



ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn in State College, Pennsylvania on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at **8:00 a.m.** at the Ramada Inn at State College, Pennsylvania.

***Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF
Board of Directors Meeting
Glen O. Hawbaker's, Pleasant Gap, PA
June 5, 2011***

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

Director's Absent: S. Letterman, S. Richards, B. Schwalm, K. Skrapits

NWTF Staff Present: B. Eriksen, R. Smith

Guests: Kristen Giger, Ian Gregg, H. Meyers.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:02 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.

Action Items:

- New membership levels have been announced by National. The new levels can be obtained by calling National and asking for membership services.
- Membership upgrades should be run through the banquets.
- New membership levels should be put in Turkey Talk.

June 5, 2011 PA NWTF BoD Meeting

<u>Jan. Carryover Items</u>	<u>Action Item List</u>	<u>Status</u>
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Awards	Invite PGC Land manager & WCO'S to the Rendezvous by mid-November	Ongoing
Awards	Replace Hall of Fame Plaques	Putt working on them
B. Eriksen	Set up meeting with the PGC & PA NWTF in June	Scheduled for week after June BOD meeting
D. Butler	Draft letter & send to Edgefield requesting the attendance of a National Board member at our March BOD'S meeting	invite in 2011
D.Heckman	Draft a report to the Board on the new PA energy council	in discussion ... June or October meeting
Dingo	Report to S&E committee with updates on the Turkey Hunters Ed program	In Progress ... starting for high-level instructors in 2011
Jakes	Come up with a 40 gun ticket for this years Jakes raffle	Ongoing
K. Fernburg	Send #1 Art prints (insured for \$10K) to Edgefield to be displayed on loan from PANWTF	3/31/2011
Mary Jo	Send reports out to the BOD'S at least one week in advance before each PA NWTF meeting for review	May 15th
Mary Jo	Invite PGC Land manager & WCO'S to the Convention by December 1st	Ongoing
Membership	New membership drive needs to go thru banquet accounting via the application	Ray Smith?
PR Committee	Create and issue press releases per the schedule that Don sends	in Progress ... March/April
Promo	Work on Promo items and clothing for State Chapter. Bring back ideas to the March meeting	discuss under Committee report
R. Smith	Invite Mike Cleary to the Chapter Presidents weekend	???
R. Smith	How different levels of NWTF membership accumulate	June meeting





S. McCartney	Email Phil about matching superfund dollars from Chesapeake energy	???
TT	Look into TT advertising incentives	??? Check with Jason Straley
WTM	Review Don Heckman's Spring Turkey Hunting License implementation plan for the March meeting	On Hold for Committee Discussion
<u>Mar. Carryover</u>	<u>Action items list</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>Items</u>		
K. Fernburg	Change Jakes Raffle name to Outreach Fund Raffle on Tickets, Chapter Letter, and Turkey Talk Articles	April 15th
State-Local Chapter Committee	Target the chapters that are not historically selling Jakes raffle tickets to get on Board with Outreach Fund Raffle	1-Jun
Dale Butler	Create a new State - Local Chapter Liaison Committee and a Committee Description - Jay Montgomery Chairman	1-Apr
State-Local Chapter Committee	Update the "Buddy List" for BOD to contact local chapters	1-Jun
State-Local Chapter Committee	Update the Director's and Local Chapter Handbooks	June meeting
RD's	Transfer Local Chapter Committee List to one database for State - Local Chapter Liaison Committee	1-May
Internet Committee	Update the Hunting Heritage Spending Summary link on webpage to beyond \$5 million.	
RD's	Clarify the process for fundraising and split of funds created on the Versamax shotguns from Potterfield	
Dingo/Dwayne	Contact Keith Snyder about feasibility of running a Turkey hunting Curriculum on July 30 at Tyrone Sportsmen Club	
B. Eriksen/Mary Jo	Trim Northeast Region 2011 Habitat Request to < \$19,874	

Finance Reports:





Treasurer's Report:

PA NWTF TREASURER'S REPORT

TO: PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NWTF
FROM: JIM PANARO
SUBJECT: REPORT FOR PERIOD MARCH 1, 2011 THROUGH MAY 31, 2011
DATE: 1/8/11

Starting Balance	\$41,664.38	
Income	\$19,193.88	
Upper Level Gun Raffle		\$10,515
Green Sheet Transfers (Hen Study & 4 S&E projects)		\$ 6,300
WITO State Event		\$ 1,558
Expenses	\$(23,304.48)	
Jakes Raffle		\$6,700
Turkey Talk		\$5,712
Green Sheet Transfers (hen study, seed corn, 4 S&E, & convention)		\$4,786
WITO State Event		\$2,139
Upper Level Gun Raffle		\$1,704
Ending Balance	\$37,553.78	





Net Gain (Loss) \$(4,110.60)

General Updates

Last major income is from Chapter Presidents meeting in August and outstanding banquet rebates

Last major expenses will be Summer Turkey Talk and Chapter Presidents' meeting.

Upper Level Gun Raffle – Budgeted \$15,000 income and \$9,300 expense for net of \$5,700. Actual was \$11,700 income and \$8,196 expense for an actual net of \$3,504 plus last week receipts of \$????.

Fiscal Year reports are attached. 75% through fiscal year and we are at 89% income and 71% expenses.





