



ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Sam McCartney's Camp near Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Glenn O. Hawbaker office at Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania.

***Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF
Board of Directors Meeting
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Pleasant Gap, PA
March 7, 2010***

Director's Present: T. Bunty, D. Butler, J. Drolet, K. Fernburg, D. Heckman, S. Letterman, S. Motts, J. Panaro, S. Richards, K. Skrapits, J. Straley, S. Wojton, D. Zimmerman.

Director's Absent: J. Groff, G. Huff, R. Johnson, C. Mathues, S. McCartney,

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

Guests: Mary Jo Casalena, Dr. Duane Diefenbach, M. Ferdinand.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman of the Board, Tom Bunty.

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

Action Items:

- Jim Panaro stood in for Sam McCartney in reporting on the Action Items.

Action Item list for the January 10 PA Chapter BOD meeting

<u>BOD</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Status</u>
J. Straley	Letter into fall issue of T.T. reminding all that Dec 15. is the deadline for Pa delegate to convention. Request go to Dale Butler.	Completed
R. Smith	Organize meeting with Butler, Drolet, Panaro and Bunty to clarify source and uses of funds that came up in a e-mail?	
Mary Jo	Obtain HRSI data and distribute the same beyond 2005	Request sent to PGC BI&E, Keith Snyder. He is out of office from 2/10 - 2/16.
Mary Jo	E-mail PDF file to the BOD on the Hen Harvest Rate Study	Completed
D. Heckman	Provide PGC updates to NWTF and PANWTF site link information on the turkey management web site link.	90.00%
Mary Jo	Invite Dr. Duane Diefenbach to the March meeting to share data on the Gobbler banding study.	Completed He will be there
K. Fernburg	Package and ship art work to Edgefield to be displayed on loan from the PA NWTF in the PA room.	
ALL BOD	Send your personal request of committee assignments to Dale Butler by the end of January.	Completed
D. Butler	Assign all BOD to fill committee assignments before by the March meeting.	Completed
J. Drolet	Update calendar for 2010.	Completed
R. Johnson	Review Bi-Laws and bring recommended changes back to the BOD at the March meeting.	
S. McCartney	Distribute seed info to the two sites receiving seed in 2010.	Completed
J. Drolet	Update Green sheet process.	Completed
S. Motts	Develop a plan to sell the Jakes guns by June 1, by the March meeting.	Completed
ALL BOD	Discuss at the March meeting topics for the Presidents meeting concerning the Rendezvous	
J. Panaro	Revise letter for Carl to get to the printers for the upper gun raffle	Completed
J. Panaro	Send out co-op data by 1st week of February.	Completed
ALL BOD	Clean up / revise contact and distribution list.	Completed
J. Drolet	Update and distribute new BOD contact info / update website with the same.	Completed
D. Heckman	Work on free add in PGC digest	90.00%
J. Drolet	e-mail all Chapter Presidents of the vacancies on the State Board for any interested volunteers.	Completed

Finance Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

PA NWTF Treasurer's report

TO: PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NWTF

FROM: JIM PANARO

SUBJECT: REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2010

DATE: 3/5/10

Starting Balance	\$66,742.01	
Income	\$19,375.58	
	Rendezvous	
	\$13,460	
	RK Mellon Donation	\$5,000
	Promotional Items	\$685
Expenses	\$(58,003.30)	
	Rendezvous	
	\$17,059	
	Jakes Raffle	
	\$16,486	
	Upper Level Gun Raffle	
	\$8,845	
	Winter Turkey Talk	\$5,937
	Green sheet Transfers (NWTF Convention and two S&E projects)	\$2,515
	PFSC membership	\$1,500
	Sponsor Member Hunt	
	\$1,450	
	Insurance	\$1,000
	Promo Items	\$880
Ending Balance	\$28,113.99	
Net Gain (Loss)	(\$38,628.02)	

General Updates

Jakes Raffle net income of \$12,920 versus a budgeted net of \$15,000 ...down \$2,080.

Rendezvous net income of \$3,257 versus a budget net of \$6,200 ... down \$2,943.

PA Chapter Budget Report:

Pennsylvania Chapter - National Wild Turkey Federation
2009-2010 Budget, and 5-year actuals

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Income:	FY 09-10 Budget	FY 09-10 Actuals	%	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	FY 05-06 Actuals	FY 04-05 Actuals	5-year average
Chapter Administration									
Interest Checking	\$100	\$66	66%	\$139	\$97	\$117	\$109	\$104	\$113
Chapter President's Meeting	\$1,600	\$160	10%	\$1,935	\$2,107	\$1,741	\$1,772		\$1,889
Dave Burdge Donations	\$-	\$-		\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$672
Greg Caldwell Donations	\$-	\$-		\$2,305	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$461
Donations	\$50	\$98	196%	\$1,025	\$-	\$25	\$79	\$50	\$236
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$1,000	\$18,817	\$100	\$3,983
Membership Services									
Chapter Membership Rebates	\$11,500	\$10,358	90%	\$11,868	\$12,666	\$12,774	\$13,348	\$14,726	\$13,076
NWTF									
Local Chapter Banquet Rebates	\$6,000	\$1,736	29%	\$5,068	\$6,537	\$7,904	\$7,827	\$7,162	\$6,899
Women in the Outdoors	\$-	\$3,712		\$726	\$107	\$-	\$3,293	\$3,223	\$1,470
Art Committee									
30th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$133	\$114	\$481	\$656	\$277
30th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$376	\$75
Rendezvous Patch & Pin Rebate	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$213	\$43
Rendezvous/ Awards Banquet	\$25,000	\$20,420	82%	\$25,701	\$24,392	\$28,935	\$26,893	\$26,436	\$26,471
Promotional Items									
Promotional Items	\$1,500	\$685	46%	\$1,116	\$530	\$1,442	\$2,221	\$5,508	\$2,163
Fundraising									
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$40,000	\$30,060	75%	\$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	\$-	\$-		\$10,095	\$400	\$-	\$-	\$2,079	\$2,515
Chapter Miscellaneous									
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$500			\$17	\$2,060	\$1,282	\$1,290	\$200	\$970
Equipment Rental Fees	\$880	\$120	14%	\$560	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$112
Local Chapter Start-up Loans Returned	\$1,700	\$1,061	62%	\$1,900	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$800	\$600	\$1,260
Turkey Talk Publications									
Turkey Talk Advertising	\$1,305	\$90	7%	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total Income	\$105,135	\$68,566	65%	\$119,855	\$81,259	\$87,893	\$108,215	\$94,731	\$98,768

	FY 09-10 Budget	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	FY 05-06 Actuals	FY 04-05 Actuals
Starting Checking Account Balance	\$31,207	\$31,207	\$20,186	\$41,640	\$36,497	\$29,713	\$29,027
Plus Income	\$105,135	\$68,566	\$119,855	\$81,259	\$87,893	\$108,215	\$94,731
Gross Available Funds	\$136,342	\$99,773	\$140,041	\$122,899	\$124,390	\$137,928	\$123,758
Less Expenses	\$(105,135)	\$(65,098)	\$(114,036)	\$(105,284)	\$(85,574)	\$(107,282)	\$(89,576)
Green Sheet Transfers In	\$-	\$5,992	\$36,946	\$27,421	\$30,967	\$30,414	\$5,459
Green Sheet Transfers Out	\$-	\$(12,554)	\$(31,969)	\$(24,851)	\$(28,144)	\$(24,563)	\$(5,562)
Ending Checking Account Balance	\$31,207	\$28,114	\$30,982	\$20,186	\$41,640	\$36,497	\$34,078
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$0	\$(3,093)	\$10,796	\$(21,454)	\$5,143	\$6,784	\$5,051
Net Gain / (Loss) w/out green sheet transfers	\$0	\$3,468	\$5,819	\$(24,025)	\$2,319	\$933	\$5,155

