



### **ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS**

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Sam McCartney's Camp near Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Glenn O. Hawbaker office at Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania.

***Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Glenn O. Hawbaker's, Pleasant Gap, PA  
March 4, 2012***

**Director's Present:** D. Butler, T. Bunty, M. Ferdinand, K. Fernburg, D. Horst, S. Letterman, S. Motts, J. Nelson, J. Panaro, B. Schwalm, J. Straley, K. Skrapits, D. Wade, R. Wagner, S. Wojton .

**Director's Absent:** J. Drolet, R. Johnson, S. McCartney, J. Montgomery

**NWTF Staff Present:** W. Bingaman, B. Eriksen, L. Smith, R. Smith

**Guests:** Mary Jo Casalena, E. Just, E. Kittel, J. Skrapits

The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Dale Butler.

#### **Action Items:**

- over Action Items. S. Wojton wrote new items during the meeting.

#### **Special Reports:**

- Michelle Kittel Academy Director of Wildlife Leadership Academy talked about partnering with PA chapters in youth programs. Scott Letterman volunteered to be liaison between the Academy and the chapters.



- Emily Just, Wildlife Ecologist from DCNR Bureau of Forestry presented that currently DCNR has more than 500 herbaceous openings across State Forest Land, totaling approx 1,000 acres. Through timber sales the Bureau has a goal to create 60,000 acres. Emily and the Board agreed that it would be good to have a representative from DCNR attend our BOD meetings and give us DCNR updates and information as Mary Jo does from the PGC. Emily will be our DCNR representative. DCNR will submit Reports to Joe for meetings.

**Finance Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

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**PA NWTF TREASURER'S REPORT**

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TO: PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NWTF  
 FROM: JIM PANARO  
 SUBJECT: REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2012  
 DATE: 3/4/12

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<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$63,560.91</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$23,655.35</b>	
Rendezvous		\$20,063
Green Sheet Transfers (Ned Smith)		\$2,500
Promo Items		\$613
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$(45,054.96)</b>	
Rendezvous		\$17,756
Jakes Raffle		\$7,875



Turkey Talk Winter Issue	\$5,497
Green Sheet Transfers (hen study, Convention, 4 S&E's)	\$4,911
Upper Level Gun Raffle (Postage)	\$4,035
Supporting Member Dues (PFSC & POWA)	\$1,700
Insurance	\$1,000
Jakes Hunt of a Lifetime	\$506

**Ending Balance \$42,161.30**

**Net Gain (Loss) (21,399.61)**

**General Updates**

FY11-12 to date report is attached.

Rendezvous income of \$26,058 versus \$25,000 budgeted. Expenses of (\$18,917) versus (\$20,000) budgeted for a net income of \$7,141.28 ... \$2,141.28 better than budget.

- **A motion was made by Dwayne Horst to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom Bunty seconded and the motion carried.**



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## PA Chapter Budget Report:

### Income:

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Income:	FY 11-12 Budget	FY 11-12 YTD	%	FY 10-11 Actuals	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	5-year average
<b>Chapter Administration</b>									
Interest Checking	\$80	\$41	52%	\$63	\$106	\$139	\$97	\$117	\$104
Chapter President's Meeting	\$-	\$-		\$2,374	\$2,659	\$1,935	\$2,107	\$1,741	\$2,163
Dave Burdge Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$672
Greg Caldwell Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$2,305	\$-	\$-	\$461
Donations	\$50	\$-		\$663	\$98	\$1,025	\$-	\$25	\$362
<b>Zimmerman Memorial Fund</b>	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,000	\$200
<b>Membership Services</b>									
Chapter Membership Rebates	\$9,000	\$9,727	108%	\$9,012	\$10,358	\$11,868	\$12,666	\$12,774	\$11,336
<b>NWTF</b>									
Local Chapter Banquet Rebates	\$6,000	\$1,572	26%	\$5,272	\$6,109	\$5,068	\$6,537	\$7,904	\$6,178
Women in the Outdoors	\$-	\$-		\$2,014	\$3,712	\$726	\$107	\$-	\$1,312
<b>Art Committee</b>									
30th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$133	\$114	\$49
30th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Rendezvous Patch & Pin Rebate	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Rendezvous/ Awards Banquet</b>	\$25,000	\$26,058	104%	\$25,569	\$20,420	\$25,701	\$24,392	\$28,935	\$25,003
<b>Promotional Items</b>									
Promotional Items	\$1,100	\$743	68%	\$1,205	\$1,017	\$1,116	\$530	\$1,442	\$1,062
<b>Fundraising</b>									
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$34,000	\$35,760	105%	\$34,680	\$30,060	\$38,852	\$15,000	\$13,500	\$26,418
Upper Gun Raffle	\$13,000	\$-		\$11,705	\$15,600	\$15,187	\$15,730	\$17,560	\$15,156
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Additional fundraiser	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$10,095	\$400	\$-	\$2,099
<b>Chapter Miscellaneous</b>									
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$90	90%	\$10	\$65	\$17	\$2,060	\$1,282	\$687
Equipment Rental Fees	\$870	\$90	10%	\$800	\$820	\$560	\$-	\$-	\$436
Local Chapter Start-up Loans Returned	\$-	\$466	N/A	\$-	\$1,903	\$1,900	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,361
<b>Turkey Talk Publications</b>									
Turkey Talk Advertising	\$500	\$-		\$375	\$90	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$89,700</b>	<b>\$74,548</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>\$93,742</b>	<b>\$93,017</b>	<b>\$119,855</b>	<b>\$81,259</b>	<b>\$87,893</b>	<b>\$95,153</b>