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PA Chapter Budget Report:

Income:

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	\$48	48%	\$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			
Dave Burdge Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$672	\$-	\$158	\$810
Greg Caldwell Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$2,305	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$461	\$-	\$158	\$810
Donations	\$50	\$663	1326%	\$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	\$9,012	78%	\$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	\$-	\$1,558	N/A	\$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	\$25,569	102%	\$20,420	\$25,701	\$24,392	\$28,935	\$26,893	\$25,268	\$26,436	\$23,624	\$6,202
Promotional Items												
Promotional Items	\$1,000	\$1,123	112%	\$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	\$10,515	70%	\$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	\$10	10%	\$65	\$17	\$2,060	\$1,282	\$1,290	\$943	\$200	\$686	\$9,141
Equipment Rental Fees	\$870	\$710	82%	\$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	\$85,544	89%	\$93,017	\$119,855	\$81,259	\$87,893	\$108,215	\$98,048	\$94,731	\$89,488	\$70,685

	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	FY 04-05 Actuals
Starting Checking Account Balance	\$23,184	\$23,184	\$31,207	\$20,186	\$41,640	\$36,497	\$29,713	\$29,027
Plus Income	\$96,420	\$85,544	\$93,017	\$119,855	\$81,259	\$87,893	\$108,215	\$94,731
Gross Available Funds	\$119,604	\$108,728	\$124,224	\$140,041	\$122,899	\$124,390	\$137,928	\$123,758
Less Expenses	\$(96,705)	\$(68,423)	\$(91,015)	\$(114,036)	\$(105,284)	\$(85,574)	\$(107,282)	\$(89,576)
Green Sheet Transfers In	\$-	\$12,729	\$15,634	\$36,946	\$27,421	\$30,967	\$30,414	\$5,459
Green Sheet Transfers Out	\$(10,304)	\$(15,481)	\$(25,659)	\$(31,969)	\$(24,851)	\$(28,144)	\$(24,563)	\$(5,562)
Ending Checking Account Balance	<u>\$12,595</u>	<u>\$37,554</u>	<u>\$23,184</u>	<u>\$30,982</u>	<u>\$20,186</u>	<u>\$41,640</u>	<u>\$36,497</u>	<u>\$34,078</u>
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$(10,589)	\$14,370	\$(8,023)	\$10,796	\$(21,454)	\$5,143	\$6,784	\$5,051
Net Gain / (Loss) w/out green sheet transfers	\$(285)	\$17,122	\$2,002	\$5,819	\$(24,025)	\$2,319	\$933	\$5,155





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Expenses:

