



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

Regional Board of Directors Meeting, November 17, 1979

Camp Corby, Middletown Center, Susquehanna County

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MEETING: Called to order approx. 6:45 p.m. by President Wilson Moore. Officers and directors present - 26.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A full report on federation income and expenses was submitted in written form - treasurer Beno DeMonte. For period ending November 5, 1979, income was \$24,280.10 and expenses was \$21,849.81, leaving a net income balance of \$2,430.29. Breakdown of assets is on page 2 of Beno's report under assets.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Last meetings minutes, held in August at Blain, were read. Minutes, on motion to accept and seconded, were approved as read. Due to the absence of secretary Dick Rutt, Don Heckman was appointed to take minutes of business meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Wilson Moore gave presidents's report. He noted increased growth of federation, hard work of all attending as major contributions to success of organization. Wilson reported the resignation of two directors, Paul Shearon and Jed Riddell. Reporting on local chapter development, Wilson reported one local chapter will be nominated tonight and a couple more are in the planning stages.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Fred Webster reported that Jerry Thompson has agreed to accept the post of director in the Northwest, after a brief leave of absence. Also, Gary West will take the reigns of Head Director in the Northwest. Fred reported on the untimely death of Jim Wilhelm, our past president, secretary and director. Jim's absence from our group shall always be remembered, as he was one of our strongest and most sincere supporters. Fred requested the treasurer's report be broken down by item for income and expenses, as presented to the board of directors. This request will be forwarded to Beno. Fred reported on local chapter development, also, seeking to have a local chapter in each region. Request was made by Fred to have head directors submit a report of all shows to be attended by federation people. Discussion was held on insurance bill of \$331.00 that must be paid for liability coverage. Bill to be paid by Beno. Fred reported the next issue of Turkey Talk will have a article by Ron Sandrus on local chapter development. This article could be used as a guideline for other directors in helping to establish local chapters.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Shirley Grenoble reported on this years portfolio and reminded everyone to keep information short and to the point. Pictures must be dated, labeled and submitted with report, if any are taken. Shirley pointed out the points that can be added for any visit any officer or director makes to another state. Reports for 1979 will go into the 1979 portfolio only, be sure these are turned into her, don't forget... Shirley reported there was a gain of 177 new members since the Blain meeting and 981 new members since March. There have been over 400 renewals since September 1. The total membership now stands at 2,635. Major emphasis was placed on the proper completion of applications. If cards and certificates are issued by directors and officers, be sure to (1) date cards, (2) application should have same date as membership card, (3) be sure application is dated, and (4) on application mark CG or CR (card gotten or card received). This way the membership secretary knows a card and certificate was received and duplication would cost the Federation money.

NATIONAL VIEWS: Bob Clark reported on National developments as distributed in letter he sent to each officer and director. Discussion was held on the new dues structure approved at National directors meeting. Dues will now be \$12.00, of which \$2.00 will come back to the state for each state member that belongs to National. Therefore, this throws our dues structure as currently administered into certain challenge by National. Discussion was held on effect on our state chapter, also, on the establishment of an associate membership with the state chapter. This will be looked into. Bob reported on 1980 state convention. There will be a change in date and location. The location will be at the Ember's in Carlisle, Pa. on February 28 and March 1, 1980. On motion by Ron Sandrus and seconded by Don Heckman, approval of date and location was given. Agenda was discussed with emphasis placed on clinics, demonstrations and seminars that will be held. The Master's Turkey Calling Contest will be held at the convention. Movies and exhibition hall will run all day. Bob requested Fred Webster and company to run the raffle.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Discussion was held on the increase of advertising for our newsletter. On motion by Vaughn Erich, seconded by Fred Webster, the group gave approval to Bud Erich to increase the number of pages in Turkey Talk. Consideration will be given for space and amount of written material that will be added with the increase of advertising.



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A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the liability insurance bill of \$331.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Terry Rohm reported on status of winter feeding booklet. Booklet is just about ready for printing and will be distributed to all clubs and organizations that receive state money for winter feeding.

Rich Larkin reported on materials supply. There was updates made to the membership application. Rich requested everyone to pick up any materials after the meeting.

Ron Sandrus gave a good report on the advertising progress for Turkey Talk. Discussion was held on the increase pages need to hold future advertisement.

