



ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Sam McCartney's Camp near Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, October 9, 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
July 30, 2011***

Director's Present: J. Drolet, M. Ferdinand, D. Horst, S. Letterman, J. Montgomery, J. Panaro, S. Richards, K. Skrapits, J. Straley, D. Wade, S. Wojton, D. Zimmerman.

Director's Absent: T. Bunty, D. Butler, K. Fernburg, D. Heckman, R. Johnson, S. McCartney, S. Motts, B. Schwalm, R. Wagner,

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

Guests: Mary Jo Casalena, K. Davit, Charles Krout, Jerry Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Vern Ross, Josh Skrapits, John Weidner

The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Jim Panaro for Chairman of the Board, Tom Bunty.

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

Action Items:

- Dingo reported that the Turkey Hunting Ed program is up and running statewide.



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July 28, 2011 PA NWTF BoD Meeting

<u>Carryover Items</u>	<u>Action Item List</u>	<u>Status</u>
Promo	Work on Promo items and clothing for State Chapter. Bring back ideas to the March meeting	discuss under Committee report
D. Heckman State-Local Chapter Committee	draft outline for procedure to implement Turkey hunting license	Complete as draft
Dingo	Update the Director's and Local Chapter Handbooks	In progress
D. Butler	Report to S&E committee with updates on the Turkey Hunters Ed program	In Progress ... some instructors have been contacted
Art Committee	Draft letter & send to Edgefield requesting the attendance of a National Board member at our March BOD'S meeting	invite in 2012
RD's State-Local Chapter Committee	Send #1 Art prints (insured for \$?K) to Edgefield to be displayed on loan from PANWTF	October meeting
Finance Committee	Transfer Local Chapter Committee List to one database for State - Local Chapter Liaison Committee	October meeting
WTM ALL BOD	Target the chapters that are not historically selling Jakes raffle tickets to get on Board with Outreach Fund Raffle	October meeting
Awards	Create 2011-2012 General Fund Draft Budget	Complete
Dingo	Review Don Heckman's Spring Turkey Hunting implementation plan for the March meeting	On Hold for Committee
Mary Jo	Clean up / revise contact and distribution list.	Discussion
Mary Jo	Invite PGC Land manager & WCO'S to the Rendezvous by mid-November	Ongoing
PR Committee Awards	Report to S&E committee with updates on the Turkey Hunters Ed program	Ongoing
Internet Committee R. Smith	Send reports out to the BOD'S at least one week in advance before each PA NWTF meeting for review	Ongoing
	Invite PGC Land manager & WCO'S to the Convention by December 1st	Ongoing
	Create and issue press releases per the schedule that Don sends	Ongoing
	Replace Hall of Fame Plaques	Complete
	Update the Hunting Heritage Spending Summary link on webpage to beyond \$5 million.	\$5.1 info received from Edgefield
	Invite Mike Cleary to the Chapter Presidents weekend	???
<u>New Items</u>	<u>Action Item List</u>	<u>Status</u>
S. McCartney	2012 Conservation Seed Order notification for TT	August 15th
B. Eriksen	Fall Turkey Hunting Safety Article for TT	August 15th
T. Bunty	Find out which Directors whose terms expire in 2012 are willing to run again to determine how many board openings we have	Complete
T. Bunty	Solicit nominations from Local Chapter Presidents for Board of Directors	Complete
T. Bunty	Determine if an election is needed and if so get names into TT for fall issue	August 15th
TT Committee State-Local Chapter Committee	Develop a calendar for recurring annual items that need printed in TT -...examples BOD nominations, Outreach and upper gun raffle, scholarship winner, seed letters, NWTF convention notice, etc.	October meeting
Legislative Committee	Send updated "Buddy List" to Directors	October meeting
PR Committee/Eriksen	Send official PANWTF statement regarding Sunday hunting to Representatives Staback and Evans	Complete
	Get details from ANF for habitat projects press release article to Vern Ross for distribution	October meeting





Ending Balance **\$33,801.38**

Net Gain (Loss) **\$(3,752.40)**

General Updates

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

Last major expenses will be Chapter Presidents' and Board meeting.

Upper Level Gun Raffle Correction from last meeting – Budgeted \$15,000 income and \$9,300 expense for net of \$5,700. Actual was \$11,705 income and \$8,864 expense for an actual net of \$2,841.

Fiscal Year reports are attached. 92% through fiscal year and we are at 92% income and 83% expenses.