Pennsylvania Chapter - National Wild Turkey Federation
2010-2011 Budget

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Expenses	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 03-04 Actuals	FY 02-03 Actuals	FY 01-02 Actuals
Chapter Administration													
Accounting	\$650	\$640	98%	\$630	\$630	\$600	\$565	\$550	\$595	\$400	\$320	\$440	\$503
Advertising	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Board Meetings	\$2,500	\$772	31%	\$1,562	\$2,391	\$1,809	\$3,225	\$3,068	\$2,411	\$2,575	\$1,845	\$2,169	\$377
Chapter Presidents Travel	\$1,000	\$245	24%	\$231	\$1,360	\$1,737	\$1,244	\$1,461	\$1,207	\$949	\$1,635	\$1,331	\$1,320
Chapter Promotions- Fees	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$188	\$-
Chapter Promotions- Shows	\$1,000	\$-		\$1,025	\$-	\$-	\$995	\$1,210	\$646	\$199	\$193	\$775	\$261
Chapter Travel	\$750	\$160	21%	\$305	\$37	\$1,243	\$966	\$700	\$650	\$563	\$848	\$190	\$608
Insurance - Board	\$1,500	\$1,000	67%	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,590	\$1,415	\$1,165
Legal Fees	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter President's Meeting	\$6,000	\$-		\$7,060	\$6,770	\$5,327	\$4,027	\$4,302	\$5,497	\$2,707	\$3,075	\$2,766	\$2,594
NWTF memberships	\$60	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$25	\$-	\$5	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$-
PaNWTF webpage	\$675	\$519	77%	\$269	\$209	\$76	\$1,202	\$861	\$523	\$1,769	\$1,265	\$1,704	\$919
Postage	\$500	\$299	60%	\$293	\$567	\$380	\$464	\$605	\$462	\$587	\$703	\$1,242	\$246
Secretary Expense	\$200	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$118	\$775	\$770	\$333	\$675	\$700	\$700	\$525
Supplies	\$375	\$174	46%	\$76	\$360	\$503	\$729	\$345	\$403	\$234	\$374	\$872	\$357
Supporting Member Dues	\$1,600	\$1,700	106%	\$1,606	\$1,600	\$1,650	\$1,900	\$1,855	\$1,722	\$1,800	\$1,700	\$435	\$280
Telephone	\$500	\$-		\$455	\$387	\$247	\$294	\$546	\$386	\$1,057	\$1,408	\$2,108	\$1,300
WTO Volunteers	\$-	\$2,139	N/A	\$-	\$1,287	\$628	\$-	\$2,812	\$945	\$1,327	\$254	\$400	\$2,850
District Directors													
Postage	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Supplies	\$50	\$-		\$24	\$-	\$-	\$6	\$-	\$6	\$6	\$38	\$126	\$-
Lodging/Meals/Travel	\$1,000	\$268	27%	\$974	\$891	\$1,021	\$419	\$409	\$743	\$431	\$72	\$225	\$-
Telephone	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$91	\$-
Public Relations Committee													
Committee Operating Expenses	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$164	\$33	\$-	\$77	\$155	\$-
PR Representative	\$1,000	\$-		\$225	\$300	\$300	\$175	\$625	\$325	\$825	\$900	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter Startup Loans													
Local Chapter Startup Loans	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$3,200	\$1,120	\$300	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$300
Turkey Talk													
Editor's Fee	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$2,400	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$3,360	\$4,800	\$3,750	\$3,600	\$2,700
Printing	\$11,011	\$9,048	82%	\$11,280	\$11,305	\$9,200	\$9,920	\$9,205	\$9,782	\$9,960	\$14,554	\$15,752	\$11,543
Postage	\$13,734	\$7,172	52%	\$10,642	\$12,250	\$15,012	\$12,175	\$11,003	\$12,216	\$11,266	\$10,753	\$8,642	\$6,069
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$115	\$-	\$29
Legislative													
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$44
Legislative Programs/Travel	\$800	\$436	55%	\$452	\$1,306	\$1,273	\$755	\$332	\$823	\$802	\$601	\$557	\$208
Promotion Items													
Inventory Purchase	\$1,000	\$-		\$969	\$497	\$2,407	\$450	\$2,820	\$1,429	\$6,012	\$1,687	\$1,205	\$989
Sales Tax	\$100	\$74	74%	\$11	\$13	\$6	\$31	\$34	\$19	\$147	\$28	\$47	\$179
Operating Expenses	\$100	\$133	133%	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$39	\$99	\$28	\$212	\$-	\$89	\$186
Sponsor Member Hunt													
Sponsor Member Hunt of a Lifetime	\$1,000	\$668	67%	\$2,866	\$950	\$1,649	\$400	\$1,216	\$1,416	\$1,261	\$1,308	\$1,521	\$1,211
Art Committee													
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
30th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,100	\$220	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
30th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Framing	\$800	\$250	31%	\$390	\$725	\$-	\$1,462	\$1,144	\$744	\$308	\$-	\$85	\$454
Jakes / Youth													
Youth Committee Expenses	\$1,000	\$-		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,900	\$2,500	\$-	\$377	\$430
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$118	\$1,065	\$1,066	\$1,000	\$650	\$1,181	\$116	\$102	\$191
Jakes Hunt of a Lifetime	\$500	\$506	101%	\$440	\$475	\$600	\$583	\$500	\$520	\$459	\$520	\$400	\$566
Rendezvous													
Awards	\$2,500	\$2,418	97%	\$2,238	\$2,395	\$3,219	\$1,884	\$2,566	\$2,460	\$2,713	\$1,765	\$2,294	\$2,394
Calling Contest	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2,100	\$4,558	\$1,332	\$2,650	\$4,800	\$3,950	\$1,950
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$1,144	114%	\$104	\$852	\$1,256	\$1,488	\$828	\$906	\$1,467	\$2,888	\$1,625	\$75
Room Rental	\$300	\$265	88%	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$338	\$338	\$280	\$337	\$250	\$-	\$-
Meals	\$6,500	\$5,407	83%	\$5,692	\$7,267	\$6,750	\$6,561	\$5,326	\$6,319	\$5,684	\$5,062	\$4,842	\$1,747
Speaker Fees	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$650
Core Package	\$8,700	\$8,665	100%	\$8,895	\$8,502	\$6,722	\$7,095	\$5,619	\$7,367	\$5,336	\$4,444	\$4,922	\$4,308
Fund Raising													
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$17,000	\$17,931	105%	\$17,113	\$22,974	\$354	\$-	\$-	\$8,088	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Upper Level Gun Raffle	\$9,300	\$5,239	56%	\$10,614	\$8,583	\$9,374	\$9,281	\$9,559	\$9,482	\$8,991	\$9,456	\$9,144	\$8,597
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$335	\$107	\$733	\$478	\$1,708	\$-
Additional Fundraiser	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$9,800	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,960	\$852	\$-	\$-	\$4,543
Donations and Contributions													
NWTF Chapter Donations	\$500	\$250	50%	\$-	\$-	\$1,006	\$350	\$3,665	\$1,004	\$3,809	\$2,745	\$1,204	\$1,840
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$3,208	\$3,526	\$12,477	\$3,842	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Dave Burdge Medical Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$672	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Operating Expenses													
DART System Expense	\$500	\$525	107%	\$1,681	\$542	\$473	\$336	\$73	\$621	\$252	\$164	\$78	\$172
Equipment Repairs	\$300	\$304	101%	\$96	\$253	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$70	\$-	\$-	\$78	\$172
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$63	63%	\$118	\$-	\$15,891	\$881	\$1,090	\$3,596	\$-	\$-	\$78	\$9,138
Total Expenses	\$96,705	\$68,423	71%	\$91,015	\$114,036	\$105,284	\$85,574	\$107,282	\$100,638	\$89,576	\$84,363	\$80,756	\$73,990





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Hunting Heritage Budget Report:

