



# PENNSYLVANIA State Chapter

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*Dedicated to the Conservation of the Wild Turkey  
and the Preservation of Our Hunting Heritage*

## **ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS**

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Sam McCartney's Camp near Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Glenn O. Hawbaker office at Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania.

***Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Ramada Inn, State College, PA  
August 1, 2009***

**Director's Present:** T. Bunty, D. Butler, H. Daub, J. Drolet, K. Fernburg, D. Frazier, J. Groff, S. McCartney, S. Motts, J. Nyce, D. O'Brien, J. Panaro, J. Pries, K. Skrapits, H. Shields, J. Straley, D. Zimmerman.

**Director's Absent:** G. Huff, R. Johnson, C. Mathues, S. Richards,

**NWTF Staff Present:** B. Eriksen, P. Ferrare, P. Garvin, R. Smith

**Guests:** G. Beatty, Mary Jo Casalena, R. Fountain, D. Heckman, H. Meyers.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman of the Board, Don O'Brien.

Don welcomed the Board members, called the meeting to order, led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, and ran through the ground rules.

### **Officers' Reports:**

#### **President's Report:**

PA STATE CHAPTER NWTF

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jon D. Pries

August 1, 2009

#### **JUNE** –

6 – Attended PA NWTF Executive Committee meeting, State College, PA.

- 7 – Attended PA NWTF Board meeting, State College, PA.
- 8 - Attended annual joint meeting between PGC Staff & PA NWTF Board & Staff representatives, PGC Headquarters, Harrisburg, PA.
- 9 – Attended Susquehanna Longbeards local chapter banquet preparation meeting.
- 13 – Attended local hunting club, Lost 8, sporting clays event.
- 23 – Attended Susquehanna Longbeards local chapter banquet preparation meeting.
- 25 – Attended PA Diamond Life Membership Dinner, Hershey Hotel, Hershey, PA.  
Met with Dr. James Earl Kennamer.
- 27 – Attended annual YHEC State Shoot, Scotia Range, State College, PA.  
Met with Carl Roe, Executive Director, PGC. Delivered 2 prints from PA NWTF to Charlie Fox of YHEC.

JULY –

- 7 – Attended Susquehanna Longbeards local chapter banquet preparation meeting.
- 8 - Attended PGC Commissioner's Meeting, PGC Headquarters, Harrisburg, PA.  
Presented awards to WCO Randy Burns and LMO Scott Bills on behalf of PA NWTF.
- 18 – Attended Duck Unlimited Banquet, Lock Haven, PA.  
Met with their RD.
- 21 – Attended Susquehanna Longbeards local chapter banquet preparation meeting.
- 24 – Helped set up for Susquehanna Longbeards local chapter banquet.
- 25 - Attended and helped with Susquehanna Longbeards local chapter banquet.
- 31 – Attended PA NWTF Executive Meeting, State College, PA.

**Vice- President's Report:**

Vice President's Report August 2009:

Attended PFSC Legislative Trap Shoot at Harrisburg Hunters/Anglers

Attended PA Sportsman's Caucus Dinner in Harrisburg

Attended multiple Lykens Valley Chapter meetings

Assisted with June 25 Diamond Life event in Hershey, PA

Proofed the Summer Turkey Talk edition

**Secretary's Report:**

- A motion was made by Tom Bunty to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Jim Nyce seconded and the motion carried.

**Chairman's Report:**

**Chairman of Board &  
District Director  
Report**

June 8 – July 30, 2009

June 9            Attended Susquehanna Longbeards Banquet Planning Meeting

June 23           Attended Susquehanna Longbeards Banquet Planning Meeting

July 7             Attended Susquehanna Longbeards Banquet Planning Meeting

July 11            Attended Diamond Life Dinner        Harrisburg, PA

July 21            Attended Susquehanna Longbeards Banquet Planning Meeting

July 25            Worked Susquehanna Longbeards H H Banquet    Linden, PA

**Treasurer's Report:**

PA NWTF Treasurer's report

**TO:** PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NWTF

**FROM:** JIM PANARO

**SUBJECT:** REPORT FOR PERIOD JUNE 1, 2009 THROUGH JULY 31, 2009

**DATE:** 7/31/09

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<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$41,155.01</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$6,891.14</b>	
	Upper Level Gun Raffle	
	\$1,160	
	Green Sheet Transfer (Seed, NWTF convention, billboards)	\$3,040

	Local banquet rebates	\$2,508
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$(16,079.96)</b>	
	Green sheet Transfers (Banding, NWTF convention, 3 habitat)	\$6,555
	Turkey Talk Summer Issue	\$6,148
	Jakes Raffle	\$2,640
	WITO event	\$1,287

**Ending Balance**      **\$31,966.19** (I did not receive ending bank statement prior to meeting)

**Net Gain (Loss)**      **\$(9,188.82)**

**General Updates**      Fiscal year 2008 -2009 YTD reports are attached.

- **A motion was made by Skip Motts to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dean Zimmerman seconded and the motion carried.**