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





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PA Chapter Budget Report:

Expenses:

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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	\$959	38%	\$1,562	\$2,391	\$1,809	\$3,225	\$3,068	\$2,411	\$2,575	\$1,945	\$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	\$1,415	94%	\$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%	\$369	\$309	\$76	\$1,202	\$861	\$523	\$1,769	\$1,265	\$1,704	\$919
Postage	\$500	\$369	74%	\$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	\$-	\$737	\$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	\$11,666	106%	\$11,280	\$11,305	\$9,200	\$7,920	\$9,205	\$9,782	\$9,960	\$14,554	\$15,732	\$11,543
Postage	\$13,734	\$10,049	73%	\$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	\$20	2%	\$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	\$465	58%	\$390	\$725	\$-	\$1,462	\$1,144	\$744	\$308	\$-	\$85	\$454
Jakes / Youth													
Youth Committee Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000	100%	\$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	\$2,692	108%	\$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	\$18,868	111%	\$17,113	\$22,974	\$354	\$-	\$-	\$8,088	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Upper Level Gun Raffle	\$9,300	\$8,864	95%	\$10,614	\$8,583	\$9,374	\$9,201	\$9,559	\$9,482	\$8,991	\$9,456	\$9,144	\$8,597
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$353	\$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	\$535	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	\$80,661	83%	\$91,015	\$114,036	\$105,284	\$85,574	\$107,282	\$100,638	\$89,576	\$84,363	\$80,756	\$73,990





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Income:

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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	\$53	53%	\$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	\$2,892	48%	\$6,109	\$5,068	\$6,537	\$7,904	\$7,827	\$6,689	\$7,162	\$7,848	\$4,443
Women in the Outdoors	\$-	\$1,938	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	\$1,205	121%	\$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	\$11,705	78%	\$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	\$740	85%	\$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	\$375	75%	\$90	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$18	\$-	\$-	\$190
Total Income	\$96,420	\$88,842	92%	\$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	\$88,842	\$93,017	\$119,855	\$81,259	\$87,893	\$108,215	\$94,731
Gross Available Funds	\$119,604	\$112,026	\$124,224	\$140,041	\$122,899	\$124,390	\$137,928	\$123,758
Less Expenses	\$(96,705)	\$(80,661)	\$(91,015)	\$(114,036)	\$(105,284)	\$(85,574)	\$(107,282)	\$(89,576)
Green Sheet Transfers In	\$-	\$18,395	\$15,634	\$36,946	\$27,421	\$30,967	\$30,414	\$5,459
Green Sheet Transfers Out	\$(10,304)	\$(16,374)	\$(25,659)	\$(31,969)	\$(24,851)	\$(28,144)	\$(24,563)	\$(5,562)
Ending Checking Account Balance	<u>\$12,595</u>	<u>\$33,386</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)	\$10,202	\$(8,023)	\$10,796	\$(21,454)	\$5,143	\$6,784	\$5,051
Net Gain / (Loss) w/out green sheet transfers	\$(285)	\$8,181	\$2,002	\$5,819	\$(24,025)	\$2,319	\$933	\$5,155





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Hunting Heritage Budget Report:

2011 Hunting Heritage Fund Budget

		Budget	YTD Actual 7/26/2011	Forecasted Remaining	YTD plus Forecast	Budget vs. Forecast
Starting Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:		\$221,638	\$226,091		\$226,091	\$4,453
per banquet \$2,400	Forecasted Income from 2011 Banquets: 86 Chapters	\$206,400	\$208,563 ⁷⁰	\$38,400 ¹⁶	\$246,963	\$40,563
	Income from 2011 Outreach Fund: 6/30/11	\$11,792	\$21,025	\$-	\$21,025	\$9,233
	Income from 2011 Outreach Jakes Fund: 6/30/11	\$-	\$12,890	\$-	\$12,890	\$12,890
	Donations from Outside Sources	\$-	\$250	\$7,870	\$8,120	\$8,120
Total Funds Available for Projects and Programs		\$439,830	\$468,819⁷⁰	\$46,270¹⁶	\$515,089	\$75,259
2011 #	5-Star 2011 Expenses projected for: 86 Chapters					
60	Jakes Days \$500 each	\$(30,000)	\$(25,600) ⁵¹	\$(4,500) ⁹	\$(30,100)	\$(100)
40	Scholarships \$250 each	\$(10,000)	\$(7,500) ³⁰	\$(2,500) ¹⁰	\$(10,000)	\$-
20	WITO Events \$250 each	\$(5,000)	\$(750) ⁴	\$(4,250) ¹⁶	\$(5,000)	\$-
40	School Boxes \$63 each	\$(2,520)	\$-	\$(2,520) ⁴⁰	\$(2,520)	\$-
8	Wheelin' Events \$250 each	\$(2,000)	\$-	\$(1,750) ⁷	\$(1,750)	\$250
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)	\$(34,850)	\$(15,520)	\$(50,370)	\$950
PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2011:						
	Hen Mortality Telemetry - Year #2	\$(20,000)	\$(6,036)	\$(13,964)	\$(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)	\$(30,462)	\$(41,714)	\$(72,176)	\$(9,926)
Total Expenses:		\$(113,570)	\$(65,312)	\$(57,234)	\$(122,546)	\$(8,976)
Total Available for 2011 Super Fund Projects:		\$(108,068)	\$(107,331)	\$(4,719)	\$(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)	\$(8,905)	\$(2,345)	\$(11,250)	\$-
	Allocation for Advertising & Membership Growth 1%	\$(750)	\$-	\$(800)	\$(800)	\$(50)
	Allocation for Land Acquisition 0%	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
	Total 100%	\$(108,068)	\$(107,331)	\$(4,719)	\$(112,050)	\$(3,982)
Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:		\$218,192	\$296,176	\$(15,683)	\$280,493	\$62,301





