, but it's not supporting many turkeys over most of the area, which can probably be attributed to a lack of habitat.

Jerry also spoke to the Board about a 20-year project in the Detwiller area. According to Jerry, a baiting census was being done in this area and, after 13-years, the road was gated. The baiting census continued after the road was gated and before long turkey broods were being sighted. Jerry said that they picked up four and, at one time, five broods where before you were lucky to find one. As mentioned, there was a big increase of broods, and data showed that by gating off the road it made the road useful for wild turkey broods.

Along those lines, Jerry suggested that the Board might show some interest to DER about funding a project to gate roads for study purposes. As stated, this project would involve gating both ends of the road, and seeding the road for study purposes to find out what effect road closures have on turkey populations. Following some discussion on the subject, our secretary was directed to write a letter to Dan Devlin, Director Bureau of Forestry, to show that the PA Chapter would be interested in funding a road closure project for study purposes.

While discussing road closures, the subject on the floor turned to ATVs, trail bikes, and other off-road vehicles which are destroying the forest lands and waters. Much discussion took place, however, the most important point made was that the conservation groups need to unite, regardless of our own special interest, as we are all interested in protection of the environment - whether you are a bird watcher, or a turkey hunter. We can't afford to avoid conservation groups such as the Sierra Club, because a few of its members may be anti-hunters, but rather join forces in the political arena to combat big money politics which threaten our environmental interest. We must keep in mind that the overall good, at times, must be a priority over our petty differences. **Bottom Line:** We have everything to lose, while the antis have everything to gain.

**Habitat Brochure:** Jerry Wunz indicated that he had data available for updating the the habitat brochure.

**Business Cards:** Dennis Starwbridge was directed to get prices of business cards on lots of 3000, 5000, and 10,000. And to report on the findings at the November meeting. As noted, the cards will be used at business establishments to, hopefully, assist and the acquisition of donations for fundraising purposes.

**Reward Posters:** Dennis Starwbridge informed the Board that we had paid \$.66/per plastic reward poster for illegally killing a wild turkey. In regards to the new reward poster, for leaving the scene of an accident, it was suggested that we might want to consider wax-coated cardboard posters. Some discussion took place over the Board's concern for using plastic. When it was all said and done, Dennis was asked to check on prices for plastic and wax-coated cardboard reward posters in lots of 500.

**Membership Applications:** Dennis Strawbridge was directed to get a case or two of the new membership applications from NWTF for distribution at the November meeting. Dennis was also asked to take care of ordering the hunter safety and chapter brochures.

**Meeting Signs:** Skip Sanderson remarked that he was a little tired of driving all over the place and not being able to find our meeting sites. Skip, therefore, suggested that we make up a set of signs with reflective material and velcro directional arrows to assist weary travelers in locating the meeting. The Board directed Skip to check on the cost factors involved and bring the information back to the Board at the November meeting. For the record, it should be noted that some of our members were opposed to Skip's suggestion, it seems that they rather enjoy looking over the countryside while desperately searching for the meeting place.

In other business, a motion to donate two PA Chapter stamp prints to the Pennsylvania Forestry Association for use at their fall banquet was made by Don Heckman, seconded by John Bolin. Motion Carried.

**For the Good of the Order:** It was suggested that our secretary write a letter of thanks to Frank Piper for the use of his camp, and that a set of PA Chapter stamp prints and a Certificate of Appreciation should also be presented to Frank.

It was further suggested that the PA Chapter should present a Certificate of Appreciation to Lou Mamone's son for his help at the PA Chapter Convention. Along those lines, a decision was made to make the presentation on stage during the Masters calling contest at the PA Chapter Convention in 1991.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by John Szeferksi. Motion Carried.

The August 1990 Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m., on Saturday, August 10, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Chapter  
National Wild Turkey Federation





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 1-2, 1990

LAUREL HILL STATE PARK, CAMP #5 - SOMERSET COUNTY

The June 1990 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Board Chairman Howard Meyers at 9:02 p.m., on Friday, June 1, 1990.

Chairman Meyers thanked Gil Shaffer and the Mon-Yough L.C., for hosting the Board meeting and providing the meals during the weekend. Following an introduction of our guests, it was noted that a quorum was present, and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

NWTF REPORT: Carl Brown reported that the first five months of 1990 have been exciting and several interesting facts were learned. We learned that there are 1 million more turkeys than there was five years ago, an increase from 2 million to over three million. We will soon have hunting seasons in 49 states, leaving only Alaska to be void of turkeys throughout our great country. Another interesting fact is that over 1/2 billion dollars was spent for spring turkey hunting, (this figure does not include the sale of hunting licenses) which shows that turkey hunting has become big business.

Carl mentioned that NWTF membership broke the 60,000 member mark, and it was projected that 63-64,000 members would be reached by June. It was noted that 250 banquets have been projected for 1990, with an expected net income of over \$1,000,000.00, not including memberships, to be spent on the wild turkey resource. As stated, National conducted a Direct Mail Campaign which garnished over 5000 members - \$150,000.00.

Carl spoke briefly about National's plans to expand the regional staff to nine people, covering such states as Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Oklahoma, and either Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee or Georgia, Alabama, Florida. As reported, we have raised over \$3,250,000.00 through National Priority Projects and the Super Fund. More importantly, over \$2,225,000 of that has already been spent on the wild turkey resource. It should be noted that over 400 projects nationwide have been funded through the Super Fund alone.

Carl reported that most recently the NWTF, as a result of the grassroots efforts of our volunteers across the United States, was the recipient of the Chevron Conservation Award, presented by the Chevron Petroleum Company. One

of the major conservation awards given in the United States, and was presented at a formal ceremony in Washington D.C., with some 600 people, the Who's Who in the conservation world, in attendance, according to Carl. But all those awards are made possible because of the grassroots efforts of our volunteers, Carl stated. For those of you who attended the NWTF Convention in Charleston, you heard me make a comment that what was the magical ingredient that made all this success possible. I said it very loud and very clearly that it's volunteers. People like yourself that are willing to give your time and your energy to the resource to make sure this all gets done. In coming down the road today with Gary Tanner, we were talking about things that needed to be taken care of in this meeting - things of interest that we needed to relate. And we said how lucky we were to have people like yourself that are willing to go to all this trouble, and put this much effort forth to get it done. Because, believe me, there's lots of places, lots of causes, and lots of organizations that do not have the quality of leadership that Pennsylvania has, nor do they have the energy to conduct themselves such as this Chapter and the leadership within it has done over the many years that you have been in existence. Gary and I, both, praise you for those efforts and hope that they will continue well into the 90s, Carl remarked.

Carl reported that he would be presenting an expanded plan and set of goals for the NWTF to follow over the next five years to the NWTF Board for approval in July. As reported, Carl's plan would include expansion of the regional staff to bring it up to 35 people by the end of 1995. Carl also projected 150,000 members and an \$18 million budget by the end of 1995.

In conclusion, Carl commented on the need to set goals and objectives - a plan to follow - so that we don't spin our wheels and go in different directions at different times. Bottom Line: The future of our organization is bright and shining ever brighter. However, there is a need to work together - on the same page - so that we are all heading in the same direction, down the same road, and for the same results - a secured future for the wild turkey.

NWTF REPORT CONTINUED: Gary Tanner reported that in 1988 the net total for ten banquets in Pennsylvania was \$74,178.66. In 1989, the net total for 12 banquets was \$101,304.53. In 1990, with only four banquets paid, the total net was \$77,741.32, which is greater than the total net for the year-ending 1988. Gary mentioned that 14 banquets have been scheduled for 1990 in Pennsylvania, and he expected there would be 18 banquets scheduled by the end of June.

Gary said that he thinks the banquets are getting easier and that they're getting better. Gary stated that the memberships are increasing, the total net dollars are increasing, and the services provided by National for the banquets are getting better. According to Gary, it took time to develop and to provide those services because of the number of banquets - you can't provide the same quality of merchandise and services for 100 banquets as you can for 250 banquets. It's a numbers game. And we're doing a lot better and providing more services because we're doing more banquets.

Gary concluded his report by stating that our Super Fund should be incredible for 1990, and that we are in good shape as far as scheduled banquets for the year. Carl Brown added a comment concerning Earl Grove's column in "The Caller." As mentioned, everyone likes to say we (the NWTF) are in the money raising business, but as Earl wrote in the column: "we are not in the money

raising business. We're in the **money spending business.**" We do need to raise money, but our real objective is to spend money on the resource. And that's what we are really involved in doing, whether we spend money on habitat improvement, land acquisition, or hunter safety education programs, it is our job to spend money for the resource through priorities established by our technical committee people.

We are in the **money spending business.** But to spend money, you need to develop programs to raise more money to be spent for the resource. Bottom Line: Money raised is money spent - money spent on projects in Pennsylvania that will benefit the resource, the Pennsylvania hunter, and generations to follow.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Bill Drake spoke briefly before the assembly. Bill stated that he was always pleased to be with us, but was still sort of feeling his way as a technical committee representative in relation to his responsibilities. Bill mentioned that Jerry Wunz had been with us for years, he knew us well, and he knew what we were doing. Bill indicated that he thought he should be coming up with things to challenge us, such as projects and money spending objectives for the resource. I don't think I'm in a position to do that now, but if there's something that Jerry was doing that I'm not, let me know about it. I'm not going to be as good as Jerry was, but I'll try. If there's something I should be doing, and I'm not, let me know. Point it out. You know, help me along with it, and you don't have to be real gentle about it either. If there's something you're unhappy with the Game Commission about, or that you think I can help in some way, I really need some direction. I hope you understand what I'm saying. Give me a hand, and maybe I'll be able to give you guys a hand. I'm very impressed with the organization, and I like turkeys as much as you guys do. And maybe between the two of us, once we get going, we can really accomplish something, Bill concluded.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Baldrige reported he had been real busy getting things ready for the meeting. He has kept in touch with National, and has forwarded information to others in the organization. Tom indicated that he had been working with Howard Meyers, and others, on matters of PA Chapter concern which will be covered under New Business. Such matters include: a code of conduct item, the gun raffle, nominations for NWTF Director, bus trip, and a treasury matter.

Tom expressed his disappointment that only Ron Sandrus, Howard Meyers, and himself were able to attend the PGC meeting in Harrisburg. Tom indicated that the meeting was a success, however, but he had hoped to see more board members in attendance.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report. However, a correction to the March 1990 Minutes was made as follows. It was recorded under the Treasurer's Report and mentioned that the PA Chapter had obtained the services of a CPA Firm. The Minutes are corrected to read a Public Accountant Firm and recorded as such in those sections of the Minutes where appropriate. A motion to accept the March 1990 Minutes, as corrected, was made by Gil Shaffer, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Heckman reported on the Balance Sheet for the period ending April 30, 1990. The Balance Sheet showed our checking account balance to be \$3082.41 with our savings account showing \$9411.29, and a inventory (Fair Market Value) of \$146,307.50, making our Total Assets to be \$158,801.20. (It should be noted that the

inventory "Fair Market Value" is for those items in our possession such as prints, stamps, and other valuables. It should also be noted that several knowledgeable members of the organization questioned whether the Fair Market Value figures were accurate. Bottom Line: While our Public Accountant has stated that these items must be given a Fair Market Value and must be accountable in financial reports, it is questionable whether the \$146,307.50 Inventory Fair Market Value figure is accurate and/or representative of the Fair Market Value for those items.

Don reported on the Statement of Income for the period ending April 30, 1990. The Statement of Income for the period March 1 - April 30, 1990 showed our total income to be \$2246.60, with a total income year-to-date of \$4473.10. Our expenses for the period March 1 - April 30, 1990 were \$8229.68, with total expenses year-to-date of \$11,712.12. Our budget was listed at \$41,260.00, with a projected fund balance of \$10,487.82, making our total budget for 1990 to be \$51,747.82. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by John Szeferksi, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Howard Meyers reported he has worked with the Land Acquisition Committee on the Hollygap project. Don Heckman stated that the project had been approved, things ran smoothly, and a check for \$5000.00 had been issued for to the Nature Conservancy for acquisition of 960 acres in Cumberland County.

Howard mentioned he had attended the PGC meeting in Harrisburg. As reported topics of discussion during the meeting included: the Project Wild Program, involvement of our youth in the hunting fraternity, reward program and displaying of reward posters. Howard also mentioned he had done his share of planting seedlings this past spring. In concluding his report, Howard reported he had been working on the gun raffle, the bus trip, and on the Convention Finance Committee.

TURKEY TALK: Larry Smail provided a written report which was read before the Board by our secretary. In his report, Larry stated that everyone should have received their spring issue of **Turkey Talk** prior to the gobbler season. Larry mentioned that our new labeling service has proven to be an added plus to the efficiency of having **Turkey Talk** mailed out in a timely manner. Larry also expressed hope that everyone had spent a few moments to fill out the Goshawk questionnaire and mail it in. As reported, the information gathered from the questionnaire could greatly aid in this exciting bird's research. In return for our cooperation, Mr. Kimmel promises to give us plenty of good PR, according to Larry.

In continuing his report, Larry expressed concern over important decisions to be discussed at the meeting in regards to the future status of **Turkey Talk**. Larry stated: I believe everyone knows how I feel on this issue. **Turkey Talk** belongs to the membership of PA, and it is controlled by us. It is our identity, and from what most of you have said to Dan and I, you also wish to hold onto our magazine. As reported, other states which are not as large or financially sound as Pennsylvania have maintained their publications. Larry stated that we should continue to publish **Turkey Talk** also. In conclusion of his report, Larry included two clippings taken from other chapter newsletters, expressing their desire to continue with the chapter publications.

Carl Brown spoke briefly following Larry's report. Carl stated that it is not and

will be the intent of National to prohibit chapters from publishing a newsletter. **Bottom Line:** National is attempting to provide chapters with an option in order to assure that the chapter/local story is told, and that the story will reach more people for a lot less money. The future status of **Turkey Talk** will be determined through action taken by the PA Chapter Board of Directors. It will be our decision to make, and our decision to live with.

ART COMMITTEE: Joel Bock provided a written report, which was given before the Board by Chairman Howard Meyers. As reported, we have sold 321 Second Conservation Prints **The Apprentice**, as of May 31, 1990. It was suggested that the next run of our third conservation print and others to follow should be limited to 300 prints. Reasoning is that the lower number would provide a quick turnover (sale out), and would create more demand.

Lou Mamone spoke briefly about his efforts to get banquet donations from sportsmen clubs. It was suggested that the PA Chapter provide a stamp print for donations of \$50.00 or more. After some discussion, a motion to present a PA Chapter Stamp Print, while they last, to anyone donating \$50.00 or more to a fundraising event of state and local chapters was made by John Szeferiski, seconded by Lou Mamone.  
Motion Carried.