Expenses	FY 09-10 Budget	FY 09-10 Actuals	%	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	FY 05-06 Actuals	FY 04-05 Actuals	5-year average
Chapter Administration									
Accounting	\$650	\$630	97%	\$630	\$600	\$565	\$550	\$400	\$549
Advertising	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Board Meetings	\$2,500	\$803	32%	\$2,391	\$1,809	\$3,225	\$3,068	\$2,575	\$2,614
Chapter Presidents Travel	\$1,100	\$-		\$1,360	\$1,737	\$1,244	\$1,461	\$949	\$1,350
Chapter Promotions- Fees	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Chapter Promotions- Shows	\$500	\$1,025	205%	\$-	\$-	\$995	\$1,210	\$199	\$481
Chapter Travel	\$750	\$-		\$37	\$1,243	\$966	\$700	\$563	\$702
Insurance - Board	\$1,500	\$1,000	67%	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415
Legal Fees	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter President's Meeting	\$5,700	\$223	4%	\$6,770	\$5,327	\$4,027	\$4,302	\$2,707	\$4,627
NWTF memberships	\$60	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$25	\$-	\$25	\$10
PaNWTF webpage	\$250	\$269	108%	\$209	\$76	\$1,202	\$861	\$1,769	\$823
Postage	\$500	\$283	57%	\$567	\$380	\$464	\$605	\$587	\$520
Secretary Expense	\$200	\$-		\$-	\$118	\$775	\$770	\$675	\$468
Supplies	\$500	\$-		\$360	\$503	\$729	\$345	\$234	\$434
Supporting Member Dues	\$1,500	\$1,606	107%	\$1,600	\$1,650	\$1,900	\$1,855	\$1,800	\$1,761
Telephone	\$500	\$455	91%	\$387	\$247	\$294	\$546	\$1,057	\$506
WITO Volunteers	\$-	\$-	N/A	\$1,287	\$628	\$-	\$2,812	\$1,327	\$1,211
District Directors									
Postage	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Supplies	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$6	\$-	\$6	\$2
Lodging/Meals/Travel	\$900	\$185	21%	\$891	\$1,021	\$419	\$409	\$431	\$634
Telephone	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Public Relations Committee									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$200	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$164	\$-	\$33
PR Representative	\$1,500	\$50	3%	\$300	\$300	\$175	\$625	\$825	\$445
Local Chapter Startup Loans									
Local Chapter Startup Loans	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$3,200	\$300	\$1,180
Turkey Talk									
Editor's Fee	\$-	\$-		\$2,400	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,320
Printing	\$13,420	\$6,371	47%	\$11,305	\$9,200	\$7,920	\$9,205	\$9,960	\$9,518
Postage	\$11,200	\$5,924	53%	\$12,250	\$15,012	\$12,175	\$11,003	\$11,266	\$12,341
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Legislative									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Legislative Programs/Travel	\$1,000	\$160	16%	\$1,306	\$1,273	\$755	\$332	\$802	\$893
Promotion Items									
Inventory Purchase	\$1,000	\$969	97%	\$497	\$2,407	\$450	\$2,820	\$6,012	\$2,437
Sales Tax	\$100	\$11	11%	\$13	\$6	\$31	\$34	\$147	\$46
Operating Expenses	\$200	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$39	\$99	\$212	\$70
Sponsor Member Hunt									
Sponsor Member Hunt of a Lifetime	\$1,450	\$1,450	100%	\$950	\$1,649	\$400	\$1,216	\$1,261	\$1,095
Art Committee									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
30th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,100	\$-	\$220
30th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Framing	\$1,000	\$-		\$725	\$-	\$1,462	\$1,144	\$308	\$728
Jakes / Youth									
Youth Committee Expenses	\$1,000	\$-		\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,200
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$118	\$1,065	\$1,066	\$1,000	\$1,181	\$886
Jakes Hunt of a Lifetime	\$600	\$-		\$475	\$600	\$583	\$500	\$459	\$523
Rendezvous									
Awards	\$2,500	\$2,207	88%	\$2,395	\$3,219	\$1,884	\$2,566	\$2,713	\$2,555
Calling Contest	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$2,100	\$4,558	\$2,650	\$1,862
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$104	7%	\$852	\$1,256	\$1,488	\$828	\$1,467	\$1,178
Room Rental	\$300	\$265	88%	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$338	\$337	\$294
Meals	\$7,500	\$5,692	76%	\$7,267	\$6,750	\$6,561	\$5,326	\$5,684	\$6,317
Speaker Fees	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Core Package	\$7,000	\$8,895	127%	\$8,502	\$6,722	\$7,095	\$5,619	\$5,336	\$6,655
Fund Raising									
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$25,000	\$17,140	69%	\$22,974	\$354	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$4,666
Upper Level Gun Raffle	\$8,800	\$8,845	101%	\$8,583	\$9,374	\$9,281	\$9,559	\$8,991	\$9,158
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$535	\$733	\$254
Additional Fundraiser	\$-	\$-		\$9,800	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$852	\$2,130
Donations and Contributions									
NWTF Chapter Donations	\$500	\$-		\$-	\$1,006	\$350	\$3,665	\$3,809	\$1,766
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$705	\$-		\$-	\$3,208	\$3,526	\$12,477	\$-	\$3,842
Dave Burdge Medical Fund	\$-	\$-		\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$672
Other Operating Expenses									
DART System Expense	\$500	\$515	103%	\$542	\$473	\$336	\$73	\$252	\$335
Equipment Repairs	\$300	\$21	7%	\$253	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$51
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$15,891	\$881	\$1,090	\$-	\$3,572
Total Expenses	\$105,135	\$65,098	62%	\$114,036	\$105,284	\$85,574	\$107,282	\$89,576	\$100,350

Hunting Heritage Budget Report:

2010 Hunting Heritage Fund Budget

				Budget	YTD Actual 1/10/2009	Forecasted Remaining	YTD plus Forecast	Budget versus Forecast
Starting Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:				\$138,245	\$138,245	\$0	\$138,245	\$138,245
Actual Income from 2010 Banquets: 88 Chapters				\$205,000	\$0	\$205,000	88 \$205,000	\$0
							\$2,330	
2010 #	5-Star 2010 Expenses projected for:	88 Chapters						
60	Jakes Days	\$500 each	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	60	\$30,000	\$0
20	WITO Events	\$250 each	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	20	\$5,000	\$0
0	National WITO Event attendees (1x)	\$300 each	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0
1	State WITO Event	\$800 each	\$800	\$0	\$800	1	\$800	\$0
8	Wheelin' Events	\$250 each	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	8	\$2,000	\$0
40	Scholarships	\$250 each	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	40	\$10,000	\$0
1	PA Scholarship		\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	1	\$1,000	\$0
40	School Boxes	\$63 each	\$2,520	\$0	\$2,520	40	\$2,520	\$0
Local Chapter 5-Star Expenses:				\$51,320	\$0	\$51,320	\$51,320	\$0
PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2010:								
	Congressional Sportsmen Foundation		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
	HHSFR - 2010 Super Fund Reserve Allocation		\$25,920	\$0	\$25,920		\$25,920	\$0
	Unallocated Contingency Reserve		\$1,260	\$0	\$1,260		\$1,260	\$0
	Chapter Membership Rebate		\$0	\$0	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$10,000
	4-H Shooting Sports		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
	NWTF Biologist		\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$0
	Ned Smith Fund		\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500		\$2,500	\$0
	Hen Telemetry		\$20,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	-\$20,000
	PGC Hunting Digest Ad		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
	Conservation Seed		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
	Seed Subsidy		\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500		\$4,500	\$0
	Hunting Heritage		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
PA Chapter Expenses:				\$74,180	\$0	\$64,180	\$64,180	-\$10,000
Total Expenses:				\$125,500	\$0	\$115,500	\$115,500	-\$10,000
Total Available for 2010 Super Fund Projects:				\$79,500	\$138,245	\$89,500	\$227,745	\$148,245
	Allocation for Habitat Projects	88%	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000		\$70,000	\$0
	Allocation for Safety & Education	9%	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500		\$7,500	\$0
	Allocation for Advertising & Communications	3%	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$0
	Allocation for Land Acquisition	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Total		100%	\$79,500	\$0	\$79,500		\$79,500	\$0
Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:				\$138,245			\$148,245	\$10,000

- **A motion was made by Joe Drolet to accept the Finance Reports. Don Heckman seconded and the motion carried.**

Officers' Reports:

President's Report:

President Report March 2010

January 10th, Assumed duties for the Office of President for PA State Chapter
January 11th, Attended Red Rock Chapter Banquet meeting
January 17th, attended meeting with Evan Heusinkveld, about the PA State Chapter and the US Sportsman Alliance Sentry Program in Centre Hall
January 18th Attended Red Rock Chapter Regular meeting
January 19th Attended the Conservation Coalition quarterly meeting
January 23rd, Worked on border cutting project on SGL #57 with Red Rock Chapter and QDMA
January 24th, Attended PA Game Commissioner meeting in Harrisburg
January 25th, Attended Red Rock Chapter Post Banquet meeting
January 30th, Attended Red Rock Chapter Banquet
February 2nd, Worked on deer trapping program with PGC and WNEP TV, Cannon netting deer
February 10th, Completed Committee positions and sent to Joe Drolet
February 14th, attended habitat meeting in Center Hall
February 14th, Worked on Scholarship winner for PA State Chapter
February 20th, Attended as Master of Ceremonies for Luzerne Conservation District Banquet
February 23rd, Worked with WNEP TV providing information on PA State Chapter
February 25th, Sent opposition letter to Senator Baker and Rep Boback about anit-hunters trying to legislate against organized bird shoots
February 26th, Sent State Scholarship winner to National
February 27th, Produced a WNEP TV PA Outdoor Life episode about turkey calls

Submitted by
Dale Butler

Vice- President's Report:

PA Chapter NWTF
Vice Presidents Report
March, 7th, 2010

1. January 10th, assumed duties for the office of Vice President for PANWTF.
2. January 21st, attended the Pocono Mountains Chapter NWTF banquet meeting.
3. January 30th, attended the McMichael's hunting club game dinner. Handed out 150 plus NWTF tri folds brochures to the attendees. Did a ten minute presentation on the NWTF.
4. February 11th, attended the Pocono Mountains Chapter banquet meeting.
5. February 14th, attended the PANWTF habitat meeting in Center Hall.
6. February 14th, voted for and selected the PANWTF scholarship winner.
7. March 2nd, attending the Pocono Mountains Chapter banquet meeting.
8. March 6th, attending the 14th annual Pocono Mountains Chapter Banquet.

Secretary's Report:

- Joe Drolet presented the prior meeting's minutes.
- **A motion was made by Scott Richards to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Scott Letterman seconded and the motion carried.**

Chairman's Report:

Chairman's Report March 2010

Attended Mason Dixon Chapter Banquet start up Meeting Jan 13

Attended Habitat and Award (Scholarship) Meeting on Feb 14

Did several email circuits about changing the August Board and President's Meeting Date change, till we got it finalized. Now on July 30-31, Aug 1 weekend.

Attended Mason Dixon Chapter Meeting on Feb. 17

Attended Lake Marburg Banquet on Feb 27.

Tom Bunty

Executive Officer Report– Don Heckman:

Don Heckman, PA Chapter NWTF Executive Officer Report – March 7, 2010
Report of committee functions, activities, action items, ideas, completed items.

January 10 – appointed Director and Executive Officer at PANWTF Annual Meeting.
Submitted Legislative Committee Report on current Legislative Bills tracking.
Submitted PFSC Report and motion to renew 2010 membership dues for \$1500.
Submitted WTM Committee list of comment items for PGC Game Commissioner meeting.
Reported PGC Hunting License Increase, MYH Fall season legislative bill, Marcellus Shell.
Extraction Severance Tax, Fines and Penalties, Wildlife Compact as high priority legislation.
Invited PANWTF Board members to attend and help participate in ESOS – February 6-14.

January 11 – provided President Butler my list of committee's and delegate positions.

January 12 – attend Michaux Yellow Breeches Local Chapter board meeting.

January 14 – collecting and communicated information on Spring Creek Canyon Alliance.

January 16 – attended PFSC Board meeting as PANWTF Delegate in State College.

January 17 – attended USSA/NWTF Sentry Program training and review in Pleasant Gap.
Resubmitted Communications/PR/Advertising Committee description and action items.

