

Don Heckman, PA Chapter NWTF Vice President's Report – October 5, 2008 – January 5, 2009  
Report of vice-president activities, action items, ideas, completed items. I will have one copy of my report on Sunday for our Secretary.

October 3, 4 – attend October Executive Committee and Board meetings

October 5 – posted on huntingpa.com message board PA Chapter NWTF Forum our PA Chapter NWTF 2007-2008 Accomplishments news release

October 6, 7, 8, 9 – emailed POWA Linda Steiner and Bob Lollo for follow-up on receiving POWA email distribution list for Bob Kasun and myself, waiting return reply

Emailed Joe and the Board my written PFSC report for the October Board meeting

Emailed all PA Senators requesting their consideration for support HB 1845 – pro firearms legislation

Emailed PA Senators on Senator Appropriations Committee for their consideration to not support HB 1214 – PGC Commissioner term limits, this is the fourth email on this bill

Emailed PGC Legislative Liaison Steve Smith and PFSC Executive Director Melody Zullinger for further information on pending legislation from my Legislative Committee report

Spoke to several Coalition Sportsmen leaders about Capitol Hill issues of the day, awaiting further information and direction as agency and legislative leaders meet behind closed doors

Emailed and spoke to Melody Zullinger concerning our support for PFSC ON TARGET THE 2009 issue, and renewing 2009 state-wide conservation membership dues; and an opportunity to use the updated NWTF – PA Edition Turkey Hunting Success and Safety .pdf brochure

Heard back from Harold Daub and Jon Pries on their support letters for HB 1214 and HB 1845 legislative issues

October 10 – working on details for NWTF Diamond Life/Upper Level Membership Dinner with Ray, Carl, and Bill Pierce

Received confirmation email from Bob Lollo on status of POWA email distribution list for Bob K

October 13, 14 – coordinated PFSC On Target HTE Jan/Feb issue ad and safety article dates

October 20 – organizational meeting with Carl, Bill Pierce, Keith Sealover on the NWTF Diamond Life/Upper Level Membership Dinner being planned for May 2009

October 21 – provided Bob E. feed back on PGC comments to include paragraph on our turkey hunting safety program

Sent the Board one of my I'm Guilty as charged again emails outlining my comments on huntingpa.com message board Gun Control Forum on the state of second amendment rights, supreme court justices, hunter and hunting rights

Posted on huntingpa.com message board PA Chapter NWTF Forum our Fall Hunting Season – Think Safety – Hunt Safely new release

October 22 – email reply back to Darren Smith and let him know no action has been taken on Communication/PR/Advertising committee or Top Flight Media/RadioPA proposal since the October Board meeting

October 23-24 – attended PGC Commissioner’s meeting in Washington, PA, met with coalition sportsmen’s and Commissioners Thursday night for dinner and planning session

October 27 – posted on huntingpa.com message board PA Chapter NWTF Forum our PGC Board of Commissioner’s October 23 meeting public comments

November 7 – received updated PA Edition NWTF Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure – high resolution CD

December 3 – sent several Legislators and Conservation sportsmen information on PANWTF support for hunting license increase, support for a turkey hunting license, and the need to have the license increase in place by April 2009

December 13 through December 27 –

- 1) Getting in place grass roots turkey hunter's membership categories.
- 2) Communications, articles, public awareness public relations, press releases directly targeting all these grass roots turkey hunters across Pennsylvania.
- 3) Recruitment of grass roots turkey hunters.
- 4) Promoting PA Chapter NWTF for how we are, what we have accomplished, why we are the PA Chapter NWTF, how we operate, a PA Chapter NWTF AT A GLANCE documents and informational material. And this includes all legislators, outdoor writers, newspapers, agencies, POWA, and all the Coalition of Sportsmen organizations and representatives. ACCOMPLISH, ACCOMPLISH, ACCOMPLISH, PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE, SELL, SELL, SELL, MARKETING, MARKETING, MARKETING is what recruitment of new memberships and renewal of memberships basically broil down to.
- 5) Membership renewals program significant enough to renew 75% yearly memberships. I bet we have no idea today what our renewal rate is, I did 20-25 years ago 3and I informed the Board in my Membership Secretary Report.
- 6) Turkey Hunting License/stamp standalone legislation or part of the PGC hunting license fee package.
- 7) 450,000-500,000 state-wide, 3 year stable, wild turkey population with a 4 bird limit, with a wild turkey management plan designed to handle population, hunter, harvest densities by WMU, while having crisis, chaos, panic, critical decision making criteria in place and ready to function at 6 months notice, AND NOT at 2 or 3 years notice.
- 8) and maybe not quite last on my list for now, our current list of wild turkey management and turkey hunting recommendations.

Dec 15-Jan 3 – working with York County WCO for 2 potential gobbler banding sites

Dec 28 – forwarded numerous communications to state chapter Board, Michaux-Yellow Breeches Board, and PA Chapter contacts.

Jan 5 – distributed Vice President’s Report, working on PFSC, Legislative, Wild Turkey Management Committee Reports.

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