It should also be noted that this motion will in no way effect the PA Chapter's policy of donating stamp prints to local chapters for fundraising purposes.

SUPER FUND COMMITTEE: Tom Baldrige spoke briefly about an earlier short term need to put more money into the Super Fund, as we had spent almost the entire balance on projects to that point. Tom assured the assembly that with the Laurel Highlands Committee banquet and several other spring banquets that the short term problem had been rectified. Tom also spoke briefly about a project proposal submitted by Joel Bock which had been approved and completed.

SUPER FUND/LAND: Howard Meyers reported he had received a letter from Sam Steiner of Clairion County, regarding land for sale which adjoins Game Lands #72. Howard mentioned he had forwarded a copy of the letter to Jake Sitlinger, but believed that, in all probability, the PGC would have already been aware of this particular parcel. Howard indicated that Sam Steiner would probably be receptive to starting a local chapter in the Shippenville area of Clairion County.

Don Heckman questioned whether the Land Acquisition Committee had received any information regarding a 4000 acre tract in the Poconos which was of interest to the Nature Conservancy, Wildlands Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, and the PGC. Howard said that Jake Sitlinger was working on getting that information to him, but that he had not received it, as yet.

Howard concluded his report by stating that we need to work on getting the plaque erected on Game Lands #51. Howard indicated that the hold up has been a problem with the boundary lines.

SUPER FUND/HABITAT: Joe Krug reported that the seedling procurement and distribution program had generally gone pretty well. Joe did feel that we did not have enough autumn olive to distribute, and that local chapters were able to obtain barberry from the PGC. Joe indicated that we would compensate for the lack of enough autumn olive next year. Joe also mentioned that Joel Bock and Ron Brenneman had done pretty much taken care of the details of the seedling program, and they deserve the credit for it.

In regards to the barberry seedlings, Joe stated that he thought the seedlings he had received in the first box were a very good one year old seedling but probably a two year old. Joe mentioned that the land manager he worked with that day had also agreed that the seedlings were not 3/0 stock. However, Joe said the seedlings he received in the second box were much better. **Bottom Line:** Joe was concerned about having paid for 3/0 stock seedlings and receiving 2/0 stock. Joe thought it was possible that the nursery slipped in a box of 2/0 stock to complete the order, and that possibly the other boxes of seedlings had all been 3/0 stock. In which case, if we paid for 3/0 stock and received 2/0 stock, we have a problem that needs rectified. However, if it was a case of the nursery slipping in one box of 2/0 stock to complete the order and hopes that no one would notice, then the nursery's mistake was in shipping the box of 2/0 stock to the wrong person.

**Sam Croyle Memorial Project:** The Scattered Flock L.C., requested \$932.00 for the purchase of seed and fertilizer. The Bureau of Forestry absorbed the costs of clearing three, two-acre food plots on the Moshannon State Forest near Philipsburg.

**Salmon Creek Project:** The James E. Wilhelm L.C., requested \$3000.00 to purchase large stock fruit and mast-producing shrubs and protective fencing material. The shrubs were planted on ten-acres of savannah bottomland to provide a dependable winter food source for wild turkeys. Total cost of project: \$10,990.00.

**Don Wilson Memorial Project:** The James E. Wilhelm L.C., requested \$5000.00 for a project on the Allegheny National Forest. Abandon farm fields consisting of 35 acres will be replanted with fruit and conifer trees, mast-producing shrubs and scattered legume-seeded wildlife openings. Total cost of project: \$34,000.00.

**Wapiti Roost:** The Wapiti Roost L.C., requested \$402.50 to purchase 2000 barberry seedlings to be planted on a habitat improvement project in the Elk County area. Total cost of project: \$805.00.

In concluding his report, Joe mentioned he had received a letter from John Wood of the James E. Wilhelm L.C., regarding an invitation to spread 40 bushels of acorns over a 600 acre tract which had recently been burned over by a forest fire, on Saturday, June 9. Plans also include a trip to the completed Salmon Creek and Don Wilson Memorial projects, along with a cookout and habitat slide presentation.

**Technical Committee:** Tom Baldrige spoke briefly regarding a letter he had received from Bill Drake about Bill's responsibilities as our Technical Committee Representative. In summary, it was stated by Carl Brown that basically we are going to raise a whole lot of money and Bill will be responsible for finding ways for us to spend it. We want to get the most for our dollar, and would prefer to have far more projects on line than we can raise money for. Along those lines, it was predicted that the PA Chapter would have \$1,000,000.00 to spend on Super Fund projects each year, within five years.

Bill Drake spoke briefly before the Board, stating some of his ideas, opinions, and views regarding the Super Fund Committee. Bill also discussed, in his opinion, the present PGC policy on habitat, land acquisition, and what was expected of the PA Chapter and how our Super fund dollars might be spent. **Bottom Line:** Bill has shown a genuine interest in maintaining our working relationship with the PGC, and helping us to get the most for our Super Fund dollar.

**SUPER FUND/SAFETY:** Dan Roessner was unable to attend the meeting; however, Ron Sandrus presented the committee report before the Board. Prior to giving the report Ron thanked everyone who had taken the time to write him lines of encouragement during his time of need, as a result of being a victim of a turkey hunting incident

this spring. **Bottom Line:** As so aptly stated by Ron, we need to renew our energies and continue our efforts to make our sport **safer**.

Ron reported that Dan Roessner, Joe Kime, and himself had met with Frank Piper on May 20, 1990 at Seven Springs to discuss the holograph safety program - where the program stands and where the program is headed. Ron indicated that Frank intends to get in touch with Rob Keck to discuss some things about the safety program and what NWTF's involvement in the safety program might be.

Ron stated that we will continue to work with the program, to keep it out in front. The public must be kept aware of the safety program and the safety factors involved with turkey hunting at all times - not just during the hunting season. Ron reported that he has very little safety materials left. Along those lines, we need to take a serious look at ordering more safety material.

As stated in Ron's report, distribution of the safety holographs was as follows:

PA Chapter Convention - 7000      NWTF Convention - 5000      PGC - 6000. Ron also distributed safety material to nine Hunter/Trapper Education Instructors who had requested additional material from that received by the PGC distribution. In February, the safety program was formally presented to the POWA Writers. In March, Ron presented the program at the NRA Clinic on Sunday, following the PA Chapter Convention. The program was also displayed at the all-day seminar which was sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Ron had sent safety material to 60 additional hand-picked outdoor writers who were not at the POWA meeting. Material was sent to 84 individuals who had made a request. Material was handed out at seminars, booths, and even sent to other states. Overall, the safety material was well distributed throughout the state.

Don Heckman reported that Dan Roessner and himself had participated in the PGC Hunter Safety Instructors Class held in Harrisburg. It was mentioned that Don and Dan had given a three-hour safety program to the instructors, which had been well received. A question was raised on the floor, concerned with whether the NRA Instructor Clinic would be conducted in Pennsylvania again this fall. It was thought that the NRA did not have plans to conduct another Instructor Clinic in Pennsylvania again for some time. Ron Sandrus stated that he was working with PGC I&E Wes Bower in an effort to get all the WCOs and their deputies to attend a class in the Southcentral Region.

Steve Lecorchick played back a safety tape for the assembly which had been produced by the Northern Cambria County L.C. According to Steve, the tape aired on radio stations in the Dubois, Altoona, and Johnstown areas, and played for a solid week prior to the spring season up to 30 times per/station at a cost of \$500.00. It was suggested that National should do something of a similar notion, using the voice of Rob Keck or Carl Brown. It was also mentioned that the Northern Cambria County L.C., intends to produce another safety message to be aired on radio in the fall.

LEGISLATIVE: No Report. However, Joe Krug informed the group that the Army Corp of Engineers was considering the possibility of turning all their lands over to private developers. Ron Sandrus mentioned a recent article in **Outdoor Life**, regarding the possibility of no hunting in California and Texas within five years due to antihunting pressure on the legislators.

1991 CONVENTION: Ron Sandrus reported that the city of Williamsport is trying to purchase the Capitol Theater, and the owner's family is trying to have him committed as being incompetent. **Bottom Line** It does not look as though the PA Chapter will

have its convention in Williamsport next year. Along those lines, President Baldrige announced that Local Chapter #1 had volunteered to host the 1991 convention, possibly at Lyndon Hall near Scottsdale. Ron Sandrus mentioned that Steve Lecorchick had already gotten Kelly Cooper to serve as MC of the Masters. As noted, Ron had also approached Tom Fegley about serving as MC of the Banquet. Therefore, it was suggested that Kelly Cooper and Tom Fegley should be given the first option to serve as MCs respectively. Ron indicated that he would also be willing to work with Local Chapter #1 on the convention.

1990 CONVENTION: Joel Bock reported that the 1990 Convention Income was \$37,803.00, with Expenses of \$26,111.28, leaving a Net Profit of \$11,691.72. As reported, the convention report figures do not include the \$720.00 NWIF Building Fund donation or the expense of \$1800.00 for the Quaker Boy box calls, nor the income of \$590.00 for box calls sold at the convention. As reported, the convention figures also do not include Start-up Funds, since these have been repaid.

Joel mentioned that the Finance Committee had developed a form for each function of the convention and for committee use to make the accounting easier for everyone working on the convention. As noted, a very detailed, in-depth accounting form was used by the Finance Committee to complete their convention report. This form will be passed along to the 1991 Convention Chairmen for their use, in order to help cut costs and increase profits. As suggested, this type of cost accounting format should be used in future conventions.

Special Interest: Total number of people attending the convention was 500. Breakdown of that figure is as follows: Preregistration - 266 Registration at site 189 Turkey Callers - 24 Guests, Speakers, Etc., - 21 Grand Total: 500. As the figures show and as mentioned in the report, our attendance at this convention and, possibly, others is not what we had thought it to be - usually quoted at 1000 or more. In light of that, many smaller convention sites have been overlooked because the assumed attendance figure was much higher than the actual count. This should be taken into consideration when looking for future convention sites. **Bottom Line:** We should consider keeping accurate attendance figures for all future conventions. We should also look into the reasons why our attendance at the convention has steadily decreased over the years and make adjustments accordingly.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: Ron Sandrus reported that the Turkey Roost L.C., had been reorganized prior to the Chapter Convention in March. On May 23, Ron traveled to Bradford County in order to reorganize the Endless Mountain L.C. Ron reported that the Endless Mountain L.C., had officially dissolved in 1984 with all remaining funds and records being turned over to the PA Chapter. In noting that the three year trust period had past, a motion to have the PA Chapter provide \$100.00 in start-up funds to the Endless Mountain L.C., was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded Steve Lecorchick.  
Motion Carried.

Ron stated that he has been working on several contacts for new local chapters in the Montgomery and Clarion County areas.

LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: The following local chapters were represented at the meeting, and each gave a brief report on their activities:

Northern Cambria County - Allegheny Mountain - Michaux-Yellow Breeches - Schuylkill Longbeards - Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers - Local Chapter #1 and the Mason-Dixon L.C.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Skip Sanderson reported he was checking on new camouflage hats,

but that he would have to purchase 48-dozen. It was also reported that Skip has about a dozen staff shirts left.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Dennis Strawbridge questioned what was to be done about the new \$1000.00 reward posters, in regards to ordering. It was suggested that we order posters of a cardboard waxed type stock. Dennis also reported that the State Chapter brochure inventory was low. Along those lines, a motion to order 5000 Chapter brochures was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

YOUTH: Skip Sanderson mentioned that he had given a "first bird patch" to a young hunter this spring. Steve Lecorchick indicated that he would be interested in serving as chairman of the Youth Committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No Report. However, Don Heckman mentioned that Dan Sullivan's press release had been published in three newspapers, in Don's area, as editorials. Don also mentioned that Dan plans to attend the August meeting and is looking for material to put out a fall press release. Ron Sandrus suggested that we should consider to get one or two individuals who have the time, and are able to attend POWA meeting for public relations purposes. Ron stated that we need to have a better working relationship with the POWA, noting that members of the POWA would be willing to work with us on public relations.

CONSERVANCY: No Report.

\*\*\*\*\*The meeting was recessed at 11:15 p.m.\*\*\*\*\*

The Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m., on Saturday, and was called to order by Chairman Howard Meyers. It was then noted that a quorum was still in effect, and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Moroney read letters of resignation which had been submitted by Skip Schaich, Tom Szerlik, and Rich Weaver.

NWIF: Carl Brown spoke briefly about setting goals. Carl stated: As an organization, you can't really be successful unless you set some goals that you're trying to shoot for, and trying to evaluate the progress along the way so that you don't get sidetracked. It's easy to go right and left when you need to be going straight ahead. There's so many issues but, together, we'll be able to make this thing a whole lot better product. In concluding his report, Carl reiterated the positive things from his Friday night report such as: awards received by National, membership growth, dollars being spent on the resource, and the success of our banquets, particularly the success of Local Chapter #1.

OLD BUSINESS: The first item of Old Business concerned the PA Chapter gun raffle. Howard Meyers reported that the prices of the guns increased by seven percent. The cost of 20 guns, therefore, was \$6712.98. Along those lines, it was suggested that we consider increasing the number of guns in order to realize a better profit on the ticket. After much discussion, a motion to conduct a fall gun raffle, utilizing a 30-gun ticket, a gun per/day for 30-days, for a \$20.00 donation was made by Skip Sanderson, seconded by Lou Mamone. Motion Carried. No votes on the motion were cast by John Szeferiski, Steve Lecorchick, Joe Krug, Alan Keagy, and Ron Sandrus.

**NRA Hunter Instructor Clinic:** Tom Baldrige spoke briefly about the clinic

which was held on Sunday, following the PA Chapter Convention in State College. It was reported that 35 to 40 individuals had participated in the course. Tom said that the course was extremely informative and a lot of materials were given to those who attended. In concluding his report, Tom encouraged everyone to become certified as an instructor through the NRA or state.

**Vehicle Raffle:** Reed Johnson explained how his chapter became involved in raffling-off a vehicle to help raise money for the PA Chapter Super Fund. As reported, the Susquehanna L.C., is raffling a Chevy Blazer S-10, fully loaded four wheel drive vehicle. Tickets are \$20.00 and winning numbers are taken from the Lottery - September 22 - 26, 1990. Reed mentioned that his chapter needs help to sell the tickets. Anyone interested in helping to sell tickets and/or purchasing tickets should contact: Mr. Reed Johnson, RD2 Box 93, Clearfield, PA 16830 or call (814)765-7264.

**BUS TRIP:** Tom Baldrige reported he had done an extensive study on bus companies in his area, in order to get the best price possible. Tom said that Lincoln Coach of North Huntingdon had quoted a \$1900.00 - \$2100.00 cost to be determined by the number of people. It was mentioned that two PGC Commissioners, Roy Wagner and George Miller, had shown an interest in taking the bus trip to Edgefield with us.