Officers' Reports:

President's Report:

- No Report

Vice- President's Report:

Skip Motts
VP Report, July 2011

1. Attended the June BOD'S meeting in State College.
2. Attended my June local chapter meeting.
3. Attended the June PA Game Commissioners meeting in Harrisburg. Gave a verbal report prepared by Bob Eriksen for the PA NWTF's position on MY fall turkey hunting and our concerns with allowing ground hog hunting during the PA spring turkey hunting season.
4. Attended my July local chapter meeting.

Secretary's Report:

- Joe Drolet presented the prior meeting's minutes.
- **A motion was made by Jason Straley to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Dean Zimmerman seconded and the motion carried.**

Chairman's Report:

Chairman's Report 30 July 2011

Conducted the Regular Board Meeting for June

Attended Mason Dixon Chapter Meeting on June 15, and Banquet on June 18, Jakes Day on June 25th

Due to Working out of town for awhile, I will miss this next meeting. Dale will be in charge.

Tom Buntly

Executive Officer Report– Don Heckman:





Don Heckman, PA Chapter NWTF Executive Officer Report – July 30, 2011
Report of committee interactions, activities, action items, ideas, and completed items

Attended PGC/PANWTF Staff meeting on June 8th in Harrisburg.

Attended PFSC Board meeting on June 11th in State College area.

Attended Capitol Hill Legislative meeting on SB 274 on June 14th.

Attended MYB Board meeting on June 22nd.

Attended PGC Commissioner meeting June 27th.

Attended meeting June 28th with Governor Corbett aide, Joe Murzyn, on several sportsmen's issues.

Executive Officer Report– Sam McCartney:

- No Report

NWTF Reports

Phil Ferrare:

- No Report

Ray Smith:

- The PA RD position is still open.
- The 2011 banquets have been the best in the last 4 years.

Carl Mowry:



PA Membership numbers





July Board Meeting

June Board Meeting

Regular –	6263	6661
Sponsor –	942	956
Life –	358	356
WITO –	1299	1536
Wheelin –	56	58
JAKES –	2500	2811
Extreme -	1192	1259
	12,610	13,637

PANWTF Leadership Weekend July 30 / 31

On Saturday at the Tyrone Sportsman’s Club we will have over 75 chapter leaders in attendance for the BBQ and fun Trap Shoot and Block Shoot.

On Sunday for the Presidents Meeting will have close to 40 chapters from across the state in attendance for the meeting.

Jeff Souders:

- **Scott Wojton made a motion to renew the pawito.com domain. Joe Drolet seconded and the motion carried.**

Vern Ross:

- The new Foundation is up and running.
- A national audit is underway and our 501c3 status is being carefully scrutinized.
- Membership is in real focus at national.
- National is in the black again this year.
- Vern thanked the Board for being invited.

Bob Eriksen:

- Bob is looking for a turkey skeleton for the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Please contact Bob if you know of one.

