



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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**PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER NWTF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 1992
PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO CAMP
CLEARFIELD, PA**

CALL TO ORDER: The November 1992 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Chairman of the Board Baldrige at 8:20 P.M., November 20, 1992. It was noted that a quorum was not present, and until which time that a quorum was present business would be limited to reports.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President Sandrus introduced and welcomed the new NWTF Regional Director Jerry Zimmerman. President Sandrus reported the following activities on behalf of the Chapter since the August Board meeting: August 10, attended public hearing on H.B. 2866 in State College, PA; August 13 & 19, met with PGC in Harrisburg; August 20, met with DER Bureau of Forestry in Harrisburg; August 31, attended Court Hearing for Petition for Review, Harrisburg, PA; September 18 & 19, attended POWA Fall Meeting and Banquet in Carlisle, PA; September 22, met with radio station WVAM, Altoona, PA; September 28, participated in the taping of a turkey hunting safety video by the Republican Caucus of the Game and Fisheries Committee in Harrisburg; September 30, attended Super Fund Banquet in Clearfield; October 1, attended public hearing on H.B. 2866 in Harrisburg; October 6, met with PGC in Harrisburg; October 24, assisted with NRA Turkey Hunting Clinic, Lewistown; October 28 and November 15, attended meetings regarding Keystone Sportsmen for Youth, Altoona; turkey hunting and safety seminars on September 20, November 5 and 10, Blain, Bedford, and Huntingdon respectively.

President Sandrus thanked Don Heckman for providing him with a place to stay during his frequent visits to Harrisburg to conduct Chapter business.

QUORUM: It was noted at this point in the meeting that a quorum was present and the Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

SECRETARY: Minutes from the August Board meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Roessner, second by Enos. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Heckman presented the Balance Sheet and the Operating Statement for the period ending October 31, 1992. The Balance Sheet indicated total assets of \$15,612.12 (checking - \$626.32, savings - \$3,647.50, inventory, fair market value - \$11,338.30) and total liabilities

and equity of \$15,612.12 with liabilities of \$0 and \$15,612.12 of equity. The Operating Statement indicated income of \$18,640.72 for July 31 to October 31, YTD income of \$38,717.83 and expenses of \$19,038.63 for July 31 to October 31, YTD expenses of \$41,215.33. Heckman noted that since October 31 he received a \$7,140 membership rebate check from National and received \$880 in gun raffle receipts. A motion to accept the Treasurer report was made by Enos, second by Beatty. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT: Chairman Baldrige thanked the Pennsylvania and Ohio Camp for providing us with the location for our meeting.

Baldrige reported that he assisted with the NRA Turkey Hunting Clinic conducted in the Southwest Region; attended several Super Fund banquets; assisted with the Mon Yough Chapter Super Fund Banquet; conducted 6 Hunter Trapper Safety Education courses.

NWTF REPORT: NWTF Board member Meyers reported:

- * PA Chapter maintains the top position in membership in the nation
- * Ron Fretts is Chairing a Committee to raise money to pay off the building fund by the 1993 National Convention; will have a mortgage burning ceremony at the convention; will be seeking chapter and corporate support, looking for PA to lead the chapter support
- * Ron Fretts is seeking another 3 year term on the NWTF Board, would like PA support
- * Howard Meyers will not seek another 3 year term after completion of his current term
- * Austin Nichols Co. will sponsor the 1993 Grand National Turkey Calling Contest, providing \$30,000 in funding
- * Sorry to see Steve Miller leave NWTF; urged all to support Jerry Zimmerman as the Regional Director
- * At request of members, NWTF will be using some item other than an art print as a Sponsor member thank you
- * The Super Fund Banquet package price will be reduced \$500 next year
- * Gary West is working with Bass Pro Shop to set up Super Fund 500 package
- * PGC will attempt to trap 100 turkeys for project 2000; turkeys will go to land open to public hunting
- * Turkey Call has gone to Zip + 4
- * Chapter should continue to work to have orange regulations changed
- * Meyers sent letter to PA Chapter Executive Committee regarding alliance of PA sportsmen's organizations which is being proposed by the Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania

Regional Director Jerry Zimmerman addressed the Board, reporting that he has been active with Ducks Unlimited for about 10 years and has good experience with fund raising projects. Zimmerman pledged to work hard for the resource and Pennsylvania. Jerry Zimmerman's address: 1539 Shasta Lane
Macungie, PA 18062
telephone: (215) 395-7467

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Technical Committee member Bill Drake reported:

- * Correction to a statement made at the August meeting, should have stated that 40% of the turkey harvest is in the Spring, 60% in the Fall; based upon PGC Game Take Survey calculations

- * PGC will probably attempt to trap and transfer 100 turkeys for project 2000; the PGC position is that they will trap and transfer birds to be used to establish populations in areas that presently have no turkeys, to supplement efforts of the receiving state to establish populations through trap and transfer, and the birds are placed on land open to public hunting
- * PGC would like to reserve the right to use the Super Fund monies deposited through project 2000 to cover trap and transfer costs and/or land acquisition and habitat improvement, and education

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORT: District Directors Mikolajczyk and Laird reported on their activities.

SUPER FUND COMMITTEE:

HABITAT: Committee Chairman Krug reported that he received many Super Fund project proposals which the Committee will review, some of the projects proposals have come from DER and Dan Devlin; the Chapter will again purchase seedlings for distribution to local chapters in Spring 1993; Brenneman, Miller, and Sandrus met with Dan Devlin of DER Bureau of Forestry in Harrisburg to discuss Super Fund projects on Bureau of Forestry lands, Brenneman was key to putting together.

LAND ACQUISITION: In response to a question from the floor, Chairman Baldrige reported that he has not received any information on the Armstrong County property that was recommended to the Committee. Regarding a possible land acquisition in the Middle Creek area, Baldrige noted that the Committee would consider the proposal if submitted on a green sheet.

SAFETY EDUCATION: Chairman Roessner reported that the Chapter, the PGC, and the NRA conducted an NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic Instructor Workshop in Harrisburg on September 19 with 59 individuals trained, cost to the Chapter was \$2975 and a Super Fund request has been prepared. Roessner also reported that in cooperation with the PGC we held at least one NRA Turkey Hunting Clinic in each region of the state, total expenses to be submitted for Super Fund payment is \$7,971.18.

Roessner noted that according to Jim Filkosky of the PGC there have been 4 reported turkey hunting accidents in Pennsylvania this Fall, as of Nov 19.

Roessner reviewed a request from Carl Brown to the Chapter that Pennsylvania provide funds to help cover the cost of the National Safety Task Force. Brown noted that the cost of materials being produced by the Task Force will be approx. \$12,000. Roessner noted that the Safety Education Committee will review the matter.

A motion to have the Chapter present Rich Bloom with a \$50 check to help defray his expenses to travel to the H.B. 2866 Public Hearing in Monarch, PA was made by Bassinger, and second. Motion passed.

President Sandrus informed the Board that Rep. Curt Bowley, sponsor of H.B. 2866, was not re-elected. Bowley believes there is a good chance the Bill will not have a sponsor in the next Legislative session, thus will not be introduced.

A motion to have the Chapter seek a new insurance carrier was made by Bowman, second by Johnson. Motion passed.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Committee Chairman Sanderson reported that he has some promo items available at the meeting.

Meeting recessed at 11:30 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 P.M. November 21, 1992.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Holtz reported the following correspondence on behalf of the Chapter: sent letter to Governor Casey endorsing Mervin Foltz to fill the PGC Commissioner position in Northwest Pennsylvania; sent a letter to Carl Brown informing NWTF of the Chapter's nomination of Arnie Hayden for the Henry Mosby Award; sent a letter to Shaun Viguerie, Chairman of the Board, NWTF, informing NWTF that the Chapter endorses the nominations of Ron Fretts and Tom Baldrige for the slate of candidates for NWTF Board.

President Sandrus reported that the Chapter had received information for payment of 3 rewards for illegal turkey kills and the rewards will be processed. Sandrus also informed the Board that he received a letter from Michael Tull of Georgia seeking the support of Pennsylvania for Tull's bid for election to the NWTF Board.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: Membership Secretary Bowman reported that mailing labels ordered from NWTF should be requested by Zip Code, not by Chapter code. Bowman reported that as of 11/12/92 the Chapter membership was 7870, which includes Sponsor, JAKES, Life, etc. members.

Regional Director Zimmerman noted that he would follow up on a number of membership issues discussed during committee work on Friday evening.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: First VP Moroney reported his information under various committee reports.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Second VP Krug reported his information under various committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

RAISED TOPO MAP: Sullivan reported that he has map and will see that Convention Committee receives the map prior to the Convention.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP: Holtz reported that he met with Yuriy Bihun, Steve Jones, and Jim Finley on October 16 at Penn State to discuss Forest Stewardship. They would like the Chapter to provide funding to support the Stewardship VIP program. Holtz noted that he would make a proposal to the Super Fund Committee.

LOCAL CHAPTER SYSTEM: Regional Director Zimmerman reported that he will carry forward with the plans initiated by Steve Miller regarding local chapter Presidents meetings.

HABITAT BOOK BY JERRY WUNZ: Krug reported that he mailed request forms to Wunz to begin the process of obtaining Super Funds for the project. Krug has been unable to contact Wunz to follow up on the project, due to Wunz's busy travel schedule.

HUNTER'S HIKE: Chairmen Moroney and Bowman reported that to date the Hike has generated \$6,475, to be deposited in the Chapter account to be forwarded to the Super Fund account. Expenses will be paid (NWTF, guns, administration, etc.) and the

balance is designated for the Safety Task Force. Projected expenses are \$2,100. It was noted that 30 individuals registered for the Hike, to date 9 individuals have submitted money from the Hike. It's possible that there will be additional money come in from the Hike. Moroney and Bowman believe that we should conduct a Hike next year and expect that we can improve on the income through experience gained on the first Hike.

Chairman Baldrige thanked Moroney and Bowman for chairing the Hunter's Hike.

POCKET BAND AID CASE: President Sandrus obtained some information on the item; suggests that the matter be tabled until there is adequate money in the Super Fund.

BULK MAILING ZIP + 4: Meyers reported that National has started to use Zip + 4, which results in a savings of \$1,000 per issue of Turkey Talk. Roessner agreed to inform Sullivan that Sullivan should notify the postmaster that we will begin using Zip + 4.

ART INVENTORY: Art Committee Chairman Johnson reported that the current inventory is 64 Apprentice prints, 235 American Heritage prints, and 626 Double explosion prints.

501(c)3 TAX STATUS: Treasurer Heckman noted that he had completed a request form from NWTF, NWTF hopes to have status in place by 12/31/92. President Sandrus asked RD Zimmerman to follow up with National as to what progress has been in obtaining the new tax status.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT: RD Zimmerman reported that he received all the computer equipment, a desk and chair, a file cabinet, and an answering machine. Zimmerman noted that his needs could be better met with a FAX machine. Bowman noted that he would look into software to utilize the PC as a FAX machine. A motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$400 to purchase a FAX machine or computer software for PC conversion to FAX, was made by Moroney, second by Strawbridge. Motion passed. Zimmerman will work with Bowman to determine best buy.

GUN RAFFLE: Committee Chairman Strawbride informed the Board that 870 tickets were sold for total receipts of \$17,400. It was noted that 3 unsold tickets were winning numbers, so the Chapter retains ownership of 3 guns.

Regarding the 1993 raffle, discussion was held as to whether we should solicit bids for the guns. It was noted that Bob's Army - Navy provided a number of services to the Chapter gun raffle besides having the lowest bids in years that bids were solicited. The concensus was that we are very pleased with the service provided by Bob's Army-Navy; no concensus was reached regarding the matter of soliciting bids from other dealers.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Moroney reported that he had not had time to research the matter of the Art Committee's status as a standing committee. Moroney will research the matter and report to the Board at the January meeting.

HENRY MOSBY AWARD: Moroney reported that he contacted Arnie Hayden regarding Hayden's nomination for the award. Moroney notified Hayden of the information that Hayden needed to send to NWTF for consideration for the Award.

PORTFOLIO: Committee Chairman Moroney reported that he compiled the Portfolio and it was delivered to NWTF prior to the deadline. Moroney noted that as a follow up to a recent recommendation that minutes be recorded for all meetings (Executive Committee, PGC, etc) he suggests that the Chapter consider designating an individual to act in that capacity for each meeting or event. Moroney noted that such recorded information would be extremely beneficial in compiling the portfolio.

LOCAL CHAPTER START-UP MONEY: Treasurer Heckman reported that he believes the chapter may be due up to \$1,200 as returns of Local Chapter start up money, dating back to July 1991. Moroney noted that by previous Board action the start up money was to be loaned to the local chapters with the understanding that the money would be returned to the State Chapter within the calendar year. President Sandrus asked Regional Director Zimmerman to assist Heckman in looking into the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

INSURANCE POLICY: Moroney and Shaffer volunteered to serve as a Committee to gather information regarding insurance coverage for travel of Chapter Board members to and from Chapter meetings and events. Committee will determine present insurance policy coverages and obtain price quotes from various insurance providers for equal coverage.

KEYSTONE SPORTSMEN FOR YOUTH: President Sandrus noted that the PGC in cooperation with various Sportsmens organizations will be conducting youth field events; Chapter should support the programs. A motion to donate \$250 to the Sportsmen for Youth programs in 1993, in the Southcentral Region, check to be presented to the PGC Southcentral Region, was made by Roessner, second by Szeferksi. Motion passed, two no votes.

BUMPER STICKER: NWTF Director Meyers suggested that the Chapter produce a bumper sticker with a safety message; could be proposed as a Super Fund project.

PA CLEANWAYS: NWTF Director Meyers informed the Board of a group named PA Cleanways; group promotes cleanup of litter along non-state roads (similar to PennDot's adopt a highway program). Meyers suggested that it would be a good program to involve youth.

WEST PENN POWER: NWTF Director Meyers informed the Board that West Penn Power has enrolled 6500 acres in the PGC's Forest Game Co-op. Property could be used for habitat improvement projects.

PA ALLIANCE FOR SPORTSMENS ORGANIZATIONS: NWTF Director Meyers informed the Board of efforts to organize various Pennsylvania sportsmens groups. Meyers suggested that the Chapter invite Charles Bolgiano of the Unified Sportsmen to the next Board meeting so that Bolgiano could further inform the Board of the plans for the alliance.

HUNTER SURVEY: Bowman proposed that a hunter survey be included in the next issue of Turkey Talk; survey will determine Fall turkey hunting succes. Bowman will work with Editor Smail to include the survey.

1994 CONVENTION: Co-Chairman Shaffer informed the Board that he contacted

a hotel in Monroeville as a possible convention site.

