



ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Sam McCartney's Camp near Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m (weather permitting).

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011 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
January 9, 2011***

Director's Present: T. Bunty, D. Butler, J. Drolet, M. Ferdinand, D. Heckman, D. Horst, R. Johnson, S. Letterman, S. McCartney, J. Montgomery, S. Motts, J. Panaro, S. Richards, B. Schwalm, K. Skrapits, J. Straley, D. Wade, R. Wagner, S. Wojton, D. Zimmerman.

Director's Absent: K. Fernburg.

NWTF Staff Present: B. Eriksen, P. Ferrare, P. Foster, C. Mowry, R. Smith, J. Souders

Guests: G. Beatty, Mary Jo Casalena, H. Meyers.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman of the Board, Tom Bunty.

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

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of 2011 officers. They were:

President	Dale Butler
Vice President	Skip Motts
Secretary	Joe Drolet
Treasurer	Jim Panaro
Chairman	Tom Bunty
Executive Officer	Sam McCartney
Executive Officer	Don Heckman

Joe Drolet made a motion to accept Sam McCartney and Don Heckman as Executive Officers. Jason Straley seconded and the motion unanimously passed.





Action Items:

- Skip Motts will be recording the new Actions Items during the meeting.
- Jim Panaro will be updating the carryover items.

October 3, 2010 PA Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

Category	Action Item	Status
Kierberg	Send #1 Ar prints to each of the 50 counties for NWTF	Target 5/10
Dilling Committee	Interview company or companies to find meeting grounds as soon as possible	?
Bylaws Committee	Review bylaws and recommend changes to be voted on at October 2010 meeting	In progress
Ar Committee/RDs	Meet on a regular basis to discuss Ar issues	Keep going with R/
ALBD	Discuss the Ar meeting topics for the Board meeting concerning the Rendezvous	Ongoing
ALBD	Complete contact with the Ar	Ongoing
ALBD	Select Ar members for 2011 Rendezvous and discuss the Ar for the committee	Ongoing
B/E/ken	Order Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	Ongoing
RC Committee	Get Ar supplies and schedule for the 2011 Rendezvous	Ongoing
R/E/ken	Order Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	waiting for RC Response
S/M/Arney	Order Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	waiting for RC Response
S/L/Arman	Wait until NWTF has Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	70%
B/E/ken	Wait until Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	90%
C/M/Arney	Order Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	?
S/M/Arney	Modify Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	?
M/G/Arman	Put Ar supplies on the NWTF website	Just will post
R/S/Ar	Find Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	Out meeting
D/H/Ar	Get Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	Ongoing
News Items		
S/M/Arney	Get Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	Status
J/D/Ar	Final Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
J/D/Ar	Order Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
J/D/Ar	Get Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
J/P/Arno	Send Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	Complete
ALBD	Meet on a regular basis to discuss Ar issues	
D/H/Ar	Final Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
S/M/Arney	Final Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
C/M/Arney	Get Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
T/B/Arny	Put Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
D/Ar	Report Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
D/H/Ar	Final Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
D/H/Ar	Put Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	
D/H/Ar	Send Ar supplies for the 2011 Rendezvous	





Secretary's Note: Due to scheduling issues Mary Jo Casalena's and Bob Eriksen's reports were given at the beginning of the meeting and the regular schedule proceeded after that.

Mary Jo Casalena:

**NWTF Technical Committee Representatives' Report - PA Chapter NWTF
Board of Directors Meeting, January 9, 2011**

**Submitted by: Mary Jo Casalena, Wildlife Biologist II,
Bureau of Wildlife Management, PA Game Commission**

Harvest & Population Management

The number of fall turkey season harvest report cards received is approximately 10% less than reported last year, but all reports have not yet been tallied.

The 2010 statewide summer turkey sighting index, conducted by Wildlife Conservation Officers (WCOs) during June, July and August, was 10% below the previous 5-year average.

Statewide poult:hen ratios have been determined from the June and July WCO surveys since 2008. August sighting data are not used for determining poult:hen ratios because by August it often is difficult to differentiate poults from adults from a distance. Wild turkey productivity, as determined by juveniles per hens seen with broods, was 4.14 in 2010, a decrease from the previous two years of 4.20 in 2009 and 4.96 in 2008.

Recruitment ratio, the number of poults entering the population per all hens in the population also decreased in 2010 to 2.16, down from 2.21 in 2009 and 2.56 in 2008. Last winter's weather was colder than average with persistent and often deep snow cover, but hard mast was average (in central and eastern PA) to above average (in the northern tier), which allowed turkeys to maintain good body condition throughout the long winter as evidenced by the over 300 winter trapped turkeys. Spring weather was variable during the peak hatch with warm, dry weather in some areas but cool, wet weather elsewhere. The below average recruitment in 2010 may be indicative of density dependence factors rather than weather related.

PRELIMINARY 2010 Turkey Hunting-Related Shooting Incidents (Reports attached)

Preliminary results for spring 2010 turkey HRSIs were 1 fatal and 10 non fatal incidents. The fatal incident occurred while both the victim and offender were turkey hunting and the victim was shot in mistake for game. This tragic event is the first fatal spring turkey HRSI since 2002, and before that there was one in 1994. Of the 10 non fatal HRSIs one was self-inflicted (unintentional discharge) but the others were inflicted by others; one of which the victim was in the line of fire, but for the other 8 the victims were shot in mistake for game. These 11 represent a 35% increase in incidents from the





previous 10-year average of 7.4 incidents per year, but a 67% increase from the previous 3-year average of 6 incidents per year.

Preliminary results for fall 2010 turkey HRSIs are 1 fatal incident, in which two friends were hunting at dusk in Perry County and the victim was shot in mistake for game from a rifle shot. This is preliminary and it still is unclear whether the incident will be declared turkey hunting in the final report. This is the first fatal fall turkey HRSI since 1999. To date no other fall turkey HRSIs have been reported.