2011 Hunting Heritage Fund Budget

	Budget	YTD Actual 5/31/2011	Forecasted Remaining	YTD plus Forecast	Budget vs. Forecast
Starting Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:	\$221,638	\$226,091		\$226,091	\$4,453
\$2,400 per banquet Forecasted Income from 2011 Banquets: 86 Chapters	\$206,400	\$185,343	\$55,200	\$240,543	\$34,143
Income from 2011 Outreach Fund:	\$11,792	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(11,792)
Donations from Outside Sources	\$-	\$250	\$-	\$250	\$250
Total Funds Available for Projects and Programs	\$439,830	\$411,685	\$55,200	\$466,885	\$27,055
2011 # 5-Star 2011 Expenses projected for: 86 Chapters					
60 Jakes Days \$500 each	\$(30,000)	\$(20,100)	\$(10,000)	\$(30,100)	\$(100)
40 Scholarships \$250 each	\$(10,000)	\$(6,750)	\$(3,250)	\$(10,000)	\$-
20 WITO Events \$250 each	\$(5,000)	\$250	\$(5,000)	\$(4,750)	\$250
40 School Boxes \$63 each	\$(2,520)	\$-	\$(2,520)	\$(2,520)	\$-
8 Wheelin' Events \$250 each	\$(2,000)	\$-	\$(2,000)	\$(2,000)	\$-
1 PA Scholarship \$1,000 each	\$(1,000)	\$(1,000)	\$-	\$(1,000)	\$-
1 State WITO Event \$800 each	\$(800)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$800
0 National WITO Event attendees (1x) \$300 each	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter 5-Star Expenses:	\$(51,320)	\$(27,600)	\$(22,770)	\$(50,370)	\$950
PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2011:					
Hen Mortality Telemetry - Year #2	\$(20,000)	\$(4,000)	\$(16,000)	\$(20,000)	\$-
NWTF Biologist	\$(20,000)	\$(10,000)	\$(10,000)	\$(20,000)	\$-
Chapter Membership Rebate	\$(11,500)	\$(9,012)	\$(11,500)	\$(20,512)	\$(9,012)
Seed Subsidy	\$(4,500)	\$-	\$(2,914)	\$(2,914)	\$1,586
Ned Smith Fund	\$(2,500)	\$(2,500)	\$(2,500)	\$(5,000)	\$(2,500)
Unallocated Contingency Reserve	\$(1,500)	\$-	\$(1,500)	\$(1,500)	\$-
Local Chapter Presidents' meeting	\$(1,500)	\$-	\$(1,500)	\$(1,500)	\$-
MSF Summer sighting	\$(500)	\$-	\$(500)	\$(500)	\$-
Conservation Seed	\$(250)	\$-	\$(250)	\$(250)	\$-
2011 Super Fund Reserve Allocation	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
4-H Shooting Sports	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Congressional Sportsmen Foundation	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Hunting Heritage	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
PGC Hunting Digest Ad	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
US Sportsmen's Alliance	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
PA Chapter Expenses:	\$(62,250)	\$(25,512)	\$(46,664)	\$(72,176)	\$(9,926)
Total Expenses:	\$(113,570)	\$(53,112)	\$(69,434)	\$(122,546)	\$(8,976)
Total Available for 2011 Super Fund Projects:	\$(108,068)	\$(105,581)	\$(6,469)	\$(112,050)	\$(3,982)
Allocation for 60 Habitat Projects 89%	\$(96,068)	\$(98,426)	\$(1,574)	\$(100,000)	\$(3,932)
Allocation for Safety & Education 10%	\$(11,250)	\$(7,155)	\$(4,095)	\$(11,250)	\$-
Allocation for Advertising & Membership Growth 1%	\$(750)	\$-	\$(800)	\$(800)	\$(50)
Allocation for Land Acquisition 0%	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total 100%	\$(108,068)	\$(105,581)	\$(6,469)	\$(112,050)	\$(3,982)
Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:	\$218,192	\$252,992	\$(20,703)	\$232,289	\$14,097





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

Officers' Reports:

President's Report:

- No Report

Vice- President's Report:

PA NWTF VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT, June 2011
Skip Motts

1. Attended the April meeting of Pocono Mountains Chapter.
2. Attended the April meeting of the McMichael's hunting club. Passed out info for the new PA NWTF membership drive. Also handed out safety posters and trifolds all members for distribution.
3. Attended the May meeting of the Pocono Mountains Chapter.
4. Attended the Honey Hole Long beards Banquet.

Secretary's Report:

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

Chairman's Report:

Chairman's Report June 2011

Did the Regular Board Meeting on March 6th

Attended Mason Dixon Chapter Meetings on Mar16, Apr 20, May 18, and Banquet Meetings

Forwarded request for info on strange Wild turkey color to Bob Eriksen





Asked and forwarded several Seed corn inquires

Tom Bunty

Executive Officer Report– Don Heckman:

Don Heckman, PA Chapter NWTF Executive Officer Report – June 5, 2011
 Report of committee interactions, activities, action items, ideas, and completed items

Several minor assignments and issues worked on since March 7, 2011.

No further report.

Executive Officer Report– Sam McCartney:

- No Report

NWTF Reports

Ray Smith:

- No Report
- Russ Wagner has volunteered to be the new AIM Trailer Coordinator.

Carl Mowry:

PA Membership numbers

	March Board Meeting	June Board Meeting
Regular –	6019	6661
Sponsor –	892	956
Life –	358	356
WITO –	1349	1536
Wheelin –	79	58
JAKES –	2505	2811
Extreme -	1194	1259
	12,396	13,637





Phil Ferrare:

- No Report

P. Foster

- No Report

J. Souders

- No Report

V. Ross

- Vern Ross, our National Board Member addressed the meeting.
- National's finances are looking much better – they are in the black.
- Vern emphasized the board members pay for their own hunts and he (and some other national board members) donate their travel expenses to their local chapters.
- Membership is “The Issue”.
- We don't (and need to) reach all turkey hunters.
- We need to send out more news releases. Vern has 2 writers on staff and will be glad to put together news releases for us if we would just provide the rough input. Format is not important.
- A Membership Coordinator has been hired at national.
- Vern can be reached at: vross@wildlifeforeveryone.org

Bob Eriksen (with Kristen Giger):

**Regional Biologist Report
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist
March 1- May 31, 2011**

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the April meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg
- Attended Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey Chapter Board meetings
- Attended the Jerry Zimmerman Memorial Chapter banquet in Allentown
- Represented NWTF at the Pennsylvania NRCA Technical Committee meeting in New Cumberland, PA