January 19 – sent BOD's communications on USSA/NWTF Sentry Program pilot in Pennsylvania.

January 21 – started working on updates to PGC Wild Turkey web site for NWTF and PANWTF reference, submitted to PGC for approval and update.

Working with NWTF Team on PANWTF Ad for 2010-2011 PGC Hunting and Trapping Digest.
Asked Joe for PANWTF Logo for Spring Creek Canyon Alliance for January 28th meeting.
Prepared and distributed additional information to BoDs for Spring Creek Canyon meeting.

January 23 – distributed 2009 Marcellus Shale Report for Centre County to BoDs.

January 24-25-26 – attend 3 day PGC Board of Game Commissioner's meetings.
Distributed PGC Commissioners Proposed Rule Making Seasons and Bag Limits press release.
Distributed PGC Staff communications on PGC Digest 2011-2012 for PA Chapter NWTF Ad
Distributed communications on Senate Game and Fisheries Committee legislative bills

January 27 – communications to EC and BoDs on PGC Seasons and Bag Limits press release,
Hunting license increase options, legislation, Spring Creek Canyon issues and meeting,
Marcellus Shale Severance Tax, NWTF memberships. PANWTF communications,
PANWTF early founder and friend Frank Piper article distributed.

January 28 – sent Jason two Turkey Talk articles for 2010 spring.
Sent Jason prized Frank Piper photo.
Started working on Legislative Committee – Legislative Bills updates for March 6, Board meeting.

January 29 – attend and represented PANWTF at PFSC Southern Division semi annual delegate and officer meeting; reappointed to Game and Trapping and Membership Committees.
Communication email PANWTF BOD for updates to Spring Creek Canyon – Rockview property.
Communication emails to PANWTF BOD on early bear season impacting hen harvest rate study.

January 31 – continued BODs communications, HB 181, NWTF AT A Glance, PANWTF What We Do For You, PGC Seasons and Bag limits changes for fall turkey, state-wide bear, seasons.
Communications to/from PGC Commissioner's sent to Executive Committee on Season dates.
PFSC Board Meeting review for membership, by-laws, conservation, and PGC seasons dates.

February 1 – communications sent to BODs on HB 181, remain neutral. HB 281 – support.
HB 169 – Small Games of Chance is on the move.

February 1 – communications with Safety & Education Committee on Green sheet questions I need answered for supporting green sheet submitted to Committee.

February 5 – 13 – Eastern Sports and Outdoors Show, help run turkey calling contest, and NWTF - MYB membership booth.

February 8 – 2010 ESOS program Ad check cashed, will be applied to 2011 ESOS program Ad.

February 13 – sent PFSC On Target article on wild turkey management.

February 14 – email communications to BoDs on 2010 Fall turkey season/early state-wide bear season.

February 15 – additional email communications to Executive Committee, Mary Jo Casalena, Bob Eriksen, and Jason Straley on urgency for Fall turkey season 2010 / early state-wide Saturday start for bear season proposed rule making planning for Turkey Talk, local chapters and members.

February 17-21 – attended NWTF Convention Nashville, TN Opryland Convention Center

February 22 – sent information on PGC proposed bear season, turkey season, and hen harvest rate study to Executive Committee, needs to get to BoDs by March 3rd.

February 23 – email communication information to BoDs on 2010 NWTF Convention, presentations, seminars, chapter leadership meetings, and follow-up overview.
Sent several communications on issues impacting PA Chapter to BOD's, PGC reports, legislative issues, Federal National Park gun ban lifted.
Emailed Donna Leggett questions on USSA/NWTF Sentry Program pilot presentation in PA.
Requested new updated NWTF Membership Ad attachment with Carl Mowry's correct email for the PGC Digest Ad due by March 12th.

February 24 – email communication to BoDs on HB 1859 – Fines and Penalties asking for email support to Senate Game and Fisheries Committee.

February 25 – email communications to BoDs on PGC Hen Harvest Rate Study

February 26 – emailed BODs several NWTF Convention newsletters.
Emailed BODs reports for WTM Committee, Legislative Committee, PFSC, Land Acquisition and DCNR/PA Wilds committees, and other related information.

March 1 – email BoDs communications on WTM Committee Report #2 and Executive Officer Report for March Board Meeting.

Emailed Bob Boyd on position statement updates for PGC Seasons and Bag limits.

Email Joe Neville and Bob D'Angelo PANWTF Ad for 2010/2011 PGC Hunting and Trapping Digest

Action item #1: PGC Web Site, NWTF/PANWTF updated: 90% completed, waiting for PGC site link to be updated.

Action item #2: PANWTF Ad in 2010/2011 PGC Hunting and Trapping Digest: 90% completed, Ad sent to PGC on March 1, waiting final printing.

Special Reports – Don Heckman 2010 NWTF Convention:

2010 NWTF Convention, February 17-21, 2010 Opryland Convention Center, Nashville TN

NWTF Convention interactions were fantastic, convention expectations fulfilled, turkey hunters are in good hands with NWTF. Now to increase new members, grow renewal memberships, improve banquets, add new opportunities to an already busy and sometimes hectic PA Chapter agenda, and on to the 35th Annual Convention in Nashville, Opryland Convention Center, February 17-20, 2011.

At Friday awards presentations, Jerry Zimmerman Local Chapter was presented the JAKES Award for category 200 Jakes.

At the Saturday night Awards Banquet PA Chapter NWTF received two awards for 2009 L.A. Dixon Jr. Memorial Outstanding State Chapter Award Highest Total NET/NET Dollars Raised Third Place and Membership Category over 20,000 Third Place Pennsylvania State Chapter 34th Annual Convention Nashville, TN

At Thursday mornings Presentation to Board and State and Provincial President's, CEO George Thornton spoke on improving NWTF balance sheet, fiscal year budget, and several budget cuts that helped 2008-2009 be more successful. 2009-2010 fiscal is looking brighter, and expects great opportunities for staff and chapters leaders. He stated 2009 was a very, very difficult year, and a very very busy year. Spoke to 2009 Challenges and how they were met. Several actions noted below were reviewed.

New staff appointments for Director of Field Operations, Northeast is Bob Fountain. Bob Eriksen is Northeast Director of Conservation Operations.

New Outreach manual is being developed and will be distributed in 2010. Look on nwtf.org Outreach site link.

Several new banquet automation tools are being used, RD's have told us about the changes coming forth, will be used in all 2010 banquets.

New NWTF logo for Conserve.Hunt.Share

NWTF is now on Pursuit Channel, new television channel outdoors partner with Mossy Oak.

New flagship magazine [Turkey Country](http://TurkeyCountry) in distribution and has been well received.

New retail store NWTF "Turkey Shop On Main" is in place.

TOM – Target Our Members – is up and running.

New NWTF Training Department and new DCO's [Director of Conservation Operations] and DFO's [Director of Field Operations] are in place and operational.

2010 Goals – Strengthen our fund balance, increase Mission spending, Better communicate our Mission and accomplishments, Stop the slide in Membership number, WHY? Membership Growth, Project Tom. These goals all directly hit home base in Pennsylvania.

New Social Networking opportunities, Facebook, Twitter, CamoSpace, and You Tube to present our Mission and messages to a younger audience.

Chevy only has two conservation organizations they support, NWTF being one of them.

Memberships, new and renewal was discussed, targeting all potential member categories.

Upland Habitat Initiative – early secessional habitat was the topic.

New NWTF Foundation was presented, 501 [c] 3 organization for providing permanent funding.

NWTF Activism – politics and legislative issues was reviewed.

NWTF has partnered with USSA to provide state legislative alerts, check the web site.

NWTF has press releases formats available for you to fill in the blanks, have them reviewed, and send to your local area outdoor writers and newspaper contacts. Template is also available on how to do communications, all on the NWTF web site.

Constitution and By-Laws review is on-going in 2010, PA Chapter needs to participate and will be asked to forward latest updated copy to Edgefield.

NWTF is going to participate and partner with the Boy Scouts on a new Conservation Challenge Patch in 2010.

State chapter can participate with NWTF to host a customized web site for \$400 per year. This has already been presented, I do not have any of the details available, possibly the RD's can help, or point the Executive Committee to the correct contact person if this is something chapter is interested. Joe has a very large bucket full of information on panwtf.org, not sure just how much the NWTF customized web site for \$400 will host.

CEO George Thornton recommends a 3 person team in each state, State Chapter President, Director of Field Operations, Director of Conservation Operations meet as need be to talk through questions and answers, issues, ideas, and other communications impacting NWTF and state chapters.

In closing George left us with this positive comment: We could not have had this result without each of you. Thank You for your hard work and commitment to the NWTF Mission.

I remain hopefully presentations will be available for seminars, presentations, and discussion groups and they will be made available to chapters. I have 2 CDs and a couple paper copies of the new NWTF Director list, a draft of index model state constitution and by-laws, Super Fund Task Force Survey Results, CEO George Thornton presentation at Board and Chapter Presidents presentation on NWTF current status.

That's what I have to share with you, hopefully my typing and spell check are working today. And I also thank all of you for your commitment and dedication to NWTF, PA Chapter NWTF, our 87 local chapters, and to all NWTF members in Pennsylvania, and to all those that have yet to do their renewal membership, or complete their new membership with NWTF. THANK YOU. Don...

Now for a short overview from my perspective... NWTF news releases are being released, read them as you can, check the NWTF web site for lots of Convention news, awards, presentations,

comment, and the good things that happened during convention week. Other chapter attendees can add their comments or send put their own comments.

I know one thing I was tired Sunday night when I finally got home around 9:30. I was delayed in Nashville going back through Chicago, and delayed in Chicago with the snow storm. I never before witnessed a plane being deiced as I did the moments before the plane took off. On two occasions I have spent a night in an airport waiting to get my rescheduled flight the next day to head home with many many of my 24-25 visits to NWTF Conventions over the years were just normal driving or flying trips.