Tri-State Gobbler Harvest and Survival Rate Study

The Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit final report to the National Wild Turkey Federation on the recently completed gobbler harvest and survival rate study is available as part of the PGC annual report for this project on our website. Additional data analyses are being conducted and will be included in a final PGC report in 2011, and as a Journal of Wildlife Management manuscript. Harvest rates of gobblers in Pennsylvania averaged 38% for adults and 25% for juveniles, while annual survival averaged 41% for adults and 65% for juveniles. The high adult harvest rate may be sustainable (and could maintain hunter satisfaction) because of greater recruitment of juveniles into the adult population the following year.

Hen Turkey Survival and Harvest Rate Study

The first year of the hen turkey harvest and survival rate study has concluded and preliminary harvest and survival rate data are being analyzed. Because we manage the turkey population via the fall harvest, the main study objective is to determine how fall turkey hunting season length affects harvest rate and to use this information for guiding future season structure recommendations. Therefore, to derive the desired outcome from the study of knowing how the fall season structure impacts turkey populations, it is important from a study objective and statistical standpoint that fall seasons for the next 3 - 4 years model the structure PGC Board of Commissioners envisions for the long-term future, i.e., do we maintain the 2010 season structure, remove the Thanksgiving holiday segment and provide more days during the first segment, do we revert to the old season structure, etc? To assist with this decision making process, we will provide the BOC with the relevant data analyses (hen study preliminary results, reported harvest via the internet and report cards, and fall turkey hunter survey) as soon as data are available.

As of 21 December, we received reports of 11 leg-banded hens being harvested during the fall turkey seasons; 7 were harvested in Study Area 1 (WMUs with the shorter fall season) and 4 were harvested in Study Area 2 (WMUs with the longer fall season). With slightly higher harvest rates in the study area with a shorter fall season emphasizes the need for a cross-over study design to determine how and why harvest rates may differ





between study areas. Eight hens were harvested during the first season segment (before Thanksgiving) and 3 were harvested during the second segment (Thanksgiving weekend). Interestingly, no birds were reported harvested on Thanksgiving Day. Harvest rate and survival data are being analyzed. One successful hunter reported harvesting a 12 lbs. hen in Clinton County with a hand-gun, at a distance of approximately 80 yards and the hen was not only banded but also was wearing a transmitter!

To help determine fall turkey hunter participation, recruitment and satisfaction with the new fall turkey hunting season structure, the BWM in conjunction with the BI&E recently mailed a fall turkey hunter survey to 10,000 hunters. Survey data will be analyzed and reported prior to the April Board of Commissioners meeting. The survey is being mailed to a random sample of hunters who purchased a hunting license in 2010 to determine if the new season structure recruited new turkey hunters as well as obtain participation and satisfaction levels from a cross-section of the hunting population.

I completed a 2-page handout summarizing the objectives of the hen turkey study to be provided to landowners who cooperate with the study, as well as for the general public, and submitted it to the webmaster for inclusion on the PGC website.

Wild Turkey Season Recommendations

Until final harvest figures and results of the fall turkey hunter survey are analyzed, the Bureau of Wildlife Management is recommending maintaining the same fall turkey hunting season structure as 2010.

As per Commission action in 2010, the spring 2011 season will close at noon for the first two weeks, then run all day for the second half of the season, as well as remain open until May 31. The Bureau of Wildlife Management does not have any additional spring season recommendations for 2012.

WMU 5A Wild Turkey Task Force

This task force, formed in 1995, is comprised of staff from PGC, DCNR-BOF, NWTF, PANWTF and Local NWTF Chapters NWTF to address turkey population declines in the Michaux State Forest and WMU 5A. During the Task Force annual meeting last October turkey hunting safety signs were distributed to be placed throughout SGLs and Michaux State Forest in anticipation of the re-opening of the fall turkey hunting season in WMU 5A. Also, local NWTF chapter members volunteered to assist the BOF with additional habitat improvement projects during 2011.





Northeast Wild Turkey Population Model

Wild Turkey biologist Mary Jo Casalena and biologist aide, Curtis Yoder, are working with the regional wild turkey population model that was developed for the eastern wild turkey to determine how it performs with our data (See attached figures as examples). The intent is to have a robust model to predict wild turkey populations into the future. We have been running simulations using historic data to determine how changes to input variables affect the model outcome so that we can eventually create several models to show future harvest and population trends given different scenarios of hunting seasons, productivity and weather factors. Data from the gobbler study and ongoing hen study are important inputs into the model.

Update on Implementation Schedule of Turkey Management Plan for Pennsylvania, 2006-2015

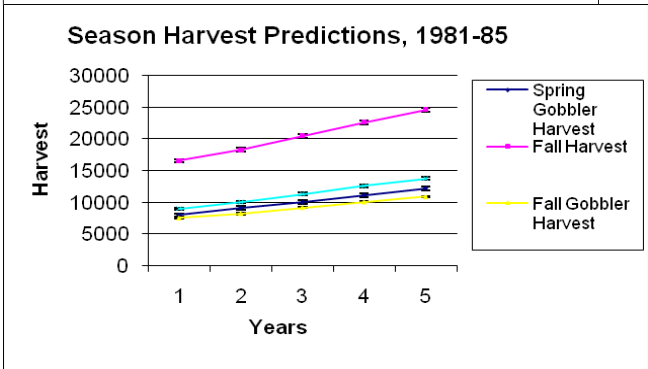
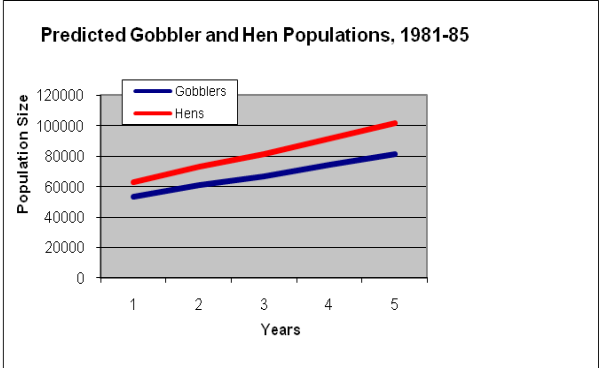
We updated the plan's tables and figures with all current data from 2006-2009 and posted it on the turkey webpage (www.pgc.state.pa.us then select wildlife, wildlife, wild turkey, Turkey Management Plan Updated Figures and Tables).