	FY 11-12 Budget	FY 11-12 YTD	FY 10-11 Actuals	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals
Starting Checking Account Balance	\$38,012	\$38,012	\$23,184	\$31,207	\$20,186	\$41,640	\$36,497
Plus Income	\$89,700	\$74,548	\$93,742	\$93,017	\$119,855	\$81,259	\$87,893
Gross Available Funds	\$127,712	\$112,560	\$116,926	\$124,224	\$140,041	\$122,899	\$124,390
Less Expenses	\$(87,818)	\$(59,753)	\$(87,830)	\$(91,015)	\$(114,036)	\$(105,284)	\$(85,574)
Green Sheet Transfers In	\$-	\$2,650	\$26,765	\$15,634	\$36,946	\$27,421	\$30,967
Green Sheet Transfers Out	\$-	\$(13,329)	\$(17,850)	\$(25,659)	\$(31,969)	\$(24,851)	\$(28,144)
Ending Checking Account Balance	<u>\$39,894</u>	<u>\$42,128</u>	<u>\$38,012</u>	<u>\$23,184</u>	<u>\$30,982</u>	<u>\$20,186</u>	<u>\$41,640</u>
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$1,882	\$4,116	\$14,828	\$(8,023)	\$10,796	\$(21,454)	\$5,143
Net Gain / (Loss) w/out green sheet transfers	\$1,882	\$14,795	\$5,912	\$2,002	\$5,819	\$(24,025)	\$2,319



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## Expenses

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Expenses	FY 11-12 Budget	FY 11-12 YTD	%	FY 10-11 Actuals	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	FY 06-07 Actuals	5-year average
<b>Chapter Administration</b>									
Accounting	\$650	\$650	100%	\$640	\$630	\$630	\$600	\$565	\$613
Advertising	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Board Meetings	\$1,600	\$596	37%	\$1,345	\$1,562	\$2,391	\$1,809	\$3,225	\$2,067
Chapter Presidents Travel	\$500	\$-		\$245	\$231	\$1,360	\$1,737	\$1,244	\$963
Chapter Promotions- Fees	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Chapter Promotions- Shows	\$700	\$-		\$-	\$1,025	\$-	\$-	\$995	\$404
Chapter Travel	\$600	\$156	26%	\$160	\$305	\$37	\$1,243	\$966	\$542
Insurance - Board	\$1,500	\$1,000	67%	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415
Legal Fees	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter President's Meeting	\$-	\$309		\$6,747	\$7,060	\$6,770	\$5,327	\$4,027	\$5,986
Regional Leadership Meetings	\$2,250	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
NWTF memberships	\$60	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$25	\$5
PaNWTF webpage	\$525	\$255	49%	\$519	\$269	\$209	\$76	\$1,202	\$455
Postage	\$400	\$104	26%	\$369	\$293	\$567	\$380	\$464	\$415
Secretary Expense	\$200	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$118	\$775	\$179
Supplies	\$375	\$-		\$174	\$76	\$360	\$503	\$729	\$368
Supporting Member Dues	\$1,700	\$1,700	100%	\$1,700	\$1,606	\$1,600	\$1,650	\$1,900	\$1,691
Telephone	\$300	\$-		\$-	\$455	\$387	\$247	\$294	\$276
WITO Volunteers	\$-	\$-		\$2,139	\$-	\$1,287	\$628	\$-	\$811
<b>District Directors</b>									
Postage	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Supplies	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$24	\$-	\$-	\$6	\$6
Lodging/Meals/Travel	\$1,000	\$-		\$268	\$974	\$891	\$1,021	\$419	\$714
Telephone	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Public Relations Committee</b>									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
PR Representative	\$300	\$-		\$-	\$225	\$300	\$300	\$175	\$200
<b>Local Chapter Startup Loans</b>									