- Presented a power point entitled “Wild Turkeys 101” at the Pennsylvania State Chapter WITO event at Cabela’s in Hamburg, PA
- Met with US Forest Service staff at Allegheny national Forest in warren, PA to discuss work on the Martin Run National Forest Foundation Grant
- Presented a power point on wild turkey natural history and spring hunting techniques at the Trexler Nature Center in Schnecksville, PA for the Wildlands Conservancy
- Conducted a spring gobbler hunting techniques and turkey hunting safety seminar for the Walking Purchase Chapter at the Lappawinza Gun Club in Northampton, PA
- Presented a “Wild Turkeys 101” power point at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Basking Ridge, NJ
- Met with Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry and Bureau of State Parks personnel regarding our partnership agreement in Harrisburg, PA
- Attended the March meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance in Robbinsville, NJ
- Met with Game Commission personnel and US Forest Service staff in Sheffield, PA for a site visit to develop plans enhancing wildlife openings on the Martin Run Area of Allegheny National Forest
- Worked at the Delaware County Longbeards Super Fund Banquet, the Kittatinny Gobblers Super Fund Banquet and the South Jersey Local Chapter Super Fund Banquet
- Conducted a spring gobbler hunting seminar for the Lower Bucks Longbeards Chapter in Yardley, PA
- Presented a “Wild Turkeys 101” power point at the annual Susquehanna County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs banquet in Hallstead, PA

Writing Projects

5. Prepared articles on the Martin Run work on Allegheny National Forest, 2011 Super Fund Habitat Expenditures and television filming work in Pennsylvania for the summer issue of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
6. Wrote letters (2) for the New Jersey State Chapter encouraging the Division of Fish and Wildlife to look into the feasibility of all day spring hunting for the last two weeks of the season in that state
7. Submitted an application for grant funding from Chesapeake Energy for projects in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties
8. Drafted Pennsylvania Chapter press releases on spring hunting safety (2) and 2011 habitat project expenditures
9. Developed a news tip for NWTF on the major land acquisition approved at the April PGC meeting in Harrisburg

Special Projects

- Offered a NWTF project biologist position on Allegheny National Forest to Kristen Giger who accepted the position and began work on March 21





- 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
- Provided information and data on all day spring hunting to wild turkey biologists in Delaware, New Jersey and Maine
- Spent a day with National Geographic television regarding a bear incident in which I was involved in New Jersey back in 1998
- Developed monthly expense projections for FY 2012 for the Northeast Region
- Assisted regional biologists with issues in their respective regions
- Prepared bills for equipment and supplies related to the current fall harvest rate study and submitted bills to the chapter treasurer for payment
- Continued to consult with University of Delaware researchers on turkey telemetry monitoring and nest location techniques
- Spent two days training Pennsylvania Game Commission regional personnel on conducting the new “Successful Turkey Hunting” curriculum
- Spent two weeks working with videographers, guests and chapter members in Pennsylvania and New Jersey filming interviews on the Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Play, Wounded Warrior Project and hunting on national wildlife refuges and spring hunts for “Get in the Game” and “Turkey Call Television”

Super Fund and Outreach Fund Requests

- Processed 68 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms, 4 Delaware Chapter Super Fund requests, 2 Maryland forms and 1 New Jersey requests
- Processed 6 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Handled 59 requests for information on gobbling, spring hunting, wild turkey nesting, aging wild turkeys, odd-colored wild turkeys, habitat management and wild turkey ecology

Ian Gregg for Mary Jo Casalena:

NWTF Technical Committee Representatives' Report - PA Chapter NWTF Board of Directors Meeting, June 5, 2011

Submitted by: Mary Jo Casalena, Wildlife Biologist II, and Ian Gregg, Gamebird Section Supervisor, Bureau of Wildlife Management, PA Game Commission

Final 2011-2012 Wild Turkey Seasons

During the April PGC Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board gave final approval to the following fall 2011 and spring 2012 turkey seasons.

The restructured fall season dates for 2011 are as follows:





WMUs 1A, 1B and 2A (Shotgun/archery only): Oct. 29-Nov. 12 and Nov. 24-26;
 WMU 2B (Shotgun/archery only): Oct. 29-Nov. 18 and Nov. 24-26;
 WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 4A, 4B and 4D: Oct. 29-Nov. 12 and Nov. 24-26;
 WMUs 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4C and 4E: Oct. 29-Nov. 18 and Nov. 24-26;
 WMU 5A: Nov. 1-3;
 WMUs 5B, 5C and 5D: Closed to fall turkey hunting.

Spring 2012 junior season, statewide: April 21. Hunting hours close at noon.
 Spring 2012 season, statewide: April 28-May 31. Hunting hours close at noon, April 28 – May 12. Hunting hours close one-half hour after sunset, May 14- 31.

Harvest Management

Although our data resources division is still entering report cards into the database for the spring 2011 season, as of 28 May, with two full days remaining in the season, we received 10% less harvest report cards than by the end of the 2010 season, but 16% more than the end of the 2009. We continue to receive report cards 15 days after the close of the season (June 15), at which time we make our final count. Beginning this year hunters also were asked to report time of kill to assess the percent harvest occurring after noon.

Special turkey licenses sold for the 2011 spring season was 15,159, a 12% increase from 2010 and a 56% increase from the previous average since the special license was introduced in 2006. The increases during the last two years most likely are due to the computerized Point-Of-Sale Licensing System allowing this license sale from July 1 until the spring season opens. Prior to POS, license sales were limited to January 1 – April 1.

Wild Turkey Hen Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study

A turkey hunter survey was mailed to 10,000 general license holders after the fall 2010 season to determine hunter attitudes, satisfaction and daily participation with the new season structure. In summary, it appears, at least with this initial survey year, we did not recruit new turkey hunters, and did not reactivate former fall turkey hunters. But we did provide existing turkey hunters additional recreation opportunities with the new season segment during the Thanksgiving holiday. The majority of participants were satisfied with their 2010 fall turkey hunting experience. Available time, higher turkey populations and places to hunt are more important factors influencing fall turkey hunting participation than season structure. A PowerPoint presentation is provided separately showing more detailed results.