BUILDING FUND DONATION: Treasurer Heckman suggested that the Chapter donate \$1500 to the NWTF Building Fund as a thank you to Steve Miller for his service to the organization.

1993 BUDGET: Treasurer Heckman informed the Board that he is preparing the 1993 budget. Heckman requested that Committee Chairmen inform Heckman, prior to the January Board meeting, of their Committee's proposed 1993 budget. In regards to a question from Heckman regarding the proper method to account for fundraising \$, the Board indicated a desire to move all fundraising \$ through the Chapter account, i.e. account for \$ as income and when dispersed consider the \$ expense.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES: Holtz read a written report from Committee Chairman Sullivan, as Sullivan was unable to attend the meeting. Sullivan's report informed the Board that: with the last mailing of Turkey Talk the 3rd class bulk rate increased by 1.9¢, which resulted in an increase of \$142.50 for the entire mailing; our mailing service provider, Graphics 100, will not be requesting an increase in their rates for services provided to the Chapter; total count for last mailing was 7,532 pcs.; Committee account balance stands at \$174.91; hasn't heard from the Convention Committee regarding double mailing of raffle tickets.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: On behalf of Chairman Sullivan, Holtz read a report from Sullivan. Sullivan reported that he has been in contact with representatives of hunting clubs and outdoor related organizations and the vast majority are still opposed to the fluorescent orange regulations.

1993 CONVENTION: Convention Co-Chairmen Beatty and Bowman updated the Board on the 1993 Convention. It was reported that the Committee is planning one Convention mailing. It was also noted that the Committee needs help with the taxidermy contest. Other convention plans are progressing well.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Committee Chairman Strawbridge has supplies at meeting.

NWTF REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Director Zimmerman informed the Board that he is looking forward to working together to accomplish the goals of the organization. Zimmerman asked that banquet committees provide him with their banquet dates ASAP. Zimmerman would like to attend all banquet committee meetings.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Strawbridge, second by Moroney. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy D. Holtz, Secretary



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 7 & 8, 1992
GALLITZIN SPORTSMENS ASSOCIATION
GALLITZIN, PA

The August 1992 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Sandrus at 9:00 P.M. August 7, 1992. President Sandrus noted that a quorum was not present, and until which time that a quorum was present the meeting would be limited to reports.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Second Vice President Krug reported the following activities on behalf of the organization since the June meeting:

- * Worked with the Allegheny Mountain Chapter to spray 400 trees (apple and asiatic crabapple) with insecticides and herbicides.
- * Testified at the House Game and Fisheries Committee Public Hearing held in Johnstown on August 3, 1992.

Krug expressed his concern that the National portfolio system does not give an adequate number of points for habitat improvement projects. President Sandrus suggested that Krug express his concerns in writing to the National Portfolio Committee.

SUPER FUND HABITAT COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Krug reported that the committee has reviewed 3 proposals and has forwarded them to National for funding. The projects are: Allegheny National Forest project; purchase of seedlings for local chapters in 1993; Shenango Valley High School turkey habitat improvement project to plant 3000 seedlings near McConnells Mills State Park.

In regards to the purchase of seedlings for distribution to local chapters in 1993, Krug sought direction from the Board as to whether we should continue to purchase shrubs from Carino's nursery in light of concerns expressed by Board members about Carino's policy of posting land. Krug and Habitat Committee will make the decision as to what action to take.

TREASURER Treasurer Heckman presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for the period ending July 31, 1992. The Balance sheet indicated: **Assets - checking account balance - \$113.04; savings account balance - \$4,604.65; inventory (fair market value) \$11,338.30; Liabilities - \$ 0.00; Fund Equity - \$16,055.99.** The Operating Statement indicated: **Income for**

the period May 11, 1992 to July 31, 1992 - \$1,923.99; year to date income - \$20,077.11; Expenses for the period May 11, 1992 to July 31, 1992 - \$9,911.45; year to date expenses - \$22,176.70. Heckman noted that the \$450 entry that he noted as incorrect in his report at the June Board meeting is included in Chapter Miscellaneous/Banquet Start-up Refund in the report presented for the period ending July 31.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report. President Sandrus suggested that the Convention Chairman be a member of the Finance Committee.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Weaver informed the Board that he has been receiving Committee materials from Dan Sullivan.

LOCAL CHAPTER COMMITTEE: No report.

At this point in the meeting, President Sandrus noted that a quorum was present and the Board could conduct the business to come before it.

TREASURER: Treasurer Heckman distributed copies of the Treasurer report to those Board members who arrived after the initial report to the Board. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Szeferksi, second by Johnson. Motion passed.

SECRETARY: Secretary Holtz reviewed the minutes from the June 1992 Board meeting. The following correction to the minutes was noted: Art Committee report, page 6, it was noted that the 50 Toshcick and Feaser prints were donated and not sold as reported in the minutes. The correction was noted. A motion to accept the Secretary's report as corrected was made by Lecorchick, second by Heckman. Motion passed.

ART COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Johnson reported that the Committee has not taken action on the publication of a new Conservation Print. The Committee will meet on Saturday. Johnson noted that Mack Freidman and Gary Beatty are members of the committee. Larry Smal indicated that he is not a member of the Committee, contrary to the list of committees and members.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Lecorchick reported that due to low response of youths for a Youth weekend, no youth weekend was held. The Committee had received Super Fund monies in anticipation of holding a Youth weekend. The Committee will hold the money and use for a Youth weekend in 1993. Lecorchick reported that he gave a presentation at the Youth weekend conducted by the Roscoe Local Chapter; 68 youths attended the weekend.

PAPER SUPPLIES COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Strawbridge reported that he has obtained new reward posters which incorporate the two rewards offered by the Chapter into one poster (\$100 for information in an illegal turkey kill, \$1000 for information in a turkey hunting accident).

CONVENTION 1993: Committee Co-Chairman Bowman reported that the Committee is progressing well with plans for the Convention. Bowman had an outline of events.

The Committee is looking for a sponsor for a Sunday breakfast for local chapter Officers. The Committee is also in need of donations for the raffle PA style. Committee Co-Chairman Beatty requested leads for unique items, such as handcrafted items, to use for raffle prizes.

MASTERS CALLING CONTEST COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Lecorchick reported that the Committee is seeking a corporate sponsor for the Masters Contest.

GUN RAFFLE: Committee Chairman Strawbridge reported that he has had \$300 in ticket money returned to him. President Sandrus noted that some money had been turned into Treasurer Heckman earlier in the evening.

MEETING SITE COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Szeferksi reported that the November meeting will be held November 13 & 14 in Bradford County and the January meeting will be January 8 & 9, 1993 at Skip Sanderson's Third Heaven Camp.

POWA: President Sandrus reported that he will attend the POWA meeting to be held September 18 & 19 in Carlisle, PA.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: No report.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 for Committee work.

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 A.M., August 8, 1992.

PRESIDENT: President Sandrus reported the following activities on behalf of the Chapter since the June meeting:

- * Attended banquet on June 8, Pennsylvania Sportsmen For The Disabled
- * Attended the Sherman Valley Chapter Super Fund Membership banquet, in Perry County on June 11
- * June 22, attended meeting in Harrisburg, PGC and PA Chapter
- * June 23, attended meeting with Rep. Curt Bowley in Harrisburg
- * Attended NWTF Regional meeting, July 24, 25, & 26, at Wye Island, MD
- * August 3, attended PA Chapter Safety Committee and PGC meeting
- * August 3, attended meeting at Mosquito Creek Sportsmen Club
- * August 5, met with attorney Edward Bilik in Greensburg, PA

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: First Vice President Moroney informed the Board that Local Chapter #1 nominated Ron Fretts as a candidate for the NWTF Board and the Mon Yough Boss Gobblers Chapter nominated Tom Baldrige as a candidate for the NWTF Board. A motion to have the Chapter Secretary send a letter endorsing Fretts and Baldrige as candidates for the NWTF Board was made by Moroney, second by Lecorchick. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Membership Secretary Bowman asked the Board what information it desired to receive from the Membership Secretary at the Board meeting. Bowman informed the Board that he has set up a Chapter data base on his PC and he can generate mailing labels which he can provide to local chapters.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Chairman Baldrige reported that he had taught several hunter safety education courses since the June meeting. Other activities to be reported as part of various committee reports.

NWTF: NWTF Board member Howard Meyers provided the Board with the following information:

- * Meyers delivered the picnic table and pole swing to NWTF headquarters at the time he attended the July Board meeting
- * 1994 NWTF convention will not be in Pennsylvania, will be in Memphis TN; other convention sites - 1993 Louisville KY, 1995 Nashville TN, 1996 Atlanta
- * 1998 will be 25th anniversary of NWTF; first NWTF convention was in Hershey PA, should begin thinking about seeking to have 25th anniversary convention in Hershey PA
- * Dave Case has provided a report from the Safety Task Force
- * NWTF planning to hire 3 additional RDs this year
- * NWTF action plan indicates desire to have an information and education staff member by year 2000
- * Prior to July Board meeting NWTF had not taken formal action to oppose mandatory fluorescent orange and support mandatory education; Meyers made a motion at the July meeting for NWTF to oppose mandatory fluorescent orange, the motion passed
- * Meyers will forward minutes of NWTF Board meeting to Pennsylvania Chapter officers
- * Meyers donated an art print to the State Chapter and requested that it be the first print offered at the 1993 State convention art auction with the money from the print to be contributed to the NWTF building fund
- * Wisconsin Chapter is experiencing rapid growth; have nearly 7000 members; 2/3 of all turkey hunters are NWTF members

On behalf of Regional Director Steve Miller, who was unable to attend the meeting, President Sandrus reported that there is a **new green Super Fund withdrawal form; must use the new form to request monies from the Super Fund.** Sandrus also informed the Board of information distributed by Dr. Kennamer regarding Federal appropriations which, as proposed, will have a negative impact on U.S. Forest Service timber management which in turn will reduce the amount of turkey habitat improvement work which the U.S. Forest Service will be able to undertake; need to write to U.S. lawmakers and urge them to revise the appropriations to levels which will enable the U.S. Forest Service to properly manage our Federal forests.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board was informed of the following correspondence received on behalf of the Chapter:

- * Letter from Carl Brown thanking the Chapter for the recent \$600 donation to the National Building Fund
- * Letter from Steve Miller thanking Chapter members for help following a toronado which damaged the Miller home
- * Letter from Alex Zidock, Jr., President elect of POWA, thanking President Sandrus for his support of POWA
- * Letter from Debbie Smucker regarding the Pittsburgh Convention Center which was not selected as the 1994 NWTF Convention site
- * Letter from Rob Keck thanking the Chapter for the picnic table and swing which were delivered to Edgefield by Howard Meyers and Lionel Perry
- * Letter from Mervin Foltz soliciting the support of the Chapter in his attempt to be appointed to the PGC to complete the term of the late Roger Wolz

Following discussion about the Chapter's support of an individual for appointment to the PGC, **a motion was made by Johnson that the Chapter endorse Mervin Foltz for the**

vacancy on the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Second by Beatty. Motion passed. One no vote, Moroney. The Chapter Secretary will draft a letter stating the endorsement of Mervin Foltz, letter will be addressed to Governor Casey and will be sent to Foltz to include in his portfolio.

TURKEY TALK: Committee Chairman Smail asked that news items for inclusion in Turkey Talk and The Caller be sent to him. News about people, chapters, banquets, wild turkey projects, habitat gains and losses, etc. Send material to Smail in form of typed double-spaced or legible longhand written material, black and white glossy photos, and art.

Smail reported the The Caller deadlines are: Fall issue, 9/8/92; Winter issue, 12/8/92; Spring issue, 3/8/93; Summer issue, 6/8/93.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Baldrige reported that he received no nominations for the Board. The Committee will handle nominations through present Board members.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: The Chapter Secretary reported that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends that the Bylaws be amended to include:

Article III COMMITTEES, Section 2 - Standing Committees

...the following standing committees:

(a) Finance (b) Nominating (c) Awards (d) Constitution and Bylaws (e) Super Fund (f) Legislative (g) Local Chapters (h) Portfolio (i) Publications (j) Public Relations

AMENDED TO INCLUDE the following: (k) Communications Services Committee

Subsection 11 - Communications Services Committee

The Communications Services Committee shall consist of two (2) or more members appointed by the Chapter President, and shall be responsible for working with various Committee Chairmen, as needed, to send information, notices, etc. to the Chapter membership. The Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the Chapter's bulk mailing permit.

A motion to Amend the Chapter Bylaws to include the Communications Services Committee was made by Bowman, second by Strawbridge. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the status of the Art Committee, which presently is not listed as a standing committee. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will research to determine if formal action to amend the Bylaws to include the Art Committee as a standing committee was ever taken. Committee to report to the Board at the November meeting.

Committee Chairman Moroney reported on information he received from NWTF regarding 501(c)-3 tax status. Question was raised as to status of State and Local Chapters. Heckman will follow up on matter. When implemented, Chapter Bylaws will need to be amended.

SUPER FUND LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE: No report.

NWTF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: NWTF Technical Committee member Bill Drake reported the following:

- * PA harvest data indicates that the resource is doing well
- * Estimated hunter success rates in PA, 10% fall, 15% spring
- * Reporting rate for successful PA hunters, 38% fall, 12% spring
- * High harvests are result of fully occupied range (result of trap and transfer) and mild winters
- * Now harvesting more turkeys in spring than fall in PA
- * Data indicates that hunter participation is declining in fall and spring
- * PGC management philosophy is conservative in regards to harvest levels, believe that overharvest is possible
- * Brood sightings for this year appear to be good, will be several more weeks before all data is collected
- * SGL 30 study area, fence is being retrieved, shrubs are doing well

In response to questions from the floor, Drake provided the following insights:

- * What can be done to increase the carrying capacity? Time and money, lots of it. Drake recommends that energies be directed towards improving winter habitat, especially in the Northcentral Region; a bad winter will reduce population
- * Has PGC identified areas that most need improvement? PGC has identified SGLs to target for wildlife habitat improvement. Local chapters should contact local Land Managers if there is specific area would like to see work done or wish to do some work
- * Any work or study being done to determine how to best manage broken woodlots? Habitat improvement will not dramatically increase populations, must manage thru harvest management

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Moroney reported that he has received portfolio information from one chapter. **Needs material soon,** must have portfolio to NWTF by November 15.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS COMMITTEE: No report.

GUN RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Have about 190 tickets and money returned.

PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE: President Sandrus suggested that this Committee be asked to serve as a long range planning committee with the assistance of Don Heckman and Steve Miller.