**Hunting Heritage Budget Report:**

			Budget	7/28/2009	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:</b>			<b>\$98,918</b>		
<b>Actual Income from 2008 Banquets: 88 Chapters</b>			<b>\$255,452</b>	<b>\$182,399 70</b>	<b>\$25,500</b>
				\$2,606	\$1,500
<b>2009 #</b>	<b>5-Star 2009 Expenses projected for:</b>	<b>88 Chapters</b>			
65	Jakes Days	\$500 each	\$32,500	\$19,850	\$12,650
25	WITO Events	\$250 each	\$6,250	\$3,250	\$750
0	National WITO Event attendees (1x)	\$300 each	\$0	\$0	\$0
1	State WITO Event	\$800 each	\$800	\$800	\$0
10	Wheelin' Events	\$250 each	\$2,500	\$750	\$1,250
40	Scholarships	\$250 each	\$22,000	\$6,750	\$500
1	PA Scholarship		\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
88	School Boxes	\$63 each	\$5,544	\$0	\$3,528
<b>Local Chapter 5-Star Expenses:</b>			<b>\$70,594</b>	<b>\$31,400</b>	<b>\$19,678</b>
<b>PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2009:</b>					
Congressional Sportsmen Foundation			\$0	\$0	\$0
HHSFR - 2009 Super Fund Reserve Allocation			\$20,000	\$0	\$4,711
US Sportsmen's Alliance			\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4-H Shooting Sports			\$0	\$0	\$0
NWTF Biologist			\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ned Smith Fund			\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
PGC Trap & Band			\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
PGC Hunting Digest Ad			\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation Seed			\$500	\$2,687	-\$4,876
Seed Subsidy			\$5,000	\$4,158	\$0
Hunting Heritage			\$0	\$2,000	\$0
<b>PA Chapter Expenses:</b>			<b>\$56,000</b>	<b>\$27,845</b>	<b>\$12,335</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>			<b>\$126,594</b>	<b>\$59,245</b>	<b>\$32,013</b>
<b>Total Available for 2009 Super Fund Projects:</b>			<b>\$108,858</b>	<b>\$123,155</b>	<b>-\$6,513</b>
Allocation for Habitat Projects			77% \$83,858	\$83,685	\$173
Allocation for Safety & Education			9% \$10,000	\$7,933	\$851
Allocation for Advertising & Communications			5% \$5,000	\$0	\$2,000
Allocation for Land Acquisition			9% \$10,000	\$2,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$108,858</b>	<b>\$93,618</b>	<b>\$3,024</b>	
<b>Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:</b>			<b>\$118,918</b>		

## NWTF Reports

### **Ray Smith:**

- The 2010 Leadership Meeting has been set for 8/6 – 8/7.
- 2010 Rendezvous is 1/8 – 1/10
  - We need a guest speaker
  - We need some seminar speakers
  - Jim Panaro will accept tickets
  - We need a location that can accept and store the core package.
- The 2010 Hunt of a lifetime will be donated by Premier Hunting. Thanks much to Larry Holjencin. Larry has requested (without an obligation) that we provide equal value in advertising if possible.

### **Carl Mowry:**

No Report

### **Phil Ferrare:**

No Report

### **Priscilla Garvin:**

No Report

### **Bob Eriksen:**

#### **Regional Biologist Report Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist June 1 through July 20, 2009**

### Meetings

- The June State Chapter Board of Directors meetings were attended in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland
- The annual NWTF Summer Planning Meeting was attended in Edgefield, South Carolina
- The regional biologist prepared the agenda and facilitated the annual meeting between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania State Chapter
- Participated in the Delaware CREP planning committee meeting in Milford Township, Bucks County
- Attended the July meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg
- Assisted Edgefield staff with a Diamond Life dinner in Harrisburg along with other NWTF staff from Pennsylvania
- Met with a representative of Chesapeake Energy to visit well sites and discuss cooperative efforts with chapters in the Marcellus Shale play

### Writing

- Prepared two articles for the Maryland Chapter newsletter
- Wrote an article on federal land wilderness designation for “Turkey Call”
- Prepared an article on partnerships for “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Prepared an article on managing woodcock habitat for “Turkey Country”
- Completed a synopsis for each state chapter wild turkey strategic plan within the North American Wild Turkey Management Plan

## **Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

- A draft of regional biologist duties and a new cooperative agreement was prepared for renewal of the long-standing support of the regional biologist position by the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- A new cooperative agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game was finalized and signed paving the way for placing a biologist in that region
- Work continued on cooperative agreements with the Ohio Wildlife Division, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the US Forest Service in Ohio and West Virginia
- Funds were transferred to NWTF in fulfillment of two grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. One grant was acquired by the Honey Hole Longbeards Chapter in Luzerne County and the other was provided by the Department to the Mon Valley and Peters Creek Trail Chapters in Allegheny County. The grants will fund habitat work and outreach events in 2009 and 2010.

## **Super Fund**

- Hunting Heritage Super Fund request forms were processed from Pennsylvania (26), Delaware (5), Maryland (1) and New Jersey (1).