The turkey biologist worked with the PGC Regions and PCFWRU at Penn State regarding data management and locating transmitters from mortalities. As expected, once hens dispersed from winter flocks, mortalities of transmitted hens began, mainly predation. Of the 119 total hens transmitted since January 2010, 34 transmitters are active as of 2 June (18 of 61 in Study Area 1; 16 of 58 in Study Area 2).

Outcome of the other 85 transmitted are: 7 stopped functioning or were destroyed; 7 fell off due to equipment failure; 1 hen slipped out of transmitter harness; 1 censored (died within 1 week of trapping); 2 died from researcher error; 3 died of natural infection/disease; 3 legally





harvested; 3 illegally harvested; 20 general predation; 12 mammalian predation; 9 avian predation; and 17 unknown cause.

As of 26 May, hunters reported harvesting 3 bearded hens that were legbanded (\$100 reward for reporting) as part of the study (2 in SA1, 1 in SA2). Because bearded hens are legal to harvest during the spring season, we legband bearded hens at the proportion they are incidentally trapped; we do not seek out bearded hens for trapping. Three additional female reward bands were reported: 2 roadkilled and 1 found killed by a predator while it was incubating a nest. Legband reports of male turkeys harvested to date are 44 (non-reward bands); 26 leg-banded between 2006–2009 during the gobbler harvest rate study and 18 leg-banded between 2010-2011 during the hen harvest rate study. One gobbler banded during the gobbler study was 5 years old (harvested in Centre Co)! So far during the all-day portion of the spring season 87% of the 15 reported legbanded gobblers were harvested prior to noon.

One problem we have encountered is the transmitter harness design is failing after approximately 15 months on some birds, such that some transmitters are falling off live hens. We are working with the transmitter manufacturer to rectify the problem with all transmitters we have retrieved to date prior to the next turkey trapping season that begins mid-August.

Rocket charges are to be delivered for the upcoming late summer turkey trapping season when we will leg band an additional 150 hens (75 per Study Area), focusing on brood flocks to obtain a sample of leg banded juvenile hens. Transmitters recovered from mortalities will be redeployed after they are redesigned.

Wild Turkey Management Plan

The annual review of the wild turkey management plan strategies is underway in preparation for discussion during the annual PGC/PANWTF Cooperative meeting (June 8, 2011). Each PGC Bureau is reviewing management plan strategies they are responsible for to show outputs and outcomes, if the timeframe for accomplishments is being maintained, and identifying potential problems with implementation.

Hunting Related Shooting Incidents (HRSIs)

Preliminary information to date shows 5 HRSIs from this spring's turkey season, one unfortunately being fatal. Three are 2-party, failure to identify target incidents (NW Region); one self-inflicted from the NE Region (Susquehanna County); one self inflicted, fatal from the SW Region (Westmoreland Co). The victim shot himself in the chest with a 12 ga. as he was descending from a tree-stand. Please note this is a preliminary report, may not include all incidents and final results may change as investigations proceed. We will provide an update during the next quarterly meeting.

Information and Education

In cooperation with the Bureau of I&E MJ Casalena recorded 3 additional Radio PA segments regarding the spring turkey season, prepared the spring turkey hunting season forecast news release, provided hunting forecast for several outdoor writers and individual turkey hunters,





responded to more than 25 phone and email inquiries regarding timing of the spring season, turkey hunting and biology/population/habitat management.

NWTF Convention

The two PGC award recipients and Turkey Technical Committee member, Mary Jo Casalena, enjoyed the Convention and associated meetings. The PGC is very appreciative of the financial assistance from PANWTF to defray part of the Technical Committee member's travel expenses.

Michaux State Forest Summer Sighting Surveys

With the re-opening of fall turkey season in WMU 5A, we are continuing monitoring the turkey population in the Michaux State Forest, where the majority of the turkey population and harvest exists. Thanks to a well-established cooperative effort among the PGC, DCNR Bureau of Forestry (BOF), and volunteers from local NWTF chapters, the 14th year of weekly Summer Sighting Surveys on the Michaux State Forest are underway to provide an additional index to turkey population trends besides our harvest and hunting success trend data for WMU 5A. This is the area of the turkey radio-telemetry study where we investigated the causes of the suppressed wild turkey population and closed the fall season from 2003 - 2009 to aid in population recovery. Additionally, since 2002, BOF staff record each day, turkeys they see and miles driven, as an additional index of the turkey population.

Committee Reports

Art – K. Fernburg/K. Skrapits:

- No Report

Awards – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:

Awards Report June 2011

Had short conversation with Putt asking if he started the Replacement plaques yet- Soon

Tom Bunty

By-Laws – R. Johnson/J. Straley:

- No Report





Conservation Seed – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report
- The seed arrived late . That is not under our control.

Dart – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:

Dart Report June 2011

Both system are out at events, minor Problems reported.

Had two inquires about how to setup and run unit from first time users. Sent them the link to website instructions.

Still slow to get reservations posted on website..

Tom Bunty

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

- No Report

Drilling Reclamation – D. Butler/B. Eriksen:

- No Report

Habitat – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report

Internet – S. Letterman/J. Drolet

Internet Committee

1. Due to work obligations I have not been able to work on the State website in the past couple of months. I will be able to give the website my full attention, that it deserves, starting next week.

2. Please e-mail any questions or concerns about the site that you may have.





3. Scott Wojton did a great job on securing a bundle package for the website/Turkey Talk ad. for Broken arrow outfitters for \$375.00. (Scott can explain in more detail if needed)

10. I apologize for not being able to make the meeting and wish you all safe travels See you at the Presidents workshop in July.

Scott Letterman

Jakes – K. Fernburg/D. Zimmerman:

- No Report
- Outreach Gun Raffle Tickets available June 6th.