SUPER FUND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Roessner reported the following:

- * Committee met on August 3 with PGC to discuss education, which way to go
- * Committee will cooperate with PGC and NRA to conduct an NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic in each of the 6 regions of PA. Need help and support of NRA certified instructors and Chapter members. Volunteers should contact PGC Region I&E Supervisor. Clinics will be held before end of October.
- * Tentatively planning an NRA Hunter Instructor Workshop for September 19 at the PGC Headquarters in Harrisburg. Roessner recommends that the Chapter pay for fees and lunch for attendees, as part of the \$250M commitment to safety.

President Sandrus noted the importance of obtaining life size, color posters of turkeys to use in the clinics.

OLD BUSINESS

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Roessner reported that the tournament was held August 7 with 85 participants. Projected net proceeds to NWTFF Super Fund - \$1200. Planning to hold a tournament August 6, 1993.

PENNS WOODS BIG BEARD CONTEST: Drawing was held by Chapter on August 8. Winner: Alex Spurlock of Milan Indiana.

H.B. 1129: Heckman reported that the Bill is in the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee. John Plowman, of the PGC, would like the Chapter to send him a letter requesting that the Bill be moved from Committee. **A motion to have the Chapter send such a letter was made by Moroney. Second by Bowman. Motion passed.** Legislative Committee Chairman Weaver will draft and send letter.

SUPER FUND MAP: Heckman has asked Smail to update map and include in January 1993 Turkey Talk.

RAISED TOPO MAP: A motion to update the raised topo map and display the map at the Chapter Convention was made by Moroney. Second by Heckman. Motion passed. Ed Porowski will check with Dan Sullivan regarding the location of the map.

LOCAL CHAPTER SYSTEM: Heckman noted the importance of maintaining good communications with local chapters and discussed some of the problems that need to be addressed, such as keeping up to date officer/address lists. Heckman suggested that a committee be formed to review the matter and make recommendations as to how to improve contact with local chapters. Steve Miller and District Directors should be involved. Moroney stressed the importance of Chapter Board members attending local chapter meetings.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP: Holtz reported that he had contacted Yuriy Bihun at Penn State in regards to the Forest Stewardship Volunteer Initiative Project (VIP). It was noted that the Forest Stewardship Program would like support from the Chapter in the form of volunteers and money. Holtz will arrange for Sandrus, Miller, and Holtz to meet with Yuriy Bihun at Penn State to discuss further the possibility of the Chapter supporting the program.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING MUSEUM: President Sandrus reported that he has received little information on the museum. Sandrus suggests the Chapter take a wait and see position.

LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING: Chairman Baldrige noted that meetings are being planned, meetings will be coordinated through the District Directors.

GUIDELINES FOR CHAPTER DIRECTORS: Moroney made a motion that the Chapter adopt the Guidelines for Pennsylvania Chapter Directors as presented to the Board at the June meeting. Second by Heckman. Motion Passed. NOTE: A copy of the Guidelines will be kept with the Chapter's permanent record of the meeting.

ART COMMITTEE: Don Heckman noted that Mark Twain Nœ took The Apprentice original to the Southeastern Wildlife Expo in hopes of selling the painting. Heckman noted that Nœ was unable to sell the original. Original returned to Reed Johnson.

HISTORY OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WILD TURKEY IN PENNSYLVANIA: Joe Krug reported on discussions he has had with Jerry Wunz regarding Jerry's interest in documenting the history of turkey management in Pennsylvania. Wunz wishes to volunteer his time to author the publication and would like the Chapter to bear the cost of publishing. The book would be property of the Chapter. The Super Fund Committee will submit the project for funding. Bill Drake stressed the importance of having Wunz document his vast knowledge of habitat improvement, much of which has not been previously published.

WUNZ RESEARCH: Don Heckman noted that we previously arranged to have some of Jerry Wunz's research data keyed into a database, the cost of this project funded through the Super Fund. Presently, \$2,000 remains in account for the project. Heckman would like an update as to status of the project, and if project is complete would like Wunz to inform him in writing so that he does not continue to pay anyone for the project. Krug will check with Wunz and Heckman will receive direction.

GALLITZIN SPORTSMENS ASSOCIATION: Chairman Baldrige thanked Joe Krug for arranging the meeting site and for preparing the food for the weekend. Baldrige asked Krug to thank the Gallitzin Sportsmens Association for the use of their facility and noted that the Chapter had a matched set of Toschick and Feaser prints for Krug to present to them as a token of our appreciation.

HUNTERS HIKE: Committee Co-Chairman Bowman reported that, to date, registration has been low. Bowman noted that registrations must be made prior to the hike.

NEW BUSINESS

POCKET BAND AID CASE: President Sandrus informed the Board of a give away that the Pennsylvania Deer Association has in the form of a pocket band aid case which has the Pennsylvania Deer Association logo on it. Sandrus suggested that the Chapter consider a similar item with a hunt safe message on it. Sandrus will gather price information and report to the Board in November.

NWTF SWING AND PICNIC TABLE: As the cost of shipping the swing and picnic table to NWTF would have been approximately \$160, and to save the Chapter money Howard Meyers volunteered to haul the items to Edgefield, a motion to have the Chapter present Howard Meyers with a \$50 check to defray part of the expense incurred by Howard Meyers to deliver the pole swing and picnic table was made by Mikolajczak, second by Bowman. Motion passed.

HUNTERS SHARING THE HARVEST: Bowman made a motion that the Chapter allow its' name and logo to be used with the Hunters Sharing the Harvest program. Second by Strawbridge. Motion passed.

Ted Nugent World Bow Hunters: Eric Bowman reported on contact he had received from the Ted Nugent World Bow Hunters organization. Bowman noted that a good relationship with the organization could be mutually beneficial and would like to maintain a line of communication with the organization. There being no objections from the floor, Chairman Baldrige suggested Bowman use his discretion and maintain communications.

MANDATORY FLOURESCENT ORANGE AND EDUCATION: A motion was made by Bowman that at any public hearing or Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting that addresses the issue of

mandatory fluorescent orange for turkey hunting and/or mandatory turkey hunting safety education, the Chapter have a representative speak officially on behalf of the Chapter and state the position of the Chapter. Second by Weaver. Following discussion on the matter, a motion to table the motion was made by Mikolajczak, second by Roessner. Motion passed.

BULK MAILING: Bowman reported that he attended a Postal Service seminar and learned of the opportunity for the Chapter to save approximately \$1000 per year by using Zip + Four. Howard Meyers noted that NWTF is going to Zip + Four.

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS: Reports were presented by the following Chapters:

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| Chapter #1 | Mason-Dixon |
| Lakeland Longbeards | Susquehanna |
| Allegheny Mountain | Mon-Yough Boss Gobbler |
| Michaux-Yellow Breeches | Schuylkill Longbeards |

PROPOSITION 200: Howard Meyers reported on the Arizona Proposition which will be on the November ballot. Proposition is to eliminate hunting. NWTF has donated \$1000 to oppose the Proposition.

HENRY MOSBY AWARD: A motion to have the Chapter nominate Arnold Hayden for the Henry Mosby Award was made by Moroney, second by Heckman. Motion passed. Moroney will confirm nomination with NWTF and Hayden, and will compile the material to be to NWTF Awards Committee.

ROGER LATHAM SPORTSMAN'S AWARD: Chairman Baldrige asked the Board for any candidates for the Board to submit as the Chapter's nominee for the Roger Latham Sportsman's Award. Lecorchick nominated Tim Holtz, second by Roessner. Bowman nominated Larry Snail, second by Heckman. Krug nominated Reed Johnson, second by Mikolajczyk. By ballot the Chapter elected to nominate Tim Holtz for the award. Nomination to be sent to NWTF Awards Committee by October 31.

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE: Moroney made a motion to have the Chapter notify Bob Mogel that the Board will take at action at the November 1992 meeting to dismiss Mogel from the Board, second by Bowman. Motion passed. Chairman Baldrige will notify Mogel of the Board's intended action at the November meeting.

MEETING DOCUMENTATION: Rich Weaver suggested that the Chapter maintain minutes or a record of all meetings, discussions, etc. that the Chapter is involved in; to include Board meetings, Executive Committee, meetings with agencies such as the Pennsylvania Game Commission. The meeting record should be made available to the Board.

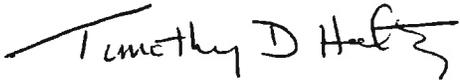
PUBLIC HEARINGS: President Sandrus lead a discussion about H.B. 2866 (repeal mandatory orange and require mandatory education for turkey hunting) and the public hearings which have been scheduled by the House Game and Fisheries Committee to solicit public input on H.B. 2866. After conferring with NWTF and Steve Miller, Sandrus suggests that the Chapter not publically announce opposition to the rifle for turkey hunting. If questioned by lawmakers at a public hearing about the Chapter's position on the rifle, Sandrus suggests that the response be that the Chapter supports a shotgun only season for turkey hunting.

President Sandrus encouraged all Board members to attend and testify at one of the public hearings. Sandrus suggested that members should speak as turkey hunters, not as a Chapter members.

The tabled motion, made by Bowman (refer to Mandatory Flourescent Orange and Education, pages 8 & 9) was brought to the floor for vote. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mikolajczyk, second by Moroney. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy D Holtz" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy D. Holtz, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter NWTF



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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July 15, 1992

To: PA Chapter Board Members, Technical Committee, and Local Chapter Presidents

From: Tim Holtz, Secretary, Pennsylvania Chapter *TH*

Enclosed for your review and reference please find a copy of the minutes of the June 1992 Board of Directors meeting.

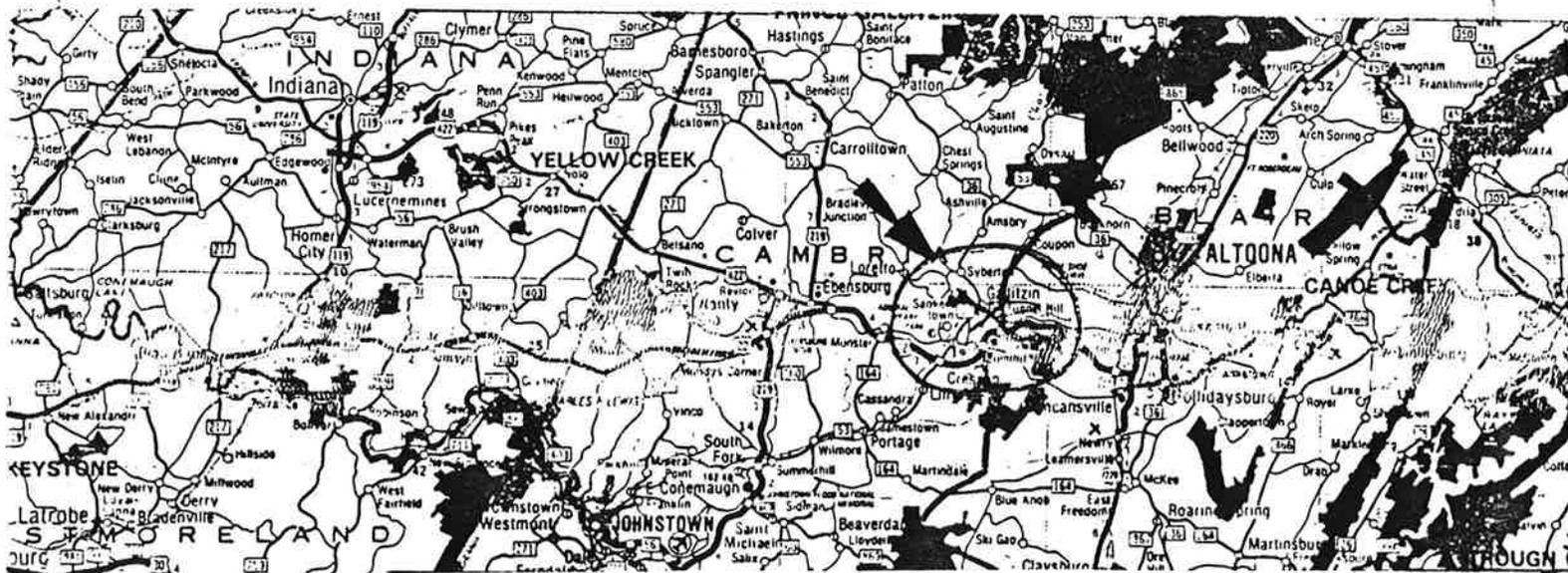
The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors will be held August 7 and 8 at the Gallitzin Sportsmans Club in Gallitzin, Cambria County, PA. A map and directions to the Gallitzin Sportsmans Club is included with this letter. The telephone number at Gallitzin Sportsmans Club is (814) 886-5222.

Chairman of the Board Tom Baldrige has asked me to remind you that local chapters may submit a nomination to the Pennsylvania Chapter Board. Nominations must be in writing and include the signatures of 15 local chapter members. Nominations must be received by Chairman Baldrige by August 1, 1992.

I look forward to seeing you at the August meeting, which will begin at 8:00 P.M. on August 7.

