

Pa State Board Meeting
January 8 – 10th

Where does one begin? As most of you know or should know the NWTF and the staff have gone through and continue to go through many changes. Changes that need to happen to survive. 2009 was a very tough year for many. In light of the many changes the NWTF managed to make money for the first time in 3 years as several around us closed their doors and many others including some in Pa Struggle to survive. This positive cash flow did not happen without great sacrifices. Below I will outline several areas of change and activity.

1. Effective immediately all outreach events will require all attendees to be members. This includes Jakes, WITO and Wheelin events. This will affect several of the youth field days we provide funding.
2. Pennsylvania has been chosen to pilot a new outreach rebate program. In the past outreach fundraising events have been given a 15% rebate. This fiscal year these events will receive 25% to the local chapter, 5% State Chapter, 20% outreach fund, 50% National. Based on Net after memberships and expenses.
3. Starting 2009 all youth memberships will be \$10
4. Project TOM is in full swing. The way we have done things in the past is getting a major facelift. Currently we are operating on a server out of Edgefield that allows us real-time activity. The changes will allow us to grow with our membership base. Initially much help from all of you and our will yield many great benefits and a much easier way to do business. Regional Directors have been working night and day learning an entire new way we are doing business. In the very near future TOM will allow us to do the several action items listed. On line ticket Sales, Real-time banquet reporting, local chapter member info, past banquet history and much more. All banquet reporting will be completed by computer.
5. All chapters are required to send a signature card to Edgefield for all bank accounts.
6. All chapters must provide a committee list to Edgefield prior to banquet reporting. Only those listed will receive gifts and benefits.
7. You will notice this year we have had a change in chapter awards. This is due to LA Dixon numbers not being available. The Pa Staff have established a new group of awards titled The "Jerry Zimmerman Chapter Achievement awards" I am sure many chapters will be pleased in the opportunity for them to be in the playing field.
8. Priscilla Page Garvin has resigned from the NWTF. Several Chapters have been realigned and will be absorbed between Carl, Phil and myself. As soon as the Rd's are able to breath we will provide the updated list to the board
9. I want to take this time to thank the staff of Pennsylvania including Bob for the great undertaken they have been asked to perform. We are very short staffed on the East Coast. On top of the many changes we have been given the responsibility of overseeing chapters and banquets in many of the eastern states. We have the best team in the country working in our own backyard. Please take the time to thank them.