After much discussion, a motion for the PA Chapter to fund the bus trip to Edgefield to attend the Summit Meeting at the Turkey Center at a cost not to exceed \$2350.00 and to ask for donations from local and state chapter representatives to help offset the cost was made by Tom Baldrige, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried. It should be noted that Local Chapter #1 volunteered to provide the refreshments for the bus trip to the Wild Turkey Center.

**PGC MEETING:** Ron Sandrus indicated that a stamp/permit may become a reality within three to four years. Ron also mentioned that there may be an opportunity to harvest two gobblers during the spring season. In regards to hunter safety, it was felt that there wasn't enough material relating to turkey hunting or test questions on that subject. It was suggested that the PGC might consider revising the Hunter/Trapper Safety Manual and test to allow more material and test questions on turkey hunting safety.

**Project Wild:** One of the subjects discussed at the PGC meeting concerned Project Wild and what can be done to get our youth involved in the outdoors. Along those lines, the PGC asked the PA Chapter to consider supporting and getting actively involved in Project Wild. The PGC felt that Project Wild was the best vehicle available to provide our youth with an awareness of the outdoors, particularly those who do not have a hunting family background.

**Special Note:** Anyone in the education field who would be interested in receiving Project Wild material should contact: Mr. Tom Baldrige, 13519 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or call (412) 864-1978.

**Public Relations:** Ron Sandrus suggested that the PA Chapter seriously consider the possibility of having someone represent the PA Chapter at POWA meetings. As mentioned, this was done in the past when Rich Weaver served as our PR Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS - The first item of New Business concerned pattern targets to be considered for a promotional item. The artist provided the Board with a cost proposal, and the targets were viewed by those in attendance. After much discussion,

the target pattern proposal was put into the Promotional Items Committee under Chairman Skip Sanderson for further review.

**Committees:** Tom Baldrige requested information from all chairman, in regards to whether they plan to continue to serve on their respective committees and who their committee members are. It was noted that there is a need to realign the committees so that the same people are not serving on all the committees. Along those same lines, there is a need to get more people involved in serving on the different committees - as it stands, a few people are serving on most of the committees.

**Reward Posters:** In regards to our \$1000.00 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone causing and leaving the scene of a turkey hunting accident, Dennis Strawbridge was directed to check on the costs of getting wax-coated posters.

**Nomination for NWIF Director:** A motion to nominate Howard Meyers as a candidate for the 1991 NWIF Board of Directors was made by Joel Bock, seconded by Don Heckman. Chairman Meyers as if there were any other nominations to come from the floor. There being no further nominations from the floor, Howard Meyers was duly nominated as a candidate for the NWIF Board by the PA Chapter.

**Certified Audit:** Don Heckman reported that the PA Chapter must have a certified audit done by a CPA before the end of July. It was seriously suggested that the PA Chapter should file a Federal 990 Form and apply for a 501C3. The Board was also informed that a 1099 Form must be given to any company doing \$600.00 or more business with the PA Chapter. **Special Note:** All committee chairman must get the Name, Address, Phone Number, and a Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID Number from each and every company in which the committee has done \$600.00 or more business with. This information must be given to Don Heckman on or before the November Board meeting. This information must also include the dollar amount of business done with each company. Along those lines, a motion to have a professional CPA to do the 501C3 and to get the PA Chapter financial affairs in order was made by Skip Sanderson, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Defeated. It was strongly suggested that we seek legal advise from our attorney and advise from the NWIF accountant.

**Transfer of Funds:** Don Heckman suggested that the PA Chapter should seriously consider diverting all income to the NWIF to be kept in a separate account under NWIF protection, in much the same way as the Super Fund is handled. In return, the question asked was: How much money does the PA Chapter really need to operate? Where can we reduce the operating budget? Much discussion took place concerning this subject, however, nothing was resolved at this time.

**Wrangler Jeep:** Reed Johnson spoke briefly about raffling a Wrangler Jeep to be offered to the PA Chapter for \$10,000.00. Tickets would be sold for \$20.00/each and winning number taken from PA Lottery. After some discussion, a committee, comprised of Reed Johnson, Joel Bock, and Mike Mikolajczyk, was appointed to gather more information.

**Quaker Boy Box Calls:** Joel Bock mentioned that we still have 45 box calls. It was suggested that we should consider donating the calls to local chapter fund raising banquets. A motion to authorize the PA Chapter to donate one Quaker Boy box call for use as a gift and/or raffle at fundraising banquets was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

**Business Cards:** Joel Bock suggested getting cards made up with the PA Chapter

name and local chapter name printed on the front, and an NWTF membership printed on the back. The cards would also state: I am a customer of your establishment, and a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. As suggested, the cards would be individually distributed to establishments frequented by our members. It was hoped that the cards would make it easier for our members to get donations for our fund raising banquets. Dennis Strawbridge, chairman of the Paper Supplies Committee, was asked to check on prices to get the business cards made up as proposed.

**Youth:** Steve Lecorchick spoke briefly about getting our youth involved in the outdoors, and some of the ideas his committee had discussed such as: a weekend get together taking a hands-on approach, shooting at patterning targets and others. In regards to a Youth Committee Budget, Don Heckman suggested a \$200.00 operating budget, and that youth functions should be funded through the Super Fund account.

**Donation of Prints:** In regards to prints being given for a fund raising banquet donation of \$50.00 or more, it was mentioned that the banquet chairman should write a request letter to Joel Bock, outlining who is to receive the prints, how much was donated, and for what banquet function.

**Building Fund:** Following a brief discussion, a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the NWTF Building Fund during the Summit Meeting in Edgefield was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion Carried.

**Word Processor:** After some discussion, a motion to allow the secretary to purchase a word processor and disk at a cost not to exceed \$750.00 was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion Carried.

**Conservation Print:** Don Heckman suggested that the PA Chapter should consider initiating our third conservation print for 1991. It was noted that \$5000.00 have been earmarked for startup funds of the art program. It was also suggested that our third conservation print should be reduced to a run of 300 prints and 50 artist proofs.

**Print Stamps:** In discussing the possibility of shredding PA Chapter Print Stamps in order to reduce the assessment of accountable inventory, it was mentioned that National could make use of the stamps in the banquet program. Along those lines, a motion to donate a reasonable amount of print stamps to the NWTF, as determined reasonable by the Art Committee, was made by John Szeferksi, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

**Gun Legislation:** Tom Baldrige reported that a lawyer was pushing for legislation to have the rifle banned for fall turkey hunting. After much discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board that the PA Chapter would not take an official stand to ban the rifle for fall turkey hunting.

**PA Chapter Portfolio:** Don Heckman suggested that the PA Chapter should do something more than provide an award to local chapters for submitting a winning portfolio. Don felt that some type of incentive was needed to get more local chapters involved in the portfolio program. Several viewpoints and opinions were voiced, however, the matter was not resolved at the close of discussion.

**POWA Representation:** Don Heckman spoke briefly about Ron Sandrus' suggestion to have a PA Chapter representative in attendance at POWA meetings. Along those lines, Don suggested that the PA Chapter should consider working with the POWA to

set up a meeting with the POWA using a meeting format similar to the meeting we have with the PGC. After some discussion, it was suggested that Don Heckman, Ron Sandrus, and Dan Sullivan should work together in an effort to set up a formal meeting with the POWA.

**Code of Conduct:** Howard Meyers proposed the establishment of a code of conduct, similar to the NRA's code of conduct, which PA Chapter officers and directors would be expected to adhere to. There was some discussion on the subject, but a committee was appointed to review and revise the code of conduct and to bring the findings back to the Board for approval. Members appointed to the Code of Conduct Committee were: Rick Moroney, Steve Lecorchick, and Gil Shaffer.

**Constitution/Bylaws:** Rick Moroney went over the amendments which were proposed by the Constitution/Bylaws Committee, and were presented to the Board at the January meeting, and included in the March 1990 Minutes. The proposed amendments were presented to the Board on a line item basis and approved as such.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The November Board meeting will be held November 9-10, 1990 at the Pennsylvania & Ohio Camp in Clearfield County. However, it should be noted that steps are being taken to change the meeting dates to November 2-3, 1990. More information should be available at the August Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Rick Moroney. Motion Carried. The June Board meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Chapter  
National Wild Turkey Federation

**Special Note:** Please see accompanying information. Upon request, this information is provided for your review, feedback, and comments. This information represents an outline of proposals, which were obtained through a gathering of minds following adjournment of the June Board meeting. It does not represent nor is it included as a part of the official board meeting minutes.

**Local Chapter - Super Fund Party:** Goal is to direct our attention to Super Fund parties.

(A) Organization of a new local chapter requires a Super Fund party within a period of six months to one year.

(B) Upon establishment of a new local chapter, the PA Chapter will provide \$100.00 start-up funds and a trade-gun, if a Super Fund party is scheduled with the NWIF Regional Director within six months of the local chapter's acceptance by the PA Chapter Board of Directors.

(C) For those local chapters in existence, the PA Chapter will provide a trade-gun for their first Super Fund party which is scheduled and approved by the NWIF Regional Director.

**Portfolio:** Goal is for **every** local chapter to submit a portfolio to the PA Chapter Portfolio Committee Chairman for entry in the L.A. Dixon portfolio competition.

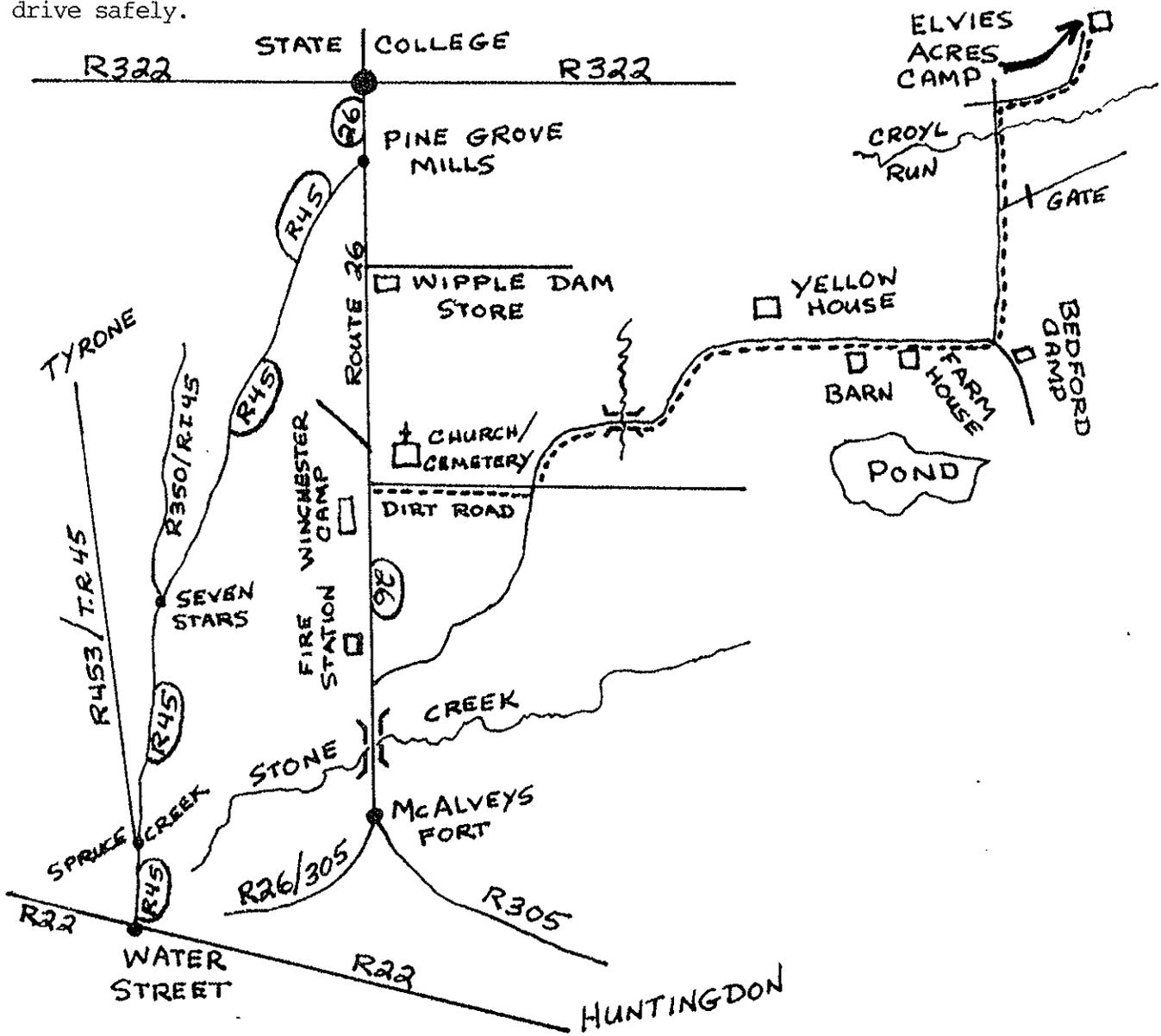
(A) Any local chapter which submits a portfolio to the PA Chapter Portfolio Committee Chapter will be entitled to one chance on a drawing for a trip to the NWTF Convention. The PA Chapter will pay expenses for one person for travel, room, and registration not to exceed \$600.00.

1990-1992 PA Chapter Goals: (a) 25 Banquets Annually (b) 10,000 Members (c) \$200,000.00 Super Fund Dollars Annually (d) Restructure Local Chapter System and (e) Direct Finances Through Super Fund

**DIRECTIONS TO SITE OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING:**

**From the East** Take Route 322 into State College. From State College, take Route 26 South to Pine Grove Mills and over the mountain to the Wipple Dam Store (approx. 13 miles). Keep traveling South on Route 26 until you see a cemetery and church on left side of road. Take the first road to left and follow dotted lines as shown on the map to Elvies Acres.

**From the West** Take Route 22 to Water Street. Turn Left onto Route 453/Route 45 traveling East towards State College. Stay on Route 45 East (note do not follow Truck Route 45) into Pine Grove Mills. Turn Right onto Route 26 South and over the mountain to Wipple Dam Store. Follow remaining directions above. Good luck and drive safely.





# PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.  
ANNUAL BUSINESS AND ELECTION MEETING  
MARCH 17, 1990  
DAYS INN - PENN STATE, CENTRE COUNTY

The March 1990 Business and Election Meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Tom Baldrige at 7:45 a.m., on Saturday, March 17, 1990.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chapter, President Baldrige welcomed everyone to our 15th Annual Convention and Business Meeting. Congratulations and thanks were extended to Steve Lecorchick and his committee members for their work which attributed to the success of our 11th Annual Wilson F. Moore Memorial Masters Invitational Calling Contest.