DIRECTIONS TO GALLITZIN SPORTSMANS CLUB

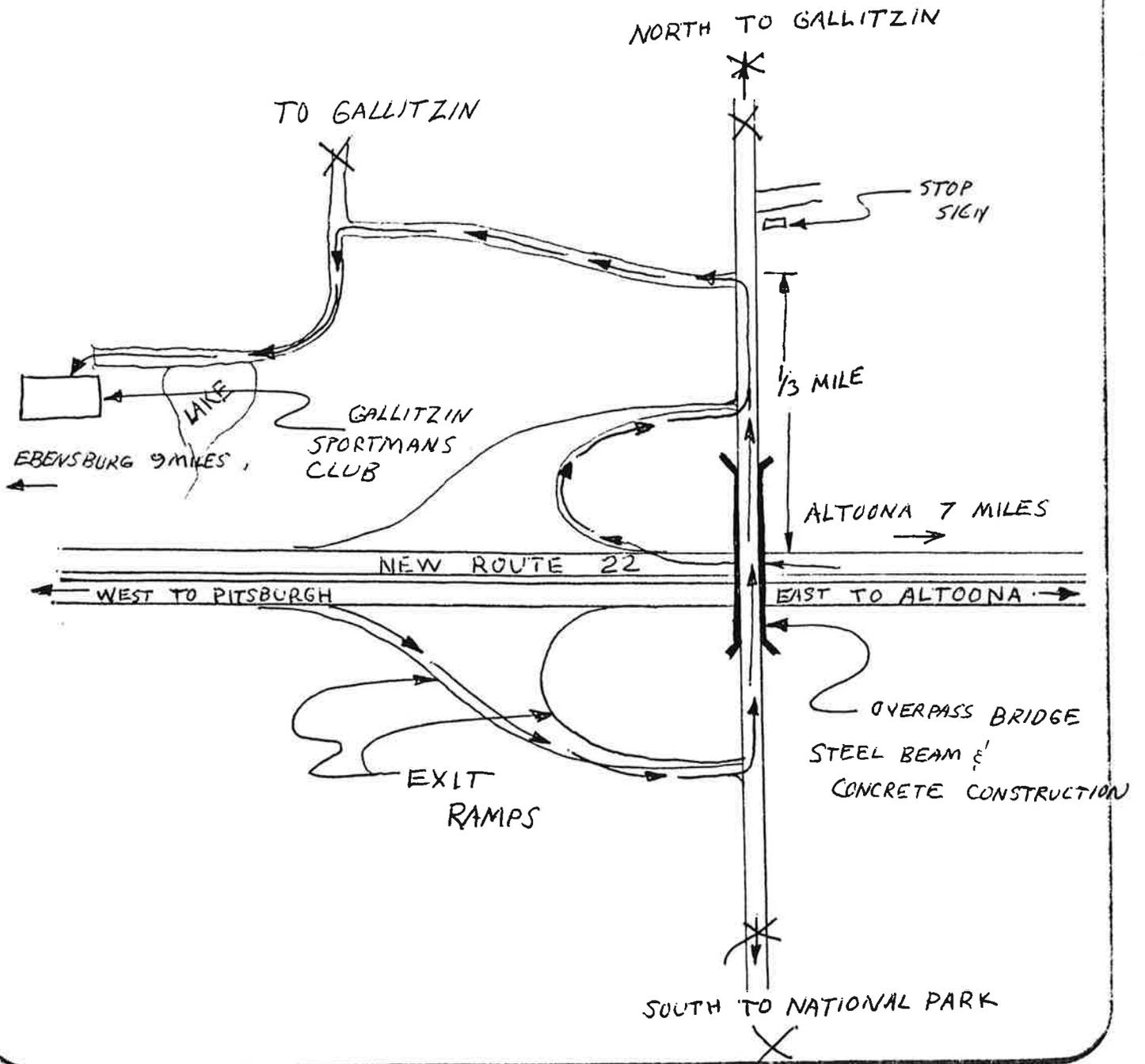
Route 22, Gallitzin exit (approximately 9 miles east of Ebensburg and 7 miles west of Altoona). From exit travel north towards Gallitzin. Approximately 1/3 mile north of RT. 22 turn left just before the stop sign. Proceed until you pass Gallitzin athletic field (will be on left) and turn left on first road past the athletic field. Follow road approx. 1/2 mile, sportsmans club is at end of the road.





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 5 & 6, 1992

LAUREL HILL STATE PARK
SOMERSET, PA

The June 1992 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Chairman of the Board Tom Baldridge at 8:15 P.M., June 5, 1992. It was noted that a quorum was present and the Board could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President Sandrus reported the following activities on behalf of the Chapter since the March meeting/convention: March 19 - Local Chapter in Breezwood; March 26,27 - Turkey Hunting Safety Task Force meeting in Charlotte NC; March 29 - turkey hunting seminar, Bedford, PA; April 6 - T.V. program with Jack Hubley, WGAL TV 8; April 18 - turkey hunting seminar, Bellwood, PA; April 24 - radio interview, Warsaw, Missouri; May 15,16 - POWA meeting, Bedford, PA; May 16 - radio interview with Karl Powers (12 stations); May 21 - public meeting, House Game and Fisheries Committee, Sheffield, PA; May 25, 28 - hunt with Pennsylvania Sportsmen for the Disabled.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Deferred to later in meeting.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Second Vice President Krug reported that he attended the House Game and Fisheries Committee meeting in Sheffield, PA on May 21; attended the Allegheny Mountain Chapter Fund Raising banquet; worked in local chapter nursery, dug and packaged 8525 seedlings; planted 3000 seedlings and 40 apple trees.

President Sandrus reported that at the Allegheny Mountain Chapter Fund Raising banquet the Pennsylvania Game Commission presented a conservation print to Joe Krug for his tireless efforts in habitat improvement.

SECRETARY REPORT: As noted in the correspondence with the meeting notice, the Executive Committee had appointed 3 directors at the March meeting. It was brought to the attention of the Chairman that appointments to the Board require approval of the Board. The Executive Committee recommended that that the Board make appointments to the Board as follows: term expire March 1995 - Boyd Enos and Mike Mikolajczyk; term expire March 1994 - Joe Crilley and Ed Porowski. A motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and appoint the four individuals named to the Board was made by Heckman. Second by Szeferksi. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as presented was made by Shaffer, second by Moroney. Motion passed.

The Secretary reported the following correspondence: received a letter from the Pennsylvania Forestry Association thanking the Chapter for the donation of art to use at their Fund Raising Dinner held in March at Williamsport; sent a letter on behalf of the Chapter to Larry Smail congratulating Larry for receiving the Conservationist of the Year Award from the Armstrong County Sportsmen and Conservation League. President Sandrus reported on two pieces of correspondence he received: letter from Dave Streb thanking the Chapter for inducting him into the Hall of Fame; letter from John Wood thanking the Chapter for the Certificate of Appreciation presented to him at the York Convnetion.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Heckman presented the Balance Sheet and the Operating Statement for the period ending May 11, 1992. The Balance Sheet reported \$8,100.50 in checking, \$4,558.69 in savings, and inventory of \$11, 894.40 (fair market value), total assets of \$24,553.59. Fund equity was reported as \$24,553.59. The Operating Statement reported income for period 2/29/92 thru 5/11/92 of \$17,630.43 and year to date income of \$18,153.12; expenses for period 2/29/92 thru 5/11/92 were reported to be \$8,513.09 and year to date expenses were reported to be \$12,265.25. Heckman noted that the Statement of Income included \$450 for Banquet Rebates when in fact the \$450 was a return to the Chapter of Banquet start-up money. Heckman will check with accountant to determine proper accounting of the return of start up dollars. A motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented was made by Sullivan, second by Shaffer. Motion passed.

Heckman noted that since May 11 the Chapter has incurred expenses of \$1,089.95 which includes \$730 paid to the Accountant for preparation of the Federal 990 Form and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations forms 23 and 100.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: Membership Secretary Bowman reported that he is awaiting some information from National and will have a detailed report at the August meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT: Chairman Baldrige reminded Local Chapters that nominations for Directors should be sent to Baldrige by August 1, 1992, per notice contained in the June meeting notice.

NWTF REPORT: On behalf of NWTF Director Howard Meyers, Tom Baldrige read a letter from Howard in which Howard congratulated Local Chapter #1 and the Laurel Highlands Banquet Committee for attaining Golden Gobbler status; discussed his attendance to the Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting and statements he made on behalf of the Pennsylvania Chapter at the meeting.

Steve Miller reported that he will present various business under Committee Reports and New Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Dale Basinger reported on a 5 day JAKES program he attended at National in May.

Youth Committee Chairman Lecorchick reported on plans for a JAKES weekend to be held the second weekend in July, and another JAKES weekend to be held by the Roscoe Chapter on June 27.

TURKEY TALK COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Smail requested that material for the

Caller be sent to him; habitat projects, sports shows, safety seminars, etc. Smail reported that he has been receiving large amounts of material pertaining to the flourescent orange business.

Meeting recessed for committee work, 10:10 P.M.

(Chairman Baldrige requested that Committee Chairman have a written Committee report to present to the Board at Board meetings)

Meeting reconvened at 9:15 A.M. June 6, 1992.

NWTF REPORT: NWTF Board member Howard Meyers led a discussion on the new turkey hunting regulations requiring the use of flourescent orange. Meyers noted that according to material published in The Pennsylvania Bulletin, the Pennsylvania Game Commission received 6,486 pieces of written correspondence pertaining to turkey hunting during a comment period which ended September 30, 1991, of which the PGC received 1,507 letters opposing mandatory flourescent orange and 706 letters supporting flourescent orange. Letters which contained any comments not relative to flourescent orange were catagorized as addressing other issues such as seasons and bag limits, even if the letter mentioned orange, thus the other 4,273 letters.

HUNTER SAFETY COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Roessner reported the following on behalf of the Hunter Safety Committee:

- * March 30, 1992 - 32 PGC Hunter/Trapper Education instructors became certified NRA Wild Turkey Hunter Clinic instructors at a training course held at the PGC Harrisburg headquarters. The training clinic was taught by Dan Roessner (PA Chapter NWTF), Rick Dunn (NRA), and Cliff Hatch (Hatch Communications).
- * The PGC has notified the PA Chapter NWTF that they are anxious to work closely with the PA Chapter and the NRA in the development of a turkey hunting safety and ethics program to be used statewide.
- * Correspondence from Rick Dunn of the NRA offering the support of the NRA Hunter Services staff in developing a hunter safety clinic program in conjunction with the PA Chapter and the PGC.
- * The latest turkey hunting incident report for the 1992 Spring season indicates that there were 9 accidents statewide, with the possibility that one accident will be dropped since there was no injury sustained. There were no fatalities.
- * The NRA has certified 189 Wild Turkey Hunting Clinic Instructors in the United States, 82 of them are from Pennsylvania.
- * The PGC has revised the written test for the Hunter/Trapper Education course to include 6 additional questions relative to turkey hunting safety. Additionally, the Hunter/Trapper Education course outline is being revised to include the mandatory viewing of the 6 1/2 minute turkey hunting accident as well as discussion of the 10 commandments of defensive turkey hunting.
- * The PA Chapter continues to work with the NWTF Safety Task Force and stands ready to commit Super Fund monies whenever it is warranted.
- * The Committee has discussed the possibility of having an NRA Instructor Certification training clinic in August with the Chapter to bear the cost.
- * The Committee approved the following Super Fund requests which will be forwarded to NWTF: \$1445 for the NRA course held in Harrisburg; 2 projects for the Yellow Breeches Chapter - one for printing of posters the second for NRA Clinic material; \$54.20 for purchase of visual aids to be held by Tom Baldrige for use in hunter safety training; \$400 for the youth weekend.
- * The Committee attended the public hearing held by the House Game and Fisheries Committee in Sheffield on May 21 and provided input at the hearing.
- * The NRA Turkey Hunting Safety brochure is available in batches of 50, order from the NRA Hunter Services Division.

Roessner informed the Board of a lengthy discussion held at the Committee meeting which centered on the interpretation of the intent of the Legislature when the law was passed which mandated fluorescent orange for deer and bear hunting. Based upon research done by the Committee and Steve Miller, the Safety Committee recommends that the Chapter file a lawsuit against the Pennsylvania Game Commission on the grounds that within the bounds of the law for fluorescent orange requirements for big game hunting, as enacted by the Legislature, the PGC did not have the regulatory authority to mandate fluorescent orange for turkey hunting; the Committee has consulted with NWTf on funding for the action and the Committee anticipates that Superfund money will be available for the action. A motion to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee regarding legal action to be taken by the Chapter against the Pennsylvania Game Commission was made by Heckman, Second by Moroney. Motion passed, by unanimous vote.

Roessner noted that the Chapter and the Safety Committee have worked to establish a good working relationship with the PGC, a relationship that would be conducive to implementing a statewide safety program. Roessner emphasized that the impending legal action centers on one issue, and one issue only, upon which we differ with the PGC; the Chapter will continue to work with the PGC to implement a turkey hunter safety program and the Chapter should endeavor to maintain the good working relationship that has existed with the PGC.

Roessner noted that the Safety Committee will continue to work with the House Game and Fisheries Committee regarding legislation addressing turkey hunting safety.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: A motion to have the Board appoint Rich Weaver to the Board, with a term expiring March 1995 was made by Moroney, second by Lecorchick. Motion passed. Weaver was asked to chair the Legislative Committee. Weaver wishes to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss a few matters and will indicate his willingness to serve on the Board and chair the Legislative Committee to the Executive Committee.

Dan Sullivan informed the Board that Norm Schlosser gave all the Legislative Committee materials, including subscriptions, to Sullivan. Sullivan will give material to Rich Weaver. Sullivan noted that some subscriptions are due for renewal. Sullivan noted that H.B. 1129 has been passed by the House and has been sent to the Senate for approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Baldrige noted that local chapters may nominate an individual for the State Chapter Board per Article II, Section 4 of the State Chapter Bylaws. Nominations must be sent to Chairman Baldrige by August 1. (note that Amendments to the Chapter Bylaws require that the nomination sent to the State Chapter Nominating Committee be signed by 15 local chapter members - refer to Constitution and Bylaws Committee report).

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Strawbridge asked for help in preparing a list of the Award recipients at the March Convention. Sandrus has list and will give to Strawbridge.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Moroney reviewed the proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Moroney informed the Board that the Committee recommends that the Board approve the Amendments as presented to the

Board at the November 1992 meeting with the exception being that the maximum number of Board members be set at 30 rather than 24 as originally proposed in the Amendments. Moroney noted that pursuant to the Bylaws of the Chapter, a vote in favor of the Amendments by 3/4 of the entire Board is required in place of 30 days notification of proposed Amendments. A motion to Amend the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws as proposed by the Committee was made by Moroney, second by Beckman. Motion passed, 22 yes votes, 0 no votes. Note: copy of Amendments attached to Minutes.

SUPER FUND COMMITTEE: Chairman Sandrus informed the Board that according to information he received from Ron Breneman of NWTF, 1000 Super Fund projects have been funded across the nation with \$17 million spent, the grant in aid program has spent \$4 million from 1977 to 1991, and Pennsylvania has deposited \$282,000 in the Super Fund account and has spent \$242,000 on 73 projects.

SUPER FUND - HABITAT COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Krug informed the Board that the Committee has reviewed the following projects which have been submitted for Super Fund projects: 2 projects for seeding roads and openings in Bureau of Forestry District 9, submitted by the Susquehanna Local Chapter; a tree fencing project submitted by the Allegheny Mountain Chapter; Wapiti Roost Local Chapter request for barberry seedlings; Sherman Valley Strutters Local Chapter project for seeding logging roads and landings; USDA Forest Service project in Elk County to be done in cooperation with the Wapiti Roost Local Chapter and oil and gas pipeline right of way owners, NWTF asked to provide \$26,700 in funding with the USDA to match funding, project to be started in 1993 and completed in 1995 and is an intensive winter and brood habitat improvement project.

Krug informed the Board of discussions he has had with Jerry Wunz regarding the SGL 30 project. Wunz suggests that the habitat improvement project should be expanded on SGL 30, with additional data collected for the expanded area. Krug noted that NWTF has indicated a willingness to fund the project as a habitat improvement project but does not want to fund the project to the extent necessary for a research project.

As a follow up to previous discussions held by the Board on the proposed gated road study, Krug informed the Board that he contacted Dan Devlin of the Bureau of Forestry regarding the possibility of conducting a gated road study on Bureau of Forestry lands. At the present time the Bureau of Forestry does not have a great interest in being involved in such a project.

SUPERFUND - LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Baldrige informed the Board that the Committee is considering 3 parcels which are for sale. The Committee will be working with conservancies and the PGC on possible purchase of these tracts.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: No report.