Dave Wilcox discussed the features and updates to be made to the computer labels and membership files reporting. A new program will be implemented by the end of the year to give faster and more detailed reporting of membership status. Shirley will get membership status reports after each subsequent mailing of new and/or renewal applications to Dave for processing.

Nomination report was given by Ron Sandrus for prospective slate of officers and directors and appointed positions for 1980. Final slate will be ready and mailed in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS: Approx. 100 license plates will be printed and ready for distribution at the state convention. These plates will be used for promotion of Federation and will be on sale. This project will serve as an indicator for future considerations of the license plate project. After motion by Shirley Grenoble and seconded by Ray Heisey, approval was given to make the 100 plates.

Library donations was dropped after thorough discussion.

Report by Terry Hyde on the N.R.A. affiliation status was given. It will cost the Federation \$25.00 to join as a club affiliate, which among many benefits, entitles association members to join N.R.A. for \$13.00 instead of the now \$15.00. Terry thanked all officers and directors for their response to this project.

Public Relations Committee, after much discussion, was directed to each head director for reporting what shows to be attended in their



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region, who will help man the booths and any functions pertaining to state chapter P.R.

Affiliation with the Penna. Federation of Sportsmens Clubs was discussed. After pros and cons were debated, decision of affiliation was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Ron Sandrus presented the application for a new local chapter - Allegheny Mountain Local Chapter. After short discussion, motion by Rich Larkin, second by Don Heckman, board of directors approved the admission of this local chapter. Job well done by Ron and Terry Hyde in helping, this our second local chapter, to get organized and functioning.

Charlie Burchfield presented material on possible educational poster and t-shirt promotional items. Motion by Shirley Grenoble, second by Gary West, directors approved costs to be covered by state chapter for development of these items.

Howard Myers showed belt he made with National and State names inscribed. He requested permission for use of State Chapter name. Motion made and approved to let Howard use state name.

Ron Sandrus read a letter from editor Bud Erich, who was unable to attend meeting. Bud discussed items that were relevant to the direction and management of the Federation. Through Ron Frett's, Bud reported the availability of Ron's camp for the winter board of directors meeting. After discussion about approval to let Roscoe Stiles handle meeting accommodations, it was decided by the board to move the meeting to Ron's camp near Emporium, Cameron County, date to be January 26 and January 27, 1980. Roscoe will be notified by phone and mail about change.

Shirley read a letter of nomination for Bob Clark to the position of Vice-President of The National Wild Turkey Federation. The nomination letter will be signed by Richard Rutt, secretary of state chapter. Motion by Ron Sandrus, second by Irv Buttray, voted and approved by directors to send nomination letter to National. Motion by Howard Myers, second by Ron Sandrus, to place Wilson Moore into nomination by letter to the National Board of Directors, board of directors approved letter to be sent to National for Wilson's nomination.

Meeting adjourned, 11 p.m.

Donald C. Heckman
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acting for Richard Rutt-Sec.

Pennsylvania National Wild Turkey Federation

Balance Sheet

November 5, 1979

Assests:

Checking	\$ 190.39	
Savings	2,183.51	
Accrued Interest	65.58	
Prepaid Insurance	240.00	
Promotional Items	2,077.00	
Supplies	<u>550.00</u>	
Total Assests		<u>\$5,306.48</u>

Liabilities:

None	\$ - -	
Equity	<u>5,306.48</u>	
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>\$5,306.48</u>


Beno DeMonte
Treasurer

Pennsylvania National Wild Turkey Federation

Statement of Income and Expense for

Period Ending November 5, 1979

Income:

Dues	\$ 4,806.00	
Convention & Meetings	14,589.00	
Sale Promotion (pins, patches & T-shirts)	3,927.81	
Advertising & subscriptions	575.00	
Interest	31.02	
Misc. Income	<u>351.27</u>	
Total Income		\$24,280.10

Expenses:

Convention & Meetings	\$ 8,179.92	
Printing, Postage & Supplies	5,008.34	
Promotion Cost	5,639.94	
Other Expenses (tele., taxes & travel)	<u>3,021.61</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$21,849.81</u>

Net Income:

\$ 2,430.29



Ben DeMonte
Treasurer



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MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 23, 1979 - Frank Piper's Camp - Jackson Twp., Huntingdon County

ATTENDING: Wilson Moore, Pres.
Fred Webster, 1st VP
Shirley Grenoble, 2nd VP
Albino DeMonte, Treas.
Bud Erich, Ed. & VT
Bob Clark, Par.
Dick Rutt, Sec.