Local Chapter Startup Loans	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$480
<b>Turkey Talk</b>									
Editor's Fee	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$2,400	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$2,400
Printing	\$12,491	\$5,904	47%	\$11,666	\$11,280	\$11,305	\$9,200	\$7,920	\$10,274
Postage	\$9,567	\$5,298	55%	\$10,049	\$10,642	\$12,250	\$15,012	\$12,175	\$12,026
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Legislative</b>									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Legislative Programs/Travel	\$500	\$-		\$436	\$452	\$1,306	\$1,273	\$755	\$844
<b>Promotion Items</b>									
Inventory Purchase	\$1,000	\$600	60%	\$20	\$969	\$497	\$2,407	\$450	\$869
Sales Tax	\$100	\$8	8%	\$99	\$11	\$13	\$6	\$31	\$32
Operating Expenses	\$100	\$41	41%	\$143	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$39	\$36
<b>Sponsor Member Hunt</b>									
Sponsor Member Hunt of a Lifetime	\$750	\$-		\$668	\$2,866	\$950	\$1,649	\$400	\$1,307
<b>Art Committee</b>									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
30th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
30th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Framing	\$800	\$-		\$465	\$390	\$725	\$-	\$1,462	\$608
<b>Jakes / Youth</b>									
Youth Committee Expenses	\$1,000	\$-		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,600
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$118	\$1,065	\$1,066	\$450
Jakes Hunt of a Lifetime	\$500	\$506	101%	\$506	\$440	\$475	\$600	\$583	\$521
<b>Rendezvous</b>									
Awards	\$2,500	\$2,428	97%	\$2,692	\$2,238	\$2,395	\$3,219	\$1,884	\$2,485
Calling Contest	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2,100	\$420
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$846	85%	\$1,144	\$104	\$852	\$1,256	\$1,488	\$969
Room Rental	\$300	\$-		\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265
Meals	\$6,500	\$5,654	87%	\$5,407	\$5,692	\$7,267	\$6,750	\$6,561	\$6,335
Speaker Fees	\$1,000	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Core Package	\$8,700	\$9,988	115%	\$8,665	\$8,895	\$8,502	\$6,722	\$7,095	\$7,976
<b>Fund Raising</b>									
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$17,000	\$18,473	109%	\$18,868	\$17,113	\$22,974	\$354	\$-	\$11,862
Upper Level Gun Raffle	\$9,300	\$5,035	54%	\$8,864	\$10,614	\$8,583	\$9,374	\$9,281	\$9,343
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Additional Fundraiser	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$9,800	\$-	\$-	\$1,960
<b>Donations and Contributions</b>									
NWTF Chapter Donations	\$500	\$50	10%	\$250	\$-	\$-	\$1,006	\$350	\$321
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,208	\$3,526	\$1,347
Dave Burdge Medical Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$-	\$672
<b>Other Operating Expenses</b>									
DART System Expense	\$500	\$63	13%	\$535	\$1,681	\$542	\$473	\$336	\$713
Equipment Repairs	\$300	\$-		\$304	\$96	\$253	\$-	\$-	\$130
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$90	90%	\$63	\$118	\$-	\$15,891	\$881	\$3,391
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$87,818</b>	<b>\$59,753</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>\$87,830</b>	<b>\$91,015</b>	<b>\$114,036</b>	<b>\$105,284</b>	<b>\$85,574</b>	<b>\$96,748</b>