Following an introduction of our honored guests, it was noted by the secretary that a quorum was present, and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tom Baldrige reported on the Pennsylvania storm which hit Charleston during the National Convention. As reported, seven awards were presented to the PA Chapter, our local chapters, and Pennsylvanians amidst flag waving and thunderous applause. Among the awards presented were: PA Chapter - first runner-up in the L.A. Dixon chapter competition; Local Chapter No. 1 - first place in the L.A. Dixon local chapter competition; Mason-Dixon L.C. - honorable mention in the same competition; Ron Fretts - C.B. McLeod Distinguished Service Award; Howard Meyers - Roger Latham Wild Turkey Service Award; and the Laurel Highlands Committee received an award for the largest Super Fund banquet in the membership division.

In noting the number of awards showered upon our Pennsylvania chapters and its members, President Baldrige expressed how proud and honored he was to be a part of what's been going on within the organization. Along those lines, Tom reported on the number of phone calls he has received and the letters he has written in reply to people who want to learn more about our organization and who are eager to take an active part in the organization.

President Baldrige spoke briefly about the Wild Turkey Center and the dedication of the building addition which took place on Sunday following the National Convention. Tom expressed his hopes that everyone would have a chance to visit the Wild Turkey Center in Edgefield. It was noted that plans are being made for a bus trip to Edgefield this summer for the Regional Meeting.

In concluding his report, Tom said he had worked on getting radio, television

and newspaper coverage for the PA Chapter Convention. It was also noted that Pennsylvania has led the way again for others to follow. As reported, flying our colors at the National Convention had caught the eye and possible envy of other state chapters who are planning to get chapter flags for next year's national Convention.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No Report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - No Report. However, a motion to accept the January 1990 Minutes as prepared was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Max Dewing. Motion Carried.

Clarification: While the January 1990 Minutes were recorded accurately as reported, it was noted that clarification was required for statements made or reported as follows:

Page 1, Paragraph 6 - Dr. James Earl stated: each year a PA Chapter member has been honored with the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award;. . . It should be noted that the Roger Latham award was not presented to a PA Chapter member during the year inwhich Shirley Grenoble was a nominee.

Page 3, President's Report, Paragraph 2 - President Tom Baldrige reported: Along with Shirley Grenoble and Ron Sandrus, Tom met with Frank Piper, President Penn's Woods Products, to present him with a check for \$10,000.00 to purchase "Constant Reminder" safety holographs and brochures. As reported, the \$10,000.00 was a donation to the PA Chapter from Lou Hoffman, Editor Pennsylvania Sportsman, to be used for that purpose. It should be noted that the check itself was not presented to Frank Piper but rather the check was presented to the PA Chapter Safety Committee, as a donation from Lou Hoffman, and the Safety Committee then, in turn, presented a check to Frank Piper for the holograph safety program.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Don Heckman reported that the Tom Long Association, a CPA firm, had taken the PA Chapter treasury books to be reviewed for the periods January 1, 1988 - April 17, 1989 and April 18, 1989 - December 31, 1989. As reported, the Balance Sheet, for the period ending December 31, 1989, the Statement of Income, for the same period, and the Statement of Income, for the period ending February 28, 1990, were based upon the CPA's compilation report following his review of our treasury books as stated.

In the report Don presented to the Board, the Balance Sheet, for the year ending December 31, 1989, showed our Assets to be as follows:

CHECKING.....	\$11,036.86
SAVINGS.....	9,180.96
INVENTORY.....	<u>149,712.50</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$169,930.32

Special Note: It should be noted that the Inventory Dollar Amount is based upon the Fair Market Value of original paintings, stamp prints, conservation prints, and stamps in our possession which are not sold or turned over on a yearly basis. According to the CPA, these items should be given a Fair Market Value and reported as assets of the PA Chapter.

The Statement of Income, for the year ending December 31, 1989, showed our year-to-date Income to be \$76,674.89 and our year-to-date Expenses to be

\$60,602.20, leaving a year ending December 31, 1989 Net Profit of \$16,072.69.

The Statement of Income, for the period ending February 28, 1990, showed our Income, for the year-to-date period January 1 - February 28, 1990 to be \$2226.50 and expenses for the same period to be \$3482.44. As of March 1, 1990 our Checking Balance was \$9430.81, and our Savings Account Balance was \$9296.67. As reported, Bills have been paid for the period March 1 - March 16, 1990, including the winter issue of Turkey Talk, for a Total Expense of \$1945.99, leaving a Checking Account Balance of \$7484.82. Breakdown of the Treasury Report is as follows:

Total Funds Available	\$18,727.48
Expenses 3/1 - 3/16/90	<u>1,945.99</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 3/16/90	\$16,781.49

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

Checking Account - \$7484.82    Savings Account - \$9296.67    TOTAL - \$16,781.49

Masters: Steve Lecorchick raised a question on the floor concerning a line item budget for the Masters Invitational. It was suggested that these funds would be allocated through the Convention Budget. It was further noted that the 1991 Convention Budget was projected to receive \$2000.00 in start-up funds.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Crist Newcomer, seconded by Alan Keagy. Motion Carried.

Before turning the floor back over to President Baldrige, Don Heckman stated that our accountant had recommended that we should file the Federal 990 Form, for nonprofit organizations which generate over \$20,000.00 of income. Some discussion took place regarding this subject, and it was suggested we should utilize the expertise of our attorneys and accountants on the state and national level to assure that the right thing is done, and done properly so we are not in violation of state and/or federal laws. It should also be noted that this will be an important topic of discussion during the June Board meeting, as it will effect not only our state chapter but our local chapters as well.

Special Note: The approved 1990 PA Chapter Budget will be included and a part of the March 1990 Minutes.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Crist Newcomer distributed a current listing of local chapters and respective presidents. Crist reported that our membership total, as of January 22, 1990, was 7095 members. Crist also provided a current listing of local chapter membership totals as of January 9, 1990, number of expired members, and a inactive, active, or deleted rating status of our local chapters.

In concluding his report, Crist stated that communications break down if a current listing of local chapter presidents' names and addresses are not sent to National, the Membership Secretary, the Chapter President, and the Local Chapter Coordinator. Crist asked for the support of local chapter presidents in keeping the local chapter listing updated.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION REPORT - Dr. James Earl Kennamer reported that the National Convention had been a tremendous success. James Earl commented on how everything at the Convention had been so positive and so good that it amazed him on how much momentum and demand the organization has generated for people wanting to be a part of what we are trying to do.

It was noted that there are 150 banquets already scheduled for this year in relation to a total of 180 banquets for all of 1989. James Earl stated that the Super Fund is growing tremendously, and he commended the PA Chapter leadership for what has been done with our state and local chapters to get our membership over the 7000 mark.

It was reported that the PA Chapter and its local chapters raised \$122,000.00 for the Super Fund and had spent \$108,000.00 on Pennsylvania projects. James Earl stated: that's a very good record. I like to see that money spent for good projects and continue going out. Because we are not in the business with the Super Fund to raise money and to hold it in the bank. It's not really doing anything sitting in a bank. However, we do want to hold it until we've got good projects. So I want to compliment you on that. We've got some states that are sitting on some big bucks and they're not spending it. But we're continuing to work on getting that accomplished, James Earl said.

Opportunity Knocks: James Earl mentioned that an opportunity for us, in the future, to implement and impact the conservation resource is something we have not even begun to touch. In that regard, James Earl informed the Board he was in Washington D.C., to testify before the Subcommittee on Interior, asking for another \$46 million to be put into the U.S. Forest Service Wildlife and Fish Budget. The significance of that, according to James Earl, is we were asked to testify on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service and that \$6½ million of the proposed increase would be earmarked for wild turkey programs on national forests throughout the country, which would implicate and also work towards what we are doing on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania.

James Earl indicated that we are really looking at some opportunities to get a lot of challenge call share monies that we can match with monies we've got in the Super Fund for funding wild turkey projects on the Allegheny National Forest and national forests in other parts of the country as well. It was noted that, with the exception of Ducks Unlimited, we were the only nonprofit organization asked to testify before the Subcommittee. So the credibility of what you meant with "Making Tracks" and the backbone this Pennsylvania Chapter has had is implementing a lot of programs way beyond the scope of what you might have realized, James Earl remarked.

In concluding his report, James Earl said he would be attending the North American Wildlife Conference in Denver. As noted, this is the largest wildlife conference in the world, and over 5000 people from everywhere, including Russia, are expected to attend. It was reported that the Wildlife Society would conduct a special session on transplants and translocation of different animals all over the world. More importantly, the Wildlife Society asked James Earl, on behalf of the National Wild Turkey Federation, to serve as chairman of the entire session. James Earl said he would be doing a program on where turkeys have been, where we've had successes, where we've had failures, and where we've made mistakes, in addition to eleven different papers on everything from woodland caribou to lynx on Cumberland Island, Georgia. So the opportunity to be before that crowd, and be asked to speak on behalf of the National Wild Turkey Federation, because of the success of the wild turkey, really is going to touch a lot of people and a lot of people who speak languages other than English. So I think where you go, and where we go as a national organization is really now in the mainstream of the whole conservation movement worldwide. And I think you can take a lot of pride in that because it means a lot, not only to the state of Pennsylvania but to the conservation movement as a whole, James Earl concluded.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - Howard Meyers thanked the assembly for the honor

bestowed on him in receiving the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award at the National Convention.

TURKEY TALK - Larry Smail reported that Turkey Talk had been sent to the printers and material had been sent to The Caller. Larry commented that he needs information sent to him for publication, noting he had to write to the Conservancy for material on the Boyer tract, which the PA Chapter had helped to purchase.

In concluding his report, Larry said he was contacted by the Cook Forest Museum about submitting wild turkey items, materials, pamphlets, etc., on behalf of the NWTF, for display. Larry said he would accept items from interested parties wishing to submit them for use by the museum.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - No Report.

YOUTH - Skip Sanderson reported that Terry Hyde had given him the "First Bird" patches. President Baldrige said he would appoint a chairman to serve on the Youth Committee at the June Board meeting.

ART COMMITTEE - No Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Dan Sullivan was unable to attend the meeting. However, it was reported that news releases would be sent out prior to the spring gobbler season.

LEGISLATIVE - Norm Schlosser reported he would be sending information to local chapter presidents on major pieces of legislation requiring our attention.

1990 CONVENTION - No Report. However, Steve Lecorchick reported he expected to net in the neighborhood of \$3000.00 from the Masters. In conclusion, Steve apologized for not thanking the local chapters for their support and donations during the evening's event. Don Heckman commented that the Masters was a losing venture in terms of profit just a few years ago, and he congratulated Steve and his committee members Alan and Alan (Keagy and Emler) for a job well done.

CONSERVANCY - No Report.

PAPER SUPPLIES - No Report.

LOCAL CHAPTERS - Ron Sandrus reported he has had contact from people in the Philadelphia area, Wayne County area, and Montgomery County area about the possibility of organizing local chapters. Ron was pleased to announce that he had met with members of the Turkey Roost L.C., and that the chapter had been reorganized and active again. It was also reported that Dave Gilbert was elected to serve as president of the Turkey Roost.

It was reported that our 40th local chapter was organized on March 7, 1990 and was named: Cornplanter Hookspurs Local Chapter which is located in the Kane area. It was also noted that Stephen J. Stanko was elected to serve as president of our newest local chapter.

Following announcement that the paperwork of the Cornplanter Hookspurs was in order, a motion to accept the Cornplanter Hookspurs as the 40th local chapter of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried. Along those lines, Dan Roessner commended Ron and Steve for the job they've done in organizing local

chapters, stating that the organization of 40 local chapters is unbelievable.

SUPER FUND/HABITAT - Joe Krug reported that the Salmon Creek and Donald Wilson Memorial projects had been funded for a total of \$8000.00. It was noted that the James E. Wilhelm L.C., had submitted habitat proposals for the two projects.

Seedling Distribution: Joe said seedlings for wild turkey habitat projects would be distributed to local chapters. Joe expressed some disappointment in that more local chapters did not take advantage of the opportunity to get seedlings. It was mentioned that some local chapters were able to get barberry from the PGC. As a result, there appeared to be a greater need and/or want for autumn olive. Joe said that next year, hopefully, we'll be able to provide a little more autumn olive.

Michaux-Yellow Breeches Project #3: Joe reported he had received a letter from a member of the Michaux-Yellow Breeches L.C., who had asked about the status of Project #3. Joe stated that completion of Project #3 is hinging upon a timber sale. It was mentioned that there is really nothing we can do until the timber is sold and until the Bureau of Forestry elects to move forward with the project. Joe did not anticipate that a check would be issued for the project until the timber was sold and the Bureau of Forestry was prepared to begin completion of the project.

SUPER FUND/SAFETY - Dan Roessner asked for everyone's support of the safety holograph program. Dan commended Ron Sandrus, Vice President of Marketing and Distribution, for the work he has done in getting the "Constant Reminders" to our local chapters and the general public. Those local chapters who have not gotten and/or are in need of more safety holographs should contact: Mr. Ron Sandrus, 3022 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 (814) 942-0932.

Safety Message: Steve Lecorchick added that the Northern Cambria County L.C., had produced a one-minute safety message to be aired on four radio stations for a period of one-week sometime prior to the spring gobbler season. Steve suggested that something along those lines should be done on the national level.

SUPER FUND/LAND - Howard Meyers reported that the Michaux-Yellow Breeches L.C., had submitted a proposal for the Hollygap Project in Cumberland County. The proposal was a request for \$5000.00 to help the Nature Conservancy purchase 940 acres known as the Hollygap Project. It was noted that this tract contains a 75 acre wetlands which supports two endangered species along with a stable turkey population. As reported, the project proposal had been approved by the Super Fund Committee and awaiting National approval and release of a check.

A question was raised on the floor in regards to whether the Land Acquisition Committee had stayed within the allotted percentage rate of expenditures as established in a budgetal pie-graph for the Super Fund Subcommittees. It was stated that it is difficult to calculate what the dollar amounts are in relation to the allowable percentage rate of each committee, since it is based upon an undetermined income from the banquet system each year. However, it was mentioned that in 1989 the Land Acquisition Committee had exceeded the projected percentage rate by one or two percentage points. The Habitat Committee had expenditures below the projected percentage rate, which was partially due to projects being funded in 1990 which had been proposed and/or allotted for in 1989. Expenditures of the Safety/Education Committee were not mentioned, but believed to be within the percentage guidelines.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - As reported, the slate of officers for the coming year were submitted to the Board of Directors for approval by the Nominating Committee during the January 1990 meeting. Chairman Howard Meyers read the slate of nominations for officers of the Pennsylvania Chapter for 1990 as follows:

President.....Tom Baldrige  
First Vice President.....Carl "Skip" Schaich  
Second Vice President.....Joel Bock  
Secretary.....Rick Moroney  
Membership Secretary.....Crist Newcomer  
Treasurer.....Don Heckman

President Baldrige then opened the floor for nominations. There being no further nominations to come from the floor, a motion to close nominations was made by Norm Schlosser, seconded by John Szeferksi. Motion Carried. The nominated slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee was then elected to serve in each respective office of the Pennsylvania Chapter for 1990.