OTHERS
Ron Fretts, Pres.-Local #1
Bob Meyers, St. Marys
Tom Carliton, New Stanton

NORTHWEST REGION
Irven Buttray
Jim Wilhelm
*Gary West

SOUTHWEST REGION
#John P. Crouse
Aaron Teeple
*Paul E. Shearon

NORTHCENTRAL REGION
W. Lee Lykens
*Vaughn Erich
*Rick Larkin
*Charles Burchfield

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION
#Ron Sandrus
Robby Rohm
*Terry Hyde

NORTHEAST REGION
Dave Wilcox
- Regional Head Dir.
* - New Director

SOUTHEAST REGION
#Roscoe Stiles
Ray Heisey
*Glenn H. Lindaman

MEETING: Pres. Wilson Moore called the meeting to order at approx. 10:30 AM. All new Directors in attendance introduced themselves.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the 8:30 AM meeting at Seven Springs Resort were read by Dick Rutt. Dave Wilcox motioned & Bud Erich seconded for approval as read. Unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beno DeMonte gave the Treasurer's Report. Beno stated that our bank in Weedville is changing from 5% to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest on savings with a new system that allows money to stay in the savings account drawing interest until just before needed. This should account for more total interest accrued at the end of the year. Present figures are: Checking Account - \$156.14 Savings Account - \$3583.51. Ron Sandrus motioned & Lee Lykens seconded for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Fred Webster stated that the image of the turkey hunter must be improved. He also said that we need to solicit more input from the general membership. He said his goal would be to provide Turkey Federation seminars in every County in PA.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY & SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Shirley Grenoble reported on the status of the membership. She reported that

membership has increased from 1650 at the time of the Convention in March to just over 2000 members now. This is the first time PWTF has gone over 2000 members. Breakdown of new members follows:

117 "Spring in Penns Woods"
 253 Regular - From Turkey Talk, ect.
 52 Came in on note paper, ect.

422 New members since Convention

This gives us an approx. total of 2072 members per date of 6-23-79.

Shirley stated that the computer system is catching on. She recommends discontinuing mailing membership certificates in tubes & recommends Directors give certificates when signing up new members. The application is then clearly marked as "Certificate Received" & sent on to Beno in the usual way. Ten rubber stamps with Wilson Moore's signature will be made up by Bob Clark for signing of the certificates. Shirley will have more certificates printed & ready for distribution by the Blain meeting.

PORTFOLIO: Shirley asked to keep the reports coming for the portfolio for National. A report on an event can be a handwritten note on a separate sheet for each event. Bud Erich stressed, for instance, that using gun safety in a show or seminar can get PA extra points. Rutt will distribute revised rules for portfolio with minutes for those that don't have them so that attention can be given to gathering the most points.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Wilson Moore reported on the first Executive Committee Meeting held Friday evening 6-22-79. He stated that this was a fruitful 3½ hour meeting of the Officers & that all items discussed will be covered during the Director's meeting. The following appointments were made:

- Fred Webster - Shows. If you are having a show, send to Fred for materials, posters, Banner, ect. Possibly, Regional Banners could be made up. Fred will develop a package & set up the necessary lead time requirements for getting in touch.
- Dick Rutt - Local Chapters. Fred Webster will make policy decisions if necessary. DRutt will handle procedural affairs.
- Dick Rutt - Meetings. DRutt will be responsible for places, food, accommodations, etc.
- Ron Hudsick - "T" Shirts, Pins, & Patches. Ron, who was ill & could not attend the meeting, will be the dispatcher for these items & will be in charge of ordering same.
- Rick Larkin - Supplies Custodian. Rick lives near Bud Erich where materials are now. RLarkin will hold these materials: Shrub brochures, Letterheads, Envelopes, Posters, Membership applications, and all other items. Rick will hold these items at a central point under his control & will give a report at each meeting on remaining supplies.

MEMBERSHIP, PIN, & PATCH PACKAGE: Terry Hyde remarked that a package which contains the above items should be marketed at a lower price for all three items at once. Bud Erich & Wilson Moore stated this had been discussed previously. Dave Wilcox recommended that same go before the Executive Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Wilson Moore stated that a nominating committee will be appointed at the Blain meeting. Wilson asked for people to think about volunteering for the committee. Ron Sandrus volunteered for the committee again this year.