Regional Biologist Report





Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist
June 1- July 31, 2011

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the June meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg and presented the annual Joe Kurz and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards
- Attended Pennsylvania and New Jersey Chapter Board June meetings
- Facilitated and attended the annual meeting between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania State Chapter
- Participated in the Pennsylvania Game Commission Roundtable on hunter recruitment and retention
- Spent a week at the NWTF Summer Planning Conference in Edgefield, South Carolina
- Presented a powerpoint on accomplishments and projects in the northeast at the Summer Planning Conference
- Assisted with a Diamond Life Sponsor Dinner in New Jersey
- Attended July Pennsylvania Chapter Board meeting and Presidents Leadership Weekend and presented powerpoint updates

Writing Projects

- Wrote letters (2) for the New Jersey State Chapter in support of changes in Game Code regulations
- Prepared quarterly Board Report for NWTF National Board of Directors

Special Projects

- Traveled to Allegheny National Forest twice to check on progress on the Bobb's Fork Stewardship Agreement and Martin Run Grant work
- Monitored and inspected chain saw site preparation work conducted by contractors as part of the Martin Run Project on Allegheny National Forest
- Processed payment for contract work on Allegheny National Forest
- Completed discussions on a Partnership Agreement with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry
- Picked up bat, bluebird and wood duck nest boxes at the PGC Howard Nursery for use on Allegheny National Forest





- Prepared and arranged for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between NWTF and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Developed a draft agreement with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for support of our regional biologist position in the Old Dominion to be finalized at a meeting in August
- Edited and provided information, suggestions and literature citations for a draft Adaptive Wild Turkey Harvest Strategy matrix for eastern wild turkeys in Oklahoma
- Prepared a wild turkey gobbler skeleton for the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- Assisted regional biologists with issues in their respective regions especially concerning NRCS contribution agreements in New York and New Hampshire
- Assisted District Field Supervisor Ray Smith with development of materials for a “Fueling Conservation” dinner to be held in Williamsport in August
- Prepared bills for equipment and supplies related to the current Pennsylvania 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
- Completed an application to become a Technical Service Provider (TSP) for the NRCS in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware as part of the NWTF regional biologist program
- Assisted in planning a joint “Wild About Turkeys” teachers workshop with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

Super Fund and Outreach Fund Requests

- Processed 21 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms, 2 Delaware Chapter Super Fund requests, 2 Maryland forms and 7 New Jersey requests
- Processed 4 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Handled 15 requests for information on gobbling, spring hunting, wild turkey nesting, aging wild turkeys, odd-colored wild turkeys, diseases, habitat management and wild turkey ecology

Mary Jo Casalena:

**NWTF Technical Committee Representatives' Report - PA Chapter NWTF
Board of Directors Meeting, July 30, 2011**





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

Harvest Management

Preliminary 2011 spring turkey harvests were approximately 35,942 (33,897 initial harvests + 2,045 from the special turkey license; Table 1). The preliminary initial harvest is 22% below the 2010 preliminary initial harvest of 43,201, but only 3% below the previous 3-year average. This decrease most likely is due to the rainy weather throughout much of the season and below average summer reproduction two and three years ago in many WMUs, both of which decreased gobbling activity. The estimate also most likely is affected by recent changes in reporting rate due to on-line and phone reporting, but we will begin getting more consistent and reliable estimates when we initiate the annual spring hunter survey after the 2012 spring season. This preliminary initial harvest ranks as the second lowest during the past 10 years (2005 was the lowest at 32,594). 2011 ranked highest in sales of the special turkey licenses at 15,159, representing a 66% increase from the previous average sales (2006-2010). All-day spring hunting was initiated this year during the second half of the month-long season, and included two full weeks. Afternoon harvests comprised 5% of the total reported harvests, and 22% of harvests during the all-day portion of the season.

Wild Turkey Hen Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates Study

As part of the hen turkey harvest and survival rate study, we ordered equipment for the late summer turkey trapping season, coordinated with Regions and the PFWRC regarding transmitter recoveries and locations of transmitted hens and continued working with the transmitter manufacturer to redesign the transmitter harness attachments. During this reporting cycle we recovered 4 transmitters; 2 from each Study Area. The Study Area 2 (SA2) recoveries were from Tioga (mammalian predation) and Warren counties (transmitter fell off the hen due to equipment failure so the hen may still be alive). The recoveries from Study Area 1 (SA 1) were from Clearfield (equipment failure) and Indiana counties (coyote predation). This last recovery was of the hen that had made the longest movement, over 20 miles. She was one year old and had successfully nested as evidenced by poult feathers close to the recovered transmitter. Of the 119 total hens transmitted since January 2010, we have lost contact with 6 (battery failure, etc.), 10 transmitters fell off the hens due to equipment failure and one was censored (died within one week of capture). Of the remaining 102, 75 hens have died due to predation, harvest, illegal harvest or natural infection. Twenty-eight transmitters are active as of 22 July (14 of 61 in SA1; 14 of 58 in SA2).