LOCAL CHAPTER COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Sandrus informed the Board that the Chapter had held in escrow for three years, \$776 from the Perry County Chapter, the three year period having ended early this year. With the start up of the Sherman Valley Strutters Local Chapter in Perry County Sandrus recommended that the Board present them with a check for \$776, in effect the money held in escrow, though the three year time limit had expired. A motion to provide the Sherman Valley Strutters Local Chapter with a check in amount of \$776 was made by Krug, second by Strawbridge.

Motion passed. Sandrus will present the check at a fundraising banquet on June 12.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Moroney requested that Local Chapters bring portfolio material to the August meeting and if not attending the August meeting mail material to Moroney. Portfolio must be at NWTF by November 15.

ART COMMITTEE: Committee member Mikolajczyk reported that 50 Toschick and Feaser and 1 Noe print were sold.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Sanderson informed the Board that he is ordering more hats. If local chapters need hats please notify Sanderson and he will order.

PAPER SUPPLIES COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Strawbridge informed the Board that we are out of reward posters. Following discussion by the Board it was agreed that the reward posters will be ordered and will be paper posters.

GUN RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Strawbridge reported that gun raffle tickets are being distributed. Assisting in distribution of tickets will be: Fred Knoll in the northeast and southeast areas, Joe Crilley in the northwest and south west areas, Alan Keagy in the southcentral area, and Tim Holtz in the northcentral area. Raffle begins September 1, would like to have ticket stubs and money returned by the August Board meeting.

1992 CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Sanderson reported that the Convention Committee received a great deal of support from the local chapters and the Committee wishes to thank the local chapters for this support. Sanderson suggested that for future convnetions we should: have only 1 mailing; reduce advertising; monitor the couples package, it was abused this year; not have a welcome party; continue the raffle PA style, it was successful; have a banquet area which is seperate from the exhibit/seminar area; have a progressive raffle held statewide whereby a drawing will be held at local fundraising dinners with the winner being eligible for a grand prize drawing to be held at the state convention.

The Convention financial report was presented which reported receipts of \$35,734.94, expenses of \$23,888.87, for a profit of \$11,846.07. The detailed report will be kept with the Chapter record of the June meeting.

1993 CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Committee Co-Chairman Bowman informed the Board that the contract with hotel has been signed; subcommittees are being formed and will meet in the coming months.

1994 CONVENTION: Gil Shaffer informed the Board that he and Rick Moroney are volunteering to chair the 1994 convention.

MEETING SITE COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Szeferksi informed the Board that no site has been set for the August meeting. The Secretary will be notified when a site is picked and the Board will be notified by the Secretary.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: President Sandrus informed the Board that he received trap and transfer data from Bill Drake.

Technical Committee representative Bill Drake reported that per Arnie Hayden recent turkey season harvests have been good, reporting rates for fall kills are up, and reporting rates for spring kills are down. Drake discussed the trap and transfer of 57 turkeys to the state of California. Drake noted that the PGC believes that it

has the responsibility to provide turkeys to states that do not have turkeys, such as California. In the future the PGC may wish to obtain some wildlife species from California, thus the turkeys were sent to California without going through project 2000. Drake apologized for the fact that the Chapter was not informed in advance of the transfer of the 57 turkeys to California.

Regarding the Erie County fall hunt study, Drake informed the Board that it was concluded that there is no difference in the populations between the area open to hunting and the area closed to hunting. However, Drake noted that the weather for the census work was not ideal and the data is limited. Drake noted that the biologists are recommending that the the fall season remain closed in zone 1.

Drake reported that as a result of discussions Steve Miller had with PGC land management personnel it is possible that the PGC will strive to perform more habitat improvement on game lands, working with NWTf monies and/or in cooperation with local chapters. Drake will be involved in the planning of these projects and anticipates having some project proposals for Super Fund funding.

OLD BUSINESS

HUNTERS HIKE: Rick Moroney updated the Board on the Hunters Hike scheduled for September 21-27. The goal of the hike is to net \$50,000 to the Super Fund, with the the money earmarked for hunter safety education programs as outlined in the wild turkey hunting safety task force action plan. Moroney challenged all Board members to participate in the hunters hike. Information on the hike will appear on the back page of the next issue of The Caller.

Eric Bowman informed the Board of the incentives that will be offered to hikers. Hikers under the age of 18 that raise \$5 will receive a JAKES membership. Hikers 18 and over will be eligible for the following based upon total dollars raised: \$20 - NWTf membership, \$250 - choice of Toschick or Feaser print, \$1000 - Mossberg 835 shotgun, \$1500 - Remington 11-87 shotgun. Bowman noted that for incentives of \$250 or more, chapters or groups may pool their money and submit under the chapter or group name and qualify for the prizes.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING MUSEUM: President Sandrus informed the Board that he has been invited to attend a dinner being held by the Museum. Sandrus noted that he expects to gain some further insight into the Museum at this dinner.

PENNS WOODS BIG BEARD CONTEST: President Sandrus reported that the drawing for the contest will be held at the August Board meeting.

CONSERVATION PRINT: Don Heckman provided an update on the Conservation Print, reporting that the Committee met at Reed Johnson's home in March. The Committee wishes to print a 1992 Conservation Print. Letters have been sent to 32 Pennsylvania artists inviting them to participate in an art contest, with judges to select the 1992 Conservation Print from those prints that artists enter in the contest. The Committee projects a gross income of \$21,000 and expenses of \$10,000. Following discussion on the feasibility of publishing a Conservation Print in 1992 the matter was referred back to Committee. The Committee will determine whether to proceed with a print in 1992 and will report back to the Board at the August meeting.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Steve Lecorchick and Dan Roessner updated the Board on the golf tournament to be held at the Donegal Highlands Golf Course on July 31. Local #1

will be the host Chapter. The tournament will be a fundraiser for the Federation.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS: Regional Director Miller reviewed the proposal to have six District Directors to assist Miller with local chapter communications. Three individuals have been appointed: Eric Bowman - Northwest, Mike Mikalajczyk - Northcentral, Bill Barnard - Northeast. The concept was supported by the Board. A motion to reimburse the District Directs for business expenses, consisting primarily of phone calls, postage, meals, and lodging; no travel reimbursement; total 1992 expenditures for the program not to exceed \$2,000. Motion by Roessner, second by Heckman. Motion passed.

MAILING COMMITTEE: Dan Sullivan made a motion that the Mailing Committee be made a standing committee. Second by Heckman. Motion passed. It was noted that an Amendment to the Bylaws is necessary to establish the Mailing Committee. The Secretary will provide the Board with 30 days notice of the proposed Amendment to the Bylaws with action on the Amendment to be taken at the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: President Sandrus informed the Board of information he received from Penn State regarding the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Program. The Chapter has been asked to provide support for the program by way of participation and financial support. Sandrus asked Holtz to contact Penn State to explore the potential for the Chapter to support the program, Holtz to report to the Board.

PGC COMMISSIONER: President Sandrus reported that he was contacted by Robert Gilford who is asking for the support of the Chapter for an appointment as a Commissioner to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING: Regional Director Miller informed the Board that there will be three local chapter presidents meetings held throughout the state. Meetings will involve District Directs, dates to be announced.

GUIDELINES FOR PA CHAPTER DIRECTORS: Rick Moroney distributed copies of guidelines and asked that Board members review the guidelines prior to the August meeting. Guidelines will be brought to the floor for discussion and approval at the August meeting.

There being no futher business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lecorchick, second by Shaffer. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned, 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy D. Holtz
Secretary, Penssylvania Chapter NWT

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE III OFFICERS, Section 1 - TITLES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The officers of the Chapter shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors (who shall be, if available, the immediate past President of the Chapter), a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers, if any, as the Board of Directors may elect when deemed necessary and proper. All officers must be members of the NWTF during their full term of office.

AMENDED TO READ: The officers of the Chapter shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer...

PURPOSE: The Chairman of the Board will become an elected position rather than an appointed position by omitting from the Section the words: (who shall be, if available, the immediate past President of the Chapter),...

ARTICLE III OFFICERS, Section 2 - ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

A President and Vice President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The Secretary, Treasurer, or other officers, if any, shall have no maximum term specified, provided each officer is duly nominated and elected. No one person may hold more than one of these offices at any one time.

AMENDED TO READ: The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President and Vice President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms...

PURPOSE: To limit the Chairman of the Board to two (2) consecutive terms by adding to the Section the words: The Chairman of the Board of Directors.

BYLAWS: ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2 - NUMBER

The Board shall consist of fifteen (15) or more members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors. If it is necessary for the Chairman of the Board to receive an automatic appointment to the Board, as described in ARTICLE II, Section 5 of these Bylaws, the Board will consist of sixteen (16) or more members. Otherwise, the Board will consist of fifteen (15) or more members.

AMENDED TO READ: The Board shall have no fewer than nine (9) nor more than thirty (30) members. Within these parameters, the Board shall determine its own size. After the number of members on the Board has been initially established, any changes in this number can not go into effect until the next term of office.

PURPOSE: To establish the number of Board members by omitting the entire Section and rewording as stated in the Amendment.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3 - QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS

All Directors shall be NWTF members. No salaried employee of the NWTF shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Chapter Board of Directors...

AMENDED TO READ: All Directors must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and must be members of the Chapter and the National Wild Turkey Federation during their entire term of office. No salaried employee of the NWTF...

PURPOSE: To establish a qualification of eighteen (18) years of age for all Directors by omitting from the Section the words: All Directors shall be NWTF members and rewording as stated within the Amendment.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 4 - ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Directors Elected by the General Membership: 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, the name and resume of their candidate, outlining their background, qualifications, and contributions to the Chapter. Announcement of this procedure will be recorded in the March Minutes of each year.

AMENDED TO READ: Directors Elected by the General Membership: On or before August 1, each local chapter may submit, in writing and signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) local chapter members, to the Chapter Nominating Committee...

PURPOSE: To increase the number of required signitures for the nomination of directors by local chapters by omitting from the Section the words: five (5) and adding to the Section the words: fifteen (15).

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 5 - CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The immediate past president of the Chapter shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors and, if he or she is not currently a Director, is automatically appointed a Director for the time period he or she serves as Chairman of the Board. This automatic appointment is not to be counted as one of the Directors selected annually by the Nominating Committee as specified in Article II, Section 4 of these Bylaws. If the immediate past president of the Chapter is not available to become the Chairman of the Board, the Board of Directors shall elect, by a majority vote of the Directors present in person from nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee or by individual Directors, the Chairman of the Board.

AMENDED TO READ: The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected from members of the Board of Directors in the same manner as Chapter Officers and as specified in Article III Officers, Section 2 - Election and Term of Office of the Chapter Constitution.

PURPOSE: To establish an elected position for the Chairman of the Board rather than an appointment of that office by omitting the wording of Section 5 and rewording this Section as stated within the Amendment.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 9 - QUORUM

At any meeting of the Board of Directors in which one-third (1/3) of the total number of Directors then in office is present in person shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business...

AMENDED TO READ: At any meeting of the Board of Directors in which one-half (1/2) of the total number of Directors then in office is present in person shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

PURPOSE: To increase the number of Directors needed to constitute a quorum by omitting from the Section the words: one-third (1/3) and adding to the Section the words: one-half (1/2).

ARTICLE IX LOCAL CHAPTERS, Section 1 - ORGANIZATION

Local Chapters shall be organized by the Chapter's Local Chapters Committee or by the National Wild Turkey Federation. AMENDED TO READ: Local Chapters shall be organized by the NWTf Regional Director. The Chapter will assist the NWTf Regional Director with organization of local chapters when deemed necessary.

July 8, 1992

PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER NWTf COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee CHAIRMAN - DON HECKMAN, Ron Sandrus, Skip Sanderson, Eric Bowman,
Gary Beatty

Nominating Committee CHAIRMAN - TOM BALDRIGE, Ron Sandrus, Dan Roessner, Gil Shaffer,
Dennis Strawbridge

Awards Committee CHAIRMAN - DENNIS STRAWBRIDGE, Don Heckman, Ron Sandrus, John Szeferksi,
Fred Knoll

Constitution and By-Laws CHAIRMAN - RICK MORONEY, Tim Holtz, John Bolan, Joe Crilly

Super Fund Committee CHAIRMAN - RON SANDRUS

Safety Chairman - Dan Roessner, Ron Sandrus, Tom Baldrige, Ron Barron, Don Heckman,
Steve Lecorchick, Dan Sullivan, Boyd Enos

Habitat Chairman - Joe Krug, Bill Drake, Arnie Hayden, Jerry Wunz, Mike Mikolajczyk

Land Acquisition Chairman - Tom Baldrige, Gary Beatty, Ron Fretts, Tim Holtz,
Gil Shaffer, Joe Crilly

Legislative Committee CHAIRMAN - RICHARD WEAVER, Dan Sullivan, Max Dewing, Gary Beatty
~~DON HECKMAN~~

Local Chapters Committee CHAIRMAN - RON SANDRUS, Steve Lecorchick

Portfolio Committee CHAIRMAN - RICK MORONEY, Alan Keagy, Dennis Strawbridge, Dale Basinger

Publications Committee CHAIRMAN - LARRY SMAIL, Dan Sullivan, Don Heckman, Ed Porowski

Public Relations Committee CHAIRMAN - DAN SULLIVAN, Larry Smail, Don Heckman, Richard Weaver

Art Committee CHAIRMAN - REED JOHNSON, Don Heckman, Larry Smail, Mike Mikolajczyk

Communications Services Committee CHAIRMAN - DAN SULLIVAN, Larry Smail, Eric Bowman,
~~Don Heckman~~, Ed Porowski

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

Youth Committee CHAIRMAN - STEVE LECORCHICK, Alan Keagy, Ron Sandrus, Joe Krug, Eric Bowman

Past Presidents Committee CHAIRMAN - TOM BALDRIGE, Howard Meyers, Dan Roessner, Ron Sandrus
Shirley Grenoble, Fred Webster, Bob Clark

Promotional Items Committee CHAIRMAN - SKIP SANDERSON, John Bolan, Boyd Enos

Paper Supplies Committee CHAIRMAN - DENNIS STRAWBRIDGE, Max Dewing, Dale Basinger

Convention Committee CHAIRMEN - ERIC BOWMAN and GARY BEATTY, Members per Chairmen

Masters Calling Contest Committee CHAIRMAN - STEVE LECORCHICK, Members per Chairman

Gun Raffle Committee CHAIRMAN - DENNIS STRAWBRIDGE, Don Heckman, Tim Holtz, Reed Johnson,
Ron Barron, Eric Bowman

Meeting Site Committee CHAIRMAN - JOHN SZEFEFSKI, Alan Keagy, Fred Knoll

POWA Committee CHAIRMAN - RON SANDRUS, John Szeferksi, Richard Weaver



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

May 11, 1992

To: All Officers, Directors, Local Chapter Presidents, Technical Committee and Members of The Loyal Order of Silver Spurs.