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## Hunting Heritage Budget Report:

### 2012 Hunting Heritage Fund Budget

	Budget	YTD Actual 2/29/2012	Forecasted Remaining	YTD plus Forecast	Budget vs. Forecast
<b>Starting Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:</b>	<b>\$278,333</b>	<b>\$272,962</b>		<b>\$272,962</b>	<b>\$(5,371)</b>
per banquet					
<b>\$2,327</b> orecasted Income from 2012 Banquets:      86 Chapters	<b>\$200,115</b>	\$17,198 <sup>8</sup>	\$181,500 <sup>78</sup>	\$198,697	\$(1,418)
Income from 2012 Outreach Fund: 2/29/12	\$-	\$32,863	\$-	\$32,863	\$32,863
Net from 2012 Outreach Jakes Fund: 2/29/12	\$-	\$1,080	\$(1,080)	\$-	\$-
Donations from Outside Sources	\$-	\$1,710	\$-	\$1,710	<b>\$1,710</b>
<b>Total Funds Available for Projects and Programs</b>	<b>\$478,448</b>	<b>\$325,813<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>\$180,420<sup>78</sup></b>	<b>\$506,233</b>	<b>\$27,785</b>
<b>2012 # 5-Star 2012 Expenses projected for:      86 Chapters</b>					
60 Jakes Days      \$500 each	\$(30,000)	\$(7,900) <sup>16</sup>	\$(22,000) <sup>44</sup>	\$(29,900)	\$100
40 Scholarships      \$250 each	\$(10,000)	\$(5,250) <sup>21</sup>	\$(4,750) <sup>19</sup>	\$(10,000)	\$-
20 WITO Events      \$250 each	\$(5,000)	\$(1,250) <sup>5</sup>	\$(3,750) <sup>15</sup>	\$(5,000)	\$-
50 School Boxes      \$63 each	\$(3,150)	\$-	\$(3,150) <sup>50</sup>	\$(3,150)	\$-
8 Wheelin' Events      \$250 each	\$(2,000)	\$-	\$(2,000) <sup>8</sup>	\$(2,000)	\$-
1 PA Scholarship      \$1,000 each	\$(1,000)	\$-	\$(1,000) <sup>1</sup>	\$(1,000)	\$-
1 State WITO Event      \$800 each	\$(800)	\$-	\$(800) <sup>1</sup>	\$(800)	\$-
0 National WITO Event attendees (1x)      \$300 each	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Local Chapter 5-Star Expenses:</b>	<b>\$(51,950)</b>	<b>\$(14,400)</b>	<b>\$(37,450)</b>	<b>\$(51,850)</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2012:</b>					
Hen Mortality Study - Year #3	\$(8,000)	\$(1,967)	\$(6,033)	\$(8,000)	\$-
NWTF Biologist	\$(20,000)	\$-	\$(20,000)	\$(20,000)	\$-
Chapter Membership Rebate	\$(10,000)	\$-	\$(10,000)	\$(10,000)	\$-
Seed Subsidy	\$(4,000)	\$-	\$(4,000)	\$(4,000)	\$-
Ned Smith Fund	\$(2,500)	\$(2,500)	\$(2,500)	\$(5,000)	<b>\$(2,500)</b>
Unallocated Contingency Reserve	\$(1,500)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,500
Local Chapter Fundraiser Rebate	\$(6,000)	\$-	\$(6,000)	\$(6,000)	\$-
MSF Summer sighting	\$(1,400)	\$-	\$(1,400)	\$(1,400)	\$-
Conservation Seed	\$(250)	\$-	\$(250)	\$(250)	\$-
<b>PA Chapter Expenses:</b>	<b>\$(53,650)</b>	<b>\$(4,467)</b>	<b>\$(49,183)</b>	<b>\$(54,650)</b>	<b>\$(1,000)</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$(105,600)</b>	<b>\$(18,867)</b>	<b>\$(86,733)</b>	<b>\$(106,500)</b>	<b>\$(900)</b>
<b>Total Available for 2012 Super Fund Projects:</b>	<b>\$(172,733)</b>	<b>\$(144,763)</b>	<b>\$(16,150)</b>	<b>\$(160,913)</b>	<b>\$11,820</b>
Allocation for 77 Habitat Projects      84%	\$(145,733)	\$(141,763)	\$(3,150)	\$(144,913)	\$820
Allocation for Safety & Education      9%	\$(15,000)	\$(3,000)	\$(1,000)	\$(4,000)	\$11,000
Allocation for Advertising & Membership Growth      1%	\$(2,000)	\$-	\$(2,000)	\$(2,000)	\$-
Allocation for Land Acquisition      6%	\$(10,000)	\$-	\$(10,000)	\$(10,000)	\$-
<b>Total</b> 100%	<b>\$(172,733)</b>	<b>\$(144,763)</b>	<b>\$(16,150)</b>	<b>\$(160,913)</b>	<b>\$11,820</b>
<b>Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:</b>	<b>\$200,115</b>	<b>\$162,183</b>	<b>\$77,536</b>	<b>\$238,820</b>	<b>\$38,705</b>



## **Officers' Reports:**

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

PA NWTF Presidents Report

Skip Motts

2/28/2012

1. Attended January's PA NWTF board meetings.
2. Attended the January Rendezvous.
3. Attended the January PGC meeting and gave the PA NWTF recommendations.
4. Attended January local chapter meeting.
5. Attended my local hunting club game dinner with over 220 attendees and promoted the NWTF. Gave a short speech on the youth mentored program.
6. Put together the Boards new 2012 committee list.
7. Attended the Jan. habitat meeting.
8. Attended 3 local chapter banquet meetings.
9. Wrote articles for the PA NWTF web site and Turkey Talk.
10. Appointed two PA NWTF board members onto PGC commissioner Martone's new Florissant orange committee.
11. Reviewed and approved 50 superfund requests.
12. Holding my local chapter's banquet this Saturday.

### **Vice- President's Report:**

Vice President's Report  
Feb 29, 2012  
Sam McCartney



Attended the Nittany Valley Longbeards Chapter meetings on Jan 16,30 and Feb 15, 22.

Help with the Nittany Valley Longbeards banquet on Saturday Feb, 25.

Attended the Habitat meeting at Pleasant Gap on Jan, 22.

Contacted Cissy Penny at Edgefield on Feb 24 for a update on the conservation seed.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

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

#### **Chairman's Report:**

- No report.

#### **Executive Officer Report– Tom Bunty:**

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Attended Mason Dixon Chapter Meetings on Jan 18, and Feb15.

Got Upper Gun Raffle Labels printed @ Staples and Sent to Ace Bros. on Feb 17.

717-292-9444 is no longer a working # for me. 717-309-5336 is my cell.

Tom Bunty

#### **NWTF Reports**

#### **RDs:**

- Dale Butler and Vern Ross welcome to the Gov. Advisory Council.