If any of you ever get the opportunity to attend one or several NWTF Conventions please do not let the opportunities get lost or delayed, the Convention is one terrific opportunity to see how, when, where, why, and how much NWTF functions. Although it is not as good as a personal trip to Edgefield Headquarters, it provides many opportunities to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, participate in NWTF dialogue meetings, listen and watch professional turkey callers in that intense highly charged environment, and that exhibit hall, just incredible, and just let your hair down, if you have any haha, and be yourself among family and friends.

That being said, I attended the Wednesday evening early bird reception after getting my badges, registering for the Convention, and checking into the room. Opryland Convention Center is huge, after a few trips around the complex you will finally get the hang of it.

Thursday I represented the PA Chapter at the NWTF Board of Directors and State Chapter, and Provincial President's breakfast and meeting presentations. I participated in the question and answer session and took lots of notes [above]. There will be a copy of presentations available at the March Board meeting. After the Conservation Awards luncheon with Tech Committee attended the Leadership Interactive seminar and presentations, and then attended the Welcome Party and Dinner Thursday night.

Friday after the Federal Breakfast attended the Arming Sportsmen to Protect Their Hunting Tights with USSA Evan Heusinkveld, USSA/NWTF Sentry Program. Dale Butler, Jim Panaro and I met with Evan back in January to review Sentry Program pilot presentation. Presentation notebooks will be available from that meeting and from future kick-off meetings with USSA/NWTF.

After the Conservation Awards luncheon and presentations, attended Tech Committee wild turkey research presentations during the afternoon and talked with several biologists. Duane Diefenbach representing PGC presented his overview of the 4 year gobbler leg band study, along with several other research study presentators. I did miss the NWTF simplifying the banquet processing and reporting system seminar and presentation. Friday night attended the Wild Turkey Bourbon Bash and Grand National Fair and Auction Friday night.

Saturday attended the Winchester Breakfast, followed by a 2 ½ hour meeting with Commissioner Jay Delaney. You can guess the topics, or just read the last Wild Turkey Management Committee Report. Amazing what some Commissioner's do know and how much they do not know about NWTF-PANWTF-and local chapters.

Attending a Rendezvous, a chapter presidents meeting, reading Turkey Talk certainly helps, hearing PANWTF comments at Commissioner's meetings, talking to PANWTF representatives also help, but the missing gaps are huge, IMHO.

Met with Denny Fredericks on Consol Energy program, PFSC opportunities, and opportunities for NWT Board member.

Missed the Tech Committee Research Grant In Aid meeting, and that was a must do on my priority list. Bob Boyd presented the PGC Hen Harvest Rate Study research funding proposal.

Attended the NWTF Outreach Team presentation and overview .ppt of the Outreach Fund. Since this is not my forte I took plenty of notes and I'm sure one of the RD's will be present at the Board meeting to review the Outreach Fund opportunity. Bob Eriksen has excellent knowledge and information on this new pilot proposal. Presentation will be made available, if I get my copy

before the March Board meeting I will forward. Maybe Bob can forward if I do not receive one by March 4th.

Attended the Diamond Life Sponsor Reception, and then attended the NWTF 34th Annual Awards Banquet. PA Chapter NWTF received two awards.

Sunday attended the Federal Breakfast and finally had some time to get to the Exhibit Hall before starting home.

Please any of you that attended update my upper portion log with your comments and perspectives.

NWTF Reports

Ray Smith:

- Memberships Numbers
 - REGULAR – 6359
 - WITO – 1792
 - W/S – 395
 - SPONSOR- 940
 - LIFE – 360
 - JAKES – 5053
 - Diamond Life are included in the sponsor number and extreme jakes is included in the jakes.
- National Convention
 - Jerry Zimmerman Chapter had the best Jakes event
 - PA has the third highest membership in the country
 - L.A. Dixon Chapter had the 3rd highest net-net

Bob Eriksen:

**Regional Biologist Report
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist
January 3, 2010- March 3, 2010**

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended state chapter awards banquets in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland
- Attended Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings
- Presented a power point on wild turkey oddities at the Pennsylvania chapter Rendezvous in State College
- Participated in the annual Pennsylvania Chapter Habitat Super Fund Committee meeting
- Traveled to NWTF annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee
- Attended the January meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Participated in the annual meeting of the NWTF Technical Committee and presented two draft resolutions for the committee
- Attended meetings with Region 9 personnel of the U.S. Forest Service and the Natural Resource Conservation Service at the convention

- Met with staff at Allegheny National Forest in Warren, Pennsylvania to discuss a potential Stewardship Agreement
- Attended the annual Lower Delaware Chapter Super Fund banquet in Laurel, Delaware
- Met with representatives of Anadarko Petroleum to discuss their participation in habitat projects in Lycoming and Centre Counties in Pennsylvania

Agency Assistance

- Reviewed and commented on several chapters of the newly developed Pennsylvania Game Commission Turkey Hunter Safety curriculum
- Worked with Pennsylvania Game Commission training field staff on techniques for handling wild turkeys and affixing telemetry transmitters safely to the birds
- Worked with Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry personnel to develop habitat projects for Sproul State forest
- Provided advice and technical assistance regarding turkey trapping techniques and radio-marking of wild turkeys to biologists in Pennsylvania and Delaware on several occasions

Writing

- Prepared a draft manuscript on gobbler survival and cause-specific mortality in New Jersey for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium based on a five year study
- Reviewed 29 abstracts for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium
- Edited a manuscript on wild turkey damage and nuisance issues for the Tenth Symposium
- Reviewed a paper on rocket-netting techniques for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium
- Prepared the January northeast region report for the NWTF Board of Directors
- Submitted one article for the spring issue of “PA Turkey Talk”
- Prepared Pennsylvania Chapter comments for the January Game Commission meeting

Grants and Cooperative Agreements

- Prepared invoices for work done for the New Hampshire Department of fish and Game
- Interviewed applicants for a regional biologist position in Virginia and West Virginia

Media Contacts

- Discussed the potential for aflatoxins occurring in corn used for baiting and feeding deer and turkeys with an outdoor writer from West Virginia

Super Fund

- Hunting Heritage Super Fund request forms were processed from Pennsylvania (32), Maryland (23) and New Jersey (2).

Information Requests

- Twenty-five requests for information on wild turkey behavior, ecology, habitat management, spring hunting and interactions with bobwhite quail were handled and information provided.

Mary Jo Casalena:

**NWTF Technical Committee Representatives' Report - PA Chapter NWTF
Board of Directors Meeting, March 7, 2010**

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

Harvest Management

Very preliminary fall 2009 turkey harvest estimates show an approximate harvest of 23,100, which is 5% lower than the 2008 fall harvest and 3% lower than the previous three-year average (Table 1). These data still are being checked, and may change somewhat within the next two weeks. Final harvest totals from the annual Game-Take survey will be available this summer.

Wild Turkey Season Recommendations

During the January PGC Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board gave preliminary approval of staff recommendations to: close the fall season in WMUs 5C and 5D and open the season in WMU 5A as a three-day (Tuesday – Thursday) season. Also, in support of the hen harvest and survival rate study, the Board gave preliminary approval to decrease the fall season in WMU 4D from 3 weeks to 2 weeks and increase the season in WMU 2F from 2 weeks to 3 weeks.

However, in response to opening bear season on Saturday, Nov. 20, the Board gave preliminary approval to eliminate the last Saturday of the fall turkey season in WMUs with 3-week seasons: 2B, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C and 4E. The motion was designed to ensure that there would not be an overharvest of turkeys in these units.

The Bureau of Wildlife Management has not developed a final position regarding the Board's action, but the Bureau disagrees with changing the bear season dates and closing the 3-week turkey season on Friday for several reasons. The bear biologist and Bureau Chief will develop the position regarding bear season, but we will mention that returning to a 3-day bear season with no extensions in WMUs with over-abundant bear populations goes against strategy 4.13 in the Bear Management Plan (identify by July 1, 2010, WMUs where harvest is not meeting goals established in Strategy 4.1.1 and identify hunting opportunities beyond those established by Strategy 4.1.2 that could be added in these WMUs). The Bear Management Plan states that larger harvests can be achieved by making seasons longer, adding special seasons, allowing hunting methods that improve success (e.g., baiting), and/or overlapping seasons with other hunting opportunities (e.g., deer hunting), which has been done and has not only controlled bear populations, but has also increased bear hunting participation (strategy 4.14; calculate by July 1, 2011, the recreational benefit (e.g., participation, approval rating, etc.) for new hunting opportunities identified in Strategy 4.1.3 and incorporate those with the greatest benefit into annual season and bag limit recommendations).

Regarding the Friday closing of fall turkey season, again the Bureau of Wildlife Management has not developed a final position, but the Bureau wants to ensure the four-year hen harvest and survival rate study objectives are not compromised. The study is designed to determine not only hen harvest and survival rates, but just as importantly, the effect of fall season length on harvest rate. Removing the last Saturday from the three-week season could potentially remove up to 45% of the last week's harvest. With this much of the third week's harvest removed, we most likely will not be able to detect a difference in harvest rates between a two-week season and three-week season, nullifying a main objective of the 4-year, \$3 million study. The study is aimed to determine how much fall hunting recreation we can allow without impacting the turkey resource. This study might prove that we can safely increase fall turkey seasons.

The purpose of the proposed change to the bear season is to increase hunting opportunities to the approximately 140,000 bear hunters, particularly to youth bear hunters. However, removing

the last Saturday of the three-week turkey season decreases hunting opportunities to the approximately 183,000 fall turkey hunters. Although we currently do not have figures on the number of youth bear and turkey hunters, we can extract youth harvest data before the April Commission meeting to determine the potential impact to youth. Even without figures on youth turkey and bear hunters, the bear and turkey biologists agree that youth hunter recruitment potential is greater with turkey hunting than bear hunting, with 16% fall turkey hunter success rate versus 3% for bear hunters, two hunting seasons available for turkey and overall more hunting days offered.

There are multiple options available for fall turkey and bear seasons. Six potential options are described below, but other options may be possible. We will strive to recommend an option that not only best supports the hen study but also can be maintained into the future. Changes to hunting seasons can be confusing so we endeavor to keep changes to a minimum.

Option 1: No change from 2009 bear season and maintain the Saturday fall turkey season closure on November 20, 2010. This will fully support the hen study as designed.