## **Information Requests**

- Twenty one requests for information on wild turkey behavior, ecology, habitat management and the 2009 hatch were handled and information provided.

## **Mary Jo Casalena:**

### **NWTF Technical Committee Representatives' Report - PA Chapter NWTF Board of Directors Meeting, August 1, 2009**

**Submitted by: Mary Jo Casalena, Wildlife Biologist II, and Robert C. Boyd,  
Assistant Director, Bureau of Wildlife Management, PA Game Commission**

## **Harvest Management**

Spring 2009 harvest report cards are still being tallied by our data management bureau and will be reported during the next reporting cycle.

With 3 years of data for the special turkey licenses I analyzed harvests by WMU and gobbler age class. Special spring harvests were well distributed across WMUs for all three years. Hunters did not target particular WMUs for harvesting a second spring turkey. Similar to the regular spring harvest, hunters generally tended to select adult age class gobblers over jakes, at a similar rate as the regular harvest. Work continued on model development and defining variables for creating a structured decision-making (SDM) system for wild turkey fall season recommendations. The regional wild turkey population model and hen harvest/survival rate study are key components for the SDM.

In cooperation with Bureau of Automated Technology we revised the data management of turkey harvest reports for Automated Licensing System and streamlined data analysis procedures.

## **Wild Turkey Spring Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study**

We participated in conference call with the involved state biologists, PSU and B. Eriksen to discuss data analysis procedures and timelines for analyses and final report.

Because the hen harvest rate and annual survival rate study is a top priority of the agency and start-up costs of the study are too high for us to bear even with PANWTF funding, the proposal is being submitted for federal funding through Pittman-Robertson funding and we are quite hopeful the proposal will be approved. The PCFWRC at Penn State (Dr. Duane Diefenbach) again will cooperate in the study, maintaining the data base and data analyses. Currently no other state agency is able to participate.

***Annual Cooperative PGC/NWTF/PANWTF Meeting***

Minutes of this annual meeting, held June 8, 2009 at the PGC headquarters were distributed to the PANWTF Board. This meeting emphasizes the partnership between the PGC and NWTF/PANWTF and demonstrates the health and importance of this partnership. The PGC Executive Office and all pertinent PGC Bureaus participate. Fifteen topics were discussed and 14 action items were identified for completion during the year.

**Turkey Summer Sighting Survey**

All Wildlife Conservation Officers (WCOs) currently are conducting this annual survey where they record the number of turkeys seen and miles driven in their state vehicle on a daily basis during June, July and August. Survey results provide an index to the turkey population by Wildlife Management Unit, and will be reported at the October Board meeting.

**Michaux State Forest Turkey Summer Sighting Surveys**

These 6 weekly 30-mile surveys also are conducted June, July and August. The June surveys yielded the second highest number of turkeys seen per mile driven during June for the 12 years the surveys have been conducted (2007 was higher). However, there were a large percent of hens seen without poults. July surveys are yielding sightings of broods, indicating that successful re-nesting is occurring.

**At this time Bob Fountain spoke to the board and fielded questions.**

**Committee Reports**

**Art – H. Shields:**

- We are missing 6 of our #1 prints. Phil Ferrare will follow up with Carol Burdge.

**Awards – T. Bunty:**

Awards Committee:

Next month I'll be mailing Awards Nomination letters to all Chapter Presidents and emailing the Board.

**By-Laws – D. O'Brien:**

No Report

**Communications – H. Daub:**

Communications Committee – August 09 Report

Exchanged emails with Don Heckman regarding need to develop process which results in PANWTF newsworthy items appearing in “The Caller” section of the Turkey Call National NWTF magazine (assuming section remains part of new magazine layout)

Proofed the new county map designed and provided by Trina

Forwarded mass email regarding the education boxes to all chapter presidents per request from Ray Smith

Wrote article for Summer Turkey Talk – NWTF – Not Without Terrific Friends

Proofed the Summer Turkey Talk edition

- A new Buddy List based on alphabet was recommended and accepted.
- A suggestion was made to add District Directors to the new Buddy List

**Conservation Seed – D. Butler:**

- There will be 1 distribution point for seed in 2010
- We need a mass email to chapter presidents announcing the 2010 program by 10/1/2010 with a reply requested by 12/15/2009.
- It was decided to send both mail and email announcements.

**Dart – T. Bunty:**

Dart system Report:

It's been reported that one of the 410's is not functioning, and I FedExed (cost ~\$22) one of the other 410's to Don Short. He'll be bringing the dead one along to leadership weekend and I'll check it out afterwards. Don Short was attempting to use the Dart system outside this past weekend and talked to him twice, due to too much sunlight causing system to false trigger.  
Tom