OLD BUSINESS - It was reported that the PA Chapter would meet with the PGC in Harrisburg on Wednesday, April 28, 1990 to discuss future plans as they relate to the Super Fund, the wild turkey, safety, and our ongoing working relationship with the PGC.

Safety Award: Some discussion took place regarding a proposal to develop a safety award in honor of Frank Piper for his work in the field of turkey hunter safety. Along those lines, a motion to have the PA Chapter establish an award known as the "Frank R. Piper Turkey Hunting Safety Award" was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

\* \* ATTENTION Local Chapter Presidents: A Local Chapter Presidents meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 1990 at Laurel Hill State Park, Camp #5. Special Note: The Local Chapter Presidents meeting will follow the PA Chapter Board meeting which is scheduled for June 1-2, 1990 at Camp #5. All Local Chapter Presidents and/or representatives are urged to attend the Sunday meeting. Those interested in attending the Board meeting Friday and/or Saturday should bring sleeping gear - the camp is equipped with steel-framed beds - no mattresses.

Bottom Line: As officers and directors of the PA Chapter, we cannot serve the needs of our local chapters if we are not aware of what they are. This is an opportunity to open and to extend the lines of communications. We eagerly await your suggestions, opinions, questions, and gripes. It is important that our state and local chapters are aware of what each is doing, so that we can work together to meet our goals and objectives for a single-minded purpose - the wild turkey resource.

NEW BUSINESS - It was mentioned that the POWA would conduct a breakout meeting in May. It was suggested that the PA Chapter should utilize the assistance of the Mason-Dixon L.C., and their award winning "Constant Reminder" safety booth to promote our safety program at the meeting. Along those lines, Ron Sandrus said he had presented the safety program to the PGC at the Harrisburg Show and later to the POWA writers as well. Ron indicated he would have the safety program available at the POWA meeting, regardless of whether we are able to get help and use of the Mason-Dixon L.C.'s safety booth.

Building Fund: Howard Meyers spoke briefly about the questionnaire published in Turkey Talk sometime ago, in regards to the question relating to a PA Chapter proposal to purchase a permanent meeting site. As noted, the questionnaire indicated that the membership would favor such a proposal. Howard also mentioned the difficulty we've had in getting a fall meeting place. Along those lines, Howard suggested we reestablish the Building Fund Committee in order to check on the possibility of purchasing a permanent meeting site. During the discussion which followed, the feasibility of Howard's suggestion was questioned, and National's viewpoint of the subject was also mentioned. As a result, a motion to not appoint a Building Fund Committee until the subject was opened for discussion during the June Board meeting was made by Steve Lecorchcik, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried and recorded with one vote of opposition cast by Howard Meyers.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - Don Heckman mentioned to everyone who plans to submit bills to be aware that convention expenses should be sent to Joel Bock and general chapter expenses should be sent to him.

Presidential Request: President Baldrige requested that if anything is done in the name of the state chapter, he wants to be made aware of all things that are happening. As your president, I need that information. I am due that information. It is not good for our organization for me to go into a meeting and to be given information on matters I am not aware of, Tom said. If you do something in the name of the state chapter, by all means copy me on it. So at least I am aware of it. That is part of our duty as a director to copy the president on anything that's done, whether it's a news release, a letter, or anything. If you do something, send me a copy or at least give me a phone call and tell me what you've done. As your president, I have to be aware of what's being done. Please, adhere to this request, Tom concluded.

Letter of Goals and Direction: Don Heckman mentioned he has received a lot of response on the 1990 goals and directions letter he presented at the January Board meeting. Don asked that we look at the letter again and put our thoughts and responses on paper for the June Board meeting. It was indicated that we would probably continue the open discussion format of the letter for several meetings or more if necessary.

IMPORTANT ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: ATTENTION LOCAL CHAPTERS - As provided for in the Pennsylvania Chapter Bylaws under Article II Board of Directors, Section 4 - Election and Term of Office each local chapter may submit, in writing and signed by a minimum of five (5) local chapter members, to the Chapter Nominating Committee the name and resume of their candidate, outlining their background, qualifications, and contributions to the Chapter for nomination as a director of the PA Chapter. Nominations should be mailed on or before August 1, 1990 to: Mr. Howard Meyers, Chairman Nominating Committee, RD 7 Box 11, Nesslers Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Fred Webster, seconded by Norm Schlosser. Motion Carried.

The PA Chapter's annual business and election meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania State Chapter  
National Wild Turkey Federation

## APPENDIX I

The following is a list of amendments to be voted upon at the June Board meeting as submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

### CONSTITUTION

Title: Suggest dropping State title from name. Explanation: We were incorporated as the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, not the Pennsylvania State Chapter. Usage of State is redundant.

Articles I and II - No Changes.

Article III Officers, Section 8 - Secretary: The Secretary shall act as such at all Chapter meetings of the general membership, its Executive Committee, and Board of Directors and, with exception of Executive Committee meetings, shall keep the minutes of all such meetings in the books proper for that purpose. All business transacted by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of members,...

Explanation - Format makes it difficult to keep minutes of E.C. meetings.

Section 9 - Treasurer: The Treasurer shall perform all duties customarily incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall serve.... Explanation - Function of the E.C. is to oversee the finances of the Chapter. This should be an E.C. responsibility, not the Board of Directors.

Article IV Meetings, Section 1 - Annual Meeting: Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be announced in the fall Convention Mailings to the membership. Explanation - Convention mailings are directed to the membership for the single purpose of announcing our convention and seeking financial support. Convention sites, dates, and times of our annual meeting may not be finalized until after the Chapter publication is sent to the membership. Besides the Convention mailings, we could still use other means of announcement, if necessary, including the Chapter publication.

Article V - No Changes.

### Bylaws

Article I - No Changes.

Article II Board of Directors, Section 4 - Election and Term of Office: On or before August 1, each local chapter may submit, in writing and signed by a minimum of five (5) local chapter members, to the Chapter Nominating Committee... Announcement of this procedure will be recorded in the March Minutes of each year.

Section 4 - Election and Term of Office: The Chapter must include in its Convention Mailing an official ballot...When voting for Directors of the Chapter, members must use this ballot and only this ballot. Of the total number of candidates up for election, the general membership will vote for two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of candidates and the Board of Directors will have the option of appointing the remaining one-third (1/3) of the total number of candidates to be elected. These fractions will be converted to whole numbers and specified as such on the official ballot. Any ballots with more than...

Section 4 - Election and Term of Office: Voting members must mark BALLOT on the outside of mailing envelopes used for ballots. All ballots must be received by the Chairman of the Board of Directors...Explanation - It is of vital importance that the Board has the option to appoint directors not elected by the membership. We shouldn't chance losing a hard working volunteer simply because their name is not recognized by the membership. Other proposed changes in the election process are a matter of clarification of procedures.

APPENDIX II

Article III Committees, Section 2 - Standing Committees: All standing committee members shall be...Standing committee members shall serve one (1) year terms, commencing at the close of the June Board of Directors meeting at which they were selected. The Chapter President shall, during the June Board of Directors meeting, appoint members to serve...Explanation - While it is customary to appoint and select committee members during the annual convention, this has not been our policy in the past, and our needs would probably be better served by keeping it the way it was, thus the recommended proposal change.

Subsection 2 - Nominating Committee - A. Responsibilities: During the August Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit for approval to the Board of Directors,...

Subsection 2 - Nominating Committee - A. Responsibilities: During the January Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit for approval to the Board of Directors, a list of persons...Explanation - A slate of directors will have to be approved in August so that ballots and information can be made ready for the October Convention mailing for membership election of directors. A slate of officers should be approved by the Board at the January meeting so that it can be recorded in the January minutes and Board members have an opportunity to mail-in-votes, if need be.

Articles IV and V - No Changes.

Article VI Notices, Meeting Places, and Officials: Except where otherwise specified, all notices required in these Bylaws, by the Constitution, or by the law shall be in writing...Explanation - Protection to allow the use of Convention mailings and others where announcements might be needed and are possibly sent by bulk rate rather than first class.

Articles VII, VIII, IX, and X - No Changes.

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APPROVED 1990 BUDGET

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Chap. Administration		Chap. Administration	
Donations	\$200.00	Telephone	\$1,300.00
Interest Checking	300.00	Postage	300.00
Member Services		Supplies	1,000.00
Rebates	1,530.00	Travel	1,000.00
Art Committee		Secretary	600.00
Print Sales	3,000.00	Portfolio	100.00
1990 Convention	15,000.00	Accounting	750.00
1990 Gun Raffle	10,000.00	Meetings	800.00
Promo Items	1,000.00	Insurance	400.00
Turkey Talk	100.00	Legal Fees	300.00
Meetings	400.00	Register/Filing	160.00
Fund Balance 1989	<u>20,217.82</u>	Donations	5,000.00
		Promotions	800.00
		Rewards	500.00
		Service Charges	300.00
		L.O.S.S. Banquet	500.00
		Support Member Fees	100.00
		Membership Services	2,000.00
		L.C. Development	900.00
		Turkey Talk	12,900.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$51,747.82		

BUDGET CONTINUED -

APPENDIX II B

BUDGET EXPENSES CONTINUED:

Super Fund	
Land Acquisition	50.00
Habitat	50.00
Safety/Education	0.00
Miscellaneous	700.00
Legislative	500.00
Promotion Items	1,600.00
Art Committee	500.00
Fund Raising	
1990 Gun Raffle	5,600.00
1991 Convention	2,000.00
Public Relations	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$41,260.00
PROJECTED FUND BAL.	<u>10,487.82</u>
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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No Report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Rick Moroney read the Minutes of the March 1989 Annual Membership Meeting. A motion to accept the March 1989 Minutes as read was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Alan Emlet. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Don Heckman noted that he had given a full account of the treasury status in his report during the Annual Board meeting. As reported, bottom line figures of the Treasurer's Report as of March 1, 1990 were: a Checking Account Balance of \$9430.81, and a Savings Account Balance of \$9296.27, making our Total Funds Available to be \$18,727.48. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Joel Bock, seconded by Howard Meyers. Motion Carried.

NWTF REMARKS - Dr. James Earl Kennamer stated he would be speaking before the group during scheduled seminars and again at the banquet that evening. In so noting, he didn't want to belabor points to be discussed during those times. James Earl did, however, wish to reinforce to the group that we, as a state chapter, are an integral part of what the National Wild Turkey Federation is doing. We've come a long way; we've generated some big dollars; and you'll see some of the fruits of that when I speak about it later today, James Earl said.

At that time, two oversized checks were shown to the group. One check displayed monies raised in Pennsylvania for the Super Fund. The other check displayed monies spent on Super Fund projects in Pennsylvania. It was shown that \$122,000.00 was raised and \$108,000.00 was spent on projects in Pennsylvania.

There's a lot of good things happening. You're spending your money wisely. You're putting it into a number of different projects and, really, the skies the limit in terms of what we'll be able to do in the 1990's, James Earl concluded.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Baron, seconded by John Szeferksi. Motion Carried. The Annual Membership meeting of the PA Chapter was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rick*

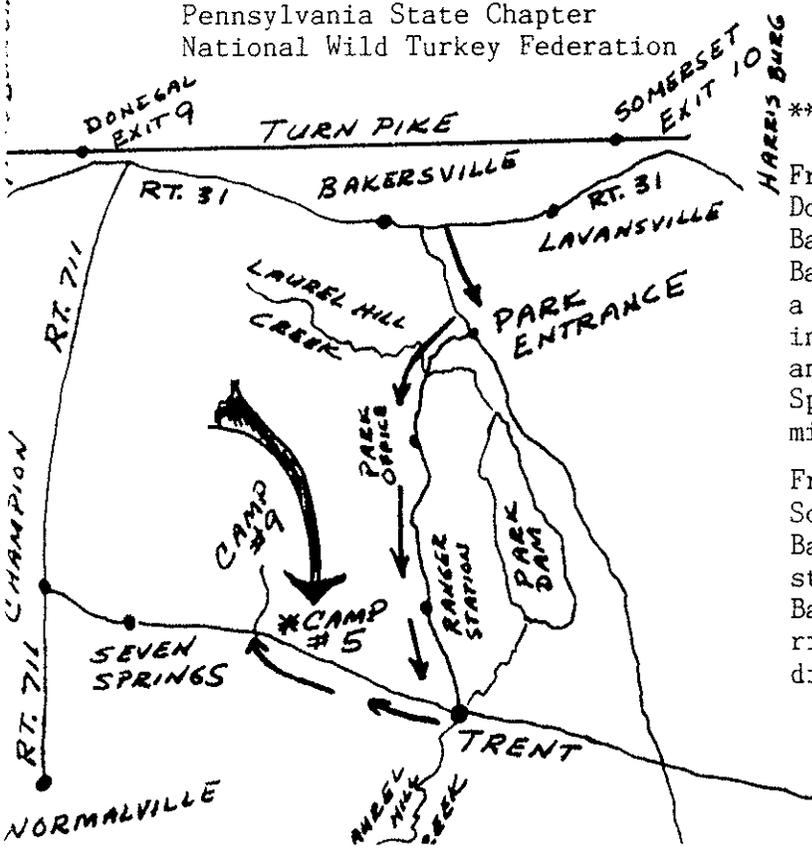
Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
 Pennsylvania State Chapter  
 National Wild Turkey Federation

**DIRECTIONS**

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From the west, take the turnpike East to Donegal Exit 9. Take Route 31 East to Bakersville. Take first right turn after Bakersville. Follow up the hill and make a right turn into the park. Follow to T in road, which is beyond the beach area, and make a right turn towards Seven Springs. Camp #5 is approximately one mile on the right hand side of road.

From the east, take the turnpike West to Somerset Exit 10. Take Route 31 West to Bakersville. Make left turn before gas station at the corner of Rt. 31 and Bakersville. Follow up the hill and make right turn into Park. Follow remaining directions given above. Good Luck!





# PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

March 5, 1990

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF THE SILVER SPURS.

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the January 1990 Minutes of our Board of Directors meeting held at Herders Spring Lodge in Centre County. The next meeting of our PA Chapter officers and directors will be held on March 17, 1990 at the Days Inn Penn State in State College, Centre County. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m., on Saturday, followed by the Annual Membership meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Special Note: The Days Inn Penn State was formerly the Sheraton Penn State and is located at 240 South Pugh Street in State College.