Option 2: The preliminarily approved seasons. See above for disadvantages of this option.

Option 3: Same as Option 2, except keep fall turkey season would remain open on Saturday November 20, concurrent with opening day of bear season in the 9 WMUs with a 3-week season. This keeps the turkey season structure the same as before, but allows additional turkey harvest incidental to bear hunting as well as potential conflicts between turkey and bear hunters. This option also is contrary to decision-making guideline #6 for recommending fall turkey-hunting seasons specified in the Turkey Management Plan that specifies “ maintain the opening day of the fall turkey season separate from other big game and small game seasons to minimize the opportunistic taking of turkeys by hunters pursuing other species during opening day.” (Management Plan for Wild Turkeys in Pennsylvania, 2006 -2015, page 36). However, this increased harvest will be documented with data so that we will be able to determine any affect of the incidental harvest.

Option 4: Open fall turkey season later (one week for WMUs with a three -week season, two weeks later for WMU’s with a two-week or shorter season) so turkey season ends November 27 (except for the WMU with a season shorter than one week). Keep the proposed three-day bear season (November 20, 22, 23).

Three-week season WMUs: November 6 – 27,

Two-week season WMUs: November 13-27,

Three-day season WMU: November 16 – 18.

Turkey and bear seasons would be concurrent all three days of bear season, increasing incidental take of turkeys in both the two- and three-week season WMUs. This option also is contrary to decision-making guideline #6 for recommending fall turkey-hunting seasons in the Turkey Management Plan. Although season lengths technically would remain the same, potential harvest would increase substantially due to the three days of concurrent bear season, Thanksgiving holiday and the day before and after Thanksgiving, when most schools and many businesses are closed. Instead of just three or four Saturdays there would be eight or nine large harvest days (eight for the two-week WMUs, nine for the three-week WMUs). Each Saturday typically comprises 6 – 15% of the total harvest.

Although this proposal would remove fall turkey season from archery season, these concurrent seasons were not a conflict in terms of turkey harvest, whereas the overlap with bear season and three extra holidays have substantial risk of creating an overharvest.

The later into November we have fall turkey season, the higher the probability of snow cover, which increases harvest due to the ability to see turkeys easily through the woods.

This option may be too much opportunity too soon. Although an objective of the Turkey Management Plan is to increase hunting opportunity, it states to increase opportunity where the turkey population can withstand such, and, without harvest rate data, we currently are not in a position to recommend increasing potential fall harvest that significantly. Instead of setting the season in this liberal fashion, then determining whether hen harvest rates are too high and risking a future decrease in the season, a more conservative approach would be to set seasons more conservatively for the four-year study, then, if harvest rates are low, increase season lengths according to the research results. Fall seasons are structured conservatively partially because

seasons are finalized in April, prior to knowing the outcome of the turkey breeding season. During years of poor reproduction, the majority of the fall turkey harvest comprises adults (few juveniles in the fall population). Results from the WMU 5A hen study showed that maintaining even a one-week fall turkey season in an area where the turkey population declined substantially was too much harvest for the population. Once we closed the season, the population recovered to the point where, after 7 years, we have proposed to re-open the season.

Option 5: Same as Option 2, except re-open turkey season on Friday and/or Saturday AFTER thanksgiving in the 9 WMUs with a 3-week season. This provides the weekend harvest day eliminated in Option 2. Offering two days (Friday and Saturday), may be beneficial by allowing hunters more opportunity to locate fall turkey flocks that sometimes can be difficult to locate in just one day of hunting. This option adds complication to the season structure, but keeps turkey and bear hunting separate.

Option 6: Open turkey season one-week earlier so it does not overlap with bear in the 9 WMUs with three-week seasons. However, turkey season would open concurrent with pheasant season in 18 of the 19 open WMUs (WMU 5A will open on a Tuesday) so the potential for incidental harvest is much higher than Option 3. Also, the increased harvest will occur in WMUs with shorter seasons, potentially impacting those WMUs more so than those with three-week seasons. This option also is contrary to decision-making guideline #6 for recommending fall turkey-hunting seasons in the Turkey Management Plan.

Wild Turkey Spring Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study

Dr. Duane Diefenbach presented preliminary results at the annual National Wild Turkey Technical Committee meeting during the NWTf National Convention in February. Results were well-received. He will present the results today to the board, followed by a question/answer period.

Hen Turkey Survival and Harvest Rate Study

The majority of MJ Casalena's time has been dedicated to baiting, trapping and attaching leg bands and transmitter to wild turkeys for this study. As of 5 March, we have banded 227 of the 310 hen winter quota, trapping an average of 8 hens per trapping attempt, and deployed 34 of the 60 transmitters. Banding totals per Region are: NC Region, 91 (quota = 146); SC Region, 72 (quota = 73); SW Region, 41 (quota = 49), NW Region, 23 (quota = 42). We also have legbanded 44 males with non-reward bands incidental to hen trapping. To date, satellite data reveal the vast majority of transmittered hens have remained within one mile of the trapping site, which is expected because turkeys remain in their winter flocks. Trapping will continue through mid-March, at which time flocks begin dispersing from winter flocks and baiting turkeys to trap sites becomes ineffective.

We submitted a proposal to NWTf's Grant-in-aid Research Funding to cover the costs of legband rewards and part of the monthly ARGOS fees for downloading the locations of hens with the 60 satellite transmitters (calendar year 2011 = \$17,420; year 2012 = \$18,720; year 2013 = \$19,920). Thirteen proposals were submitted including ours. NWTf typically funds several studies each year. Funding announcements are expected this summer.

PANWTF Habitat Superfund Projects

The PA Chapter NWTf was able to fund 57 of the 63 proposals (\$74,931) plus their seed subsidy (\$4,500) and conservation seed programs for wild turkey habitat improvement throughout Pennsylvania. Of these proposals, 37 projects were funded in cooperation with the PA Game Commission for a total of \$50,138 funded to the Game Commission by the PA NWTf, plus the conservation seed program. Most habitat improvement projects were funded at a lower level than requested because there simply were not enough funds available to fully fund every proposal. These habitat projects are just one example of the strong cooperative relationship between the PANWTF, local NWTf chapters and the Game Commission.

2008 Pennsylvania Turkey Hunter Survey

B. Boyd presented the preliminary results of this survey at the Annual NWTF Convention. We completed a draft of the manuscript regarding the 2008 PA turkey hunter survey and comparisons with the 1995 and 2001 surveys for inclusion in the peer-reviewed *Proceedings of the 2010 National Wild Turkey Symposium* and will present the results to the PGC Board in early 2010.

Annual NWTF Convention and Sport Show, Nashville, TN

Thanks to the generous support from the Pennsylvania State Chapter, the Game Commission sent Technical Committee representative, B. Boyd, to the National Convention. B. Boyd's attendance at the National Wild Turkey Technical Committee meeting was important, not only for providing the presentation, but also to advocate for our hen harvest rate research study proposal. The Technical Committee agreed with the importance of the study, and agreed with the amount requested, especially compared to last year's request of \$139,567 for the first year, prior to us receiving federal funding for the study. Also attending the Convention for the Game Commission were Commissioner Jay Delaney, the Joe Kurz award recipient (Jon Zuck, Land Management Officer in Bedford & Fulton Counties, SC Region) and Wildlife Conservation Officer of the Year award recipient (Travis Anderson, Somerset County, SW Region).

Table 1. Pennsylvania spring and fall wild turkey harvests, by Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), determined from reported harvest and corrected for reporting rate, 2006 - 2009.

WMU	Spring				Fall			
	2006	2007	2008	Prelim. 2009	2006	2007	2008	Prelim. 2009
1A	2,086	1,885	2,267	2,398	888	922	1,136	1,336
1B	2,808	2,725	3,066	2,978	1,391	1,577	1,316	1,698
2A	2,296	1,816	2,280	2,137	826	713	857	666
2B	1,800	1,611	1,509	1,555	746	655	717	794
2C	2,098	2,138	2,171	2,347	1,399	1,670	1,468	1,389
2D	3,000	2,523	3,193	3,291	1,545	1,795	2,009	1,574
2E	885	1,026	989	1,168	819	802	955	1,051
2F	1,193	1,350	1,372	1,417	795	962	771	908
2G	2,206	2,398	2,774	2,502	2,018	2,303	2,427	2,326
3A	1,480	1,287	1,492	1,530	819	1,461	1,050	1,156
3B	1,961	2,274	2,623	2,607	1,395	1,795	1,304	1,645
3C	2,330	2,425	2,804	3,131	1,099	1,817	1,332	1,565
3D	2,136	2,056	2,331	2,291	965	966	767	680
4A	1,468	1,332	1,604	1,622	1,260	1,403	1,337	1,003
4B	1,739	1,440	1,764	1,666	1,264	1,118	869	661
4C	2,552	2,373	2,657	2,781	1,191	1,390	1,455	1,080
4D	1,939	1,937	2,161	2,445	1,741	2,151	2,628	1,688
4E	2,467	2,152	2,726	2,790	1,572	1,541	1,644	1,688
5A	515	601	567	590	-	-	-	-
5B	795	700	798	905	-	4	-	-
5C	1,474	1,166	1,266	1,454	273	285	254	171
5D	56	74	63	73	19	9	8	5
Unknown								48
TOTAL	39,382	37,317	42,507	43,677	22,077	25,338	24,304	23,132

Table 2. Average percentage (%) Pennsylvania fall turkey harvests (2004-2008) for each Saturday and each week (Monday – Friday) of the season, by Wildlife Management Unit (WMU).