- Walt Bingaman was introduced as our new RD.
- PA came in 2<sup>nd</sup> Best State Chapter at the National Convention.
- Diamond Life Dinner at Glasbern on June 26. Ron Kistler is coordinating. Brenda Valentine will be guest speaker.
- Next year is NWTF's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. One Team, One Voice seminar is planned.
- Northeast PA Leadership Workshop: July 19, 20, 21 in the Pocono Area. Edgefield is involved.
- All PA chapters have tax numbers. Board should communicate with chapter to use. Ron Kistler sent out a letter to all chapters with issues and solutions.
- Rebate checks no longer gets mailed. NWTF now has Electronic Deposit.
- Superfund Split is postponed as was told at the National Presidents Meeting at the Convention. No decision when it will start, but most likely 2013.
- RD's need to send new chapter assignments to Jay Montgomery.

**Bob Eriksen:**

**Regional Biologist Report  
January 1- February 29, 2012  
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Conservation field Supervisor**

**Writing Projects**

- Provided photos to Pennsylvania Game Commission for use with an article on Wild Turkey Trivia prepared for "Game News"
- Developed articles on Pitman-Robertson funding and spring hunting safety for the spring issue of "Pennsylvania Turkey Talk"

**Meetings and Presentations**

- Attended the January Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting
- Attended the January Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and board of Directors meetings and the New Jersey Chapter January Board meeting
- Attended the Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey Chapter Awards banquets



- Presented a power point on “Survival and Hunting Mortality of Male Wild Turkeys in New Jersey” at the Pennsylvania Chapter Rendezvous
- Attended a public meeting regarding placement of a high voltage transmission line on National Park Service property
- Organized and facilitated the annual Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers Session at the NWTF Convention and Sport Show
- Attended the NWTF Technical Committee meeting in Nashville
- Met with representatives of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Provincial Chapters at the NWTF convention
- Provided a power point presentation on NWTF programs to a re-organizational meeting of the Wilson Moore Chapter in Susquehanna County
- Attended the annual Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund Habitat Committee
- Participated in the USFS Making Tracks meeting in Nashville
- Provided two “Successful Turkey Hunting” power point sessions at a WITO event in Chapman State Park
- Participated in a two day rocket-net operation and safety training session at Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey
- Attended a retirement party for Regional Land Manager Lee Widjeskog of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Attended an awards ceremony sponsored by Consol Energy in Pittsburgh



- Presented turkey hunting seminars at the Garden State Outdoor Expo in New Jersey and at the Early Bird Outdoor Expo in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
- Prepared a power point on “Managing Forest Openings and Fields for Wildlife” for a landowner workshop at Penn State in State College
- Attended and took photos of a Wheelin’ Sportsmen Deer Hunt in Flemington, New Jersey

#### **Allegheny National Forest Stewardship**

- Made arrangements for construction of a bat condo for this project
- Worked with Edgefield staff on a modification of the Martin Run National Forest Foundation Grant

#### **Tree Planting Grant**

- Worked with the American Chestnut Foundation to obtain a tree planting grant to offset Super Fund costs for habitat projects

#### **Pennsylvania Study of Hen Turkey Survival and Harvest Rates**

- Processed 10 bills for bait and turkey trapping equipment for the winter trapping segment

#### **Super Fund and Outreach Requests**

- Processed 114 Super Fund requests for Pennsylvania, 4 for New Jersey, 2 for Delaware and 1 each for Maryland and New Brunswick
- Processed 5 Pennsylvania Outreach Fund requests

#### **NWTF Staff Supervision**

- Met with and corresponded with staff biologists on a weekly basis to discuss issues, successes and problems

#### **Information Requests**



- Handled 22 requests for information on Conservation Seed, wild turkey behavior, habitat management, ecology and hunting

**Mary Jo Casalena:**

- Sunday hunting is not a dead issue. BOD still stands by our statement.
- NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for PGC to send their grant request proposals to RD's.

## **NWTF Technical Committee Representative's Report - PA Chapter NWTF**

**Board of Directors Meeting, March 4, 2012**

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

### **Harvest Management**

A new data analysis program was created for one portion of the turkey summer sighting data. The preliminary fall 2011 harvest was approximately 17,000 turkeys; a 5% decrease from 2010 and a 24% decrease from the previous 5-year average (Table 1). We received no additional reports to the toll-free phone line at Penn State of leg banded female wild turkeys harvested during the fall 2011 season.

### **January Board of Commissioners Meeting Highlights**

- Proposed to maintain the same fall turkey hunting season structure as 2011. This structure will facilitate the objectives of the female wild turkey harvest and survival rate study in the two Study Areas (SA1; WMUs 2C, 2E, 4A, 4B & 4D, SA2; 2F & 2G).
- Proposed to maintain the same spring season regulations for 2013.
- Proposed to permit the transfer of a fall turkey tag from one mentor to one mentored youth.
- During my report to the Board of Commissioners I emphasized the hen study's cross-over design calls for fall turkey seasons in 2013. Specifically, decreasing the season length in SA2 (from 3 to 2 weeks) and increasing the season length in SA1 (from 2 to 3 weeks).



### **Hen Turkey Survival and Harvest Rate Study**

A 2-page color hand-out summarizing the hen harvest and survival rate study was provided to the Board of Commissioners, trapping crews and cooperators as educational information. The hand-out also is provided with this report.