Total reported leg-banded hen turkeys during the spring season are: 3 bearded hens harvest (2 in SA1, 1 in SA2), 2 road killed and 1 found killed by a predator while incubating a nest. Legband reports of male turkeys harvested are 51 (non-reward bands); 30 leg-banded between 2006–2009 during the gobbler harvest rate study and 21 leg-banded between 2010-2011 during the hen harvest rate study. Ages of males banded





during the gobbler study were: one 6-year old (banded as a juvenile in 2006 and harvested in Centre Co); 3 5- year olds; 2 4-year olds; 10 at least 4 years old (banded as adult in 2009), 14 3-years old. During the all-day portion of the spring season we asked hunters if their harvest was before or after noon; only 2 of 19 were harvested after noon.

A turkey trapping/update workshop was held for all trappers to practice transmitter attachment, review aging/sexing methods for juveniles during late summer and winter trapping, provide group discussion to share tips for trapping/sexing birds, and discuss transmitter harness re-design.

We are preparing for the upcoming late summer trapping season (mid-August to early October) 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 to estimate fall harvest rates by age. Transmitters recovered from mortalities will be re-deployed.

Annual Cooperative PGC/NWTF/PANWTF Meeting

This 37th annual meeting, held June 8 at the PGC headquarters, emphasizes the partnership between the PGC and NWTF/PANWTF and demonstrates the health and importance of this partnership. The PGC Executive Office and all pertinent PGC Bureaus participate. Twelve topics were discussed and 10 action items were identified for completion during the year.

Information and Education

MJ Casalena met with the Bureau of I&E to update the PGC wild turkey web page. MJ Casalena assisted with an annual NRA sponsored Turkey Hunting Clinic in Johnstown. Attendance was similar to last year at 25.

Table 1. PRELIMINARY Pennsylvania spring 2011 wild turkey harvests, determined from harvest report cards and corrected for reporting rate. First Harvests are from general license sales and do not include harvests from the Special Spring Turkey License, which are shown in the column Second Harvest.

WMU	Spring			Harvest per Square Mile	% Total State Harvest
	First Harvest	Second Harvest	Total Harvest		
1A	2,116	116	2,232	1.21	6.2
1B	2,124	163	2,287	1.08	6.4
2A	1,871	111	1,982	1.09	5.5
2B	1,495	53	1,548	1.14	4.3





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2C	2,006	148	2,154	0.69	6.0
2D	2,534	163	2,697	1.08	7.5
2E	1,216	87	1,303	1.03	3.6
2F	1,157	66	1,223	0.51	3.4
2G	1,939	132	2,070	0.50	5.8
3A	1,107	60	1,166	0.77	3.2
3B	1,689	98	1,787	0.79	5.0
3C	2,175	146	2,321	1.08	6.5
3D	1,592	82	1,674	0.77	4.7
4A	1,187	79	1,266	0.73	3.5
4B	1,187	85	1,272	0.80	3.5
4C	1,922	105	2,026	1.12	5.6
4D	1,993	145	2,138	0.78	5.9
4E	1,951	116	2,067	1.19	5.8
5A	524	27	551	0.42	1.5
5B	971	29	1,000	0.36	2.8
5C	1,077	34	1,111	0.51	3.1
5D	63	2	65	0.08	0.2
TOTAL	33,897	2,045	35,942	0.79	100

Committee Reports

Art – K. Fernburg/K. Skrapits:

- No Report

Awards – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:

Awards Report 30July 2011

Putt has finished the Replacement plaques and I have them. Only cost to Chapter was Putt's cost for the Plaques, (already paid). He did all the engraving for Free !





Awards Nominations letters and email will go out mid August

Tom Bunty

By-Laws – R. Johnson/J. Straley:

- No Report

Conservation Seed – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report

Dart – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:

Dart Report 30July 2011

Got East system guns at last board meeting for Jay Montgomery, replaced batteries in two of the guns and got them back to Jay. Next event used them without any problem. I used the East next and had to change batteries in third gun and make wiring clearance for the 410 in the stock, because tightening the stock bolt would cause the gun to only fire once in a while.

Answered Sam's inquiry about using the West system at the end of June.