WINTER FEEDING PROGRAM: Wilson Moore asked that 10% be kept out of the Winter Feeding Raffle for purchasing shrubs for planting. ADeMonte asked for Wilson Moore to write a letter to National about alleged criticism of our Winter feeding program. National is supposed to have put in writing that our program was "corny". Rob Keck was supposed to have made degrading statements at the Vermont State Meeting.

Gary West asked if farmers could be approached to let some corn standing in areas where this would become Winter feed for turkeys.

Dave Wilcox stated that we spent \$8000 for corn but the farmers actually gave much more. It was noted that the PA Game Commission started their emergency Winter feeding program in Northcentral shortly after PWTF began feeding.

TURKEY TALK: Bud Erich stated that he still did not have the total cost breakdown on the increased size TURKEY TALK. (An increase from 8 to 12 pages.) He will have mailing costs and production costs for the Blain meeting.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Bud Erich will look into getting a laminated Life Membership card.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Bud Erich will have same printed.

TURKEY FARM: Paul Shearon stated that the turkey farm information package was sent out trying to get letters flooding the Game Commission. The last vote to close the Turkey Farm was tied 4 to 4. Bud Erich stated that a bus load should go to the next meeting and ~~budget~~ picket the Game Commission.

Beno DeMonte stated that we should not use legislation for the differences we have with the PA Game Commission. Glen Haldeman asked how the proposed BILL would stop the private stocking of tame turkeys?

After much discussion & motions made & revised & after a discussion by Jack Crouse, Shirley Grenoble motioned that "'PWTF go on record as being opposed to effecting changes in game management policies by the process of legislation'". Roscoe Stiles seconded. Motion carried.

Wilson Moore appointed Jack Crouse to write to the legislators who helped us write the Turkey Bill.

This stage of Aaron Teeple's pen-raised turkey project is complete. He is commended for the tremendous amount of good work done to date. The issue will be raised again at the Blain meeting.

Aaron Teeple is to send an itemized statement of expenses to Beno DeMonte.

INSURANCE: Beno DeMonte stated that the Officers & Directors insurance is in effect (3-24-79 to 3-24-80) for meetings, traveling, & trips for any PWTF related activity. Amounts are \$25,000 per person or \$125,000 per group such as a bus accident, ect.

BUDGET: Beno DeMonte reviewed the proposed budget for the coming year. The total budget is \$11,100 with the following breakdown:

Promotional Items	\$6300
Expenses	\$2600
Supplies	\$2200

Total	\$11,100
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All bills from Directors will now go through the Head Director for each Region. Each Head Director is given a budget of \$500 per year as a beginning figure. PWTF fiscal year is from convention to convention. Officers will send bills directly to Beno. Dave Wilcox will work directly with the Officers on the status & costs of the computer membership project.

SEVEN SPRINGS CONVENTION: National complained about the "bad jokes" at the convention. It was generally felt that this gave a bad impression for the people and children in attendance. Many Directors complained. Dick Rutt stated that the time could have been better spent for talks about turkeys and turkey hunting. Many of the members complained to Directors. Shirley Grenoble stated that it was worse at National Convention. Roscoe Stiles remarked that, as Fred Webster mentioned at the start of the meeting, we must consider our image. Even our clothes should be considered. Remarks made or letters written on behalf of P WTF reflect on the entire organization.

Shirley Grenoble said that anytime we have a seminar or show, our image must be protected. We must come across as a creditable & professional organization.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION: Ron Sandrus & Terry Hyde suggested that P WTF become affiliated with NRA. Vaughn Erich also felt that this would be a good idea. DRutt to get more Information from NRA.

WINTER FEEDING RAFFLE: Bob Clark will start soon on this raffle. 30,000 tickets will be printed with a target amount to be raised of \$12,000. 10% will be held out to purchase shrubs. BClark would like to obtain considerably more prizes. He favors grants to farmers to let corn stand for turkeys.

Fred Webster recommended that farmers be offered an honorary membership to let corn stand. BClark will write a press release for "Penna. Farmer" & obtain response if any. ~~Wilson Moore discussed~~

Wilson Moore discussed the possibility of having shrubs from our winter feeding program at the annual convention to give out to everyone that registers. Vermont gave out 6 shrubs to each person.