Most of my activities this quarter centered on the hen survival and harvest rate study. We coordinated with Regions and the PFWRC regarding locations of transmittered hens, creating and checking turkey trapping sites, and making trapping attempts.

No transmittered hen turkeys died during this reporting cycle, which is similar to previous years when turkeys maintain winter flocks. We deployed 19 transmitters thus far during winter trapping efforts (17 in Study Area 1 and 2 in Study Area 2). Of the 159 total hens with satellite transmitters since January 2010, 39 transmitters are active as of 29 February (20 of 85 in SA1; 19 of 74 in SA2).

Winter turkey trapping continues with the goal of deploying 16 additional transmitters and leg banding 160 hen turkeys in each Study Area. We have reached 51% of our goal. The lack of snow and warm winter weather continue to make winter trapping difficult for the 20 trapping crews across both study areas. To date we have leg banded 158 hens (123 in SA1; 79% of SA1 goal, and 33 in SA2; 23% of SA2 goal). Trapping teams are putting forth extra effort during this last month of the trapping season to meet the banding goal.

We received a report from the public of a newly transmittered hen having difficulty walking and flying, possibly due to the transmitter harness. We attempted to catch her before dawn, but she was too mobile, constantly remaining out of view even after daylight. Our close monitoring of her transmitter activity shows typical behavior. She may have had something temporarily caught in her harness.

### **PANWTF Habitat Committee**

I received, reviewed and entered into a spreadsheet 83 turkey habitat project proposals (PGC, other state agencies & private) for the PANWTF habitat committee. The committee funded 77 proposals covering 1,287 acres of private and state lands in Pennsylvania, totaling \$144,913 PANWTF habitat superfund dollars – much of which is matched with cooperator monies/labor, so the total dollars for habitat improvement could be twice that amount. This, along with the PANWTF's seed subsidy and conservation seed programs shows the PANWTF's great partnership for improving wildlife habitat throughout Pennsylvania. Fifty-four of the 77 proposals (70%) are funded in cooperation with the PA Game Commission for a total of \$104,211 funded to the Game Commission by the PANWTF for 2012.



**Fall 2011 Turkey Hunter Survey**

10,000 fall turkey hunter surveys were mailed January 9. A reminder postcard to non-respondents was mailed on January 25. We received approximately 5,000 completed surveys, a 50% reporting rate, compared to 46% last year. The final report on survey results will be available in June.

**National wild Turkey Federation Convention**

Bureau of Wildlife Management Director, Cal DuBrock, attended the convention and National Wild Turkey Technical Committee meetings. I created a PowerPoint presentation regarding a summary and results to date on the hen turkey study which Cal presented at the technical committee meeting, which was very well received. Other state representatives commented that this research is needed and they are encouraged to see Pennsylvania is taking the lead.

**Additional**

In association with Penn State’s Wildlife Extension program I presented a PowerPoint presentation as a PSU webinar to 273 forest landowners across the country and Canada regarding wild turkey life history, habitat needs, and habitat management for wild turkeys. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requested a copy to be incorporated into their outreach program.

Table 1. PRELIMINARY Pennsylvania spring and fall 2011 wild turkey harvests, determined from harvest report cards and corrected for reporting rate.

WMU	Preliminary 2011	
	Spring	Fall
1A	2,670	974
1B	2,726	890
2A	2,369	733
2B	1,858	773
2C	2,569	1,479
2D	3,221	1,451
2E	1,555	802
2F	1,463	713
2G	2,472	1,671
3A	1,395	653
3B	2,137	729
3C	2,772	513
3D	2,004	477



4A 1,511 870

4B 1,518 810

4C 2,424 910

4D 2,551 1,499

4E 2,471 970

5A 659 100

5B 1,201 Closed

5C 1,334 Closed

5D 78 Closed

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TOTAL 42,957 17,017

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### Committee Reports

**Art – K. Fernburg/J. Montgomery:**

- No report.

**Awards – T. Bunty/D. Horst:**

AWARDS REPORT 4 MARCH 2012

We had an Award to correct after the Banquet.  
Also, bill for Game Comm. Crew.

Scholarship Meeting was same day as Habitat meeting--- Jan 29 at 10  
Potential winner determined, awaiting any later entries. Had one more come in and Skip  
And I looked at it and determined it wouldn't change results from meeting.  
State winner is: Garrett Zieler Lake Region Long Beards

Tom Bunty

**By-Laws – R. Johnson/J. Straley:**

- No report.



**Conservation Seed – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:**

Conservation Seed Committee Report  
March 2012

Ordered on full load of corn seed for the State Chapter as part of the seed program and also ordered one half load of sorghum. It is not likely that we will get the sorghum. I emailed Cissy Penny on Feb 24 to get a update on the seed. She had no information as to when we will likely be able to pick the seed up. As of Feb 29 we have orders for 500 bags of corn and 270 bags of sorghum.