Tom Bunty

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

- No Report

Drilling Reclamation – D. Butler/B. Eriksen:

- No Report

Finance – J. Panaro/S. Richards:

- Jim Panaro presented the draft budget on behalf of the Finance Committee.
- **Scott Wojton made a motion to create a line item in the budget to fund three, new, regional leadership meetings at \$750 each for a total of \$2250. Dennis Wade seconded and the motion carried.**





- **Joe Drolet made a motion to accept the 2011 – 2012 PA NWTF budget as amended. Jason Straley seconded and the motion carried.**

Habitat – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report

Internet – S. Letterman/J. Drolet

- No Report

Jakes – K. Fernburg/D. Zimmerman:

Liaison – J. Montgomery:

- It was agreed that each director should review and update their contact list information via Joe Drolet quarterly.

Pa Chapter/ State Board Liaison Committee Report July 2011

During the last few weeks I have created the attached Excel spreadsheet by merging the information from the State Board website and the Pa Chapter listing on the State website. As you can see there are numerous errors that need corrected. Some errors I am aware of but have not corrected them yet because I do not have the correct information to plug in. I ask each one of you to open this document, make any changes you can and return it to me. Once this is updated I will forward the final copy to everyone.

Also attached you will find a brief introduction letter and survey I would like to send out through email once this list gets close to current . I will have these available during President's weekend.





Last, if there is time and an available spot during the seminar time I would like to take a few minutes

to explain this program/ process to the attending Chapter Representatives.

Respectfully,

Jay Montgomery

Land Acquisition – D. Heckman/S. Richards:

- No Report

Legislative – T. Bunty/D. Heckman:

PA Chapter NWTF Legislative Committee Report
Legislative Bills – July 30, 2011 Board Meeting

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

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

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.





, 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

Also reference PGC Legislative Report, June 2011.

Hunting License Display on Back – removal

Sunday Hunting

Membership – S. Wojton/K. Skrapits:

Membership Committee Report June 2011

- July 2011:** Revising BAB membership drive for Fall edition of TT
- July 2011:** Planning a second email blast to Chapter President's for BAB
- July 2011:** Requested time (2-3 mins) at the Leadership Workshop to promote BAB
- July 2011:** 21 BAB memberships sold to date (5 chapters represented)
- July 2011:** Personally putting together a list of those I can personally recruit as a new member
- July 2011:** Followed up with Scott Letterman regarding posting BAB PDF on PA chapter website. Not posted as of yet.
- July 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 July 30, 2011

End of June I received Jerry Nelson's Board Application, All in order.

Tom Bunty

PFSC – D. Heckman/B. Schwalm:

PFSC Report and PFSC Spring Convention
PA Chapter NWTF Board Meeting July 30, 2011 submitted by Don Heckman, PANWTF Delegate to PFSC

PFSC June Board Meeting – June 11, meeting was held in State College area. Minutes will be forwarded if received electronically.

PFSC supports Castle Doctrine and MYH Antlerless deer legislation.

PFSC working on Sunday Hunting initiative.

Promotion – S. Letterman/S. Wojton:

- No Report





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PR/Adv/Comm – S. Richards/K. Skrapits

PR/Advertising/Communications Report July 2011

Currently working with Bob Eriksen on August news release (see draft below) for PA Chapter at-a-glance activities and numbers. Nothing else to report.

DRAFT-

State, provincial and local National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) chapters in the United States, Canada and Mexico use Hunting Heritage Super Fund dollars for the betterment of wildlife populations through research and management programs, habitat improvement projects, conservation projects, hunter safety materials, outreach programs and other related events. NWTF chapters raise the funds through a system of banquets and other venues. Here in the Keystone State there are 84 active chapters with volunteers working for conservation in many ways.

From January to April 2011, the Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF was once again the leader in the nation, having spent \$152,489.59 on a variety of projects. Among the projects the chapter has undertaken already in 2011 are 62 wildlife habitat enhancement projects affecting well over 1,000 acres, more than 40 youth events and a dozen outreach events designed to encourage women to become engaged in outdoor activities. Since 1985, the Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF has spent a total of \$5,180,629.33, placing it second in the nation behind Texas.