**DCNR/PA Wilds – J. Pries:**

No Report

**Drilling Reclamation – D. Butler:**

No Report

**Finance – J. Panaro:**

Proposed 2009 – 2010 Budget

Income:	FY 09-10 draft Budget	FY 08-09 Forecast	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	FY 05-06 Actuals	FY 04-05 Actuals	5-year average
<b>Chapter Administration</b>							
Interest Checking	\$100	\$135	\$97	\$117	\$109	\$104	\$112
Chapter President's Meeting	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,107	\$1,741	\$1,772		\$1,905
Dave Burdge Donations	\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$672
Greg Caldwell Donations	\$-	\$2,305	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$461
Donations	\$50	\$1,025	\$-	\$25	\$79	\$50	\$236
<b>Zimmerman Memorial Fund</b>	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,000	\$18,817	\$100	\$3,983
<b>Membership Services</b>							
Chapter Membership Rebates	\$11,500	\$11,868	\$12,666	\$12,774	\$13,348	\$14,726	\$13,076
<b>NWTF</b>							
Local Chapter Banquet Rebates	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$6,537	\$7,904	\$7,827	\$7,162	\$6,986
Women in the Outdoors	\$-	\$-	\$107	\$-	\$3,293	\$3,223	\$1,325
<b>Art Committee</b>							
30'th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-	\$133	\$114	\$481	\$656	\$277
30'th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$376	\$75
Rendezvous Patch & Pin Rebate	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$213	\$43
<b>Rendezvous/ Awards Banquet</b>	\$25,000	\$25,701	\$24,392	\$28,935	\$26,893	\$26,436	\$26,471
<b>Promotional Items</b>							
Promotional Items	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$530	\$1,442	\$2,221	\$5,508	\$2,140
<b>Fundraising</b>							
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$40,000	\$38,852	\$15,000	\$13,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$19,470
Upper Gun Raffle	\$15,000	\$15,187	\$15,730	\$17,560	\$15,633	\$17,650	\$16,352
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$652	\$649	\$260
Additional fundraiser	\$-	\$9,400	\$400	\$-	\$-	\$2,079	\$2,376
<b>Chapter Miscellaneous</b>							
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$500	\$17	\$2,060	\$1,282	\$1,290	\$200	\$970
Equipment Rental Fees	\$880	\$880	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$176
Local Chapter Start-up Loans Returned	\$1,700	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$800	\$600	\$1,280
<b>Turkey Talk Publications</b>							
Turkey Talk Advertising	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$104,230</b>	<b>\$118,730</b>	<b>\$81,259</b>	<b>\$87,893</b>	<b>\$108,215</b>	<b>\$94,731</b>	<b>\$98,647</b>

	FY 09-10 draft Budget	FY 08-09 Forecast	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	FY 05-06 Actuals	FY 04-05 Actuals
<b>Starting Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$21,806</b>	\$20,186	\$41,640	\$36,497	\$29,713	\$29,027
<b>Plus Income</b>	<b>\$104,230</b>	<u>\$118,730</u>	<u>\$81,259</u>	<u>\$87,893</u>	<u>\$108,215</u>	<u>\$94,731</u>
<b>Gross Available Funds</b>	<b>\$126,036</b>	\$138,916	\$122,899	\$124,390	\$137,928	\$123,758
<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$(104,235)</b>	\$(110,326)	\$(105,284)	\$(85,574)	\$(107,282)	\$(89,576)
<b>Green Sheet Transfers In</b>	<b>\$-</b>	\$34,746	\$27,421	\$30,967	\$30,414	\$5,459
<b>Green Sheet Transfers Out</b>	<b>\$-</b>	\$(41,530)	\$(24,851)	\$(28,144)	\$(24,563)	\$(5,562)
<b>Ending Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$21,800</b>	<u>\$21,806</u>	<u>\$20,186</u>	<u>\$41,640</u>	<u>\$36,497</u>	<u>\$34,078</u>
<b>Net Gain / (Loss)</b>	<b>\$(5)</b>	\$1,620	\$(21,454)	\$5,143	\$6,784	\$5,051
<b>Net Gain / (Loss) w/out green sheet transfers</b>	<b>\$(5)</b>	\$8,404	\$(24,025)	\$2,319	\$933	\$5,155