WMU	2004-08 Average							Total ^a
	1st Sat	Mon-Fri	2nd Sat	Mon-Fri	3rd Sat.	Mon-Fri	4th Sat.	
1A	24.1	25.1	10.8	20.8	12.1			92.9
1B	25.6	27.1	11.4	22.1	12.4			98.6
2A	20.9	21.2	11.7	19.5	10.9	11.1	12.5	107.8
2B	14.6	20.0	10.2	17.7	9.7	14.5	13.6	100.4
2C	23.9	23.0	11.6	24.9	14.7			98.1
2D	19.2	20.1	11.4	14.7	9.3	14.0	11.5	100.2
2E	21.8	25.0	13.5	24.1	14.9			99.3
2F	19.2	23.2	9.6	22.5	8.9	15.3	11.6	110.4
2G	17.8	24.7	8.4	16.2	6.9	15.0	11.0	100.0
3A	20.4	28.4	7.7	15.1	6.1	12.6	9.6	99.9
3B	19.2	21.6	9.8	16.4	8.7	13.8	10.3	99.8
3C	18.2	16.9	8.5	16.8	12.1	13.3	14.3	100.2
3D	16.6	19.8	9.4	14.1	8.4	18.5	13.2	99.9
4A	19.4	25.4	14.3	24.9	14.9			98.9
4B	23.2	26.6	13.4	22.1	13.3			98.6
4C	17.0	23.6	9.2	18.9	8.6	13.5	9.8	100.6
4D ^b	21.2	24.5	6.8	17.4	7.3	13.7	9.4	100.2
4E	18.4	22.6	8.7	16.2	8.5	16.3	9.6	100.2
5A								
5B								
5C	25.8	66.2						92.0
5D	15.0	68.0						83.0
Range	15-26%	18-28%	7-14%	14-25%	6-15%	11-19%	9-14%	

Total^a . Total percentage may not equal 100 due to rounding.

4D^b . Averages are for 2007 & 2008, for the 3-week seasons.

For 3-week season WMUs the last Mon-Fri comprises 11 - 19% of the season's total harvest, on average from 2004 - 2008.

For 3-week season WMUs the last Saturday comprises 9 - 14% of the season's total harvest, on average from 2004 - 2008.

For 3-week season WMUs the last Saturday comprises 42 - 47% of the last week's harvest, on average, 2006 & 2008 data.

- A long discussion ensued about the various options in the Technical Committee Report.
- **Don Heckman made a motion that the PA NWTF accept and support Option #1 of the PGC Technical Committee Report for wild turkey season recommendations. Jim Panaro seconded. The motion failed 5 to 6.**

- **Scott Wojton made a motion that we recommend that the 3 week seasons include the final Saturday regardless of any bear season changes to protect the integrity of the current Hen Harvest Rate Study. Jim Panaro seconded. The motion failed 5 to 5 with one abstention.**
- **Don Heckman made a motion that PA Chapter of the NWTF supports the Saturday Fall Turkey Season in Wildlife Management Units with three week seasons per the following schedule to protect the integrity of the Hen Harvest Rate Study and Crossover Design. Joe Drolet seconded and the motion passed.**

Year	WMUs	Start Date	End Date
2010	2B, 2F, 2G,3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E	10/30/2010	11/20/2010
2011	2B, 2F, 2G,3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E	10/29/2011	11/19/2011
2012	2C, 2E, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D,4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E	11/03/2012	11/24/2012
2013	2C, 2E, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D,4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E	11/02/2013	11/23/2013

Committee Reports

Art – K. Fernburg/G. Huff:

- There are around 150 unframed prints in the chapter inventory
- A suggestion was made to get them framed and donate them to the banquet system

Awards – T. Bunty:

Awards Report March 2010

Awards Committee was scheduled to meet during the Habitat meeting on Feb 14, but I was the only attendee. After the Habitat meeting, Dale, Skip, Sam and I went over the Scholarships submitted and determined the winner, Jason LeVan from Armenia Mountain Spurs chapter.

I had the nameplates created for the LMO and WCO of the year Awards for presentation at a PGC Commissioner meeting. I've brought them along for whomever is going to present them.

Tom Bunty

By-Laws – R. Johnson/J. Straley:

- No Report

Conservation Seed – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report

Dart – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:

Dart System Report March 2010

When checking out the East system before it went out for the first Event, I found that one of the 410's would only fire once in ten – twenty minutes and new batteries didn't fix the problem. Ordered and Installed new Laser @ \$500 plus shipping \$30. Laser that failed had date of 09/99, must be original. Didn't get it repaired before the ESOS. I have it at home yet. Will test when I have the system in April.

At first Event, Bloomsburg Early Bird show, they called on Friday and couldn't get it to sense any shots, though it had worked for prior day and half. Tried talking them thru troubleshooting but couldn't get it working.

Went up to Show early Sat. morn and found that the right side mount of the camera hinge bolt had come out and Coax cable on rear of Camera was off back of camera and hanging mid air. Reinstalled coax and system working again, reinstalled mount bolt and tightened.

West system started it's tour without any problems.

Tom Bunty

DCNR/PA Wilds – R. Johnson/D. Heckman:

DCNR/PA Wilds Committee – March, 2010

Spoke with Emily Just, DCNR wildlife biologist at the ESOS in early February. Emily replaced Merlin Benner as DCNR Bureau of Forestry wildlife biologist. She is willing to meet with us and work on the partnership agreement with PANWTF, and state forest/state parks projects including Habitat, Information Education opportunities, WITO, and other events and opportunities.

PANWF needs to find a copy of the DCNR/NWTF MOU partnership agreement, and review past meeting minutes scheduled with DCNR Secretary and Staff.

Emily Just
Bureau of Forestry
Wildlife Biologist
717-425-5367 work
emjust@state.pa.us email

Don Heckman

Drilling Reclamation – D. Butler/B. Eriksen :

- No Report

Finance – J. Panaro/S. Richards:

- The PA Chapter budget will be done in August
- The Hunting Heritage Budget will be done in October

Habitat – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report

Hunting Heritage/Super Fund – J. Panaro/S. Richards:

- There was a long discussion on habitat funds allocation. No motions resulted.

Internet – J. Drolet K. Skrapits

Internet Committee – March, 2010

- Created the 2010 Board Calendar
- Updated the web PeopleDB with the new Board members
- Updated the PeopleDB with the new slate of officers
- Updated the Website's Directors Handbook with the new Committee Positions
- Sent out several Mass Emails
- Set up the March Board Meeting web page with all the new committees, committee positions and officers
- The Committee will be reviewing the NWTF offering for a state web site format later in the year.

Jakes – K. Fernburg/D. Zimmerman:

- The Committee is working on getting rid of the guns
- Gun Raffle tickets are due by the June Board meeting

Land Acquisition – D. Heckman/S. Richards:

Land Acquisition Committee – March, 2010

No HHSF funding for 2010, No land acquisition projects or prospects to review or in the pipeline.

Don Heckman

Legislative – T. Bunty/D. Heckman:

PA Chapter NWTF Legislative Committee Report

Legislative Bills – March 7, 2010 – for PA Chapter NWTF Board consideration

PA Legislative Bill Locator -- <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/session.cfm>
Title 34 Game Code – 29 bills / Title 18 and 42 Firearms Code – 38 bills / Title 30 Fish & Boat – 11 bills / Environmental – 40 bills. Four bills have been signed by Governor on this report.

PA General Assembly 2009-2010 legislative session. These firearms and game and wildlife code bills will be monitored from House and Senate Game and Fisheries and Judicial Committees. Underline bills are specific to PA Chapter NWTF consideration.

HB 40 – Title 18 – Castle Doctrine; referred to Judiciary, Jan 26. Judicial Committee meeting held on November 19, 2009.

HB 92 – Title 34 – PGC POS transferable license, tag, stamp transaction fee to buyer. Signed in House, July 14, 2009, Signed in Senate, July 15, 2009, Presented to the Governor, July 15, 2009, **Approved by the Governor, July 17, 2009.**

PANWTF DOES SUPPORT

HB 97 – Title 34 – Increased poaching fines and penalties, in game and wildlife protection act, for unlawful taking or possession of game or wildlife, and many more provisions. Referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, Jan 28, reported as amended, June 2 [[amendments supported by

PGC, PFSC, Conservation orgs]], first consideration, June 2; re-committed to Rules June 2; re-reported to as committed, June 16; re-committed to Appropriations June 16; re-reported as committed, June 23; second consideration, June 23 [[NRA sponsored supported amendments were reported too late]]; third consideration June 24; House vote 194-0 to re-commit; re-committed to Game and Fisheries June 24; See House Journal for remarks; voted out of Game and Fisheries Committee, printer number 1976, past printer number 89, July 9. Legislative bill has been reintroduced as HB 1859, July 14, 2009.

PANWTF DOES SUPPORT, as amended current printer number 1976

HB 180 – Title 34 – A minimum of 10% of the previous fiscal year's revenues from timber harvesting on commission land shall be used solely for the purpose of forest regeneration activities; referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, Feb. 2.

HB 181 – Title 34 – Further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers relating to searches and for resisting or interfering with an officer; recommitted to Appropriations; second consideration with amendments, May 12, 2009. On final passage in the House 192-0 on June 1, 2009; bill sent to Senate, referred to Senate Game and Fisheries Committee, June 4.

HB 184 – Title 34 – Hunting groundhogs on Sunday; referred to Game and Fisheries Committee

SB 211 – – Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act further providing for definitions; increases individual prize limits from \$500 to \$1,000; increases weekly limit from \$5,000 to \$20,000; authorizes progressive games with a maximum cash value of \$5,000; allows a licensed eligible organization to sell the raffle tickets of another licensed eligible organization; allows more than one organization to use the same location; increases license fee for an organization from \$100 to \$500; increases license fee for limited occasion licenses from \$10 to \$30 and changes the license renewal from annually to biannually; requires an annual financial report limited to the operation of games of chance detailing gross profit and background check in the application process.

Referred to Finance, Feb. 19; Reported as amended, April 1; First consideration April 1; Re-referred to Appropriations, April 28, 2009. Re-reported as amended Sept. 23, 2009; Second Consideration, Sept. 24, 2009; Laid on the table, Oct. 5, 2009.