Enclosed for your review and reference, please find one copy of the minutes of the March 1992 Annual Business and Election and Annual Membership meetings. Also enclosed is a copy of the 1992 Chapter Operating Budget which was approved at the January Board meeting. I inadvertently left this information out of the minutes for the January meeting. My apologies.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Chapter will be held **June 5 and 6, 1992** at Laurel Hill State Park Camp #5. The meeting will begin at 8:00 P.M. June 5. A map and directions to the meeting site are enclosed.

At an Executive Committee session at the March meeting, the Executive Committee appointed the following individuals to the Board: Joe Crilly and Ed Porowski for a term expiring in March 1994; Mike Mikolajczyk for a term expiring in March 1995. Please join me in welcoming these three individuals along with Fred Knoll who was elected to his first term on the Board.

Attention Local Chapter Presidents, Regarding Director Nominations:

In accordance with PA Chapter Bylaws Article II, Section 4 - Election and term of office, the PA Chapter will accept one nomination from each local chapter to be considered as a Director candidate on the 1993 Ballot. Procedures for the nomination process are as follows: **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, the name and resume of their candidate. The resume should outline the candidate's background, qualifications, and contributions to the Chapter. Nominations should be mailed to: Mr. Tom Baldrige, 13519 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.**

Constitution and Bylaws: Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman Rick Moroney has asked me to inform you that we will take action at the June Board meeting on the proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. These proposed Amendments were presented to the Board at the November 1991 meeting. Please review the proposals prior to the June meeting (copy enclosed for new Directors).

August Meeting Announcement: As of this date the meeting date and site for the August Board meeting has not been set. The announcement will be made at the June Board meeting.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the June meeting. Until then, enjoy the Spring.

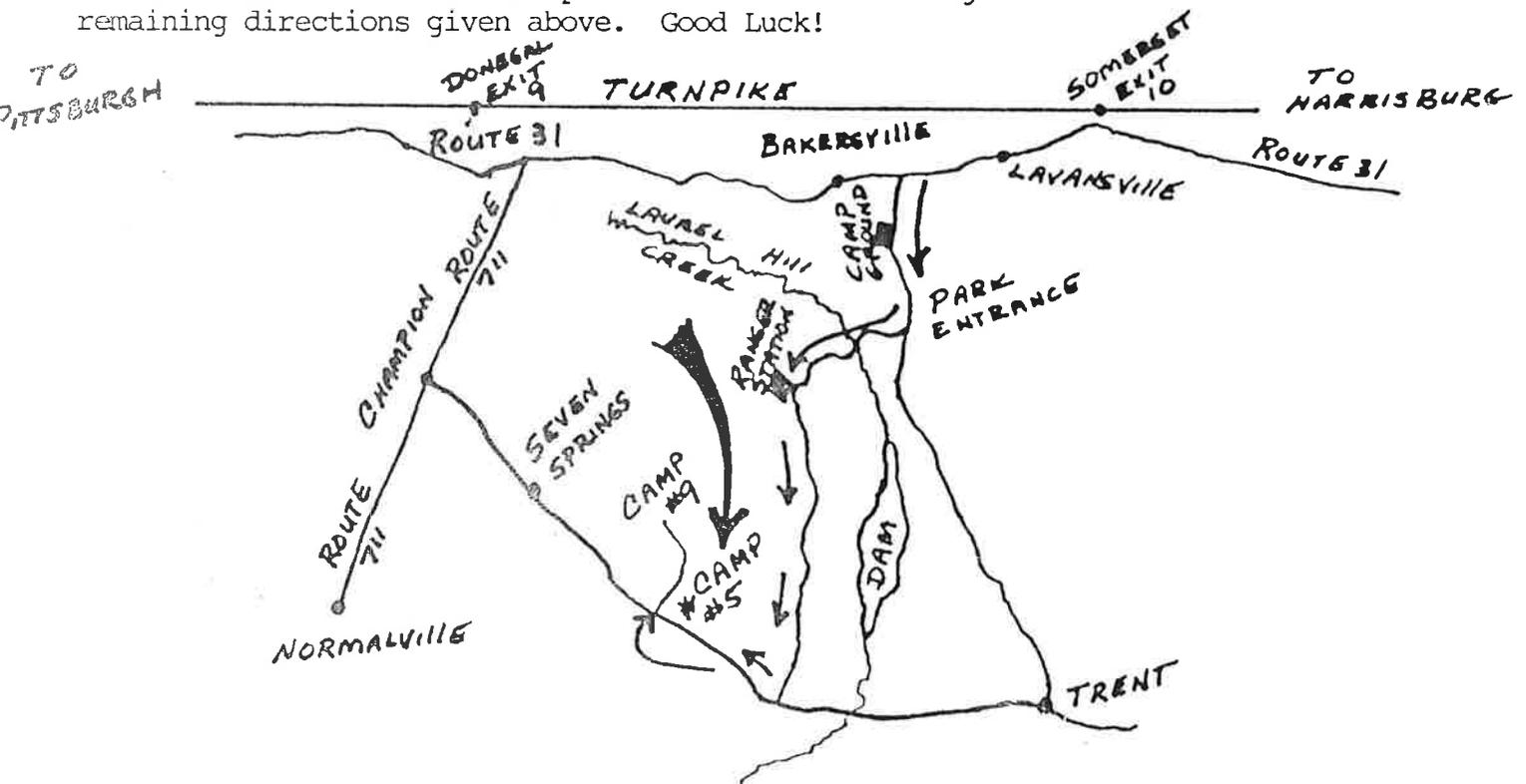


Tim Holtz, Secretary
 Pennsylvania Chapter, NWTF

DIRECTIONS TO OUR JUNE BOARD MEETING AT LAUREL HILL STATE PARK CAMP #5

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 towards Bakersville. Make left hand turn before gas station at the corner of Route 31 and Bakersville. Follow up the hill and make a right turn into Park. Follow remaining directions given above. Good Luck!





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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, NWTF
ANNUAL BUSINESS AND ELECTION MEETING
MARCH 14, 1992
HOLIDAY INN
YORK, PA

The March 1992 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation was **called to order** by Chairman of the Board Tom Baldrige at 7:20 A.M., Saturday March 14, 1992. It was noted that a quorum was present and the Board could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President Sandrus reported his activities since the January Board meeting. Sandrus noted that he had attended the following: Jan. 22 - POWA meeting; Jan. 29 - meeting for Jaffa Sport Show; Feb. 9 & 10 Eastern Outdoor Show in Harrisburg; Feb. 20, 21, 22 - NWTF Convention; Feb. 27 Local Chapter Meeting with Steve Miller in Breezewood PA; Feb. 28, 29 & March 1 Jaffa Sport Show, Altoona PA; March 3 - Allegheny Mountain Local Chapter Meeting. Sandrus also noted that he was preparing for the upcoming meeting of the Safety Task Force to be held March 26 & 27 in Charlotte NC. In April Sandrus will appear on TV with Jack Hubley. In concluding his report Sandrus noted that he had been busy writing many letters and answering phone calls which were related to the fluorescent orange issue.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: First Vice President Moroney was unable to attend the meeting. Moroney provided a written report which the Secretary read before the Board. Moroney's report noted that the Board presently is comprised of 26 Officers and Directors. Of these 26, 11 will be ending their term in March 1993. With elected positions at 1/3 of the total and the need to keep the total number at 30 or less we could be a position or two short if all 11 Directors wish to be re-elected in 1993. Also, there could be other nominations in 1993. Moroney will inform the Board further on this matter at the June 1992 Board meeting.

Moroney's report further noted that he sent a letter to Carl Brown recommending changes in the revised State and Provincial Bylaws put together by NWTF. At the present time Moroney has not heard from Carl Brown regarding the suggested Bylaws changes.

Moroney challenged all to stand behind Ron Sandrus and Steve Miller in a single minded effort for Pennsylvania to regain its' standing as the number one chapter in the Nation.

In closing, Moroney extended congratulations to Larry Smail for having his art on the cover of Turkey Call and to Skip Sanderson and the Convention

Committee for a successful Convention.

SECRETARY REPORT: The Minutes of the January 1992 Board meeting were reviewed and the following correction noted: page 3, **SUPER FUND - SAFETY:...** 1) Dr. Tom Stitt was changed to read Dr. Tom Stich. **Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected was made by Beatty, second by Szeferksi. Motion passed.**

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Heckman presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for the period January 1, 1992 through February 29, 1992. The Balance Sheet reported assets as: checking \$1,421.61; savings \$3,631.71; and inventory at fair market value \$11,894.40; **total assets \$16,947.72.** Liabilities and equity were reported as: fund equity \$16,947.72; **total liabilities and equity \$16,947.72.**

The statement of income reported \$522.69 for the period ending February 29, 1992. The expenses for the period ending February 29, 1992 were reported as \$3,731.25. **Motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented was made by Roessner, second by Sanderson. Motion passed.**

Heckman noted that the Chapter could very well be short of funds in July and August just prior to receipts starting to come in from the gun raffle. Heckman noted that he has submitted a green sheet to the Super Fund asking for reimbursement of 1/2 of the Chapter's 1991 telephone bill, this portion of the bill being related to the flourescent orange/safety issue. Futher, Heckman plans to submit a request for reimbursement from the Super Fund for rewards paid by the Chapter.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT: No report.

NWTF REPORT: NWTF Board member Howard Meyers reported that the NWTF Convention held in Indianapolis was very successful with 12,000 attending. Meyers congratulated Dan Sullivan for having been honored with the Roger M. Latham Sportsmen Service Award. Meyers reported that at the NWTF Convention Local Chapter #1 was honored as the best Local Chapter in the Nation and the Laurel Highlands Committee was honored for having the highest number of memberships sold through a Super Fund Banquet.

Meyers noted that he had information from the NWTF Board meeting held at Indianapolis including the NWTF financial statement. At the NWTF Convention the Board voted to allocate 15% of the Super Fund dollars to help cover the expenses of the Regional Directors.

In closing, Meyers noted the importance of paying off the Building Fund debt.

NWTF Assistant Director of Research and Management Ron Brenneman commended the Chapter for its' work on the safety/flourescent orange issue, noting that the Chapter conducted itself in a very professional manner in dealing with the PGC. Brenneman concluded by urging all to move forward and obey the laws and regulations.

NWTF Regional Director Steve Miller presented his ideas on establishing six District Directors in the State. These positions would be volunteers, one in each of the PGC regions, and will work with the Regional Director on Super Fund Banquets, projects, etc. Miller plans to put this proposal before the Board for approval at the June meeting. Miller asked that the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Committee review this proposal to determine if any changes need to be made to approve the proposal.

Miller noted that these District Directors do not need to be existing State Chapter Board members. Miller would like the Chapter to have individuals in mind for these positions for consideration at the June Board meeting.

Regarding Super Fund projects Miller reported on: a PGC proposal to improve existing openings on State Game Lands, noting that the proposal will be ready for a vote at the June Board meeting; a proposal by the Allegheny National Forest for funding to assist in implementing a major turkey habitat project on the Forest.

To further inform the Board of the Allegheny National Forest proposal, Mary Hosmer of the Forest Staff presented detailed information on the project. Hosmer noted that the U.S. Forest Service has committed \$500,000 for the project, to be spent over the next 5-6 years. An additional \$100,000 has been pledged by industry. The Forest Service would like the NWTF to provide an additional \$400,000 over the next 5-6 years, with \$32,000 needed in 1992. The goal of the project is to increase the turkey population on the Forest from 20,000 to 30,000.

Miller concluded his report with an update on the Hunter's Hike, noting that there will be a back page ad in the May issue of The Caller. It was further noted that a change in the incentive package has been made, with a Remington 1187 being offered for generating \$1,500 rather than the previously reported offer of a Browning for generating \$2,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman Baldrige presented the nominations as made at the January Board meeting, noting that nominations were still open and would be accepted from the floor.

President - Ron Sandrus nominated by Lecorchick. Motion to close nominations for President made by Heckman, second by Sanderson. Motion passed.

First Vice President - Rick Moroney nominated by Heckman. Motion to close nominations for 1st VP made by Heckman, second by Beatty. Motion passed.

Second Vice President - Joe Krug nominated by Moroney. Motion to close nominations for 2nd VP made by Roessner, second by Lecorchick. Motion passed.

Treasurer - Don Heckman nominated by Moroney. Motion to close nominations for Treasurer made by Bowman, second by Strawbridge. Motion passed.

Secretary - Tim Holtz nominated by Strawbridge. Motion to close nominations for Secretary made by Heckman, second by Szeferksi. Motion passed.

Membership Secretary - Eric Bowman nominated by Heckman. Motion to close nominations for Membership Secretary made by Beatty, second by Heckman. Motion passed.

As all positions were unopposed, a motion to elect the slate of Officers as nominated was made by Keagy, second by Sullivan. Motion passed.

Results of the election of Officers: President - Ron Sandrus; 1st VP Rick Moroney; 2nd VP - Joe Krug; Treasurer - Don Heckman; Secretary - Tim Holtz; Membership Secretary - Eric Bowman.

Board Chairman Baldrige reported that the Executive Committee would meet following the Annual Membership meeting to discuss appointments to fill vacancies on the Board.

TURKEY TALK COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Smail was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report which was read by the Secretary. On behalf of Smail and the Committee the Secretary reported that several problems and additions have lead to a delay in the Winter issue of Turkey Talk; the Spring issue will be out prior to Spring gobbler season. In his written report, Smail asked that he be sent information on rewards which the Chapter pays and updates on Super Fund Banquets. Smail's report closed by noting that he is beginning to receive plenty of letters from members that are disgruntled with the flourescent orange regulations.

SUPER FUND: Habitat - Committee Chairman Krug reported that he has received 3 proposals for projects since the January meeting. One of the proposals, involving herbaceous openings, has been approved. The other 2 proposals are still being considered.

Land Acquisition - Committee Chairman Baldrige noted that he received a letter from Larry Smail informing the Committee of a parcel of land for sale in Armstrong County. Baldrige will put the proposal before the Committee.

Safety - Committee Chairman Roessner thanked NWTF for their support on the flourescent orange issue, and thanked the members of the Safety Committee for their time and efforts on the flourescent orange issue. Roessner noted that the Chapter is committed to making turkey hunting a safer sport and believes that education is the means to attain this end.

CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary Holtz informed the Board of the following correspondence:

- * Letters of resignation from Dale Miller, Lou Mamone, and Ed Peterson.
- * Letter from Jack Crouse thanking the Chapter for continuing to send him meeting Minutes, included with the letter was a donation to help defray the cost of sending the Minutes.
- * Certificate of Appreciation from the Disabled Sportsmen of Pennsylvania.
- * Letter from Rich Weaver thanking the Board for supporting the CAMO campaign.

President Sandrus informed the Board of the accidental death of Arnie Hayden's son who was killed in a skiing accident. Don Heckman has sent the Haydens a card on behalf of the Chapter.

Sandrus also reported that he had received further correspondence from the National Hunting and Fishing Museum and Sandrus will be meeting with representatives of the Museum at some future time. Sandrus will keep the Board informed and may be making a recommendation at some future date.

NEW BUSINESS

NWTF Director Meyers expressed his wishes to have the Chapter send a letter to the Pennsylvania Game Commission stating the Chapter's displeasure with the flourescent orange portion of the new turkey hunting regulations.

Lecorchick made a motion that the Safety Committee send a letter to the Pennsylvania Game Commission which states the Chapter's position opposing the flourescent orange regulations. Second by Beatty. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1992 CONVENTION: Convention Co-Chairman Heckman informed the Board of the schedule for the day. Heckman reported that 272 banquet tickets have been sold and the gun raffle has generated \$9,000+ so far.

1993 CONVENTION: A motion to hold the 1993 Convention at the Ramada Inn in West Middlesex, PA the third weekend in March , under the chairmanship of Gary Beatty and Eric Bowman, was made by Beatty, second by Bowman. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shaffer, second by Sullivan. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned, 9:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy D. Holtz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Timothy D. Holtz, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter NWTIF



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**PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 14, 1992
HOLIDAY INN - YORK, PA**

The March 1992 Annual Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Chairman of the Board Tom Baldrige at 9:20 A.M., Saturday, March 14, 1992.

Chairman Baldrige welcomed those members attending the meeting, and apologized for the late start for the meeting.

Chairman Baldrige noted that much of the material for the Annual Meeting was a review of material presented in the preceding Annual Business meeting. As all those members attending the Membership Meeting had attended the preceding Annual Business meeting, Chairman Baldrige questioned the Membership to determine if there were any specific matters which the Membership wished to address.

There being no questions or business from the floor, Chairman Baldrige suggested that, due to the time and the fact that pertinent business was addressed at the Annual Business meeting, the meeting be adjourned so that those members attending could enjoy the many Convention activities. The Membership attending agreed unanimously to adjourn.

Chairman Baldrige thanked all for attending the meeting.

A motion from the floor to adjourn the meeting was made, with second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Holtz, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation



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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER NWTF 1992 OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME:

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| Fund Balance 1991 | \$ 6,000 |
| Chpt Admin | |
| Donations | \$ 100 |
| Interest | \$ 500 |
| Art Committee | \$ 1,000 |
| 1992 Chpt Convention | \$14,000 |
| Promotional Items | \$ 1,000 |
| Gun Raffle | \$18,000 |
| Turkey Talk | \$ 100 |
| Chpt Meetings | \$ 100 |
| State Chpt Banquet Rebates | \$ 1,200 |
| Super Fund Committees | |
| Land Acquisition | \$ 100 |
| Habitat | \$ 100 |
| Hunter Safety/Educ | \$ 1,500 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 500 |
| Chpt Miscellaneous | <u>\$ 1,000</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$45,200 |

EXPENSES:

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Chapter Administration | |
| Telephone | \$ 3,000 |
| Postage | \$ 200 |
| Supplies | \$ 900 |
| Chapter Travel | \$ 1,500 |
| Chpt President Travel | \$ 900 |
| Secretary | \$ 750 |
| Portfolio | \$ 100 |
| Accounting | \$ 1,500 |
| Chapter Meetings | \$ 1,800 |
| Insurance | \$ 250 |
| Legal Fees | \$ 100 |
| Register/Filing Fees | \$ 200 |
| Donations | \$ 1,000 |
| Chapter Promotion | \$ 250 |
| Supporting Membership Fees | \$ 150 |
| Rewards | \$ 500 |
| Service Chgs/Gifts/Awards | \$ 200 |
| L.O.S.S. Banquet | \$ 0 |
| Sub Total, Chpt Admin | \$13,300 |

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| Membership Service | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 600 |
| Computer Service | \$ 300 |
| Sub Total, Memb Service | \$ 900 |
| Local Chapter Development | \$ 800 |
| Promotional Items | |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 50 |
| Inventory Purchas | \$ 1,500 |
| Sales Tax | \$ 50 |
| Sub Total, Promo Items | \$ 1,600 |
| Turkey Talk Publication | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 150 |
| Printing | \$ 7,200 |
| Postage | \$ 3,200 |
| Mailing Service | \$ 1,300 |
| Sub Total, Turkey Talk | \$11,850 |
| Legislative Committee | |
| Operating Expense/Travel | \$ 300 |
| Subscriptions/Dues | \$ 200 |
| Legislative Programs | \$ 50 |
| Sub Total, Legislative | \$ 550 |
| Art Committee | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 500 |
| 1992 Conservation Print | \$ 0 |
| Sub Total, Art Committee | \$ 500 |
| Fund Raising - Gun Raffle | \$10,000 |
| 1993 Chapter Convention | \$ 2,000 |
| Public Relations | \$ 300 |
| Youth Committee | \$ 100 |
| Super Fund Committee | |
| Land Acquisition | \$ 100 |
| Habitat | \$ 100 |
| Hunter Safety/Education | \$ 500 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 100 |
| Sub Total, Super Fund | \$ 800 |
| Chapter Miscellaneous | \$ 500 |
| Fund Balance 1992 | \$ 2,000 |
| Grand Total, Expenses | \$45,200 |



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**PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, NWTF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 10, 11 1992
THIRD HEAVEN CAMP
HONEY GROVE, PA**

The January 1992 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Chairman of the Board Tom Baldrige at 8:55 P.M., Friday January 10, 1992.

Chairman Baldrige welcomed all to Third Heaven Camp. On behalf of the Chapter, Baldrige thanked Skip Sanderson for providing the Third Heaven Camp for the meeting, and thanked Tonya Heckman for typing the meeting agenda. It was noted that a quorum was present.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President Sandrus reported on business he conducted on behalf of the Chapter since the November meeting. Sandrus noted that he attended a meeting with the PGC in Harrisburg on December 10, 1991 (also attending, Steve Miller and Shirley Grenoble). On January 5, 6, and 7 1992 Sandrus attended the PGC Commissioners meeting in Harrisburg. On January 9, 1992 Sandrus along with Shirley Grenoble and WCO Tim Flanigan did a television interview with WJAC / Johnstown; the interview aired on the 6 P.M. and 11 P.M. news on January 9. Also on January 9, Sandrus and Steve Miller held an organizational meeting in Blain PA for a Local Chapter in Perry County. In concluding his report, President Sandrus noted that on behalf of the Chapter he plans to attend and work at several Sports and Outdoor Shows in the first quarter of 1992.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: First Vice President Moroney noted that the bulk of the information he has to report will be given under the Constitution Committee report. In response to a question raised by Moroney a brief discussion was held regarding Local Chapters; what constitutes? how many are there in the State? will we continue to provide start up monies?. The matter will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and Steve Miller.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Second Vice President Joe Krug reported that he has been very active with his Local Chapter, especially with habitat improvement work (planting shrubs). Krug also reported that the PGC has two new Land Managers in his area and he is working to establish a good rapport with these two individuals.

SECRETARY REPORT: The Minutes of the November 1991 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the November 1991 Minutes as presented was made by Steve Lecorchick. Second by Max Dewing. Motion passed.

Secretary Holtz noted that he had a copy of the inventory of Chapter assets at the meeting. During the weekend Holtz will review the list with various individuals to bring the list up to date. Questions were raised by the Floor about the location of the 1990 Chapter Portfolio and the raised topographic map. The Board requests that anyone knowing the whereabouts of the raised topographic map please so inform the Board.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Heckman presented the Chapter Operating Statement and Balance Sheet for period ending December 31, 1991. The Balance Sheet noted \$1,477.18 in the checking account, \$4,575.61 in the savings account, and an inventory (fair market value) of \$11,894.40, **total assets of \$17,947.19.** Fund equity was reported to be \$17,947.19, **total liabilities of \$17,947.19.** Heckman noted that the Chapter does owe approximately \$8.00 in State Sales Tax, and also owes the NWTF approximately \$2,200.00 for the 1991 Chapter Convention, neither of which are listed as Chapter liabilities on the Balance Sheet.

The Operating Statement noted income for the period 10/31/91 to 12/31/91 of \$2,697.73. **Year to date income for period ending 12/31/91 was reported to be \$40,280.64.** Expenses for the period 10/31/91 to 12/31/91 were reported to be \$4,346.71. **Year to date expenses for the period ending 12/31/91 were reported to be \$49,102.60.** For the record it is noted that a complete copy of the Chapter, Balance Sheet and Operating Statement will be kept with the permanent record of this meeting.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Rick Moroney. Second by Gary Beatty. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: Chairman of the Board Baldrige noted that the Membership Secretary position remains vacant and advised that anyone interested in filling this position should make their wishes known to the Executive Committee. Baldrige noted that he had received a letter from Crist Newcomer which included the responsibilities of the Membership Secretary as developed by Don Heckman when Heckman was the Membership Secretary.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Chairman of the Board Baldrige apologized for not attending the recent meetings the Chapter had with the PGC. Baldrige noted that the Chapter was well represented by the capable individuals Sandrus and Heckman.

NWTF Report: As Steve Miller had not yet arrived it was noted that this report would be presented later in the meeting, after the arrival of Miller.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUPERFUND - HABITAT: Committee Chairman Krug provided up to date information on two projects that were discussed previously. 1) The committee purchased 4000 barberry 2-0 seedlings from Musser Nursery at a cost of \$1585, seedlings for the Waipiti Roost Chapter Project. 2) The committee purchased barberry and autumn olive seedlings for the State Chapter to distribute to local chapters requesting shrubs. The purchase consisted of 8000 barberry 2-0 seedlings @ \$395/M and 12,000 autumn olive 2-0 seedlings @ \$225/M. As in the past, Joel Bock will handle the distribution of shrubs. **Local Chapters wishing to obtain shrubs for planting in Spring 1992 should contact Joel Bock.**

Krug reported on one proposal presently before the Committee, submitted by the Michaux - Yellow Breeches Chapter. As proposed the project involves the creation of 3 forest clearings, 2 in Cumberland Co. and 1 in Franklin Co. The estimated cost to the Super Fund is \$7,500. Krug noted that the DER - Bureau of Forestry will fund an additional \$1000 in the form of tractor work .

In concluding his report, Krug provided information to the Board on Tubex planting tubes. Krug suggested that the Chapter consider the merits of ordering a supply of tubes which could be sold at cost to local chapters, noting that there is a price break for buying in large quantities.

SUPER FUND - LAND ACQUISITION: No report.

SUPER FUND - SAFETY: Committee Chairman Roessner was unable to attend the meeting. Committee member Sandrus reported: 1) Dr. Tom Stitt is submitting material to the Wild Turkey Hunting Safety Task Force. Dr. Stitt is also working on a support group program. 2) Pete Duncan, Jim Filkosky and several PGC Commissioners indicated to Sandrus that they look forward to working with NWTF and PA Chapter on turkey hunting safety. 3) Sandrus gave 3 radio and newspaper interviews following the Jan. 7 PGC meeting. 4) H.B. 1129, the Bowley Bill, appears to have the needed support to pass. 5) Next meeting of the Wild Turkey Hunting Safety Task Force is scheduled for March 26 & 27, 1992 in Charlotte, NC.

ART: Committee member Heckman reported that Mark Twain Noe had approached him with an offer to take the "Apprentice" original to the Southeastern Wildlife Expo and offer the painting for sale. Heckman reported that the Southeastern Wildlife Expo will receive 1/3 of the selling price. The Art Committee agreed to allow Noe to take the painting and ask a minimum of \$6000, from which the Chapter would realize \$4000. The Committee also offered 15 "Apprentice" prints to Noe to take to the Expo, 10 of which are for Noe's own use and 5 of which Noe will attempt to sell for the Chapter at \$60 each. Heckman noted that the Committee offered Noe the 10 prints in exchange for remarque work Noe has done for the Chapter.

Board Chairman Baldrige presented a thank you letter from Ed Sherlinski, PGC I&E Supervisor for the Northeast Region. Sherlinski thanked the Chapter for our 1991 donation of a set of Toshchick and Feaser prints which were used for fund raising at the PA Youth Hunter Education Shooting Challenge in conjunction with the Geisinger Miracle Children's Network Telethon.

A motion to donate 2 Toshchick prints, 2 Feaser prints, and 1 Noe print to the 1992 PA Youth Hunter Education Shooting Challenge, c/o Ed Sherlinski, was made by Gary Beatty. Second by John Szeferksi. Motion passed.

A motion to donate 1 set of Toshchick and Feaser prints to the Pennsylvania Forestry Association Fund Raising Dinner, to be held March 14, was made by Don Heckman. Second by Joe Krug. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding options the Chapter has regarding the sale of the originals of "Mountain Music" and "The Apprentice". The merits of raffles and of a sealed bid process were discussed.

NWTF: Regional Director Miller reported on the December 10 meeting with the PGC,

at which 6 PGC officials met with Miller, Sandrus, and Grenoble to discuss turkey hunter education. Miller reported that the PGC discussed the idea of generating a list of turkey hunters by having license issuing agents ask license buyers if they are a turkey hunter. If the buyer indicates that they're a turkey hunter, they will be asked to complete a card (no draft was available for the Dec. 10 meeting) which the PGC will collect to build a list of turkey hunters. The PGC indicated that Fall 1993 is the earliest that this endeavor can begin.

The PGC did indicate that they will produce a turkey hunting safety brochure to distribute by the Fall of 1992, probably to be distributed by license issuing agents.

Miller noted that the offer was extended to the PGC for the NWTF and the Chapter to provide various visual aids to be used by the PGC for turkey hunter safety.

Regarding the January 1992 PGC meeting, Miller noted that prior to the meeting he was asked by NWTF to review the legal aspects of the fluorescent orange regulations which were proposed in October. Concurrently, Ron Fretts was asked to seek out an attorney to represent the Organization. It was noted that an attorney did address the PGC Commissioners meeting on behalf of the Organization.

Miller stated that he believes that as an organization we did everything we could possibly do to address the fluorescent orange issue prior to the vote by the PGC Commissioners. In concluding his report, Miller urged us all to move forward in our quest to have a comprehensive safety training program implemented in the state.