**Dart – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:**

DART REPORT 4 MARCH 2012

I had calls for first two East system events. Worked with Bill Satterson and Scott Letterman to reset Projector overheat breaker during first event. I Worked with a guy from MYB to get system talking from PC to Projector, found a loose plug.

So far the East system has 7 events thru mid Sept, the West system has 4 events scheduled and it's first event is in Feb.

Tom Bunty

**DCNR/PA Wilds – R. Johnson/R. Wagner:**

- No report.

**Drilling Reclamation – D. Butler/B. Eriksen:**

- No report.

**Finance – J. Panaro/M. Ferdinand:**

- No report.

**Habitat – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:**

Habitat Committee Report  
March 2012

Habitat committee meet on Jan, 22 to approve 2012 projects. Budget for 2012 projects was \$145,000. 77 projects were approved. Total money allocated for those projects was \$144,912.97 1437 acres will benefit from these 77 projects.





5 projects were not approved due to budget constraints.

One project that was approved and created some questions was the project for the Wapiti Roost Chapter. This project was approved for \$3396.88 and impacted 80 acres. The area of the project is not open hunting land which is the reason for the questions and some concern. The committee felt that although this land is not open to hunting it would be a good project. First off it was supported by a Chapter, also this project will be very visible to the public, hunters and non-hunters both. The area that borders this land is open to public hunting and the habitat improvement will have a positive impact on the quality of the hunting on that land.

**Hunting Heritage/Super Fund – J. Panaro/D. Horst:**

**Internet – S. Letterman/J. Drolet**

- No report.

**Jakes – K. Fernburg/B. Schwalm:**

- No report.

**Liaison – J. Montgomery/S. Letterman:**

- No report.

**Land Acquisition – D. Heckman/J. Nelson:**

- No report.

**Legislative – B. Schwalm/J. Nelson:**

Pennsylvania: Firearms Preemption Enhancement Bill Scheduled to be Considered on the state House floor

House Bill 1523 will be before the full House for its second consideration. As predicted, at least thirteen anti-gun amendments have been filed to the bill for second consideration. These amendments range from “ballistic imaging” mandate to gutting the current “state preemption” statute. It is imperative that you call AND e-mail your state Representative NOW and urge him or her to support HB 1523 and OPPOSE any and all House floor amendments. This much-needed pro-gun bill would make critical changes to enhance Pennsylvania’s firearm preemption law. **READ MORE**

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An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for penalties.(Representatives HALUSKA, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA and others)--November 3, 2011 By Rep. TURZAI

**HB 2130 Aument (R)** Amends Title 34 (Game) further providing for regulated hunting grounds permits by removing the stipulation that at least 100 of each species listed on the permit shall be released and the stipulation that a right foot of a game bird may not be removed until a regulated hunting tag is attached to the bird. The bill also adds an exception for chukar partridges and specifies that the tag shall be attached to one leg of the each bird killed. All game birds killed shall be included in the reported kill. Except during the open season for shooting, no game birds or chukar partridges shall be killed while training dogs or conducting field trials on commercial regulated hunting grounds.

**HB 1398 Staback** Amends Title 34 (Game), in special licenses and permits, to alter the definition of "exotic animal" to include all nonindigenous animals, with enumerated exclusions. Amends the definition of "exotic wildlife dealer" by stipulating a dealer is one who makes at least five documented transactions involving exotic wildlife. Additionally, the bill provides for issuance of permits by the commission. (

**Jan 24, 2012 - H-Final Passage by a vote of 193 YEAS 0 NAYS**

HB 1668 Krieger - (PN 2110) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, to disallow carrying a firearm without a license to and from a shooting range, to or from an appraisal or repair shop, if one is lawfully licensed to transport a firearm under interstate transportation, under the license of another state unless the Commonwealth and that state have reciprocal agreements (closes the "Florida Loophole"). Generally allows transportation of the firearm if the firearm is unloaded and not being carried for a prohibited purpose. - The bill was **held over**.

**Release #008-12 BOARD ELECTS MARTONE AS BOARD PRESIDENT FOR 2012; BOARD MAKES EXPANDED USE OF CROSSBOWS PERMANENT BOARD ALLOWS USE OF BAIT ON 'RED TAG' FARMS IN SOUTHEAST;BOARD TAKES OTHER ACTIONS HARRISBURG** – The Board of Game Commissioners today elected new



officers during its annual reorganization for 2012.

**Release #009-12 BOARD APPROVES PURCHASES LAND IN THREE COUNTIES; BOARD APPROVES TWO LAND EXCHANGES; GAME COMMISSION REPORTS ON TAX SALE AND AUCTION PURCHASES; GREENE COUNTY STATE GAME LAND METHANE GAS SALE APPROVED HARRISBURG** – The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners today approved three purchases of land in Berks, Franklin and Luzerne counties that will increase the State Game Lands network.