Meeting Announcement: The June meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors will be held at Laurel Hill State Park, Camp No. 5 on June 1-2, 1990.

Convention Chairmen Reed Johnson and Joel Bock, committee members, and local chapters have all been doing a great job in preparing for the convention. Let's give them our support and help.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on March 16, 1990. . .

Sincerely,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania State Chapter  
National Wild Turkey Federation

ENCLOSURE:



# PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 19-20, 1990  
HERDERS SPRING LODGE - CENTRE COUNTY

The January 1990 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Tom Baldrige at 8:05 p.m., on Friday, January 19, 1990.

Following an introduction of guests and members, it was noted that a quorum was present, and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

A special thanks was given to the members of the Scattered Flock L.C., and to Leo Hughes, owner of Herders Spring Lodge, for giving us the opportunity to, once again, hold our meeting at the lodge.

At that time, the floor was given to Dr. James Earl Kennamer. James Earl extended greetings of the NWTF staff, who were attending the shot show in Las Vegas in an effort to get products for our fundraising activities from Winchester, Federal, and others.

James Earl mentioned that the Symposium and the National Convention was only five-weeks away. He noted that the Symposium will be the best ever and that a lot of interesting seminars were planned for the National Convention. In conjunction with the Symposium, a field trip is planned to look at the effects of Hurricane Hugo, and the damage it caused to wild turkey habitat. According to James Earl, over 250 million board-feet of timber was snapped-off and uprooted by Hugo on national forest lands alone. As noted, this is a management problem that needs attention, and one that National will take a close look at.

In regards to the Pennsylvania Chapter, James Earl assured the assembly that the PA Chapter and projects we are involved with are an integral part of our National program. More specifically, James Earl mentioned the number of former Pennsylvanians who are now serving on the NWTF staff; we've had Pennsylvanians serving on the NWTF Board of Directors, including Ron Fretts who served as Board Chairman; the PA Chapter has won numerous state and local chapter awards; each year a PA Chapter member has been honored with the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award; and Jerry Wunz was one of only three recipients of the Henry Mosby Award.

James Earl relayed the statement that Pete Duncan, Executive Director PGC, made about our organization as follows: "He (Pete Duncan) said, 'there are very few very special organizations and this is one of them, that has really contributed

to the resource. They come in working on problems, and they don't mine rolling their sleeves up and contributing to solve the problem. The chapter here today (PA Chapter) and the National organization fits into that mold.'" As stated by James Earl, "the real measure of what you do comes from the people you're working with and for. And statements such as those made by Pete Duncan are a credit to all of us." Bottom Line: We've done a lot to be proud of and, most assuredly, we are recognized and appreciated by National and others for our accomplishments.

James Earl continued by stating: We're embarking on our third decade, as an organization which began its infancy in the '70s and is rocketing into the '90s, and we've had some things that are happening - we're changing. Heading into the '90s, we're going to have to constantly change in the way we think, the way we work, and the accomplishments we can make. Starting with the 1990s, we have to do better than what we've ever done before with what we've got to do. We have to change because we have more responsibilities. Looking at the amounts of money the PA Chapter has to deal with, it is important to remember that you have spent over \$95,000.00 on wild turkey projects in Pennsylvania. It is also important to note that \$77,000.00 of that amount came from the Super Fund in the last year. That's a lot of money; that's a lot of progress, James Earl said. According to James Earl, Gene Denton, NWTB Board Chairman, once said that a lot of people don't want to talk about making money or spending money, but when you tell me how to get along without it then I'll be ready to go along with you.

James Earl remarked, we can't do that! This in no way takes away from what you've been doing in the past - with calling contest, your convention, and so forth. I think that you never want to forget the good times and fun times together. But the bottom line is we have to make money, and we have to put it back into the resource. And the PA Chapter has done a tremendous job in the last three-years of doing just that. It's been exhilarating. But because of the amounts of money you're dealing with, it means you're going to have to come to decisions a lot quicker than you've maybe had to do in the past.

I know it's good to sit and talk and spend a lot of time to make the right decision, James Earl continued. But it's critical that the PA Chapter makes some important decisions this weekend about the direction of your chapter. And committees is where it's going to have to happen. I want to stress that, as you go into committee meetings tonight, you've got to do the work as a committee. The committee will then report their decisions to the Board. And if there's ever been a time in your history where you're going to have to depend on your leadership, you're going to have to depend on it now. Because the time when you sat around and all of us made decisions is over.

I want to stress on you, please, for the sake of your Pennsylvania Chapter, for the standpoint of the NWTB, and for the commitment that people are watching and waiting for us to accomplish - as one of the bigger state chapters and one that has spent more money in more ways for the resource than any other chapter in the country - we need to agree to disagree; but we need to charter a direction on which way we need to go. Let's work and give our best input; trust those that are in the position of responsibility to make those decisions; and then let's go forward, because anything else other than that will be stepping backwards, James Earl stated.

In concluding his report, James Earl spoke briefly about the health problems facing Jerry Wunz and his recent retirement from the PGC. James Earl also announced that Bill Drake had been appointed by the PGC to serve as our

Technical Committee advisor, thereby performing the duties once held by Jerry.

In other matters, Rick Moroney distributed an updated copy of the Constitution and Bylaws to all Board members present. Rick said he would mail copies to those members who were not present at the meeting. Rick went over changes which had been made since the June 1989 meeting and had been typed into the updated copy. Recommended amendment proposals of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee were included on a summary sheet. Board members were asked to look over these proposals carefully and to mail any suggestions or amendment proposals to Rick prior to completion of the March 1990 Minutes. As mentioned, a notice of proposed amendments will be included in the March Minutes so that action can be taken on the amendments at the June 1990 meeting. Following the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report, the meeting was recessed at 8:38 p.m., thereby allowing the Board to finalize business matters within committee.

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The Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors meeting reconvened at 8:12 a.m., on Saturday, January 20, 1990, and was called to order by President Tom Baldrige. It was noted that a quorum was still in effect, and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tom Baldrige reported that we haven't had any fundraising banquets since the November 1989 meeting and, as a result, our gross banquet income for the 1989 calendar year was \$112,487.46. Tom stated he represented the PA Chapter at the PGC meeting in Harrisburg on January 19, 1990, along with Howard Meyers and Rick Moroney. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Super Fund - its direction and how it relates to the PGC and our organization as reported by Dr. James Earl Kennamer and Ron Brenneman, who represented National at the meeting. During the meeting, Bill Drake was appointed by the PGC to serve as our Technical Committee Advisor. Pete Duncan was also presented a Super Fund check for \$30,000.00 towards the purchase of 715 additional acres on State Game Lands No. 25.

Along with Shirley Grenoble and Ron Sandrus, Tom met with Frank Piper, President Penn's Woods Products, to present him with a check for \$10,000.00 to purchase "Constant Reminder" safety holographs and brochures. As reported, the \$10,000.00 was a donation to the PA Chapter from Lou Hoffman, Editor Pennsylvania Sportsman, to be used for that purpose.

In concluding his report, Tom mentioned that Howard Meyers and Rick Moroney represented the PA Chapter at the PGC meeting for seasons and bag limits to be established during the 1990-1991 license year. It was noted that our recommendations were to: extend the spring gobbler season for one-week into the Memorial Day weekend; to increase the spring gobbler bag limit to two gobblers; to require a turkey stamp or permit in addition to the general hunting license in order to hunt turkeys; and other safety related recommendations.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No Report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Rick Moroney reported that the place where he was purchasing supplies and getting the Minutes copied at \$.04/per page had gone out of business. After checking on prices, the best price found was at Kinko's Copies in Monroeville, which will copy the Minutes at \$.06/per page or \$20.00 - \$30.00 more/per mailing and approximately \$100.00 more/per year.

In his written report, Rick stated that he had written all letters and provided copies as directed by the Board during the November meeting. It was also noted

that the Constitution/Bylaws were updated and copies provided to all Board members. In regards to the portfolio, it was mentioned that only the Mason-Dixon and Michaux-Yellow Breeches L.Cs., had provided information and portfolios for PA Chapter use. However, Rick was still, somewhat, confident that the PA Chapter would do well in the state chapter portfolio competition.

In concluding his report, Rick asked for Board authorization to highlight the Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, so that only those subjects of action and importance are read before the assembly. As there were no objections to the request, it appeared to be a general consensus of approval from the Board.

President Baldrige then asked if there were any corrections or additions to the November 1989 Minutes. The following corrections and additions were noted and recorded as follows:

Page 3 Treasurer's Report - Informational: Don Heckman informed the Board that David Ruch, member Michaux-Yellow Breeches L.C., had passed away. Was corrected to read - Don Heckman informed the Board that David Ruch, member NWTF, had passed away.

Page 6 Super Fund/Habitat: Big Bear Lake: DER Bureau of Forestry. . . Was corrected to read - Big Bear Lane: DER Bureau of Forestry. . .

Page 7 Super Fund/Habitat: Wapitti Roost L.C.: It was reported that the Wapitti Roost L.C., had submitted a Superfund request for \$967.00 for a seed propagation project. Was corrected to read - It was reported that the Wapitti Roost L.C., had submitted a Superfund request for \$3967.00 for a seed propagation project.

Last Page Meeting Announcement: The March 1991 meeting will be held in conjunction with the PA Chapter Convention on March 17, 1991 at the Penn State Sheraton in State College. Was corrected to read - The March 1990 meeting will be held in conjunction with the PA Chapter Convention on March 17, 1990 at the Penn State Sheraton in State College.

A motion to accept the November 1989 Minutes as corrected was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Lou Mamone. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Don Heckman distributed the Balance Sheet, Financial Statement and Statement of Income and Expenses to the assembly. As reported, the Balance Sheet, for the period ending December 31, 1989, showed our total current assets to be \$20,217.82. The Financial Statement, for the period November 5 - December 31, 1989, showed a Previous Balance of \$13,092.00 and a total income for the period to be \$3551.08, making the Total Funds Available for the period to be \$16,643.08. With total expenses for the period of \$5606.22, our checkbook balance as of December 31, 1989 was \$11,036.86.

The Statement of Income and Expenses, for the period ending December 31, 1989, showed income for the period November 5 - December 31, 1989 to be \$3551.08 with a total income year-to-date of \$94,588.89. Expenses for the period November 5 - December 31, 1989 were \$5606.22, while total expenses year-to-date were \$87,470.75. A breakdown of the Treasury Report is as follows:

Balance on Hand 11/5/89	\$22,272.96
Income for Period 11/5 - 12/31/89	<u>3,551.08</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$25,824.04
EXPENSES 11/5 - 12/31/89	<u>5,606.22</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/89	\$20,217.82

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

General Account - \$11,036.86    Savings Account - \$9180.96    TOTAL - \$20,217.82

In concluding his report, Don asked for approval to hire the services of a CPA

in order to have a more professional accounting of the treasury reports. Don mentioned that the CPA normally charges \$50.00/per hour for his services or \$1500.00 - \$1800.00 for the amount of work which we would require. As reported, the CPA agreed to reduce his rate to \$30.00/per hour or \$750.00 for the required five treasury reports. President Baldrige stated that Don's request would be taken under consideration by the Executive Committee. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Max Dewing.  
Motion Carried.

VICE TREASURER'S REPORT - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Crist Newcomer reported that the total number of names listed on the master file was 970. Membership totals as of 12/15/89 were 7053, as compared to 6951 for the same period in '88 and 5958 in '87. In concluding his report, Crist stressed the importance of having local chapter presidents keeping the chapter president, membership secretary, local chapter coordinator, and the NWTf updated on current officer names and addresses.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - Howard Meyers reported he had been working with the '90 Convention Committee, and was able to acquire posters for the announcement of the convention at no cost to the PA Chapter. Howard was also able to lay-out the front cover of the convention program from artwork done by Larry Smail. Howard worked with the PGC legal department to get their approval and assistance regarding the wording for our proposed \$1000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person who causes injury to a human being while turkey hunting and flees or fails to render assistance. In concluding his report, Howard mentioned he had traveled to Harrisburg, along with Rick Moroney, to attend the PGC meeting and give our recommendations on seasons and bag limits.

1990 BUDGET - Don Heckman distributed copies of the proposed 1990 Operating Budget of the Pennsylvania Chapter to the group. A report was then given by Don, and the proposed budget was discussed on a line item basis. The projected '90 Budgetal Income was \$47,950.00, while the projected '90 Budgetal Expenses were \$52,350.00, showing a projected deficit of \$4400.00.

Don stated that actual income for the '89 Budget was \$68,622.86, while the projected income for the '90 Budget was \$47,950.00. This reduced projection in the '90 Budgetal Income resulted from a loss in '89 Budgetal Income line items such as: Membership Services NWTf Rebates - \$8215.00; Local Chapter Rebates of Fundraising Banquets - \$2700.00; and Super Fund Committees/Miscellaneous - \$4000.00. However, the projected '90 Budgetal Income does not reflect our Total Assets for the year-ending period of December 31, 1989 which was \$20,217.82. In noting that the projected deficit of \$4400.00 would be covered by Total Assets of \$20,217.82 in our Treasury Account, President Baldrige stated that the Proposed 1990 Operating Budget would be taken under consideration by the Executive Committee. (Upon approval, the 1990 Operating Budget of the Pennsylvania Chapter will be included in the March 1990 Minutes.)

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION - Dr. James Earl Kennamer reported on the status of the new NWTf building addition. As noted, the NWTf staff and personnel are physically moved into the new addition. The assembly was invited to take a side trip and visit NWTf headquarters following the National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina. Dedication ceremonies will be held at NWTf headquarters on Sunday, March 4, 1990.

It was reported that James Earl and Ron Brenneman have been working with Dan Develin and others of the Bureau of Forestry, the PGC, and the US Forest Service in an effort to better coordinate projects to be funded through the Wild Turkey Super

Fund. As reported, a representative of the US Forest Service will be assigned to work with James Earl and Ron for two-weeks to help with the "Making Tracks" program.

Turkeys for Land: Within the last year, the NWF has been coordinating the transfer of turkeys from several states - Texas, North Carolina, and Louisiana - for restoration purposes. This year other states such as South Carolina, Iowa, Georgia, and Wisconsin, which plans to transfer 200 turkeys, are using their turkeys for land acquisition. As reported, states in need of wild turkeys for restoration purposes are willing to pay \$500.00/per turkey for replacement costs. Other states are using these funds for land acquisition. It was suggested that the PA Chapter, if the PGC were to approve it, would consider the possibility of transferring turkeys from Pennsylvania to other states in return for replacement costs. As stated, we would not be buying or selling turkeys. The turkeys are free. We would only be given in return the average estimated cost of replacing turkeys which are transferred to other states for restoration purposes. This payment of replacement costs would then be utilized for land acquisition in Pennsylvania.