It's through the grassroots efforts of chapter members that the NWTF has become a leader in conservation. With your continued support, the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage will continue to be the NWTF's purpose and call to action. For information on specific projects completed through the Pennsylvania chapter NWTF Hunting Heritage Super Fund contact District Field Supervisor Ray Smith at rsmith@nwtf.net or Conservation Field Supervisor Bob Eriksen at beriksen@nwtf.net. For more information on what the NWTF does in the state of Pennsylvania, go to www.nwtf.org/pennsylvania



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

Turkey Talk Committee Report July 30, 2011

- **Reminder the fall issue deadline is 8/17/11**
- Turkey Talk committee reviewed articles and produced the Summer 2011 issue
- 2011/2012 deadline and issue dates is attached with report. Please review and save the dates!
- The Turkey Talk committee is discussing lowering the prices of ads to potentially increase sales. Committee also discussed selling in house and having the same requirements for the Website/TT bundle.
 - Full year—Website and Print TT bundle--\$375. Includes the banner ad on the website for a full year and a 1/8 page in TT in the Guide to the Outdoors/Group page for 4 issues. (\$800 value---your savings = \$425)
 - Half year—Website and Print TT bundle--\$225. Includes the banner ad on the website for a ½ year (6 months) and a 1/8 page in the Guide to the Outdoors/Group page for 2 issues. (\$400 value---your savings = \$175)
 - Ads for Turkey Talk must be submitted as camera ready for layout publication.
 - Turkey Talk Committee will keep track of the number of issues the ad is run on the website and publication.
- Please feel free to provide any feedback.

Rendezvous – D. Butler:

- **Scott Wojton made a motion that we put \$1000 in the 2011 – 2012 PA NWTF budget to help fund a Rendezvous speaker. Dean Zimmerman seconded and the motion carried.**

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

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





July, 2011

1. Reviewed & approved the request from the Northern Counties Chapter for funding.
2. Reviewed & approved the request from the Honey Hole LB for funding.





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Safety & Ed Budget

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
approved	30-Jun	Honey Hole LB	Youth shooting event	(\$250.00)
Remaing balance				\$3,967.88

Strategic Plan – T. Bunty/D. Butler:

Strategic Planning Report July 2011

Nothing to report

Tom Bunty

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

- No Report

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

- No Report





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

**PA Chapter NWTF Wild Turkey Management Committee Report
 July 30, 2011 PANWTF July 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 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 House and Senate, signed by the Governor, regulated for 2011 antlered doe hunting season by PGC Commissioners.** Legislation gives PGC regulator authority for adding antlerless deer to Mentored Youth fall hunting seasons and bag limits. Fall wild turkey not included in legislation or regulation change.
- 4) Recommendation for Mentored Youth be included in fall turkey hunting season regulations starting when the WTMP criteria supports the regulation change. PANWTF supports “tag transferring” for Mentored Youth and Adult fall turkey hunter and will work with PGC to get their support for initiating this for fall turkey hunting. PANWTF needs to continue supporting “tag transferring” with Mentored Youth Hunter for Fall Turkey Hunting Season when talking to and communicating to PGC Executive Director and Commissioners. PANWTF will work with PGC to get their support to expand upon the tag transfer by including fall turkey hunting in the Mentored Youth program at a later date when and where WTMP criteria will allow additional fall harvest.
- 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**





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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.

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 1046, in this legislative session, 2011-2012. Little opportunity for legislative approval at this time.

3) Support Sunday hunting as regulated by PGC, required legislation to change Title 34 Game Code. No Legislative vote was taken on lbill 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 2011 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.

3) NWTF wild turkey management outreach programs - Wild Turkey Woodlands, Habitat Management, Turkey Hunting Safety Education, Land Acquisition, Conservation Seed programs, Project HELP, Operation Appleseed, Operation Oak, NWTF Grant opportunities for habitat improvement on Marcellus Shale well pads, other budgeted NWTF outreach programs and HHSF Super Fund expenditures, support funding for NWTF's Pennsylvania Comprehensive Wild Turkey Management Plan, continued distribution of 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:

Women in the Outdoors Committee Report July 2011

Submitted by Katrina Skrapits

Below is an email and the attached documents sent from Teresa Carroll, National Women in the Outdoors Coordinator to the event coordinators as a PGC guideline to follow when planning an event. Please share this with your chapters.

Subject: Pennsylvania WITO Program Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 13:18:28 -0500 From: Teresa Carroll <tcarroll@nwtf.net>

PA WITO Event Coordinators and Chapters -

Hope this email finds you all doing well and enjoying your summer! I appreciate all the work that you and your committee have continued to do to make NWTF's Women in the Outdoors program strong in PA!