### **GAME COMMISSION REMINDS HUNTERS/TRAPPERS REPEAL OF LICENSE DISPLAY REQUIREMENT TOOK EFFECT ON FEB. 13**

HARRISBURG – Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe said, starting Feb. 13, hunters and trappers no longer have to display their licenses on an outer garment, but they still must have their licenses in their possession while afield, as well as a secondary form of identification, such as a driver's license. **Read More....**

### **H.R. 2834 / S. 2066 The Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act**

H. R. 2834 / S. 2066 recognizes the rightful place of recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting on Federal lands, supports Executive Order 13443 that directs Federal land management agencies to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting on Federal lands, and ensures sound scientific management of wildlife and their habitat. **READ MORE**

### **HUNTERS CAN PURCHASE SPECIAL SPRING GOBBLER TAG NOW - Second spring gobbler license sales to close at midnight on April 20**

HARRISBURG – Pennsylvania hunters who would like the opportunity to harvest a second spring gobbler can purchase a second spring gobbler tag until midnight on April 20, according to Game Commission Executive Director Carl G. Roe.



**Membership – S. Wojton/D. Horst:**

**Membership Committee Report March 2012**

- Jan 2012:** BAB membership drive complete-winners drawn at Rendezvous
- Jan 2012:** Results of BAB was poor. Very few individuals/chapters participated. About 1/3 of the memberships were sold as compared to the previous year. Membership Committee agrees to attack membership issues from a different direction.
- Jan 2012:** Spoke with Doug Saunders, Director of Membership in Edgefield to discuss ideas to increase membership numbers in Pennsylvania. Conference call is to be set up in the future with Ray Smith, Phil Ferrare and myself to discuss opportunities to work together.
- Jan 2012:** Exchanged emails Shannon Rikard, Public Relations Special to discuss ways she can help us promote the NWTF here in Pennsylvania thru email blasts and press releases. She is here to help us with that. She will be here in PA several times this spring.
- Jan 2012:** Had several discussions with several board members/staff regarding ideas to promote the NWTF to the 300,000 turkey hunter here in PA. Options to advertise are being considered. Budget concerns will need to be discussed for future considerations.
- Feb 2012:** Worked with Trina, Skip and Joe Neville regarding the Advertisement for the PGC Hunter’s Digest.....So much Fun. Safety message is to no longer include a membership component unless we pay for it at the tune of \$3,900. Executive Committee decided to remove the membership component and use the \$\$\$ elsewhere.
- Feb 2012:** Met and spoke with Shannon Rikard, Tom Hughes and Doug Saunders in Nashville, TN at the national convention. Good to place a face with a name.
- Feb 2012:** Assisting Trina with getting the Vendor Tab for The Morning Call newspaper of the ground. This is a great idea for promoting the NWTF in the greater LV area and potentially. Looking for forward to getting this done and seeing the results.

**Nominating – D. Butler /T. Bunty:**

- No report.

**PFSC – B. Schwalm/R. Johnson:**

- No report.



**Promotion – S. Wojton /S. Letterman:**

- No report.

**PR/Adv/Comm – K. Skrapits /S. Wojton:**

- No report.

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

- No report.

**Rendezvous – S. McCartney:**

- No report.



**Safety & Education – D. Wade/M. Ferdinand:**

**2012 Safety & Education Budget      \$15,000.00**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Request Description</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Approved	12/5/2011	Allegheny Plateau	Community Arts Center of Cambria	\$250.00
Approved	12/5/2011	Allegheny Plateau	Stackhouse Park Project	\$900.00
Approved	1 / 2012	Local #1	Intern support	\$1,200.00
Approved	Jan-12	Local #1	gun replacement	\$400.00
Approved	Jan-12	Juniata Gobblers	Support of youth rifle team	\$400.00
Approved	20-Feb	Susquehanna	Safety billboards	\$687.50
Approved	20-Feb	Susquehanna	Safety Billboards	\$312.50
Approved	20-Feb	PaNWTF	Convention Travel- Dwayne Horst	\$1,000.00
				\$5,150.00
				\$15,000.00
			<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$9,850.00</b>



**Strategic Plan – T. Bunty/D. Butler:**

STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT 4 MARCH 2012

We should plan to update the Strategic plan at the June Exec Meeting

Tom Bunty

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

- No report.

**Wheelin' Sportsmen – S. Letterman/R. Wagner:**

- No report.

**Wild Turkey Management – D. Horst/J. Panaro:**

- No report.

**WITO – K. Skrapits/S. Wojton:**

- No report.

**YHEC – B. Schwalm/ S. Letterman:**

- No report.

**Communications**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- D. Horst will represent the PA NWTF for the PGC Orange Liason Committee. Jerry Nelson will be back up.
- **Jim Panaro made a motion to give free Xtreme JAKES memberships to the Wildlife Leadership Academy participants. Bob Schwalm seconded, and the motion was carried.**
- Turkey Hunting License position statement: **Jim Panaro made a motion that the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation request legislation to establish a turkey hunting license which will identify the number of turkey hunters in order to support**



**communication and safety initiatives at the lowest possible cost to hunters. Scott Wojton seconded and the motion was carried.**

**For the Good of the Order**

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Drolet  
PA State Chapter Secretary