The fourth year's implementation of the 10-year wild turkey management plan is progressing successfully. Two strategies are completed (Appendix 1). Of the remaining 45, 28 strategies are on schedule (21 ongoing, 7 in progress), 4 are delayed until full implementation of the PALS, 3 are in progress behind schedule (beyond personnel time commitments), 4 are future strategies, 4 are low priorities and beyond personnel time commitments and 2 were postponed (one until biometrician is hired and one because of expanding other spring turkey hunter opportunities). Partnerships (monetary and personnel) have become vital to assist with accomplishing the plan on schedule and we appreciate the support from PANWTF and NWTF. The Plan is important for our programmatic budget approach.





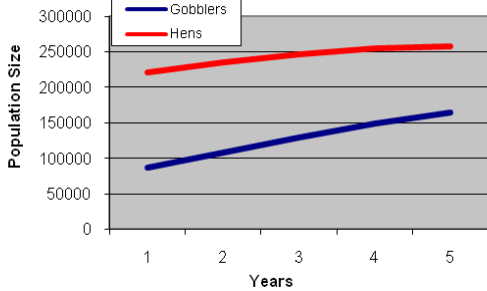
Examples of population model simulations.



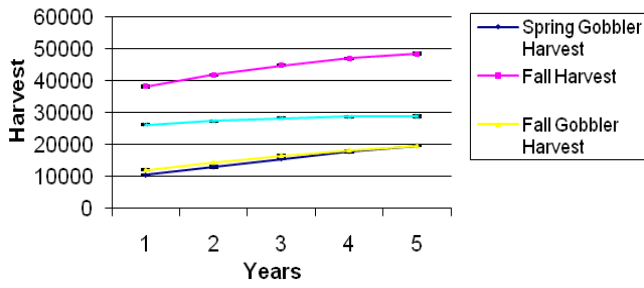


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Predicted Gobbler and Hen Populations, 1995-99



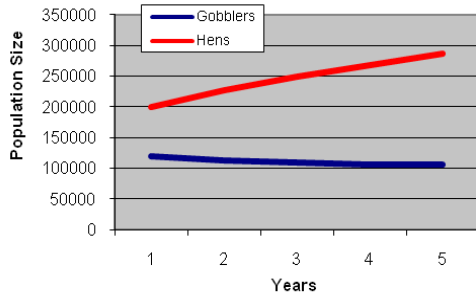
Season Harvest Predictions, 1995-99



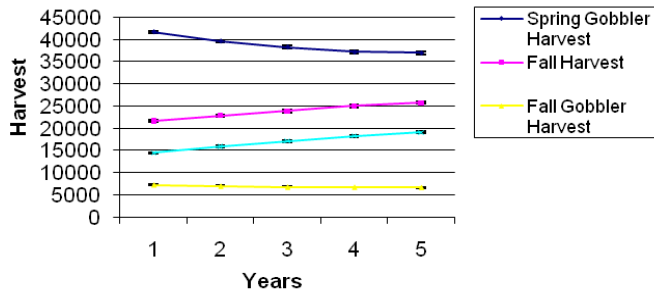


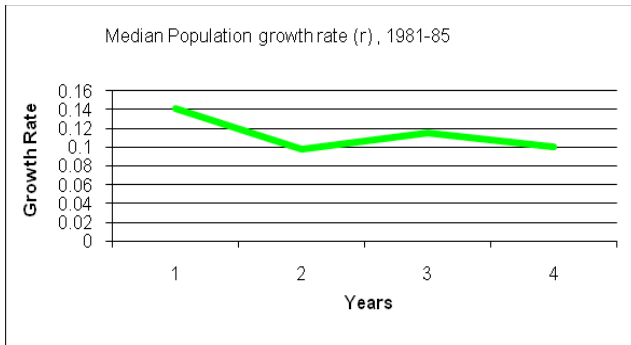
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Predicted Gobbler and Hen Populations, 2004-09



Season Harvest Predictions, 2005-09





Discussion

- Mary Jo requested that recommendations be sent directly to the Game Commissioners
- **Jim Panaro made a motion that we recommend in the PGC January comments to maintain the fall turkey season structure as it was in 2010 for the next three years to protect the integrity of the hen mortality study with the crossover design. Don Heckman seconded and the motion passed.**
- Reed made a motion that if the crossover design is not used, the PA State Chapter should stop funding of the study. Mark Ferdinand seconded but the motion did NOT pass.
- Mary Jo requested a permanent protocol for WCO and land management awards and notification and invitation or Rendezvous. The deputy director would be the agency contact. This should be established by the end of October.