Land Acquisition – D. Heckman/S. Richards:

- No Report

Legislative – T. Bunty/D. Heckman:

PA Chapter NWTF Legislative Committee Report
Legislative Bills – June 5, 2011

PA Legislative Bill Locator -- <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/session.cfm>

Game and Wildlife Code Bills and Firearms Bills will be monitored and reported to PANWTF Board of Directors from House and Senate Game and Fisheries and Judicial Committees.

All future legislative committee reports for 2011 will show bill number and description only when legislation is approved by either House or Senate Committee.

NWTF Sentry Program – what is the current status for PA Chapter NWTF Board of Directors.

Legislative Bills for 2011-2012 Legislative Session – will submit separate legislative bill listing either from PGC Legislative Liaison or PFSC Legislative Liaison.

HB 40 Perry (R)

Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses) & 42 (Judiciary) further providing for use of force in self-protection, protection of other persons, grading of theft offenses & for licenses to carry firearms; & providing for civil immunity. Also known as Castle Doctrine.





April 12, 2011 – House – Passed 164-37

SB 274 Alloway (R)

(PN 250) Amends Title 34 (Game) in hunting and furtaking, licenses, to allow the Pennsylvania Game Commission to establish regulations fostering youth hunting, including allowing exemptions for youth hunting activities. This includes allowing a youth hunter to have no more than one antlerless deer permit per season. In special licenses and permits, allowing the commission to define, implement and provide for the issuance of falconry permits to eligible persons. Makes it illegal to engage in falconry without a valid permit

May 2, 2011 – Senate – Passed 50-0

May 25, 2011 – House – Second Consideration scheduled for June 6th

Also reference PGC Legislative Report, May 2011.

Membership – S. Wojton/K. Skrapits:

Membership Committee Report June 2011

- April 2011:** Finalized “Bring a Buddy” membership drive for 2011
- April 2011:** Placed BAB membership drive in Spring edition of TT
- April 2011:** Sent an email blast to Chapter Presidents for BAB thru Joe Drolet
- April 2011:** Promoted BAB at Walking Purchase Chapter’s Turkey Hunting and Safety Seminar—chapter sold 6 memberships
- April 2011:** Sold a BAB membership to my turkey guide in Wyoming (part of his gratuity)
- April/May 2011:** Did a lot of turkey hunting in 4 states
- April/May 2011:** Worked with Ray Smith to figure out a process that would allow BAB memberships to be included in local chapter banquet results
- June 2011:** Forwarded BAB PDF to Scott Letterman to be uploaded on PANWTF website
- June 2011:** Confirmed placement of BAB in the Summer edition of TT
- June 2011:** 12 BAB memberships sold as of June 1, 2011—statewide
- June 2011:** Currently developing a game plan to contact every local chapter President via phone to promote BAB and gain their commitment to recruit 2 new members per chapter. The goal is to have 100% chapter participation.

Nominating – T. Bunty/D. Butler:

Nominations Report June 2011

Nothing to report





Tom Bunty

- Two Executive Officer positions will be available and possibly the VP position.

PFSC – D. Heckman/B. Schwalm:

PFSC Report and PFSC Spring Convention

PA Chapter NWTF Board Meeting June 5, 2011 submitted by Don Heckman, PANWTF Delegate to PFSC

Completed 2011 PFSC credential sheet and paid annual dues for PA Chapter NWTF.

Attended PFSC Spring Convention, March 11-13, 2011. Full Spring Convention report is in PFSC "On Target" May-June 2011 issue.

Spring Convention wrap-up:

<http://www.pfsc.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=QI2yeGKQ7gY%3d&tabid=136>

Bob Schwalm has been added to PFSC Board listing as PANWTF Alternate Delegate for 2011.

June Board Meeting – June 12, meeting will be in State College area.

Promotion – S. Letterman/S. Wojton:

Promotions Committee Report June 2011

- April 2011:** Committee communicated several times regarding promotional items, ie: State Chapter Shirts with new State Chapter Logo
- April 2011:** Scott Letterman spearheaded getting the information with will be presented at the June meeting by Scott Wojton
- April 2011:** Promotional items inventoried and chosen to be included on the merchandise page for the spring edition of TT
- May 2011:** Several orders received and filled from the merchandising page of the spring edition of TT
- May 2011:** Sold a full year advertising bundle (\$375) for website and TT to Broken Arrow Outfitters





- May 2011:** Banner for Broken Arrow was created and placed on PANWTF website with link to Broken Arrow website.
- June 2011:** 1/8 pg ad for Broken Arrow was created and submitted to Jason and Trina for the next 4 consecutive editions of TT
- June 2011:** Merchandising page will be pulled from the Summer edition of TT due to lack of room. It will be planned to run again in the Fall edition.

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

PR/Advertising/Communications Report June 2011

March 2011:

Emailed spring turkey hunting safety press release, drafted by Bob Eriksen, to Bob Kasun, Gary Blockus & Allentown Outdoor Examiner for distribution.

May 2011:

Emailed PANWTF's "Bring A Buddy" Membership Drive 2011 to Bob Kasun, Gary Blockus & Allentown Outdoor Examiner for distribution.

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

- No Report

Rendezvous – D. Butler:

- No Report

Safety & Education – S. Motts/D. Zimmerman:

PA NWTF SAFETY & ED COMMITTEE REPORT, June 2011
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, Skip Motts

- March & April. The S&E Committee has reviewed and approved 2 funding requests.
- Sent out spring turkey hunting safety PSA'S to local news papers, radio stations and outdoor writers before opening day of spring 2011 turkey hunting season.
- Handed out turkey hunting safety and success brochures to local sporting goods stores and sportsman's clubs in my area for distribution before spring turkey season.