Expenses	FY 09-10 draft Budget	FY 08-09 Forecast	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	FY 05-06 Actuals	FY 04-05 Actuals	FY 03-04 Actuals	5-year average
<b>Chapter Administration</b>								
Accounting	\$650	\$630	\$600	\$565	\$550	\$400	\$320	\$511
Advertising	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Board Meetings	\$2,500	\$2,155	\$1,809	\$3,225	\$3,068	\$2,575	\$1,845	\$2,446
Chapter Presidents Travel	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,737	\$1,244	\$1,461	\$949	\$1,635	\$1,354
Chapter Promotions- Fees	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Chapter Promotions- Shows	\$500	\$-	\$-	\$995	\$1,210	\$199	\$193	\$433
Chapter Travel	\$750	\$250	\$1,243	\$966	\$700	\$563	\$848	\$761
Insurance - Board	\$1,500	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,590	\$1,444
Legal Fees	\$100	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter President's Meeting	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,327	\$4,027	\$4,302	\$2,707	\$3,075	\$3,906
NWTF memberships	\$60	\$-	\$-	\$25	\$-	\$25	\$25	\$13
PaNWTF webpage	\$250	\$250	\$76	\$1,202	\$861	\$1,769	\$1,265	\$904
Postage	\$500	\$636	\$380	\$464	\$605	\$587	\$703	\$563
Secretary Expense	\$200	\$100	\$118	\$775	\$770	\$675	\$700	\$523
Supplies	\$500	\$382	\$503	\$729	\$345	\$234	\$374	\$428
Supporting Member Dues	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$1,650	\$1,900	\$1,855	\$1,800	\$1,700	\$1,784
Telephone	\$500	\$464	\$247	\$294	\$546	\$1,057	\$1,408	\$669
WITO Volunteers	\$-	\$-	\$628	\$-	\$2,812	\$1,327	\$254	\$837
<b>District Directors</b>								
Postage	\$50	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Supplies	\$50	\$-	\$-	\$6	\$-	\$6	\$38	\$8
Lodging/Meals/Travel	\$900	\$967	\$1,021	\$419	\$409	\$431	\$72	\$553
Telephone	\$50	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Public Relations Committee</b>								
Committee Operating Expenses	\$200	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$164	\$-	\$737	\$150
PR Representative	\$1,500	\$600	\$300	\$175	\$625	\$825	\$900	\$571
<b>Local Chapter Startup Loans</b>								
Local Chapter Startup Loans	\$-	\$-	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$3,200	\$300	\$1,200	\$1,183
<b>Turkey Talk</b>								
Editor's Fee	\$-	\$2,400	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$3,750	\$4,225
Printing	\$13,420	\$11,305	\$9,200	\$7,920	\$9,205	\$9,960	\$14,554	\$10,357
Postage	\$11,200	\$11,936	\$15,012	\$12,175	\$11,003	\$11,266	\$10,753	\$12,024
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$115	\$23
<b>Legislative</b>								
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Legislative Programs/Travel	\$1,000	\$1,075	\$1,273	\$755	\$332	\$802	\$601	\$806
<b>Promotion Items</b>								
Inventory Purchase	\$1,000	\$600	\$2,407	\$450	\$2,820	\$6,012	\$1,687	\$2,329
Sales Tax	\$100	\$25	\$6	\$31	\$34	\$147	\$28	\$45
Operating Expenses	\$200	\$30	\$-	\$39	\$99	\$212	\$-	\$63
<b>Sponsor Member Hunt</b>								
Sponsor Member Hunt of a Lifetime	\$2,250	\$950	\$1,649	\$400	\$1,216	\$1,261	\$1,308	\$1,131
<b>Art Committee</b>								
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
30'th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,100	\$-	\$-	\$220
30'th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Framing	\$1,000	\$1,050	\$-	\$1,462	\$1,144	\$308	\$-	\$661
<b>Jakes / Youth</b>								
Youth Committee Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$-	\$1,833
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$118	\$1,065	\$1,066	\$1,000	\$1,181	\$116	\$758
Jakes Hunt of a Lifetime	\$600	\$475	\$600	\$583	\$500	\$459	\$520	\$523
<b>Rendezvous</b>								
Awards	\$2,500	\$2,395	\$3,219	\$1,884	\$2,566	\$2,713	\$1,765	\$2,424
Calling Contest	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2,100	\$4,558	\$2,650	\$4,800	\$2,351
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$852	\$1,256	\$1,488	\$828	\$1,467	\$2,888	\$1,463
Room Rental	\$300	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$338	\$337	\$250	\$287
Meals	\$7,500	\$7,267	\$6,750	\$6,561	\$5,326	\$5,684	\$5,062	\$6,108
Speaker Fees	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Core Package	\$7,000	\$8,502	\$6,722	\$7,095	\$5,619	\$5,336	\$4,444	\$6,286
<b>Fund Raising</b>								
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$25,000	\$22,639	\$354	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,832
Upper Level Gun Raffle	\$8,800	\$8,583	\$9,374	\$9,281	\$9,559	\$8,991	\$9,456	\$9,207
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$535	\$733	\$478	\$291
Additional Fundraiser	\$-	\$9,800	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$852	\$-	\$1,775
<b>Donations and Contributions</b>								
NWTF Chapter Donations	\$500	\$-	\$1,006	\$350	\$3,665	\$3,809	\$2,745	\$1,929
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$705	\$-	\$3,208	\$3,526	\$12,477	\$-	\$-	\$3,202
Dave Burdge Medical Fund	\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$560
<b>Other Operating Expenses</b>								
DART System Expense	\$500	\$600	\$473	\$336	\$73	\$252	\$164	\$316
Equipment Repairs	\$300	\$300	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$50
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$50	\$15,891	\$881	\$1,090	\$-	\$-	\$2,985
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$104,235</b>	<b>\$110,326</b>	<b>\$105,284</b>	<b>\$85,574</b>	<b>\$107,282</b>	<b>\$89,576</b>	<b>\$84,363</b>	<b>\$97,108</b>

- During the discussion on the 2009 – 2010 budget it was decided to hear the Turkey Talk Committee report as it affected the potential for budgeted income for 2010.
- **After the Turkey Talk committee report and discussion a motion was made by Joe Drolet that the proposed budget be accepted as discussed. Jason Straley seconded and the motion passed.**
- The final budget will be included in the October minutes.