Bob Eriksen:

**Regional Biologist Report
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist
October 1- December 31, 2010**

Meetings and Presentations





- Attended the October meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Wilkes Barre
- Attended funeral services for Wildlife Conservation Officer David L. Grove slain in the line of duty in Pennsylvania representing NWTF and the PA Chapter
- Attended the annual meeting of the Wildlife Management Unit 5A Task Force at Michaux State Forest in Pennsylvania
- Attended an NRCS Partners meeting on Farm Bill Programs in State College, PA in November
- Attended the December Delaware Chapter Board of Directors meeting
- Provided input on fall turkey hunting season change proposals at a stakeholders meeting with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Met with timber operators to check harvest units twice in October and once in November for the Bobbs Fork Forest Stewardship Agreement on Allegheny National Forest
- Attended a field meeting with USFS biologists, the Pinchot Institute and others evaluating Stewardship Agreement and Contract progress in US Forest Service Region 9. The meeting was held in Warren, PA and included a site visit to the habitat improvement site we are working on at the Beanfields
- Attended a “Hunter and Angler Roundtable” on Marcellus Shale natural gas development in Pennsylvania organized by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Met with the Wildlands Conservancy and Pennsylvania Game Commission representatives to review a 300+ acre piece of property offered for an addition to State Game Lands
- Participated in a training session for Wildlife Conservation Officer Trainees on the new “Successful Turkey Hunting” curriculum developed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Met with a PA Game Commission land management officer to plan habitat enhancement projects on State Game Lands 187 in Luzerne County

Writing Projects

- Prepared an article on the Allegheny National Forest Stewardship Agreement for “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Drafted an article on turkey hunting safety for “Pennsylvania Game News” and completed an article on all day spring hunting for that publication
- Prepared an article on the biological considerations for fall turkey hunting seasons for “Turkey Country”





- Prepared an article on biological concerns regarding all day spring hunting for “Turkey Country”
- Prepared an article on accomplishments within the New Jersey Chapter Strategic Plan for the “Jersey Gobbler”
- Prepared three NWTF biologist blogs for our website
- Prepared letters of support for changes to hunting regulations on Cape May National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey designed to open part of the refuge to turkey hunting
- Prepared a power point presentation on eastern coyotes for the Pennsylvania Chapter Rendezvous seminar schedule
- Attended the annual winter planning meeting for the NWTF Mid-Atlantic Region held in Estill, South Carolina
- Prepared a power point presentation on a gobbler survival and cause specific mortality study in New Jersey for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium

Special Projects

- Provided advice to Indiana DNR on agricultural damage by wild turkeys and discussed damage to commercial apples by wild turkeys with Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Considerable time was spent working on plans for the Stewardship Agreement and a National Forest Foundation Grant on Allegheny National Forest which includes early successional habitat and grasslands management
- Set up an opportunity for CBS television to film wild turkeys in the field in southern New Jersey
- Provided information to a free lance writer on the NWTF regional biologist program
- Continued to discuss wild turkey introduction and management options with interested parties in the Canadian province of New Brunswick
- Developed monthly expense projections for FY 2011 for the Northeast Region
- Assisted regional biologists with issues in their respective regions
- Prepared invoices for contributions to regional biologist support from US Forest Service, state agencies and state chapters
- Considerable time was spent managing the PA Department of Community and Economic Development grant in southwestern Pennsylvania
- Provided advice to Maryland DNR on mycoplasma in wild turkeys and test comparisons
- Provided a review and advice to University of Delaware researchers on determining percent survival of turkey poults in telemetry studies





- Reviewed a paper submitted to the Journal of Wildlife Management on band retention in Rio Grande wild turkeys
- Met with biologists from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife to provide assistance with bear hunt planning
- Reviewed and commented on a proposal for an early squirrel hunting season in West Virginia
- Assisted state agency biologists in Maryland and Pennsylvania with plans for the 2011 Conservation Seed and Seed Subsidy Programs
- Provided information to a USDA researcher examining the genetic backgrounds of two domestic turkey breeds
- Worked at a bear check station on the first day of the 2010 black bear season in New Jersey and checked in 92 bears
- Coordinated efforts by Boone and Crockett Television to film a bear hunt in New Jersey

Super Fund Requests

- Processed 11 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms, 1 New Jersey form, 1 Delaware project and 42 Maryland requests

Information Requests

- Handled 30 requests for information on gobbling, wild turkey nesting, aging wild turkeys, odd-colored wild turkeys, habitat management and wild turkey ecology

Discussion

- Bob requested that any pictures of conservation seed behavior/activity be sent to him.
- Bob reported that a special, NWTF, WCO Grove memorial award was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.
- Bob will be the Chairman of the Committee organizing that
- The award will be placed in the Game Commission Lobby.

Finance Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

PA NWTF Treasurer's report

TO: PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NWTF





FROM: JIM PANARO

SUBJECT: REPORT FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010

DATE: 1/8/11

Starting Balance	\$23,228.58	
Income	\$48,452.18	
	Jakes Raffle	\$34,68
	Rendezvous	\$ 8,372
	Green Sheet Transfers (Chesapeake donation, S&E project, and seed)	\$ 2,625
	Local Chapter Banquet Rebates	\$ 1,655
	Promo Items	\$ 791
Expenses	\$(10,513.11)	
	Turkey Talk	\$ 5,228
	Green Sheet Transfers (Ned Smith and S&E project)	\$ 2,950
	DART & Equipment Repairs	\$ 814
Ending Balance	\$61,167.65	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$37,941.91	

General Updates

Jakes Raffle – 1,734 tickets out of 2,500 were sold for an income of \$34,680 versus a budget of \$34,000. We will not have RD fiscal support for this next year. Expenses may be higher than budget because 80% of the guns were won but we only sold 69% of tickets. I have not received the invoice from Bob’s Army/Navy yet for guns. Bucky Shimp and Lower Bucks sold 840 or 48% of the tickets!

Upper Level Gun Raffle is next fundraiser after this weekend.

Fiscal Year reports are attached.