Super Fund Information: Having been given the floor, Ron Brenneman distributed a report on the Super Fund to the assembly. Page one of Ron's report gave a state by state accounting of monies deposited, number of projects, monies spent, and balance on-hand of each state's Super Fund account. The report showed that, for the year-ending December 31, 1989, Pennsylvania had deposited \$112,487.46 into the Super Fund account. We completed 16 Super Fund projects, spending \$93,018.15 on the projects, and were left with a balance of \$19,469.31 in the Super Fund account. A grand total of all states showed that \$2,083,293.51 was deposited, 305 projects were completed, and \$1,420,092.51 was spent on the projects, leaving a grand total balance on-hand of all states to be \$663,201.00 in the Super Fund account.

Ron's report showed, through the use of graphs, that in 1987 Pennsylvania spent \$4035.00 on Super Fund projects, \$11,933.00 was spent in 1988, and \$77,050.00 in 1989. Of those monies spent, 61 percent was allocated for land acquisition, 26 percent for habitat enhancement, and 13 percent for safety education.

Ron reported on the importance of pages 6, 7, and 8 of his report, which outlined Super Fund Committee responsibilities, purpose, and project ideas for consideration. Ron mentioned he was working with state and federal agency leaders in an effort to get their input on what they considered to be priority projects for our consideration. It was thought that a listing of priority projects for Pennsylvania would help the decision-making process of where Super Fund monies should be spent.

Projected Plans: In concluding his report, Ron talked about a proposed idea to develop generic signs for use by state chapters in conjunction with state and federal projects funded through the Super Fund. As an example, a sign might welcome walk-in use of a public hunting area while prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles. A sign such as this might be used in an area where a state or local chapter worked with a state or federal agency on habitat improvement by creating herbacious openings, food plots, etc. According to Ron, the signs would be generic enough to allow for logos of all those involved in the project. As suggested, generic signs could also be developed for reward posters. It was mentioned that Ron has been working with nurseries in an effort to have tree and shrub seedlings along with road-seed such as clover made available for state chapter use.

TURKEY TALK - Larry Smail reported his committee had discussed the future of Turkey Talk. As reported, the Turkey Talk budget for 1989 was \$7396.00 for printing. It was noted that the winter issue had been completed. President

Baldrige mentioned that no decision had been made regarding the future of Turkey Talk. As reported, a tentative agreement was made to wait and see what The Caller had to offer.

(The following insert is the opinion of Larry Smail, Editor Turkey Talk, as taken from his November 1989 report. This portion of Larry's report was not recorded in the November 1989 Minutes.)

We all see the many changes that are taking place within our organization. A few of the changes concern me because of my position with Turkey Talk. If you recall when I first became the editor, I expressed my feeling concerning Turkey Talk's future. I even voiced my feelings in an editorial of my first "official" issue stating worry about a future rebate loss and the trend of reversal for our magazine. I disagreed then as well as now when it came to rebate losses. I have worked many hours in an attempt to keep Turkey Talk enjoyable, educational and informative for all the members. Most issues succeeded. (The last issue was educational and informative, but lacked photos and art, as I felt it to be somewhat bland.)

I guess by now you are aware of my feelings as editor and as a NWTF member. I've come to think of TT as my "baby" and to possibly see it fold after all my time and effort does hurt some. It seems anytime money talk comes up, most everyone immediately turns to cutting back the only form of member communication the state chapter has and that is TT. Well, I've expressed my thoughts but I certainly hope no decisions are made until the January meeting which I hope to attend.

Dan Sullivan and Larry expressed a need for more information and material from our local chapters for publication. As mentioned by James Earl, The Caller will only be as good as we make it. Bottom Line: We need material to get our share of the available print-space - you can't blow your horn without the music. Therefore, guidelines and deadline dates for The Caller will again be recorded in the Minutes and are as follows:

1.) News about people, chapters, banquets, wild turkey projects, habitat gains or losses, and anything else that has happened or will happen before the next newsletter is due to be out. All news is welcomed, and particularly news about what our members, chapters, and agencies are doing for the wild turkey. Please send typewritten, double-spaced material or legible longhand that we can type or put into the computer.

2.) Photos always help tell the story. Please shoot black and white for The Caller. Glossy 5x7s or 8x10s are preferred, but send snapshots too if they are sharp. Fuzzy, washed-out photos can't be used. If you have nothing else, send color photos. Some will reproduce as black and white, but most small color snapshots are not up to minimum reproduction standards for offset printing. Don't send negatives or slides. Always identify the people and/or activity in the photos (who? what? when? where? why? how?).

3.) Art illustrations (pen and ink or pencil) may be usable in telling a story.

4.) Any photos or art to be returned needs to have the owner's name and address on each piece.

1990 Deadlines for The Caller

Feb. issue	May issue	Aug. issue	Nov. issue
12/1/89	2/15/90	5/15/90	8/15/90

Please adhere to these deadlines as close as possible. Mail all material to: Mr. Larry Smail, 481 Butler Road, Kittanning, PA 16201.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - Skip Sanderson asked that a couple people join him on the Promotional Items Committee. Skip indicated that he would need some input from other individuals on quantity and types of items to purchase.

Inventory: Skip reported that we have an adequate stock of hats, patches, and license plates, but we need to order more decals. It was suggested that Skip should order 1000 decals which would represent the best price/per decal.

Convention Coffee Mugs: Skip mentioned he was taking bids on convention mugs. As reported, the cost of ordering 72 mugs would be \$5.00/per mug. As noted, it would be hard to sell all the mugs at the convention if we had to charge more than \$5.00/per mug. Therefore, Skip suggested we purchase an additional 72 mugs and have the PA Chapter logo printed on the mugs for sell as promotional items at other events. It was thought that the price breakdown might be enough to make the convention mugs profitable at \$5.00/per mug rather than a break even transaction. Along those lines, a motion giving Skip Board approval to work out the details of purchasing convention mugs and PA Chapter logo mugs in order to keep the sale price at \$5.00/per mug was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Crist Newcomer. Motion Carried.

Chapter Pin: Skip informed the Board that he was investigating the possibility of having lapel pins made at approximately \$2.00/per pin. Skip was looking at a porcelain enameled pin about one-inch in size with a strutting gobbler on a map of Pennsylvania. It was suggested that Skip should try to get a prototype made of the pin for the Board to consider.

Wall Banner, Flag, and Podium Banner: Skip has looked into getting a PA Chapter flag, wall banner, and podium banner made. The wall banner would be 3x5 feet and made of nylon and/or vinyl material. As suggested, the vinyl would be suitable for outside display and the nylon could be used at conventions, state chapter displays, etc. The flag would be 2x3½ feet and made of standard flag material. The podium banner would be similar to the flag, but displayed in a vericle position. Skip reported he was still working on estimates but believed he could get two of each type made for less than \$200.00. Along those lines, a motion giving Skip Board approval to have the banners and flags made, providing the cost does not exceed \$250.00, was made by Skip Sanderson, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.

Gratuitous Offer: Lou Mamone said he would have to check with his members, but he felt that the Roger Latham Memorial L.C., would be willing to pay the costs of purchasing banners and flags for the Pennsylvania Chapter.

In concluding his report, Skip asked if anyone was interested in getting staff shirts with the PA Chapter logo printed on them. Skip said if he had an order for 24-shirts the cost would be \$15.00/each. It should be noted that the Board made a decision by general consensus to not purchase ink pens for promotional items.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - No Report.

ART COMMITTEE - Joel Bock reported that he had Conservation Prints available and artist proofs for local chapter fundraising activities. During the brief discussion which followed, a motion to donate a matted and framed Conservation Print ("The Apprentice" by Mark Twain Noe) to the Pennsylvania Game Commission was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Joel Bock. Motion Carried.

Roger Latham L.C. Donation: Once again, Lou Mamone stated that the Roger Latham Memorial L.C., would pay for getting "The Apprentice" matted and framed for donation to the PGC. Don Heckman said he would handle getting the print matted and framed by a company in his area, and would then provide the Roger Latham L.C., with a receipted bill.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No Report. However we are pleased to announce that our good friend with the "silver tongue," Dan Sullivan, has agreed to take on this most important function of our organization.

LEGISLATION - No Report.

1990 CONVENTION - Joel Bock reported he has been working with Earl Hower, and that Earl had put him in touch with members of the Turkey Roost L.C. As reported, the Turkey Roost L.C. had volunteered to donate five-prints to the convention. It was mentioned that members of the Turkey Roost L.C., had agreed to meet on Thursday, January 25, 1990 for the first time in about four-years. It was noted that Ron Sandrus and Joel Bock were planning to attend the meeting in an effort to get the local chapter active again.

Very Important: The Sheraton Penn State has changed ownership and is now called the Days Inn Penn State. All other things concerning our convention at the Days Inn (formerly the Sheraton) remains the same. It is also important to note that available rooms are limited. If you wait to get a room upon arrival, you may be out of luck. However, the Days Inn has agreed to provide rooms at a nearby hotel if their rooms are filled.

Exhibitors: Joel reported that Steve Starner was taking care of the exhibitors and that all available exhibitor spaces had been filled. It was also noted that Steve was putting this information on floppy disk.

Masters: Alan Emlet reported that the Masters Invitational had, to-date, received over \$500.00 in donations from local chapters as follows: Allegheny Mountain - \$200.00; Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers - \$200.00; and Northern Cambria County - \$150.00. Other donations were received from "Turkey Hunter" - \$500.00, and Lancaster Tobacco - \$1000.00.

Alan also stated that raffle ticket stubs and money for the Masters Invitational should be sent to: Mr. Alan Keagy, 412 Sugar Street, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. As noted, anyone planning to attend the convention could bring the ticket stubs and money to the convention. In conclusion, it was reported that Steve Lecorchick had pretty much taken care of getting the judges for the calling contest. In regards to donations received for the Masters, it was reported that if a surplus of funds was realized then those funds would be carried over to next year's contest.

1991 CONVENTION - Ron Sandrus reported he met with representatives of the Genetti Lycoming Hotel. As reported an agreement was reached on five-complimentary rooms to be provided upfront in addition to one-room for every 50 filled. The hotel also agreed to sponsor a continental breakfast for our meeting. It was noted that Ron was still negotiating with the hotel and a contract has not yet been signed.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Dennis Strawbridge reported he had chapter brochures, and reward posters available for distribution, along with letterhead and envelopes.

Certificate of Appreciation: Concerning our need to order certificates prior to the convention, Dennis had gotten a price on the certificates at \$67.00/per 200. President Baldrige passed around a brochure on certificates which were more fancy but priced at over \$2.00/each. Decissional action on which certificate and how many to order was tabled at that time, but was to be brought back to the floor under Old Business.

LOCAL CHAPTER - Ron Sandrus indicated that things have been slow regarding local chapters, as far as end results and organization of new chapters is concerned.

However, Ron reported he had plans to attend a meeting of the Turkey Roost L.C., in the State College area and the Mid-State L.C., in the McVaytown area in an effort to get the two local chapters active again. As reported, Ron had possible leads for new local chapters in the Kane and Cross Forks areas. It was mentioned that Ron had been working on possible leads in these areas for sometime. Ron expressed some hope that organization of our 40th local chapter might possibly be forthcoming. In closing, Ron is still in need of new officer names and addresses for local chapters.

CONSERVANCY - Bill Barron stated that the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy was making a big push to acquire lands in the Westmoreland and Somerset County areas along the Laurel Highlands. As reported, the Conservancy had a big promotional campaign during the past year to get donations to acquire these lands and protect them from development, particularly those lands having endangered plant species.

SUPER FUND/HABITAT - Joe Krug reported he had not received any new habitat proposals since the November 1989 meeting. Joe mentioned that the two projects submitted by the James E. Wilhelm Memorial L.C., (Salmon Creek and Donald Wilson Memorial projects - see November 1989 Minutes pages 6-7) were, as yet, not approved. According to Joe, the only reason the projects haven't been approved is because what they wanted funding for is not in compliance with National Bylaws. However, Joe indicated that he was working with National in an effort to come up with another way to fund the projects.

Seedlings: As reported, an agreement was reached with Musser's Nursery to have the nursery supply seedlings to our local chapters this spring. Joe mentioned that he had asked Rich Weaver to handle the distribution of seedlings to our local chapters. However, since Rich had submitted his resignation to the Board, Joe asked if someone would be willing to undertake the job of distributing seedlings. Along those lines, Joe recommended that any local chapter which receives autumn olive and/or Japanese barberry seedlings should be informed as to what type of an area they need to be planted in. For example, autumn olive has a low survival rate when planted in the woods and, although barberry will withstand some shade, if it is planted under a maple or oak tree with a heavy overhead canopy, it will not produce fruit very well if at all.

Joe made a couple suggestions in regards to picking up the seedlings at Musser's Nursery or paying the shipping cost for delivery. However, Ron Brenneman felt that shipping costs were included in the price of the seedlings. Ron also indicated that he needs to know where to ship the seedlings on or before March 1, 1990. During the discussion on seedlings, Joel Bock volunteered to undertake the responsibility of distributing seedlings to our local chapters.

In concluding his report, Joe requested that he go on record as being opposed to the \$30,000.00 land purchase of 715 additional acres for State Game Lands No. 25 in the Ridgeway area. Joe indicated that Jerry Wunz also wished to go on record as being opposed to the land purchase.

SUPER FUND/LAND - Howard Meyers reported on the "Scratch for Turkeys" article in the January issue of Field & Stream. As reported, the article was about our MOU signing with the PGC, and the purchase of additional acreage for State Game Lands No. 51 in the Uniontown area. Howard mentioned that the PGC had made a bronze sign for placement on the game lands. A tour of the game lands and formal dedication will take place sometime this spring, according to Howard.

Game Lands No. 25 - As reported, a committee decision was made at the November 1989 meeting to table the purchase of additional acreage until more information was available. Howard was asked to get information from National

regarding criteria for land purchase considerations, and information from the PGC in regards to the type and status of timber on the land being considered. After this information was forwarded to Howard, the land acquisition proposal was resubmitted and approved by majority vote of the Super Fund Committee, which is comprised of Howard Meyers, Joe Krug, Dan Roessner, Tom Baldrige, and Bill Drake.

PGC Meeting: On January 19, 1990, Howard, Tom Baldrige, Rick Moroney, Ron Brenneman, and Dr. James Earl Kennamer attended a meeting of the PGC in Harrisburg to discuss our future involvement with the PGC as it relates to the Super Fund and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. At the meeting, a Super Fund check for \$30,000.00 was presented to Pete Duncan towards the purchase of 715 additional acres for State Game Lands No. 25 in the Ridgeway area.