As you may already know, we have a contract with the Pennsylvania Game Commission that will extend through June 2012. As part of this contractual agreement, WITO participant records are to be kept through the PA Game Commission's Event Manager online registration system. Reporting of participants in this manner allows the PGC to determine if participating in WITO has an effect on hunting/trapping license sales in the female population - for example, are the majority of WITO participants already license buyers prior to participating in the event, or is the contrary true? Do women tend to buy licenses after participating in a WITO event, perhaps because of the interest they gained during their WITO experience? This is a great opportunity for our program!

We made the process of finding the PGC's PA WITO Event Manager Calendar much easier by providing a link directly to the calendar on our website www.womenintheoutdoors.org<<http://www.womenintheoutdoors.org>>, in addition to its home already through the PGC's webpage. Women interested in looking for a PA WITO event to participate in simply need to go to the PA WITO Event Manager Calendar and type in their zip code and the distance they are willing to travel to an event, and all pertinent scheduled events will come up for their choosing.

Once a participant chooses an event to register for, they are taken to a registration page where they are able to download the event's individual flyer/registration form; here they are also instructed to not only register on-line, but also to download and complete the event's flyer/registration form and mail, along with payment, to the event coordinator.

The PA WITO Event Manager also has multiple benefits for event coordinators if they would like to be an administrator of their event (this is optional). Event coordinators are able to go in to their event on Event Manager and manage registrant data, such as downloading a real-time list of those registered for the event. One such use for this





would be to cross-reference this list with those who have mailed their registration form and payment - for example, if the event coordinator notices that a few participants registered on-line, but have not yet mailed in their registration form and payment, the event coordinator can then contact those individuals and remind them to do so. On the flip side, if a participant only registers through the paper registration form sent directly to the event coordinator, the event coordinator can cross-reference the Event Manager roster, see this, and register that student automatically through Event Manager (this could also be done if a participant does not have internet access). Please let Jeff Souders know if you have an interest in this.

Another benefit of registering WITO participants through the PA WITO Event Manager Calendar is to provide participants continued access to PA hunting/trapping information through a free, one-year subscription to the PA Game Commission's magazine, Game News. Research shows that by keeping individuals engaged in the hunting culture in ways such as this, recruitment and retention is increased.

As you plan PA WITO events please help us capture the following information:

Volunteer hours (see the attached form)

The following information should be included on flyers which will provide directions for participants on registering through

PGC's event manager:

"All participants must register for this event on the Pennsylvania Game Commissions (PGC) website: www.pgc.state.pa.us. On PGC's homepage, click on the "Education" tab, scroll down to "special events and programs" and click on "Women in the Outdoors." On the document that opens, click on "WITO Events Calendar" - find this event on the calendar and select it to continue with the registration process. Once your on-line registration is complete, please send your payment and class preferences to the event coordinator listed below."

List the PGC as a Women in the Outdoors sponsor through any press coverage including:

(these will be sent/delivered to you)

Please forward Jeff all flyers so that they can also be posted on PGC's site - this will provide additional advertising and has proven very successful. It is important that we encourage participants to register online. However, if a participant is adamant about foregoing this step, Jeff will manually enter the data. We do not want this to become an issue with our participants but we would like capture this data from the participant through this process, if possible.

I appreciate your help with this as we move forward. Please let me or Jeff know if you have any questions or concerns.





Jeff's contact information is as follows: phone (717) 395-8276 or jsouders@nwtf.net.

Best Regards,

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<http://www.womenintheoutdoors.org> Conserve. Hunt. Share

YHEC – D. Zimmerman/D. Horst:

Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) Committee
Bob Schwalm

I had the pleasure of representing the PA NWTF at PA "2011" YHEC, that was held at Scotia Range, State College on Saturday June 18th, with approximately 186 boys and girls participating in what is referred to as the NRA's "Graduate Studies" program in outdoor skills and safety training for young hunters, who have completed Hunter Safety training on the state level, the program is conducted under simulated hunting conditions to provide the best practical environment for reinforcing and testing a young hunter's skills. From rifle, bow and muzzleloader shooting at life sized targets to wildlife identification to map and compass orienteering and more, the young hunters get a hands on experience in eight different hunting skills, meanwhile, competing with teams from across the state. PA NWTF presented YHEC with a monetary donation and also two beautiful prints for the first place winners. In closing, I'd like to say that based upon the many young hunters that I met, while manning the archery station and also, presenting the awards...The future is looking very positive, each and every student was respectful and courteous and demonstrated a passion for the outdoors!

Communications

Nothing to report

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Nothing to report





For the Good of the Order

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Drolet
PA State Chapter Secretary