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PA Chapter Budget Report: Income

Pennsylvania Chapter - National Wild Turkey Federation
2010-2011 Budget

1/4/11
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Income:	FY 10-11 Budget	FY 10-11 Actuals	%	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	FY 05-06 Actuals	5-year average	FY 04-05 Actuals	FY 02-03 Actuals	FY 01-02 Actuals
Chapter Administration												
Interest Checking	\$100	\$19	19%	\$106	\$139	\$97	\$117	\$109	\$114	\$104	\$114	\$74
Chapter President's Meeting	\$1,800	\$-		\$2,659	\$1,935	\$2,107	\$1,741	\$1,772	\$2,043	\$-	\$158	\$810
Dave Burdge Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$672	\$-	\$158	\$810
Greg Caldwell Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$2,305	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$461	\$-	\$158	\$810
Donations	\$50	\$263	526%	\$98	\$1,025	\$-	\$25	\$79	\$245	\$50	\$158	\$810
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,000	\$18,817	\$3,963	\$100		
Membership Services												
Chapter Membership Rebates	\$11,500	\$-		\$10,358	\$11,868	\$12,666	\$12,774	\$13,348	\$12,203	\$14,726	\$14,262	\$-
NWTF												
Local Chapter Banquet Rebates	\$6,000	\$1,655	28%	\$6,109	\$5,068	\$6,537	\$7,904	\$7,827	\$6,689	\$7,162	\$7,848	\$4,443
Women in the Outdoors	\$-	\$-		\$3,712	\$726	\$107	\$-	\$3,293	\$1,568	\$3,223	\$749	\$2,500
Art Committee												
30th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$133	\$114	\$481	\$146	\$656	\$-	\$-
30th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$376	\$-	\$-
Rendezvous Patch & Pin Rebate	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$213	\$397	\$600
Rendezvous/ Awards Banquet	\$25,000	\$8,372	33%	\$20,420	\$25,701	\$24,392	\$28,935	\$26,893	\$25,268	\$26,436	\$23,624	\$6,202
Promotional Items												
Promotional Items	\$1,000	\$791	79%	\$1,017	\$1,116	\$530	\$1,442	\$2,221	\$1,265	\$5,508	\$1,645	\$2,341
Fundraising												
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$34,000	\$34,680	102%	\$30,060	\$38,852	\$15,000	\$13,500	\$15,000	\$22,482	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Upper Gun Raffle	\$15,000	\$-		\$15,600	\$15,187	\$15,730	\$17,560	\$15,633	\$15,942	\$17,650	\$20,502	\$21,615
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$652	\$130	\$649	\$1,788	\$-
Additional fundraiser	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$10,095	\$400	\$-	\$-	\$2,099	\$2,079	\$-	\$6,150
Chapter Miscellaneous												
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$-		\$65	\$17	\$2,060	\$1,282	\$1,290	\$943	\$200	\$686	\$9,141
Equipment Rental Fees	\$870	\$100	11%	\$820	\$560	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$276	\$-	\$1,200	\$-
Local Chapter Start-up Loans Returned	\$500	\$-		\$1,903	\$1,900	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$800	\$1,521	\$600	\$1,200	\$-
Turkey Talk Publications												
Turkey Talk Advertising	\$500	\$-		\$90	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$18	\$-	\$-	\$190
Total Income	\$96,420	\$45,880	48%	\$93,017	\$119,855	\$81,259	\$87,893	\$108,215	\$98,048	\$94,731	\$89,488	\$70,685



Hunting Heritage Budget Report:

2011 Hunting Heritage Fund Budget

		Budget
	Starting Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve	\$221,63
\$2,400	Forecasted Income from 2011 Banquet Chapters	\$206,40
	Income from 2011 Outreach Fund:	\$0
	Donations from Outside Sources	\$0
	Total Funds Available for Projects and Programs	\$428,03

2011 #	5-Star 2011 Expenses projected for Chapters		
60	Jakes Days	\$500each	\$30,00
40	Scholarships	\$250each	\$10,00
20	WITO Events	\$250each	\$5,00
40	School Boxes	\$63each	\$2,52
8	Wheelin' Events	\$250each	\$2,00
1	PA Scholarship	\$1,000each	\$1,00
1	State WITO Event	\$800each	\$800
0	National WITO Event attendees (1x)	\$300each	\$0
	Local Chapter 5-Star Expenses		\$51,32

PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2011:	
Hen Mortality Telemetry - Year #2	\$20,00
NWTF Biologist	\$20,00
Chapter Membership Rebate	\$11,50
Seed Subsidy	\$4,50
Ned Smith Fund	\$2,50
Unallocated Contingency Reserve	\$1,50
Local Chapter Presidents' meeting	\$1,50
MSF Summer sighting	\$500
Conservation Seed	\$250
2011 Super Fund Reserve Allocation	\$0
4-H Shooting Sports	\$0
Congressional Sportsmen Foundation	\$0
Hunting Heritage	\$0
PGC Hunting Digest Ad	\$0
US Sportsmen's Alliance	\$0
	PA Chapter Expenses: \$62,25

Total Expenses: \$113,57

Total Available for 2011 Super Fund Projects: \$314,46

Allocation for 60 Habitat Projects	89%	\$96,06
Allocation for Safety & Education	10%	\$11,25
Allocation for Advertising & Membership Growth	1%	\$750
Allocation for Land Acquisition	0%	\$0
Total	100%	\$108,06

Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve: \$220,40
\$0





- **A motion was made by Joe Drolet to accept the Treasurer's Report. Scott Letterman seconded and the motion carried.**

Officers' Reports:

President's Report:

- No report.

Vice- President's Report:

VP Report, Jan. 2011

Attended October Exc. Board meeting.

Attended October BOD'S meeting.

Attended Pocono Mountains Chapter NWTF meeting.

Contacted State Rep. Mario Scavello concerning a proposed turkey hunting license. Invited and confirmed attendance at my upcoming chapter banquet

Contacted newly elected State Senator Lou Barletta concerning a proposed turkey hunting license. Invited and confirmed attendance at my upcoming chapter banquet.