2011 Safety & Education Budget Amount \$12,000.00

Status	Date	Chapter	Description	Approved Cost
n/a		MYB	ESOS booth (Won't need until 2012 event)	\$-
approved	10-Jan	Allegheny Plateau	Stackhouse Park	\$(900.00)
approved	10-Jan	Allegheny Plateau	Community Arts Center of Cambria	\$(250.00)
approved	10-Jan	Local #1	S&E funding to support PGC intern	\$(1,500.00)
approved	10-Jan	Local #1	Ed Boxes	\$(1,300.00)
approved		PA NWTF	Hunter success tri-fold, Pemcor Inc.	\$(731.40)
approved		PA NWTF	Convention Travel - Tom Bunty	\$(1,000.00)
approved	11-Jan	Juniata Gobblers	support of Everett high school rifle team	\$(300.00)
pending	14-Jan	Susquehanna	Safety billboards	\$(450.00)
approved	14-Jan	Foothill Spurs	Little Sportsman's books for school library	\$(408.60)
approved	14-Jan	Shenango Valley Beards & Spurs	Custaloga Town Boy Scout Camp Jakes event	\$(200.00)
approved	14-Jan	Lakeland Longbeards	Custaloga Town Boy Scout Camp Jakes event	\$(200.00)
approved	14-Jan	Wolf Creek Longbeards	Custaloga Town Boy Scout Camp Jakes event	\$(200.00)
approved	27-Jan	Muncy Creek	6th Grade Education Day	\$(250.00)
approved	27-Jan	Muncy Creek	Sullivan Co. HS Shooting Program	\$(250.00)
approved	14-Feb	Delaware County Longbeards	Ed Boxes	\$(250.00)
approved	24-Mar	PA NWTF RD's	Ed Boxes	\$(68.00)
approved	2-May	Northern Counties Chapter	Prompton state park, educational trails	(\$475.88)
Remaining balance				\$3,266.12

Strategic Plan – T. Bunty/D. Butler:

Strategic Planning Report June 2011

To be worked on at Exec Meeting

Tom Bunty

- Sam took the board through the changes discussed at the exec meeting.
- Don recommended that the plan be put into Turkey Talk and on the state website.

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

- No Report

Wheelin' Sportsmen – S. Richards/D. Horst:

- No Report





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

PA Chapter NWTF Wild Turkey Management Committee Report June 5, 2011 PANWTF June 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; several management plan 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; Mary Jo updating model for 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. PANWTF needs to continue to support “tag sharing” with Mentored Youth Hunters and then work with PGC to get their support for fall turkey hunting with fall antlerless hunting when the legislation is signed into law. SB 274 legislation passed by Senate G&F Committee gives PA Game Commission regulator authority for adding additional wildlife species to fall hunting seasons and bag limits.
- 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 up to May 31 to all day hunting starting Spring 2011. All day youth spring gobbler season will be reviewed for additional hunting opportunity.**
- 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, 2010 Meeting. PANWTF and member articles have been distributed documenting our disapproval of these approved fall turkey hunting season regulations fro 2010. **Feb. 1, 2011 under Proposed Rule making, Commissioner’s move tentative fall turkey hunting season start date back to last Saturday of October. Saturday, October 29, 2011 will be first day of fall turkey hunting season, while WMU’s will be back tp 1, 2, 3 weeks, plus 3 days for WMU 5A, or closed fall turkey hunting season in WMU 5B, 5C, 5D. Thanksgiving Day, Friday, and Saturday fall turkey hunting for 2011 is still in seasons and bag limits criteria as adopted by Commissioners. 2011, 4th Saturday, October 22 continues to be closed for fall turkey hunting and continues to be opening day Bear Season Start date. April 19th PGC Board of Commissioners adopted these season and bag limit dates under Final Rule Making for 2011.**
- 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 approved funding for 2011 trapping sessions. Mary Jo, Ian, or John Dunn and Bob Eriksen can update Board on final decision and payment schedule.





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10) Wild Turkey Biologists Spring Options white paper has been finalized March 2010 for PGC Executive Staff and Commissioner's review. Number of Spring Options changes have been adopted under final rule making by Commissioner's like expanding spring gobbler season to all day hunting for last 2 weeks up to May 31 for spring season starting in 2011. No further reports back from Commissioner's or Executive Staff on other white paper suggestions or changes.

11) June 8, 2011, PGC Staff meeting with PA Chapter NWTF representatives in Harrisburg Headquarters building was held. Need to review action items and meeting minutes from June 2010 meeting for updates and changes.

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 need to be distributed to several key Legislator's, PGC Executive Staff, PGC Commissioner's, Local Chapter Presidents, NWTF Members, and turkey hunters if this moves forward.
- 2) PGC hunting license increase legislation – Legislation has been submitted, SB 740, in this legislative session, 2011-2012.
- 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 hunting safety and ethics – New PGC Turkey Hunting Curriculum Course on schedule for Spring 2011 kick-off. Other PANWTF / PGC wild turkey hunter safety material - NWTF Turkey Hunter Safety DVD provided to PGC HTE classes; 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; New updated PANWTF Turkey Hunting Safety posters.
- 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 were 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:

- No Report

YHEC – D. Zimmerman/D. Horst:

YHEC

The state event for YHEC is Saturday June 18th, 2011. The state chapter supports the event with a \$1000 donation (which is budgeted) and two prints (supplied from art inventory held by Ken F.) that are given to the top two winners. I will not be able to attend due to me teaching a hunter ed class that day. Bob Schwalm will be representing the chapter and volunteering at the event. Dingo

Communications

- Keystone Energy gave a short presentation and handed out a brochure identifying their conservation efforts.

Old Business

- Two safety news releases were written but never sent out.
- The state chapter will use Vern Ross for news releases from now on.

New Business

For the Good of the Order

- Reed Johnson and Howard Meyers helped save 9000+ acres for sportsmen. The land will be sold to the PGC.

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