PANWTF DOES SUPPORT

HB 239 – Title 34 – Safety zone as defined for and when applied to properly licensed furtakers trapping within a permanent watercourse and using traps submerged in water, or making use of any special permit issued in accordance with this title or commission regulations, the area within 50 yards around any occupied dwelling house, residence or other building or camp occupied by human beings, and other provisions; Re-committed to Appropriations, March 10, 2009

HB 262 – Title 34 – Prescribed Burning Practices Act encourages the continued use of prescribed burning for fuel reduction, ecological, forest, wildlife and grassland management purposes, and other provisions. Signed in House, July 13, 2009; Signed in Senate, July 14, 2009; Presented to the Governor, July 14, 2009; **Approved by the Governor, July 14, 2009**; Act No. 17

PANWTF DOES SUPPORT

HB 281 – Title 34 – PGC MYH exemption for transferable license between mentor to youth hunter. Passed the House 192-0 on April 22; Referred to Senate Game and Fisheries April 24; first consideration April 29, re-referred to Appropriations Committee May 4. Senate amendment for only 1 doe transfer tag to youth hunter per year; Senate amendment for Falconry change to lower age limit from 16 down to 12, and fee increase from \$25 up to \$50.

Third consideration and final passage, April 22, 2009 ([192-0](#)); Remarks see House Journal Page [634-635](#)), June 22, 2009. Referred to Senate Game and Fisheries, April 24, 2009; Reported as committed, April 29, 2009; First Consideration, April 29, 2009. Re-referred to Appropriations, May 4, 2009.

PANWTF DOES SUPPORT

HB 375 – Title 18 – Firearms registration; referred to Judiciary Committee

HB 419 – Title 34 and 30 – Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the PA Constitution stating that the right to hunt, fish and harvest game would forever be preserved, subject to state restrictions. Referred to House Game and Fisheries Committee June 17, 2009; reported as committed June 17; first consideration June 17; re-committed to Rules June 17. Re-reported as committed, [Sept. 10, 2009](#); Laid on the table, Sept. 10, 2009; Removed from table, Sept. 11, 2009; Re-committed to [APPROPRIATIONS](#), Sept. 11, 2009.
PANWTF DOES SUPPORT

HB 460 – Title 34 – allow PGC to remove regulation for hunting license back tag requirement from the back of hunters; referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, Feb 13, 2009. Reported as committed, [Dec. 16, 2009](#); First consideration, Dec. 16, 2009; Laid on the table, Dec. 16, 2009; Removed from table, Dec. 17, 2009; Re-committed to [APPROPRIATIONS](#), Dec. 17, 2009.

HB 470 – Title 42 – All legal fees incurred by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for legal actions initiated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and legal actions brought against the commission are to be paid from the PGC Game Fund and not from the Commonwealth's General Fund, referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, Feb 18, 2009.

HB 474 – Title 34 – Commissioner nomination can not be current or former employees or deputy conservation officers of PGC, referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, Feb 18, 2009.

SB 490 – – Divert almost \$175 million of state conservation funding held in the Oil & Gas Lease Fund to other state general fund purposes; re-referred to Appropriations March 18; third consideration and final Senate passage March 25, vote 33-17; In the House referred to Environmental Resources and Energy on March 26, 2009.

SB 535 – Title 34 – Mentored Adult Hunting; further providing for license requirements, exempting mentored adult hunting programs; re-referred to Appropriations Committee on May 4, 2009. Third consideration and final passage, Sept. 14, 2009 ([49-0](#)); (Remarks see Senate Journal Page), Sept. 15, 2009. In the House, Referred to [GAME AND FISHERIES](#), Sept. 16, 2009.

HB 578 – Title 34 - Defining "wildlife management unit"; & further providing for more resident license and fee exemptions. Referred to [GAME AND FISHERIES](#), Feb. 23, 2009.

HB 623 – Title – Oil & gas leases royalties - special fund for conservation, recreation, dams & flood control. Referred to [ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY](#), Feb. 26, 2009.

SB 740 – Title 34 – PGC hunting license fee increase; referred to Senate Game and Fisheries Committee, April 3, 2009.
PANWTF DOES SUPPORT

SB 842 – Title 18 and 42 – Castle Doctrine – Further providing for the definition of "dwelling" to include attached porch, deck or patio; providing a definition for "residence" and "vehicle"; providing an actor is presumed to have a reasonable belief that deadly force is immediately necessary to protect himself against death, serious bodily injury, kidnapping or sexual intercourse compelled by force or threat if both of the following exist: 1) the person against whom the protective force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering, or had unlawfully and forcefully entered, a dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle; or the person against whom the protective force was used had unlawfully and forcefully removed or was attempting to unlawfully and forcefully remove another against that other's will from the dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle and 2) The actor knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forceful entry or act was occurring or had occurred. Referred to Judiciary Committee, May 5, 2009.

SB 843 – Title 18 – Further providing for cruelty to animals by adding that the use of live animals or fowl for targets at trap shoot or block shoot is prohibited. The bill provides for penalties and definitions. (Bans pigeon shoots) Referred to Judiciary Committee, May 5, 2009.

SB 862 – Title xx – Act authorizing certain Centre County lands to be conveyed. [862 seeks to transfer the out parcels - not the 1100 acres Penn state is trying to heist from sportsmen with inside deal]; Reported to State Government Committee, May 11, 2009; reported as committed June 9, 2009; first consideration June 9; second consideration June 15; third consideration and final passage, June 16, 2009 (50-0). In the House referred to State Government Committee, June 17. Third consideration, with amendments, [Aug. 4, 2009](#); Final passage, Aug. 4, 2009 ([198-0](#)); (Remarks see House Journal Page), Aug. 4, 2009. In the Senate, Senate concurred in House amendments, Aug. 11, 2009 ([47-0](#)); Signed in Senate, Aug. 11, 2009; Signed in House, Aug. 11, 2009; Presented to the Governor, Aug. 11, 2009; **Approved by the Governor, Aug. 11, 2009.**

SB 1046 – Title 34 – further providing for elk hunting licenses; provides that the Game Commission shall transfer one bull elk tag each year to the Governor's Office. The bill further provides the Governor's Office is authorized through an objective and established process to auction off a special license, which shall be known as the "Governor's Tag", to hunters interested in the opportunity to hunt one bull elk in the next license year. The bill also permits a one-time transfer of the Governor's tag by the purchaser at auction, if the tag is transferred without consideration to another properly licensed hunter for his use under the same terms and conditions as the original purchaser. Senate Game and Fisheries Committee. The bill was unanimously reported as amended on Jan. 27, 2010.

HB 1158 – Title 34 – Spring Creek Canyon land acquisition to PGC and PFBC; referred to State Government Committee, March 31, 2009.

SB 1200 (Alloway), an Act authorizing Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact. Senate Game and Fisheries Committee. Bill was unanimously reported as committed on Jan. 27, 2010.

HB 1293 – title – Firearms Registration Act requires all firearms in PA to be registered. No person may possess, harbor, have under the person's control, transfer, offer for sale, sell, deliver or accept any firearm which is unregistrable. Referred to House Judiciary Committee, April 20, 2009.

HB 1294 – Title 34 – increases spring gobbler season length from sunrise to 5 pm each day. Referred to Game and Fisheries Committee April 20, 2009
PANWTF DOES NOT SUPPORT

HB 1325 – Title 34 – Authorizing Sunday Hunting on commercial regulated hunting grounds holding a valid permit. Referred to House Game and Fisheries Committee, April 22, 2009.

HB 1489 – Title – Severance Tax on Marcellus Shale gas exploration and drilling; reported to Environmental Resources and Energy, June 23, 2009; reported as amended June 23; first consideration June 23; re committed to Rules June 23. Re-committed to [APPROPRIATIONS](#), Sept. 11, 2009; Re-reported as committed, [Sept. 30, 2009](#); Re-committed to [ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY](#), Nov. 10, 2009.

HB 1531 – State Budget – several revenue generating line items added to PA State Budget legislative proposals including amendment for Marcellus Shale Drilling Severance Tax; pass House floor vote 103-98, Oct. 2, 2009. Will go over to Senate for consideration. Signed in Senate, Oct. 8, 2009; Presented to Governor, Oct. 8, 2009; **Approved by the Governor, Oct. 9, 2009.**

HB 1545 – Title 18 – Imposing a 1% tax on each sale of a firearm. The tax receipts shall be deposited into a newly created Violence Reduction Fund. The Pennsylvania State Police shall use the fund to assist local police forces with programs to reduce violence. The money in the fund

shall be continually appropriated into the fund and not lapse at the end of any fiscal year.
Referred to Finance Committee, May 29, 2009.

HB 1590 – Title 18 – Adding that persons convicted of an offense under section 6106(a)(1) (relating to firearms not to be carried without a license) or section 6108(a) (relating to carrying firearms on public streets or public property in certain cities) are not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms. Additionally, the limitations on carrying a firearm in cities of the first class (Philadelphia) are extended to cities of the second class (Pittsburgh). The bill adds a penalty. Referred to Judiciary Committee June 2, 2009.

HB 1620 – Title 34 – Allowing bow hunting on Sundays. Referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, June 5, 2009.

HB 1832 – Title 42 – Authorizing Commonwealth to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, July 6, 2009.

HB 1859 – Title 34 – Amend poaching fines and penalties in game and wildlife protection for unlawful taking or possession of game or wildlife, and many more provisions; Referred to Game and Fisheries Committee, July 14, 2009. This is a new bill encompassing old HB 97 and amendments agreed to by Committee vote on July 9; these are the watered down, lesser wording penalties and fines amendments; passed out of Committee on July 14 by unanimous vote; reported as committed on July 15; First consideration July 15, re-committed to Rules on July 15; re-committed to Appropriations, July 16, 2009; re-reported as committed, July 20; Second consideration, July 20; Third consideration and final passage, July 21, (196-3); bill sent to the Senate, July 21, 2009. Referred to [GAME AND FISHERIES](#), July 23, 2009. Amended - A05480 by Kasunic was described as a technical amendment. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

PANWTF DOES SUPPORT

HB 1859 – Title 34 – Amends poaching fines and penalties. Third and final passage, July 21, 2009, (196-3); bill sent to Senate, July 21, 2009. In the Senate referred to Game and Fisheries Committee on July 23, 2009.

HB 1904 – Title 18 – Act providing for a sales tax holiday on certain firearms, ammunition and hunting supplies; and imposing a penalty. Referred to Finance Committee, Aug. 13, 2009.