Secretary's Report:

- Joe Drolet presented the prior meeting's minutes.
- **A motion was made by Sam McCartney to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Skip Motts seconded and the motion carried.**

Chairman's Report:

Conducted the Oct Executive Board meeting and Oct Regular Board meetings Oct 2-3

Attended Mason Dixon Chapter Meeting Nov. 17

Emailed entire board on Nov 19 reminding everyone of upcoming events and deadlines.

Talked with Jay Montgomery on Oct. 25th about board opening in Jan.





Contacted Rep. Seth Grove about Turkey License in Next Legislative session Dec 8th.

Emailed entire board about upcoming 5 Million Contest deadline on Dec 8th and Dec. 15.

Several emails in Nov and Dec concerning Conservation Seed Program and Ordering.

Executive Officer Report– Don Heckman:

Don Heckman, PA Chapter NWTF Executive Officer Report – January 9, 2011
Report of committee interactions, activities, action items, ideas, and completed items

October 9 – attended Bass Pro Shops NWTF event representing MYB and PANWTF

October 13 – attended WMU 5A Wild Turkey Task Force meeting

October 20 – NWTF creates new JAKES/Xtreme JAKES Legacy membership program

October 21 – worked on distribution for PANWTF: Fall turkey hunting safety message - know the risks and penalties

October 31 – distributed article on Solving the safety issue

November 19 – forwarded the Board several Fall Turkey Season articles

December 21 – started working on request for NWTF LEO special memorial award for PGC WCO David L. Grove for presentation at NWTF Convention in February

December 22 – requested Executive Committee to approve my motion for a special award, completed by unanimous vote to approve

December 22 – attended MYB meeting with ESOS Chris O'Hara to review responsibilities for the 2 booths, ESOS Turkey Calling Contest, and US Open Turkey Calling Contest Finals to be held last weekend of sports show.

December 27 – breakfast with Vern Ross for an update on special award presentation. Reviewed several additional issues and concerns concerning wild turkey management and turkey hunting

December 29 & 30 – distributed status information on request to NWTF Convention Staff, George Thornton, NWTF Directors for NWTF LEO special memorial award presentation for WCO Grove





December 30 – several issues for review at Executive Committee or Board meetings:

NWTF LEO - special memorial award for PGC WCO David L. Grove

Additional items for Executive Committee and Board Meetings:

Governor Corbett Sportsmen's Council

PA Sportsmen's Coalition – should PANWTF still be involved in 2011 and attending meetings, prepare report, and work on legislation, currently 6 bills being worked on for this new session

PGC Hunting License Increase legislative package

January Commissioner meeting comments

PANWTF comments on fall turkey hunting season

PANWTF request for Mary Jo for Executive Summary – Hen Harvest and Telemetry Research Study

PANWTF Turkey Hunting Safety Program for 2011

NWTF Sentry Program

Legislative Committee Report

Executive Officer Report– Sam McCartney:

- No Report

NWTF Reports

Ray Smith:

- No Report
- Mike Clearig is new VP of Operations

Carl Mowry:

011 NWTF Convention will be held in Nashville at the new Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center from February 17-20, 2011. The facility has undergone major renovations after the floods of this past summer and I'm sure everyone will be pleased with the new rooms, restaurants and exhibit area.





Something new to this year's convention is free admission to all members and active military personal.

The exhibit hall with over 600 booths is sold out and has a waiting list of vendors to get into the show. The hall will be open Friday thru Sunday for members to view anything and everything for hunting and the outdoor world.

Once again we will feature the Hunt Auction, Ladies Auction, Custom Call Auction and the Open Auction during the various days of the convention. The evenings will be filled with entertainment, Thursday's Welcome Party we have signer Trace Adkins; Friday night's Grand Auction will have a Beach Party theme featuring the Swing Medallions and Saturday nights Awards banquet will feature the Band Perry for the evening entertainment.

Along with the NWTF Wild Turkey Bourbon Calling Contest, morning breakfasts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and seminars going on daily you will find something for everyone to do.

Please check out the nwtf.org web site under convention to see the complete list of activities and functions along with the registration form.

2011 PA Chapter Leadership Workshop

Once again this summer we will be holding the Leadership Workshop. The dates are Saturday July 30 with the fun trap & block shoot at the Tyrone Sportsman's Club. We also have a new food vendor who will be on site serving the meal. On Sunday August 31 we will hold the meeting at the Ramada Inn in State College. Information will be sent out to the local chapter presidents in June.

PA Chapter Membership Numbers

Regular	5896
Sponsor	894





WITO	1344
W/S	78
Life	358
JAKES	2507
XTREME	1125
TOTAL	<u>12,202</u>

Phil Ferrare:

- No Report

P. Foster:

- Patty discussed the upland bird, turkey federation opportunity, the camo cruise, and the Boy Scout Badge.

J. Souders:

- No Report.

Committee Reports

Art – K. Fernburg/G. Huff:

- No Report.

Awards – T. Bunty/G. Huff:

Awards were determined right after the October Executive Meeting and Presented at Rendezvous.

Multiple emails during October, November, December to follow up on WCO and LMO of the Year awards, Chapter awards and to pass info back and forth with Putt Rohm on Awards to be prepared.

Scholarship award meeting will be on same day as Superfund Habitat Meeting in Feb.. Usually 2nd Sunday.

By-Laws – R. Johnson/J. Straley:

- No Report.