**Habitat – D. Butler:**

No Report

**Hunting Heritage/Super Fund – J. Pries:**

No Report

**Jakes – K. Fernburg:**

No Report

**Land Acquisition – J. Nyce:**

No Report

**Legislative – H. Daub:**

Legislative Committee – August 2009 Report:

Drafted letters in support of HB 92 and HB 281 for President Pries' signature, forwarded same to Legislators following support position vote by full BoD

Drafted letter of support for HB 281 (revised) for President Pries' signature, forwarded same to Legislators following support position vote of Legislative Committee (due to time constraints)

- We need to get clarification from national on our ability to influence legislation.
- Several PFSC resolutions were presented for the position of the Board.
  - Resolution 2 (blinds) – opposed as written (too vague).
  - Resolution 2a (current SOP concerning blinds) – supported
  - Resolution 1 (climate change) – neutral
  - Resolution 3 (fishing) – neutral
- Don Heckman will represent the PA NWTF and the next PFSC meeting

**Membership – H. Daub:**

Membership Committee – August 2009 Report:

Discussed ideas via multiple telephone and email conversations with President Pries regarding need to get action started on membership drive.

- Membership #s were covered
- A Membership Director will be appointed by national
- Customized membership data is available from national. Be specific.
- Use membership #, name, and address for communications with national

**Nominating – D. O'Brien:**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Advertised for state director positions in T. T. magazine summer edition. Resumes due 8-15-09.

**PFSC – Don Heckman:**

**Rendezvous – J. Pries:**

- It was suggested that Bob Schmid be contacted for a seminar on food plots.
- Jon suggested that something special be developed by the Promotions Committee for the upcoming 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary Rendezvous.
- Jim Panaro will accept tickets.

**Safety & Education – C. Mathues:**

- \$500 reward still exists.
- **Jim Panaro made a motion that after the last Ed Box order is in that we transfer the remaining budget surplus to Safety & Education. Skip Motts seconded and the motion carried.**

**Shows – S. Motts:**

No Report

**Turkey Talk – J. Straley:**

- A proposal with several alternatives was presented for advertising in Turkey Talk.
- The Committee will have the right to reject unsuitable ads.
- We have a right to get our own ads.
- **A motion was made by Joe Drolet to accept the proposal to take in advertising in Turkey Talk to be administered by the Turkey Talk Committee. Tom Bunty seconded and the motion carried.**

**Upper Gun Raffle – J. Panaro:**

No Report

**Wheelin' Sportsmen – J. Groff:**

No Report

**Wild Turkey Management – J. Panaro:**

**Wild Turkey Management Committee Report  
June 7, 2009 PA Chapter NWTF Board Meeting**

**Wild Turkey Management changes requiring PGC Staff and Commissioner overview.**

1) Support revised PGC Management Plan For Wild Turkeys In Pennsylvania, 2006-2015, operational with 47 strategies documented, measuring strategies as outlined, and the plan fully funded for 10 years; **see Mary Jo's laetsst summary report dated 7/24/09.**

2) Northeast Wild Turkey Population Model – implement in wild turkey management plan – PA NWTF has \$15,000 invested in development; model data and modeling results are requirements for future wild turkey management decisions; **no current update on data or model implementation.**

3) Recommendation to extend last day of spring gobbler season to May 31, permanently --- Commissioner's approved Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2009 as last day of 2009 spring gobbler season; Recommend Commissioner's approve Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2010, and keep May 31 as last day for future spring gobbler seasons. Commissioner's voted okay to end 2010 spring gobbler season on May, 31, 2010. Other than PANWTF no Commissioner public comment was made to make mandatory regulation for spring gobbler season on May 31 permanently. **PANWTF discussed at June PGC meeting and we were asked to decide on May 31<sup>st</sup> cluse versus all day hunting. PANWTF is on record as requesting May 31 as the permanent closing day for spring gobbler season. (If May 31 would be a Sunday,**

May 30 would be the closing day) All day hunting would have to wait a minimum of 3 years after that change.

4) Recommendation for Mentored Youth Hunting to including fall turkey hunting season in regulation starting in 2009; We need to support HB 281 to allow "tag sharing" with Mentored Youth Hunters and then work with PGC to get them to support including fall turkeys. Tag sharing would be a step but MY hunters are not currently allowed to hunt fall turkeys.

5) Recommendation to expanding youth spring gobbler season and regular spring gobbler season to all day hunting starting 2011, after 4 year gobbler leg band research project is completed in 2009 and project evaluation is completed by 2010; could be moved out to 2013 if all day spring gobbler season is adopted in 2010.

6) Recommendation to expand youth spring gobbler to more than one day.