SB 905 – Title 72 – Amends Title 72 re natural gas extraction tax with all tax revenue being used in the state budget. Referred to Finance Committee, June 4, 2009.

Membership – S. Wojton/J. Groff:

- Please send the \$5M data to Tom Bunty
- Put the \$5M forms on the state website (Joe Drolet)

Nominating – T. Bunty/D. Butler:

Nominations Report March 2010

I haven't had any communication about any possible new Board members at this time.

Tom Bunty

- **Tom Bunty made a motion to add Dennis Wade as a Board Member. Scott Richards seconded and the motion passed.**
- **Skip Motts made a motion to add Mark Ferdinand as a Board Member. Jim Panaro seconded and the motion passed.**

PFSC – D. Heckman:

PFSC Report and PFSC Spring Convention, Harrisburg, PA, March 19-21, 2010

Submitted by Don Heckman, PANWTF Delegate to PFSC
February 26, 2010

PFSC is currently reorganizing their entire operations due to funding, staffing, and membership issues.

January 16, 2010 PFSC Board meeting, Officers, Board members, Financial reporting, By-Laws, Membership, Office building are all being revised and a new PFSC will evolve from these changes for PFSC Fall Convention, September 17-19, 2010.

PFSC Executive Director resigned effective January 22, 2010, ED position will not be filled in 2010. 1 fulltime office and 1 part-time office staff are employed. State-wide PFSC memberships are down for 2008-2009 going into 2010.

All PFSC legislative work on Capitol Hill, On Target publication, spring and fall conventions, county/club organizations and meetings, division meetings, state board meetings, PFSC events and programs, Legislative Shoot are and will be in the process of being completed, scheduled, as work needs to continue to get done, and club and member representation across the Commonwealth will continue to be scheduled and completed.

Reports on PFSC financial status, membership categories, board representation, local and state meetings, conventions, and delegate voting sessions will continue.

PFSC Report to PANWTF January 2010 Board meeting defined in detail regular convention agenda and general discussion items.

PFSC Spring Convention, March 19-21, 2010, at Best Western Inn, Harrisburg, PA.

Agenda:

Friday, PFSC PA Wildlife Federation Board meeting, PFSC Endowment Board meeting, PFSC Board meeting.

Saturday, morning delegate session, reports, committee meetings, afternoon delegate session, work in progress activities.

Sunday, General session, Delegate voting session.

Many state and federal legislative bills will be reviewed and reported. Several state and division events have been scheduled and will be reviewed. On Target, March/April edition, is scheduled to be distributed early March prior to the Convention.

- The Board decided to abstain on the PFSC vote for doe licenses.

Promotion – G. Huff/S. Letterman:

- No Report

PR/Adv/Comm – S. Richards/K. Skrapits:

- The Super Fund Flyer was updated

- Don Heckman will send Bob Kasun's information to the Board

Pub./Turkey Talk – J. Straley/K. Skrapits:

Turkey Talk Committee Report 3/4/10

- Happy to report that we had a \$90 deposit into our checking account from the first Turkey Talk ad income.
- Trina has reported that the Tribune Advertising staff has discussed revising the ad rates for Turkey Talk. The Ad staff is aggressively pursuing leads for the spring issue.
- Currently revising the list of recipients who receive additional copies of Turkey Talk. I'll be talking to several board members on Sunday to verify how many issues they need/want and completing the list for Trina and the printer.
- Just a reminder that the Spring Turkey Talk deadline is March 10th and the mail date is April 30th. We have a pretty full issue so far with a ton of coverage from the Rendezvous weekend and the National Convention.

Rendezvous – D. Butler:

- Please get items to donate for the silent auction for the June Meeting.

Safety & Education – S. Motts/C. Mathues:

PA NWTF Safety & Ed Committee Report
March 7th, 2010

1. Reviewed and funded the Allegheny Plateau Chapter, Stackhouse project.
2. Reviewed and funded the Allegheny Plateau Chapter, Art Center project.
3. Reviewed and funded PA NWTF representative, National Convention expenses.
4. Attached is the current S&E budget.

PA Chapter Budgeted Safety and Education Expenses for 2010: \$7,500

Allegheny Plateau, Stackhouse project	\$800
Allegheny Plateau, Art Center project	\$200
PA NWTF Rep. Travel to NWTF Convention	\$1,000

Set-aside Expenses: \$2,000

Total Available for 2010 Discretionary S&E Projects: \$5,500

Public Service Announcements	30%	\$1,650
Hunter Safety Equipment and Materials	30%	\$1,650
Educational Materials	30%	\$1,650
Other	10%	\$550

Total 100% \$5,500

Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage S&E Budget: \$0

- Sports Shows
- Hunter Safety Equipment and Materials
- Agency and Volunteer Travel
- DART System
- Museums
- Professional Meeting Support
- Shooting Team Support (4H and Olympic)
- Educational Materials
- Outdoor Education Areas Support
- Shooting Range Support
- Education Boxes
- Magazine Subscriptions
- Wild Turkey Woodlands Field Days
- Intern Cost Share/ Teacher Workshops

Strategic Plan – T. Bunty/D. Butler:

- No Report

Upper Gun Raffle – J. Panaro/J. Straley:

- No Report

Wheelin' Sportsmen – J. Groff/G. Huff :

- No Report

Wild Turkey Management – J. Panaro/D. Heckman:

**PA Chapter NWTf Wild Turkey Management Committee Report
March 7, 2010 PANWTF March Board Meeting
Submitted by Don Heckman, WTM Committee**

Wild Turkey Management changes requiring PGC Staff and Commissioner overview.

- 1) Support PGC Management Plan For Wild Turkeys In Pennsylvania, 2006-2015, goal, 8 objectives 47 strategies, with measurement timeline outlined, plans needs to be fully funded over the 10 years; plan schedule not being fully funded.
- 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 May 31, 2010, and proposed rule making at January 25 Commissioner's meeting for May 31, 2011. PANWTF comments to Board of Commissioners during January 2010 meeting included recommendation for making May 31 a permanent closing day for spring gobbler season. If May 31 would be a Sunday, May 30 would be the closing day.
- 4) Recommendation for Mentored Youth Hunting to including fall turkey hunting season in regulation starting in 2010 or 2011; HB 281 Mentored Youth Fall Hunting passed House; is currently being held up in the Senate Appropriations Committee. PANWTF needs to support HB 281 to allow "tag sharing" with Mentored Youth Hunters and then work with PGC to get their support to including fall turkey hunting with fall deer[doe] hunting. PGC hang up is tag sharing.
- 5) Recommendation to expand youth spring gobbler season and regular spring gobbler season to all day hunting after 4 year gobbler leg band research project is completed in 2009, project evaluation will be completed in 2010, and recommendations will be documented. As of March 1, 2010 gobbler leg band study results have not been finalized or released to the hunting public.
- 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. PGC approved and scheduled Hen Harvest Rate Banding and Telemetry Study will be basis for season changes and recommendations; estimate hen wild turkey harvest rates; determine effects of changing fall season lengths on harvest rates of hen wild turkeys.
- 8) State-wide gobbler leg band research – 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 4 year study is completed. NWTf and PANWTF research project financial support was **\$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. Mary Jo has updated Board in her Tech Committee Reports on all aspects of research project to-date. I removed any final date schedule for results completion. Four year state-wide gobbler leg band study final analysis has been completed; final results and hunting public announcements will be completed soon.
- 9) PGC submitted Fall Hen Harvest Rates Study 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 was not accepted for 2010. Bob Boyd resubmitted and presented NWTf Grant-In-Aid proposal for 2011-2013. NWTf Tech Committee is reviewing

proposal. Mary Jo presented Hen Harvest Rate Study Executive Summary at January 2010 Board meeting. PANWTF continues evaluation state chapter project funding for remaining 3 years.

10) Wild Turkey Biologists Spring Options white paper is being finalized for PGC Executive Staff and Commissioner's review. PANWTF is waiting on final paper to review strategies and recommendations, and to see where PANWTF must shift support or gears to work with PGC and turkey biologists on recommendations.

Legislation changes require Governor signature.

1) PGC hunting license increase legislation – SB 740 in Senate Game and Fisheries Committee. PANWTF continues years of support for PGC additional hunting license 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. No Senate movement on hunting license increase or alternative funding legislation.

2) Support Sunday hunting as regulated by PGC, required legislation to change Title 34 Game Code. No House movement on Sunday hunting legislation.

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].

4) PANWTF Legislative Committee Report details legislative bills working through the process or have been signed by the Governor.

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

1) PANWTF Spring Turkey Hunter Cooperative Program for Spring 2010 will be starting in March. Jim will review program at March Board meeting.

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. Final 2009 meeting minutes have been forwarded to PGC Staff and PANWTF Board. Important wild turkey management criteria and decision making changes have been accomplished since these joint partnership yearly meetings started back in the mid 1980's. Continue request for PGC wild turkey biologist to update PA Chapter 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, Habitat Management, Safety Education, Land Acquisition, Conservation seed programs, Project HELP, Operation Appleseed, Operation Oak, Get In The Game, other budgeted NWTF outreach programs and HHSF Super Fund expenditures, support funding for NWTF's Pennsylvania Comprehensive Wild Turkey Management Plan, continue distributing PANWTF news releases and articles in Turkey Talk, Tell The Story – Pass It On.

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.

WITO – K. Skrapits/S. Richards:

- The search for a PGC-funded State Coordinator is in progress

YHEC – D. Zimmerman:

March, 2010 – YHEC Report

On Feb 7th, 2010, PA YHEC held their first meeting to plan the state shoot. Although I had planned to attend, it seemed mother nature wanted me to spend that time digging out of the snow that was deposited on our door step. I sent Joe a copy of the minutes from that meeting. If it is not easy for Joe to send them to every board member you can find them at pa YHEC website.

Dingo

Communications

- No Communications

Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- Joe Drolet will write up the final motion on the 2010 fall turkey seasons and send out to the Board
- Ray Smith reported that there was a new Outreach Program with \$12,000 in the account. The formal name is Outreach Contribution Account (OCA). It can fund any outreach event/requirement.

For the Good of the Order

- Nothing for the good of the order

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Drolet
PA State Chapter Secretary