Land Proposal: On behalf of the Schuylkill Longbeards L.C., President John Szeferksi submitted a land acquisition proposal for \$2400.00 from the Super Fund. It was noted that the Schuylkill Longbeards would donate an additional \$100.00, making it \$2500.00. The proposal called for a \$2500.00 donation to be made to the Wildlands Conservancy to assist in the purchase of the Boyer Estate Preservation Project. As noted, the Boyer Estate contains over 2000 acres bordering State Game Lands No. 80 in Lebanon and Schuylkill counties. Howard mentioned that portions of the Appalachian Trail run through the property and purchase of the Boyer Estate would help to protect the trail. It was reported that the Boyer Estate proposal had been approved by the Super Fund Committee.

Land Purchase Opinion: In regards to the land purchase of additional acreage for State Game Lands No. 25, Tim Holtz stated that, for his own peace of mind, he wanted to voice his opinion concerning the land purchase. Tim referred to a Motion made during the June 1989 meeting as follows: a motion to consult a professional wildlife biologist to look at the property, to determine whether it is suitable habitat for maintaining a wild turkey population, and to make recommendations in accordance with the findings before purchasing the land was made by Joe Krug, seconded by Ken Springer. Motion Carried. (When the motion was approved Gary Tanner, a wildlife biologist, had volunteered to look at land being considered for funding. However, Gary was unable to perform that service as it is not a part of his responsibilities as a NWTN Northeast Regional Director.) As reported, Tim Holtz looked at the land after approval for the purchase had already been made. Tim stated: we didn't get much for our dollar in my opinion. That's just a personal opinion, but I don't see a lot of long range potential for that land. . .no matter how far sighted you are that land isn't going to be anything other than what it is right now - rocky, poor growing site, primarily red maple pole timber with a scattering of oaks at a high elevation.

President Baldrige admitted that we moved in haste for approval of the land purchase and may have been a little premature in doing so. However, he cautioned the group to look at the positive things being done and not dwell on the negative by beating a dead horse - so to speak - on things we have already done. It was stressed that, in the future, we are going to work harder to improve the manner of conducting business and to move forward with a positive approach. In closing remarks, Joe Krug and Tim Holtz cautioned the group to make sure the positive outweighs the negative before the negative crushes the spirit of our members. It was mentioned that everyone should be made aware of business dealings in which mistakes are made - thereby causing the positive to be suppressed by the negative. Howard Meyers stated that Gary Tanner and Jerry Wunz were unable to look at the land. According to Howard, Jerry did, however, contact the land manager who had

said the land was a mature cherry flat. As a result, the committee was concerned that the land would be timbered if it contained mature cherry. However, Howard received information from the PGC stating that the land was timbered ten-years ago and was not mature cherry. The proposal was then resubmitted and approved by majority action.

SUPER FUND/SAFETY - Dan Roessner reported that the "Constant Reminder" holographs and safety brochures were purchased through the Super Fund. It was noted that 25,000 holographs and 12,500 brochures were purchased for \$6250.00. Dan mentioned that Lou Hoffman, editor "Pennsylvania Sportsman," had donated \$10,000.00 for the purchase of 40,000 holographs.

Distribution: The holographs and brochures will be distributed to the public through outdoor sport shows, the NRA Clinic, the National and PA Chapter conventions, and our local chapters. It should be noted that Ron Sandrus was named "Vice President of Marketing and Distribution" - as mentioned the title will have to suffice as we are unable to pay for services rendered. Any requests for information or need for holographs and brochures should be directed to: Mr. Ron Sandrus, 3022 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Important: It is important to note that these holographs and brochures were purchased with Super Fund dollars and are provided to our local chapters and the public at no cost. It must be understood that the holographs and safety brochures are not for sell, but are to be made available to the public as free hand-outs. Any prior magazine ad or references made concerning the sale of the holographs should be disregarded. The holographs are for free. However, donations can be accepted, provided the local chapter plans to use the donation for local chapter safety programs. Safety-related donations cannot be accepted for any other purpose except safety.

Holograph Display: Dan Roessner informed the group that he had checked on getting a display made utilizing a larger holograph for use by our local chapters at sport shows and other events. As reported, the original idea was good, but the cost was prohibitive.

NRA Clinic: Dan reported that the final draft of the NRA Turkey Hunter Safety Manual for certified instructors was complete. He said that registration forms would be mailed to all PA Chapter members and 500 NRA affiliated clubs and organizations. Cost of certification to become a Turkey Hunter Safety Instructor will be \$30.00/per person to help pay for the Instructor's Manuals and other support materials for the clinic. It should be noted that the certification clinic will take place on Sunday, March 18, 1990, following the PA Chapter convention at the Days Inn Penn State in State College, Centre County.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Howard Meyers reported that the Nominating Committee had met Friday evening and the votes were tabulated for election of directors. All directors were elected and will serve on the Board for either three, two, or one-year terms, which was determined by the number of votes received. Elected directors and terms of office to begin at the close of the March 1990 Convention are as follows:

Serving a three-year term are: Tom Baldrige, Joel Bock, Don Heckman, Tim Holtz, Joe Krug, Steve Lecorchick, Howard Meyers, Rick Moroney, Crist Newcomer, Dan Roessner, Ron Sandrus, Larry Smail, and Dan Sullivan.

Serving a two-year term are: Bill Barron, Alan Emlet, Dan Hess, Reed Johnson, Alan Keagy, Dale Miller, Lou Mamone, Dwight "Skip" Sanderson, Carl "Skip" Schaich, Norm Schlosser, Gil Shaffer, Ken Springer, and Dennis Strawbridge.

Serving a one-year term are: Ron Baron, John Bolin, Max Dewing, Arnie Klepenko, Jim Leach, Bob Mogel, Ed Peterson, Steve Starner, John Szeferksi, Tom Szerlik, and Paul Young.

Howard Meyers presented the slate of nominations for officers of the Pennsylvania Chapter, NWTf for 1990 to the Board as follows:

President.....Tom Baldrige  
First Vice President.....Carl "Skip" Schaich  
Second Vice President.....Joel Bock  
Secretary.....Rick Moroney  
Treasurer.....Don Heckman  
Vice Treasurer.....Open  
Membership Secretary.....Crist Newcomer

A motion to drop the Vice Treasurer position from the slate of officers was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Dan Sullivan. Motion Carried.

Having heard the report of the Nominating Committee, Howard asked if there were any further nominations to come from the floor. There being no further nominations, a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of officers as presented was made by Dennis Strawbridge, seconded by Crist Newcomer. Motion Carried.

A question was raised on the floor, concerning directors elected to office and whether they meet the criteria of the Board, such as attendance at a minimum of three Board meetings within a year. It was stated that it is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to identify and recommend qualified members to serve on the Board, according to procedures specified in our Constitution and Bylaws.

COMMUNICATIONS - Rick Moroney read the following communications before the Board:

A letter from Evelyn Wunz, thanking the PA Chapter for the fruit basket and updating the status of Jerry's health.

A letter from Nellie M. Snyder, regarding the untimely death of her husband, Charles "Pete" Snyder. It was noted that Pete was a member of the Dutch Fork Gobblers L.C., serving as their secretary for several years. A monetary donation was also made in memory of Pete to further turkey projects in Pennsylvania.

Two letters of resignation were read, having been submitted by Dan Hess and Terry Hyde. It was also noted that Rich Weaver had submitted a letter of resignation around January 6, 1990 which had not yet been received. (Rich's letter of resignation was received following the January Board meeting.)

Correspondence from the House of Representatives, regarding public hearings on House Bills 1600 and 1601 - bills which would grant total independence to the Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commissions by removing all legislative involvement currently in place.

OLD BUSINESS - Under the first item of Old Business, President Baldrige informed the group of flight arrangements for those planning to attend the National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

Lou Hoffman: President Baldrige suggested that a letter should be drafted by our secretary thanking Lou Hoffman for his donation of \$10,000.00 to the PA Chapter for the purchase of 40,000 safety holographs. Along those lines, a motion to invite Lou Hoffman and his wife to attend the March 1990 PA Chapter convention and banquet as guests of the Chapter was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dan Roessner. Motion Carried.

Hall of Fame: It was reported that our efforts to have a Hall of Fame lapel pin made proved to be too costly to pursue. This having been brought to the attention of the Awards Committee, a recommendation was made to purchase plaques

instead. Therefore, a motion to purchase plaques for all current and past recipients of the Hall of Fame Award was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Max Dewing. Motion Carried. It should be noted that the purchasing costs of plaques for past recipients of the Hall of Fame Award will be billed through our general account, while plaques for 1990 recipients will be billed through the convention account. It was suggested that when names are submitted for awards they should be typed or printed not written out in long hand.

PA Chapter Assets: It was reported that a motion had been made directing our secretary to get a vault in which to keep PA Chapter valuables, such as original artwork, awards, etc. Having checked with local banks, our secretary was unable to get a vault large enough for our needs and/or rent space within the main vault. Therefore, a committee was formed with Dan Roessner serving as chairman, along with Don Heckman and Ron Sandrus. Committee responsibilities will include keeping a record of PA Chapter assets - where they are and who has them. And to develop a system for getting those valuables back when a person passes away or leaves the organization for one reason or another.

Meeting Sites: The Board was looking for someone to take on the task of locating meeting sites of our Board meetings. John Szeferksi stated he would volunteer to take on those responsibilities. It was noted that John Woods of the James E. Wilhelm Memorial L.C., had stated in the past that a camp in his area was available for the Chapter's use

Reward: Howard Meyers reported on a motion which had been tabled at the November 1989 meeting, awaiting further information. A motion to bring the reward proposal back to the floor for discussion was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Skip Sanderson. Motion Carried.

Howard reported that he had been working with Jim Filkosky of the PGC on the wording and legality of our reward proposal. It was noted that the PGC was very excited about the reward proposal and were anxious to do some public relations work on it. It was suggested that the reward should be handled in the same manner as our reward for illegally killing a wild turkey, whereby the PA Chapter would work with the PGC Conservation Officer allowing for confidentiality if needed. Whereas, a motion for the Pennsylvania Chapter to offer a reward of \$1000.00 for information which leads to the apprehension and conviction of any person who, while hunting wild turkey in Pennsylvania, inflicts injury to a human being with firearm or bow and arrow and then flees, or fails to render immediate assistance to the injured person, as required by the Game and Wildlife Code was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

Certificates of Appreciation: After some discussion, a motion to purchase 200 Certificates of Appreciation, those which have been used by the PA Chapter in the past, was made by Dan Roessner, seconded by Gil Shaffer. Motion Carried. It was suggested that the certificates should be sent to Tim Holtz, and the names of those to receive the certificates were to be provided by Joel Bock.

NEW BUSINESS - Special Recognition: After some discussion, a motion to give special recognition to Jerry Wunz, recognizing his service and support of the Pennsylvania Chapter; and special recognition to Frank Piper, recognizing his safety work and support of the Pennsylvania Chapter, not to exceed a cost of \$200.00 was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.

Bear Season: The assembly was informed of dates and places for public hearings regarding changes in the bear season as proposed by the Bureau of Wildlife Management.

Election and Meeting Change: A motion to conduct the election of officers

during the Annual Business Meeting rather than the Annual Membership Meeting and to shedule the Annual Business Meeting to take place before the Annual Membership Meeting was made by Bill Barron, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

Safety Coffee Mug: Ron Sandrus introduced a coffee mug utilizing the "Constant Reminder" safety holograph and possibly our Chapter logo. It was reported that 3000 mugs would cost \$3.55/per mug, while 576 mugs would be \$3.95/per mug. It was suggested that our Promotional Items Committee should look into the possibility of getting safety mugs made. However, it was the general consensus of the Board to have Skip Sanderson work on getting the convention mugs made and to not spend valuable time on the safety mug proposal until after the convention. In regards to the safety mug, some concern was expressed about selling the mugs for profit when safety is the object of consideration.

1981-83 Stamps: In concern for accountable assets and the number of 1981-1982-1983 stamps remaining, a motion to retain a small number of 1981-1983 stamp sets and to shred the remaining stamps as recommended by the Art Committee was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Howard Meyers. Motion Carried. It was suggested that sets of stamps could be used as hand-outs in the convention registration package. As noted, this suggestion would be taken under consideration by the Art Committee along with other means of limiting our stamp inventory.

Proposed Penalty Increase: The Board was informed about information provided by John W. Plowman Jr., Legislative Liaison of the PGC, regarding Senator Albert Belan's draft legislation to amend the Game and Wildlife Code, Section 2522 - Shooting at or causing injury to human beings - by increasing penalties. Much discussion took place on the subject in regard to Chapter recommendations and our official stand on the proposed legislation. A motion to have our secretary draft a letter stating the Board's official stand on Senator Belan's draft legislation to amend the Game and Wildlife Code, Section 2522 with stiffer penalties and revocation periods was made by Don Heckman, seconded by John Szeferiski. Motion Carried.

National Bus Trip: Howard Meyers proposed chartering a bus so that members of the Pennsylvania Chapter could attend the July Regional meeting at National Headquarters in South Carolina. A motion for the Pennsylvania Chapter to pay for the cost of chartering a bus from Pittsburgh to Edgefield, South Carolina in order to attend the 1990 Regional Meeting was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Crist Newcomer. Motion Defeated. It was a general consensus of Board to form a committee to check on the possibility of chartering a bus to Edgefield. Howard Meyers was appointed to serve as chairman of the Bus Trip Committee.

Tim Kimmel: In other business, Tim Kimmel, a research student at Penn State on birds of prey, spoke before the Board and asked for our help in his research of the northern goshawk. A motion giving Board approval to allow Tim Kimmel to work with members of the Turkey Talk Committee, in an effort to notify PA Chapter members of the need for goshawk nesting information, regarding the location of nests was made by Howard Meyers, seconded by Crist Newcomer. Motion Carried.

National Convention: Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of conducting a National Convention in Pennsylvania. It was noted that Skip Sanderson had been working on a possible site in Baltimore. It was suggested that Skip should get more information and to report back to the Board.

Open Discussion: Don Heckman introduced a six-page ascertainment/questionnaire on the Pennsylvania Chapter, in relation to its direction, management and leadership, communications and meetings, public relations, and NWTf direction. Much discussion took place on this subject with some of our members bearing their

hearts in response. It was determined that this type of open discussion format should continue until the air is cleared, and we are able to move forward in a single-minded effort and conduct business in a positive manner for the betterment of our organization and our wild turkey resource.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Roessner, seconded by Gil Shaffer. Motion Carried.

The Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m., on Saturday, January 20, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick".

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Chapter  
National Wild Turkey Federation