7) Continue recommendations to reduce or increase WMU fall season lengths as management plan setting fall season guidelines are determined; using management data based on current field data and indices, harvest densities, population densities, and hunter densities, as charted measurements outlined in the wild turkey management plan; when management data supports regulation change; Commissioner Schleiden motion and commissioner vote got WMU 2F moved to 3 weeks under proposed rule making at January 2009 Commissioner meeting. During the April 2009 Commissioner meeting under final rule adoption Commissioner Schreffler motion and 5-2 vote got WMU 2F 2009 fall season to close after 2 weeks as recommended by PGC BWM and PANWTF. Board voted to reduce fall season in WMU 2D from 3 weeks to 2 weeks, and decrease WMU 5C and 5D from 6 days to 4 days as recommended and passed under proposed rule making, all other WMUs remained the same for 2009 fall hunting season.

8) State-wide gobbler leg band research – first year 2006, second year 2007, third year 2008, and fourth year for study Winter 2009 are completed; all four years of research project funding support from NWTF and PANWTF is \$150,416 from NWTF Grant In Aid and PA Chapter NWTF Hunting Heritage Super Fund for research project equipment and trapping materials; PGC funded administrative, staff and transportation requirements, other agency project expenses; Reference Mary Jo's Tech Committee Report for 2009 WMU winter banding counts and update on Wild Turkey Spring Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study submitted for the June 2009 Board meeting; four year state-wide gobbler leg band study analysis, results, and recommendations will likely be available by December 2009 for distribution;

9) PGC submitted Fall Harvest Rates to NWTF Technical Committee requesting funding for state-wide hen research/telemetry study for 4 years – 2010-2013. The request for NWTF Grant-in-Aid Research Project funding had mixed reviews. The technical committee thought the study was well-planned, but extremely expensive. This was primarily because the satellite transmitters are so pricey. The NWTF Tech Committee did not turn thumbs down on the project but suggested that modifications be made to the design or that additional funding be sought from other sources (the agency and PANWTF). If the initial year funding request (\$139,000) is reduced the project will be more likely to get support. The three other years will run between \$35 and 39K. This needs to be a major topic of discussion for Saturday meeting! Can we do it ... how do we pay for it??? See copied e-mial below ...

Bob... between Jim Panaro, Bob Eriksen, and me we have been working all week on ideas to help fund the first year of the hen harvest rate study. We also have funding priorities and restrictions that need to be considered through our super fund budget for this first year commitment. Our proposal for payment commitment is: Year 1 - \$20,000, Year 2 - \$20,000, Year 3 - \$8,000, Year 4 - \$8,000, Year 5 - \$8,000. Four year hen harvest rate study, five years for PANWTF payment. We believe that payment schedule is doable based on our financial budgets. Assuming NWTF Grant in Aid funding will be appx \$40,000 first year and 2nd, 3rd, 4th year payments as you have documented in the Grant in Aid proposal. What are those new GIA 2nd, 3rd, 4th year funding request? At this point the NWTF grant proposal to start in FY 09 is dead. We plan to resubmit this winter, and may request something like \$40,000 per year for the last 4 years of the study.

Before we take any proposal to the WTM Committee and Board of Directors for approval, can you please reply back with answers to these questions:

1) detailed description of hen harvest rate study, research objectives, and how the study will be coordinated and completed Refer to attached grant proposal

2) define what PANWTF will be purchasing in each of the 4 years of the study The total study cost for this 4-year study that spans 5 fiscal years exceeds \$3M. The generous PA NWTF contributions identified above (\$64,000) will go a long way in offsetting PGC expenditures to complete the project. I don't think PA NWTF will be purchasing anything per se, but if you want to think of it that way, trapping supplies might be good things to focus on. Trapping supplies alone will cost about \$86,000.

3) description of study WMU - region size and where will the trapping take place Refer to attached grant proposal. We are focusing in 2 areas: WMUs 2C, 2E, 4A,4B and 4D where 3-week fall seasons seem to adversely affect turkey populations, and in WMUs 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C and 4E where 3-week seasons don't seem to be limiting population growth.

4) how many hens are proposed to be trapped in these regions to have an effective research study data base Refer to attached grant proposal. In each area 230 hens will be banded each year; 155 in winter and 55 in fall – 30 on each area will be fitted with satellite transmitters.

5) any additional information that will help the PANWTF Board understand the importance of the research study Starting with the 1999 turkey management plan, the need to determine harvest rates and other important population parameters have been identified, to achieve a fundamental goal of maximizing recreational opportunities without jeopardizing the status of the wild turkey resource. Due to high cost of these studies, progress has been delayed. The 4-year grouse survival and harvest rate study was partitioned from the overall need, and important information has been gained through this extremely successful project. We are now on the verge of moving ahead with studies to document fall hen harvest rates. Again, budget status of the PGC has slowed progress, but with the possibilities of the NWTF grant, state chapter NWTF contributions, and the possibility of funding this project through the Pittman-Robertson program, our chances of moving ahead are as great as they've ever been. Completing the hen harvest rate study in the 2 areas identified will help us populate the wild turkey population model with real data from Pennsylvania, and allow us to make informed harvest management decisions.

I believe that is all we will need to help answer Board questions factually and effectively and help the Board understand the details behind the importance of the research study. Thanks, Don...