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Conservation Seed – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

Date Recvd	corn	sorghum	sunflower	w.wheat	Alfalfa	Chapter
9/17/2010					858	Warriors Trail
10/7/2010	1	3	3	2	1	Sherman Valley
10/12/2010	3		1			Stoney Valley
10/13/2010	1		1	1	1	Central Pa Limbhangers
10/22/2010	3				3	Nittany Valley LB
10/22/2010	3				3	Mason-dixon
10/22/2010	2	1	3	2		Jerry Zimmerman
10/23/2010		3	3		3	
10/25/2010	3	3	3	3	3	Wilhelm
10/27/2010	3				2	Michaux YB
10/27/2010	50	10			10	Wapiti Roost
10/28/2010	15	24	13	10	5	Honey Hole LB
10/28/2010	30	5	10	5	10	Allegheny Valley
10/29/2010	40	10	10	2	10	Armenia Mtn Spurs
11/1/2010	3					Lykens Valley
11/1/2010	10	1	1	3	1	Pocono Mtn
11/1/2010	132	15	30	25	30	MillCreek
11/2/2010	18	18	18	18	18	?Williamsport
11/4/2010		6	8	12	15	Endless Mtn.
11/5/2010	12	10	20	10	20	Moraine
11/5/2010	10	15				NJ chapter
11/6/2010	16	9	11	21	4	Susquehanna lb&Muncy valley
11/17/2010	21				4	SusquehannaLocal
11/23/2010	6	5	3	6	5	Allegheny Plateau





Dart – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:

Got West Dart system in September and used it at E-Town Sportsman Dinner. Had to replace Batteries in two of the three guns afterwards.

Got replacement Laser for one gun that wiring was unrepairable on. Also found that trigger switch not working sometimes. Ordered 3 replacement switches from Newark Electronics and installed one in problem gun and it's cured the problem. Tested.

Setup and went over alignments on West system and East system after I picked it up in October. Replaced batteries in two guns for East system also.

Both systems now in Storage in my Garage for the Winter.

Brought both system along to Rendezvous to give to Scott Letterman for first listed events of the year

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

- No Report.

Drilling Reclamation – D. Butler/B. Eriksen:

- No Report.

Finance – J. Panaro/S. Richards:

- No Report.

Habitat – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report.





Internet – J. Drolet/K. Skrapits:

- No Report.
- Scott Letterman announced the newly deigned, state chapter website. It call be accessed on the internet as: <http://www.panwtf.org>.

Jakes – K. Fernburg/D. Zimmerman:

- No Report.

Land Acquisition – D. Heckman/S. Richards:

- No Report.

Legislative – T. Bunty/D. Heckman:

A Chapter NWTF Legislative Committee Report
Legislative Bills – January 9, 2011 – for PA Chapter NWTF Board
consideration

PA Legislative Bill Locator --

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/session.cfm>

PA General Assembly 2009-2010 legislative session is over. PA General Assembly will be in session starting January 4th for the 2011-2012 legislative session

Firearms and game and wildlife code bills were monitored and discussed at Board meetings from House and Senate Game and Fisheries and Judicial Committees

In all future legislative committee reports for 2011 only bill number, very brief description, and bill status will be documented and reviewed





Would like to see some progress with NWTF Sentry Program if PA Chapter NWTF continues to stay in and be active in General Assembly legislative issues

Membership – S. Wojton:

- Oct 2010:** Final \$5M promo placed in Fall TT.
- Oct-Dec 2010:** Actively sold several \$5M memberships
- Dec 2010:** Produced outline for Rendezvous Seminar “BOD Round table”
- Oct-Dec 2010:** Collecting and organizing ideas for 2011 membership drive
- Oct 2010:** \$5M email blast sent—thank you Joe D.
- Dec 2010 :** Closed out \$5M Promo—Produced 127 new members.
- Oct-Dec 2010:** Filled over a dozen merchandise orders from the Fall TT Promotional items advertisement totaling well over \$750 sold. Only 3 35th Anniversary box calls left.
- Oct-Dec 2010:** Attended several local chapter meetings (JZ and WP)
- Oct-Dec 2010:** Hunted many days....mainly for deer...three states!!

Nominating – T. Bunty/D. Butler:

Talked to Board members who are up for re-election in January.

Talked to Jay Montgomery from Lancaster about serving on Board and that we'd have an opening in January. Said he'd be at Meeting and would apply .

PFSC – D. Heckman:

FSC Report and PFSC Spring Convention

January 9, 2011, submitted by Don Heckman, PANWTF Delegate to PFSC

After much discussion during the past year, delegates approved raising membership dues for clubs and individuals. Individual members will see their dues increase from \$20 to \$25 beginning January 1st, and individual sportsmen's club membership rates will also increase. This is the first individual and club membership increase in over 10 years.

Will fill out PFSC State-wide Org. credential sheet and list 10 board members as members, will need check for \$1600.00 for 2011





PA Chapter Board approved motion to pay \$1600 yearly dues for 2011 and 2012

PFSC Spring convention will be held at the Country Cupboard Best Western in Lewisburg, March 11, 12, 13, 2011

Looking for Alternate Delegate for 2011 from the Board to become Delegate for 2012

PDSC discussion:

- Bob Schwalm will be the new PFSC alternate delegate

Promotion – G. Huff/S. Letterman:

- No Report.

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

October 2010: Letter drafted by Bob Eriksen/signed by Dale and sent to the Editor in response to Tom Venesky Outdoors article on “Let safety rule; force hunters to wear orange”

October 14, 2010: Sent email blast to Bob Kasun, Gary Blockus & Allentown Outdoor Examiner on Potterfields donating \$1million to NWTF.

October 22, 2010: Emailed Bob Kasun’s article “Turkey Hunting Safety: Know the risks and penalties” to Brett Lawrence- NWTF Public Relations Dept.

October 22, 2010: Met with Bob Eriksen, Chris Kocher- President of Wildlands Conservancy, representatives of the PGC and Marty Nothstein to tour Marty’s 400+ acre property.

Marty is interested in selling and having it acquired by the PGC.

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

Turkey Talk Committee Report January 2011

November/December Committee compiled, a winter 2011 issue.





December Committee designed and reviewed to printing. Thank You to all committee members, board members and staff for contributing articles and reviewing the issue.