President Sandrus reinforced Miller's thoughts on the organizations efforts in addressing the fluorescent orange issue, noting that NWTF had three staff people at the PGC meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the NWTF safety slide module and whether changes need to be made to the module to reflect the new fluorescent orange regulations. The matter was referred to the Safety Committee for review.

NWTF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Technical Committee representative Bill Drake explained the setting of a two week season in the Northcentral area of the state (zones 3 & 4). Drake noted that the season is being set for two weeks, but the PGC has the option to add a third week to the season based on population surveys. Drake noted that setting seasons in such a manner provides the PGC with the flexibility needed to effectively manage the resource while dealing with a number of population limiting factors, such as severity of Winter, brood production, etc.

Meeting recessed 11:30 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 8:40 A.M. January 11, 1992. Chairman Baldrige noted that a quorum was present and the Board could conduct the business to come before it.

NWTF: Regional Director Miller reported that Howard Meyers had sent information on the proposed Pittsburgh Convention site to Carl Brown.

Miller reported that 1991 Banquets realized the following results in relation to the 1990 banquets: 33% gain in membership; 128% gain in sponsor members; 276% gain in JAKES members.

ART: Committee Chairman Johnson reported that the inventory was the same as that reported at the November meeting.

TURKEY TALK: Committee Chairman Smail was unable to attend the meeting. Smail provided a written report which was presented by Ron Sandrus, as follows: busy with the orange issue recently; next issue will report on the PGC meeting and the new fluorescent orange regulations; expenses for Fall issue were \$1,544.44, for 7400 copies; need material for the "Caller".

On behalf of Committee member Sullivan, who was unable to attend the meeting, Don Heckman reported that Sullivan would like the Board to consider establishing a mailing committee as a standing committee. Concensus of the Board was that the Turkey Talk Committee is doing a fine job in this area and did not wish to establish another standing committee, though the idea would be given just consideration if Sullivan wished to bring the idea before the Board at a future time.

1992 CONVENTION: Convention Chairman Sanderson reported that everything is progressing well for the convention. The next convention mailing will go out on January 24. Sanderson reported that the next meeting of the Convention Committee will be Feb. 2, 1:00 P.M. at the convention site in York. The Committee is seeking support from local chapters in form of raffle prizes and donations.

Sanderson reported that the Committee has reserved a room for Sunday in which to hold an NRA Instructors Clinic. Discussion was held as to whether there will be a clinic. The matter will be referred to Dan Roessner and the Safety Committee.

MASTERS CALLING CONTEST: Committee Chairman Lecorchick reported that the Committee has not solicited support from local chapters, but support is needed and will be appreciated. Lecorchick reported that Steve Miller is continuing his search for a corporate sponsor and Miller reported that he has several possibilities.

1993 CONVENTION: It was noted that no site or Committee has been selected for the 1993 Convention. Gary Beatty reported that he has had discussions with several individuals in Northwest PA about the possibility of hosting the convention in their area. Gary Beatty and Eric Bowman will search for a convention site and will contact local chapters in their area asking their help in hosting the 1993 Convention.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Committee Chairman Strawbridge reported that he has supplies with him at the meeting. Strawbridge reported that he has ordered defensive turkey hunter booklets.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Committee Chairman Sanderson reported that he ordered t-shirts and hats and will have them in time for the convention.

PORTFOLIO: Committee Chairman Moroney reported that he sent the information to NWTF and he has not heard anything from NWTF. Moroney is hopeful that since he has heard nothing, NWTF accepted the material though it was late.

LOCAL CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: President Sandrus reported that he helped Steve Miller form a local chapter in Perry County on January 9, 1992.

In response to a question from the floor, Regional Director Miller explained the affiliation agreement process. Miller reported that once the State Chapter President signs the affiliation agreement, the local chapter will be recognized as a Chapter. Further discussion was held regarding Chapter #'s and zip-code assignments. Miller reported that zip-codes will not be assigned to chapters nor will chapter boundaries be assigned. Miller will maintain a list of chapters and chapter presidents.

Miller reported that at the end of 1991 there were 24 active local chapters in PA. The goal for 1992 is to have 41 local chapters by the end of the year.

Board Chairman Baldrige reported that the Executive Committee suggests that the Chapter no longer donate start up money to local chapters, rather the Chapter would loan money to new local chapters providing the State Treasury had sufficient funds.

Gary Beatty made a motion as follows: The State Chapter will no longer give local chapters \$100 of start up money, effective 1-11-92; Providing sufficient funds are in the Treasury, the State Chapter will offer to loan start up money to new local chapters providing local chapter agrees to repay loan within the calendar year. Second by Rick Moroney. Motion passed, one No Vote - Skip Sanderson.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS: Committee Chairman Moroney informed the Board on proposed changes in the By Laws. Moroney reported that National has up dated the By Laws for State Chapters, the goal being to bring all chapters under the NWTF 501 (c)-3.

Moroney reported that our present By Laws do not address sanctions and requirements to send financial statements to NWTF. The new By Laws address these issues.

Moroney reported that the Board will not be discussing at this meeting the proposed Amendments that were included with the January meeting notice. Moroney asked that all board members **keep their copy of the proposed Amendments and please review prior to the June Board meeting as we will discuss at the June meeting.**

Treasurer Heckman questioned if the Chapter needs to keep the 501 (c)-4 status. The Board asked Heckman to maintain this status until we come under NWTF's 501 (c)3.

LEGISLATIVE: No report. President Sandrus noted that we need an active Chairman for this Committee. Board members were urged to write letters to legislators asking for their yes vote for the Bowley Bill, H.B. 1129, which will come up for a full house vote on or about January 20, 1992.

YOUTH: Chairman Lecorchick reported that the Committee is working on the youth weekend to be held in August.

PAST PRESIDENTS: No report.

GUN RAFFLE: Board Chairman Baldrige reported that the Executive Committee suggests that a Committee of 3 to 5 people be formed to conduct the gun raffle. Dennis Strawbridge volunteered to Chair to Committee.

MEETING SITE: Committee Chairman Szeferksi reported that the June meeting will be the first weekend in June at the Laurel Hill State Park.

Steve Miller suggested that Local Chapter Presidents meetings not be held in conjunction with State Board meetings. Miller noted that Local Chapter Presidents meetings will be held regionally throughout the state.

POWA: Chapter President Sandrus reported that he will represent the Chapter at the Spring POWA Conference which will be held in Bedford PA. Sandrus reminded the Board that the Chapter is a supporting member of POWA. Steve Miller suggested that the Chapter should ask POWA that one of the presentations at the Spring Conference address the media role in turkey hunting safety with Dave Case being the presenter. Sandrus will suggest this to the POWA Board prior to the Spring Conference.

President Sandrus informed the Board of correspondence he had with POWA Officers regarding the inclusion of the POWA insignia on a poster which was printed and distributed by a local chapter. Sandrus noted that the poster, which was a copy of the cover from a Turkey Talk issue addressing the fluorescent orange issue, was a very good idea. However, it was noted that local chapters must be careful to not include insignias, etc. without the permission of the organization (example POWA).

It was noted by the Floor that nowhere on the cover of Turkey Talk does it state that it is the publication of the Chapter. The matter will be referred to the Turkey Talk Committee for review.

CONSERVANCY: No report.

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS: Reports were presented by the following local chapters:

- * Stoney Valley
- * Allegheny Mountain
- * Allegheny Sultans
- * Schuylkill Longbeards
- * Mason-Dixon
- * Susquehanna Valley Sponsor Banquet
- * Endless Mountain
- * Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers
- * Susquehanna
- * Lakelands Longbeards
- * Michaux-Yellow Breeches

NWTF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Jerry Wunz attended the Saturday meeting and provided the Board with his insight on several areas of interest to the organization.

Wunz urged the Chapter to work with the PGC to have the PGC follow through with several projects initiated in past years. Specifically, Wunz believes that work should continue on the following studies: 1) SGL #30 habitat improvement 2) SGL #88 brood cover study 3) Mifflin County clearing study.

Wunz asked for clarification of the November meeting Minutes pertaining to statements made about data used by the PGC upon which to base management decisions. Steve Miller provided the following as clarification, noting that the November statements were directed at two issues: 1) regarding the possible opening of the Fall season in areas of zone #1 Miller wished to be certain that the PGC would make decisions based upon sound scientific data, as has been their history in managing our wildlife; 2) with the PGC's record of basing decisions on scientific data, Miller was questioning how the PGC could consider the proposed fluorescent orange regulations without having scientific data to support such changes.

In concluding his address to the Board, Wunz suggested that the Chapter should consider funding a study to follow up on work conducted by Wunz and Lang on

broadcast seeding of areas prior to logging. Treasurer Heckman reminded the Board that he has money in the savings account that was allocated from the Super Fund as part of a study on habitat improvement to be coordinated by Wunz. The Board gave Wunz approval to use the money in the savings account to follow through with the study and asked that Wunz keep Joe Krug and the Habitat Committee informed of his work on this project.

Meeting recessed for lunch and Executive Committee meeting, 12:00 Noon.

Meeting reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Baldrige announced that the following individuals were elected to the Board, effective March 14, 1992: Reed Johnson, Alan Keagy, Fred Knoll, Dale Miller, Skip Sanderson, Gil Shaffer, and Dennis Strawbridge.

Dale Miller tendered his resignation from the Board, effective March 14, 1992.

Baldrige informed the Board that the Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of Officers for 1992: President - Ron Sandrus, 1st Vice President - Rick Moroney, 2nd Vice President - Joe Krug, Treasurer - Don Heckman, Secretary - Tim Holtz. No recommendation made for Membership Secretary.

Chairman Baldrige announced that nominations for Officers were open. Nominations were made as follows:

President - Ron Sandrus, nominated by Lecorchick
First Vice President - Rick Moroney, nominated by Heckman
Second Vice President - Joe Krug, nominated by Moroney
Treasurer - Don Heckman, nominated by Moroney
Secretary - Tim Holtz, nominated by Strawbridge
Membership Secretary - Eric Bowman, nominated by Heckman

Nominations remain open until the March Board meeting.

NWTF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Committee representative Bill Drake clarified some of the media reports about the changes in the Fall season length in zones 3 & 4. Drake noted that the season length is set at two weeks but the PGC has the option to add a third week if the population is in good shape. Drake believes that the present population in the Northcentral part of the State is good. The new season will give the PGC the flexibility to manage the resource so that populations can be rebuilt following poor brood years and/or bad winters such as those in the late 1970's.

Regarding the possibility of a one week season in all of zone 1 or in expanded areas of zone 1, Drake reported that for the present time there will be no changes in the season in zone 1.

OLD BUSINESS

PICNIC TABLE AND SWING: No report.

PENNS WOODS BIG BEARD CONTEST: No report.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING MUSEUM: No report.

PENNSYLVANIA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION: No report.

PENNSYLVANIA SPORTSMENS COALITION: President Sandrus reported that a meeting has been set by the Coalition for Feb. 29.

REWARDS: Secretary has received information on two rewards. Secretary will get reward check from Heckman and send to recipients.

1992 BUDGET: Treasurer Heckman presented a copy of the proposed budget, noting that he made changes to balance the budget since the November meeting. The proposed budget is comprised of an income of \$45,200 and expenses of \$45,200. The budget was referred to the Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

GUIDELINES FOR DIRECTORS: Don Heckman reported on discussions held by the Executive Committee that a review of the guidelines be conducted. Rick Moroney volunteered to review the Guidelines for Directors and will report to the Board at the March meeting. Steve Miller noted that he has a District Directors Guide which may be a good start for the review.

GUIDELINES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES:

- 1) Board Chairman Baldrige informed the Board that the Executive Committee recommends that the Chapter's mileage reimbursement rate for approved travel be the same as that of NWTF. A motion to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation on travel expenses was made by Lecorchick. Second by Bowman. Motion passed.
- 2) Heckman reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Board review the Guideline for Reimbursement of expenses. The present Guideline provides for reimbursement up to \$50 for expenses incurred as part of routine Chapter business. Following discussion on the matter, it was the consensus of the Board that the guidelines remain the same.

CHAPTER AWARDS: Board Chairman reported that the Executive Committee has instructed the Chapter Treasurer to pay for the award plaques, etc. out of the Chapter general fund. Award costs will not be paid through the Convention account as has been the practice in recent years.

1991 CONVENTION ACCOUNT PAYABLE: Chairman Baldrige noted that the Chapter will pay NWTF the \$2200 due from the 1991 Convention.

"APPRENTICE" ORIGINAL PAINTING: Art Committee member Heckman reported that the Art Committee recommends the following: 1) Allow Mark Twain Noe to take the "Apprentice" original to the Southeastern Wildlife Expo and offer it for sale, 1/3 of selling price payable to the Southeastern Wildlife Expo, minimum selling price \$6000; 2) Chapter donate to Mark Twain Noe 10 "Apprentice" prints for Noe to use as he chooses at the Southeastern Wildlife Expo; 3) Chapter provide Mark Twain Noe with 5 "Apprentice" prints to take to the Southeastern Wildlife Expo for Noe to attempt to sell for the Chapter at \$60 each. A motion to approve the Art Committee's recommendation on the "Apprentice" original, as noted above in its entirety, was made by Heckman. Second by Szeferiski. Motion passed.

"MOUNTAIN MUSIC" ORIGINAL PAINTING: Following brief discussion, the Board asked the Art Committee to put before the Board at the March meeting its' recommendation for the painting.

SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING, MARCH 26 AND 27: A motion to reimburse the Chapter members of the Safety Task Force for expenses to attend the March 26 & 27 meeting in Charolette NC was made by Beatty. Second by Szeferksi. Motion passed.

HUNTERS HIKE: Regional Direactor Miller reported that a proposal for the hike was put together and sent to National for approval. The proposal included advertisement of the hike in two issues of the Caller and use of certain guns to use as incentives. National indicated its' support of proposals.

Miller reported that the goal of the hike will be to put \$50,000 in the Pennsylvania Super Fund, which will require gross receipts of \$150,000.

As proposed, the hike would offer the following incentives to participants who generate the noted dollars: \$250 - choice of a Toschick or Feaser print; \$1000 - Mossberg M835 shotgun; \$2000 - NWTF gun of the year, Browning A-5.

A motion to donate the needed Toschick and Feaser prints to the Hunters Hike Committee to use as incentives was made by Moroney. Second by Szeferksi. Motion passed.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Steve Lechorchick reported that he and Dan Roessner are working on putting together a golf tournament to raise money for the Super Fund.

ART COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Johnson informed the Board of his desire to have 5 Committee members. Gary Beatty volunteered to serve on the Committee as the fifth member.

HUNTERS SHARING THE HARVEST: Eric Bowman informed the Board of this program which is being promoted by Pennsylvanians For Responsible Use Of Animals and suggested that local chapters actively promote the program.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Krug. Second by Strawbridge. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy D. Holtz
Secretary, PA Chapter NWTF