#### **Legislation changes require Governor signature.**

- 1) PGC hunting license increase legislation – supporting need for PGC additional revenue, and supporting alternative funding option recommendations. Turkey Hunting License – continue with our position statement, articles and news release supporting need for combined spring and fall turkey hunting license, support fully funded wild turkey management plan to complete yearly objectives and strategies;
- 2) Support Sunday hunting as regulated by PGC, required legislation to change Title 34 Game Code;
- 3) Do not support legislation [Title 34 Game Code] through legislative wording that changes PGC hunting seasons, bag limits, and shooting hours. PGC hunting seasons, bag limits, and shooting hours are changed by Board of Commissioners through PGC Regulation [Title 58 Code].

#### **Other Committee actions requiring PA Chapter NWTF Board participation and overview.**

- 1) PANWTF Turkey Hunter Cooperative Program [Turkey Talk Spring 2009 issue]

**Spring turkey hunter cooperative surveys have been returned to Jim for analysis and reporting. Jim will report on cooperative survey results.**

#### **Other Committee actions requiring PGC Staff and Commissioner participation and overview.**

- 1) Turkey hunter safety and ethics – Comprehensive PGC wild turkey hunter safety - NWTF Turkey Hunter Safety DVD provided to PGC HTE classes and availability to general hunting public; helping PGC reach out to 300,000+ turkey hunters with additional turkey hunter safety and ethics information and material; PA Edition NWTF Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure; NWTF Turkey Hunter Safety Task Force material;
- 2) Annually review of meeting minutes from PGC Executive Staff and PA NWTF June meeting as provided by PGC Wild Turkey Biologist Mary Jo Casalena; 2008 meeting minutes have been forwarded for final review and update; copy of meeting minutes for PA NWTF Board of Directors and NWTF Staff are available; important wild turkey management criteria and decision making foundations have been accomplished since these joint partnership yearly meetings started back in the mid 1980's. Requested PGC wild turkey biologist to update PA Chapter NWTF Board at the January and June board meetings on status of Objectives and Strategies as outlined in the PGC Management Plan For Wild Turkeys In Pennsylvania.
- 3) NWTF wild turkey management outreach programs - Wild Turkey Woodlands, fund HHSF Habitat, Safety Education, Land Acquisition, Habitat programs, Conservation seed programs, Project HELP, Operation Applesed, Operation Oak, Get In The Game - Hunting Heritage Club, other budgeted NWTF outreach programs and HHSF Super Fund expenditures, support funding for NWTF's Pennsylvania Comprehensive Wild Turkey Management Plan, continue distributing PANWTF articles and news releases to Tell The Story.

#### **NWTF North American Wild Turkey Management Plan.**

- 1) Pennsylvania Comprehensive Wild Turkey Management Plan - support management plan objectives and recommendations, provide for fully funded management plan criteria as directed by NWTF Wild Turkey Biologist and NWTF Conservation Programs.

#### **WTM Discussion:**

- **Jim Panaro made a motion that if the PGC does the Hen Telemetry Study that the PA NWTF will commit to funding \$54,000 over 5 years. Dale Butler seconded and the motion passed.**

**WITO – K. Skrapits:**

No Report

**YHEC – D. Zimmerman:**

To all,

I would like to report on the state shoot that YHEC held at Scotia range June 27th, 2009. Since the state chapter supports this organization we are entitled to have a representative at their meetings. Since I report on their activities I have volunteered to be that person. This was a great day watching our future hunters carrying on a tradition. Jon P., my wife, and I enjoyed the whole experience. We met game commissioner Carl R there and volunteers Jim and Janet Nyce. There was a discussion on presenting the chapters of PA with the opportunity to support a local YHEC team if they have no chance on doing habitat work in their area. I would like 10 minutes to discuss this further at our meeting and IF approved by the board, then I would like the same amount of time for the presidents meeting on Sunday.

Thank you

Dingo

**YHEC Discussion:**

- Dean strongly recommended that chapters support a YHEC team and/or function, especially those chapters that don't do a lot of green sheets.
- Contributing to a YHEC group is not a liability issue.
- The NRA does almost all the funding.
- Dean will address leadership on YHEC.

### **Communications**

Nothing

### **Old Business**

Nothing

### **New Business**

- Mary Jo said that the PGC field had concerns with all-day spring turkey hunting.
  - Safety due to flock movement
  - Hen mortality. It was suggested that hen mortality should be evaluated now to see if all-day hunting would work.
- There will be an “Evening with Rob Keck” in conjunction with the Ned Smith Center.
  - Chapters who support any aspect of the event will get banquet credits in 2010.
- “Caller” will be replaced with another chapter-oriented magazine.
  - Jon Pries will replace Don Heckman with articles.
- Dean Zimmerman recommended that any excess Turkey Talks should go to soldiers in Iraq.
- **Dale Butler made a motion that the state chapter liquidate all inventory of guns, bows, and kayaks. Jim Panaro seconded and the motion carried.**

- Skip Motts and Ken Fernberg will handle the liquidation.

**For the Good of the Order**

**Motion made for the PA NWTF State Board of Directors meeting to adjourn.  
Seconded. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Drolet  
PA State Chapter Secretary