The Committee would like to discuss the following at the Board Meeting: Turkey Talk Advertising

- Extreme lack of sales from Tribune Direct
- 2011 Turkey Talk Contract with Tribune Direct includes an option of PANWTF in-house sales revenue where we retain 100% of the revenue sold. This is a great opportunity we need to pursue. The ad rates for this year have been included with this report.
- Website/Turkey Talk joint advertising. Committee proposes we offer website advertisers a free 1/4 or 1/2 page ad in Turkey Talk. This bonus could possibly create more interest to other advertisers to run in Turkey Talk. If this is a viable option. What would the timeframe of the free add be? One issue? Two or four?

Rendezvous – D. Butler:

- No Report.

Safety & Education – S. Motts:

- No Report.
- All Wheelin' and WITO events will be funded by the outreach fund.

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.





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

PA Chapter NWTF Wild Turkey Management Committee Report January 9, 2011 PANWTF January 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; management plan objectives and strategies are not being fully funded or followed.
- 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 ---
FINAL COMMISSIONER APPROVAL – BOC Meeting April 20, 2010.
- 4) Recommendation for Mentored Youth Hunting to including fall turkey hunting season in regulation starting in 2011. HB 281 Mentored Youth Fall Hunting passed House. Legislation needs to be introduced and start over in 2011-2012 Legislative session. .
PANWTF needs to continue to support “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.
- 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. **At April 20, 2010 PGC Commissioner meeting they voted 8-0 to expand spring gobbler season for last two weeks of spring season to all day hunting starting Spring 2011.**
- 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. Fall turkey hunting regulations for season start and end date changes were adopted by PGC BOC at April 20 Meeting. PANWTF articles have been distributed documenting our disapproval of these fall turkey hunting season regulations.
- 8) PGC Gobbler Leg Band Research Study (2006-2009) has been completed. Study results have been documented by Dr. Duane Diefenbach and Mary Jo Casalena, and handed out to PA Chapter NWTF Board. What will be the PGC recommendations coming out of this research study and how will they be presented to PGC executive Staff, Commissioner’s, PA Chapter NWTF?
- 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. Bob Boyd resubmitted and presented NWTF Grant-In-Aid proposal for 2011-2013. NWTF Tech Committee is reviewing proposal. Mary Jo or Bob can update Board on final decision and payment schedule. Mary Jo presented Hen Harvest Rate Study Executive Summary at January 2010 Board meeting and update at March 7, 2010 Board meeting. PANWTF continues evaluation for state chapter project funding for remaining 3 years. With major changes adopted for 2010 fall turkey hunting season dates Hen Harvest Rate Study will continue as scheduled with changes to Objectives. PGC and NWTF Wild Turkey Biologists are reviewing research study and will update PANWTF Board. PGC Executive Summary for research project is being rewritten.
- 10) PA Chapter NWTF submitted position statement on 2010 Fall Turkey Hunting Season date changes to PGC Commissioners and Executive Staff. PA Chapter NWTF has also submitted position statement for news release across Pennsylvania, and submitted articles in Turkey Talk. NWTF Dr. James Earl Kenamer





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submitted support letter to PGC, Aug, 11, 2010. What will be the Board position statement and Commissioner Meeting comments for the 2011 Fall Season?

11) Wild Turkey Biologists Spring Options white paper has been finalized for PGC Executive Staff and Commissioner's review. No report back from Commissioner's or Staff on white paper document on possible suggestions outlined in white paper.

12) June 10, 2010, PGC Staff meeting with PA Chapter NWTF representatives in Harrisburg Headquarters building was held. Final meeting minutes were distributed on September 29, 2010. Time to review action items to see what is currently being done and what is still on the back burner before June 2011 meeting.

Legislation changes that require Governor signature.

1) Spring Turkey Hunting License proposed by PA Chapter NWTF Board of Directors. Support statement and benefits talking points will be distributed to several key Legislator's, PGC Executive Staff, PGC Commissioner's, and Local Chapter Presidents.

2) PGC hunting license increase legislation – no legislative action was taken on legislative bill introduced in 2009-2010 session. Waiting decision to introduce a new PGC Hunting License Increase Package and those licenses, tags, stamps that will be included for 2011-2012 session.

3) Support Sunday hunting as regulated by PGC, required legislation to change Title 34 Game Code. No Legislative was taken on legislative bill in 2009-2010 legislative session. Legislative bill will be introduced in 2011-2012 legislative session.

4) 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. PANWTF Spring Turkey Hunter Cooperative Program for Spring 2011 will be scheduled.

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 June 2010 meeting minutes will be 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, 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:

To keep it sweet and short... let's just say I've been BUSY on the local, state and national level in assisting with the Women in the Outdoors program.

Harold Luther, Cabelas event coordinator is organizing our state Chapter's Women in the Outdoors event with Jeff. We need all your help to promote this event....it is a State Chapter event. Please distribute the flyer attached in your area! Thanks.

YHEC – D. Zimmerman:

- No Report.

Communications

Nothing

Old Business

- There was a group discussion on the amendments to the by-laws presented by the by-laws committee.
 - **Sam McCartney made a motion to accept the changes to the by-laws as presented. Scott Wojton seconded the motion and the motion carried.**
- There was a discussion by the board on a Spring Turkey Hunting License.
 - There was a discussion on the benefits of a Spring Turkey Hunting License and those benefits will be sent to the chapter presidents.
 - All comments concerning a Spring Turkey Hunting License should be directed to Dale Butler.
 - Plans for the implementation for a Spring Turkey Hunting License will be created by WTM Committee.





New Business

- Board meeting dates for 2011 will be:
 - March 6, 9 a.m. @ Hawbaker's
 - June 5, 9 a.m. @ Hawbaker's
 - July 30, 8 a.m. @ Ramada Inn
 - October 9, 9 a.m. @ Hawbaker's
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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