ANNUAL CONVENTION & MEETING: Jack Crouse motioned & Beno DeMonte seconded for the annual meeting to be held at Hershey, PA on March 29, 1980. Unanimous. Saturday - March 29, 1979.

A Masters Invitational Calling Contest of the World will be held Friday night March 28, 1980.

BClark hopes for sponsorship of this convention by St. Regis Paper Company.

Robby Rohn will handle the stage crew & stage set-up for the calling contest.

Everyone must register for the convention and have a badge to get in the door. Jack Crouse requested that the winner from Local Chapter No. 1's Tri-State Calling Contest be included in the Masters Invitational.

BClark will endeavor to have the convention together by September.

Registration badges will be numbered for a total tally of attendance at the convention & calling contest. Movement control will be in effect & only paid people can enter the contest area.

Shirley Grenoble asked if we could get Gary Alt, PA Game Commission Biologist, to give a talk on the Black Bear. Trapping seminars were also suggested.

We must all push for publicity. BClark will arrange for radio time in the area. Security guards will probably be hired. Accountability of proceeds will be monitored & a good MC will try to be arranged.

BLAIN MEETING: Date - Saturday Evening - August 18, 1979 @ 7:00 PM. This meeting is set-up in conjunction with the US Open Calling Contest which will be held 1:30 PM Sunday August 19, 1979 at the Blain Elementary School in Blain. Officers & Directors are reminded that this meeting and calling contest will be the weekend after the Blain Picnic. The calling contest people hope this will eliminate some of the distractions

experienced last year.

Proposed schedule is for the meeting to be held at the Blain Fire Hall, with snacks, on Saturday night. (Subsequent to the meeting, sleeping arrangements cannot be made at local ~~campsites~~ camps near Blain. We have had this problem in the past. Sleeping arrangements will most likely be difficult to come by. We will keep working on this.) Breakfast on Sunday morning will be at the Blain Hotel or another restaurant nearby. An announcement will be sent out when arrangements are finalized.

FALL MEETING: Wilson Moore will schedule this meeting for the last two days of the Fall turkey season - November 16 & 17. This meeting will be held somewhere in Susquehanna County.

ROGER LATHAM DONATION: Bud Erich & Aaron Teeple donated \$50 to the Roger Latham Memorial in the name of the PWTF. DRutt motioned & Verich seconded for the reimbursement of this amount. Unanimous.

PA GAME COMMISSION MEETING: Shirley Grenoble recommended that the PWTF go as a group to attend this meeting with each person conducting themselves right & proper. It is recommended that every Director organize a group and go to the meeting on August 8, 1979 in Harrisburg. All Directors should contact their District Game Protector for directions to the meeting & also notify him that PWTF will attend the meeting as a group.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Bud Erich will come up with a license plate design for Board approval by the Blain meeting if possible.

Jed Riddell, Director-SE, who could not be present at the meeting, would like to hear from clubs or individuals in the Northern turkey sections to sort of act as a recipient or Big Brother, of work done by Jed and his organizations. It was recommended that he attend the meetings and attempt to handle this in person.

Ron Fretts, President of Local Chapter #1, gave a report of his Chapter status. He stated that Local #1 has \$2400 in their treasury mostly as a result of the Seven Springs Convention. Local #1 is active in shrub planting which he feels is the ultimate answer. Local Chapter Presidents will be sent a copy of Board Minutes.

Tri-State Open Calling Contest will be held Sept. 22, 1979 in Hecla, PA.

Bud Erich announced an Amature Turkey Calling Contest for the Sunday before Labor Day - September 2, 1979 - to be held in Weedville. He feels that this is the way to develop more callers. Contact him for more details.

Ron Sandrus motioned & Fred Webster seconded for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.

RTR/lmr

cc: All Officers & Directors
Bob Clark
Jim Ross
Ron Fretts
Tom Rogers
Tom Fegely



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3:45 PM March 24, 1979
Seven Springs Resort
Somerset County

ANNUAL ELECTION & BUSINESS MEETING
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING: President Wilson Moore opened the meeting at approximately 3:55 PM and stated that since time is short, the meeting would be moved directly to the Constitution and Bylaws section dispensing with many of the usual formalities (no minutes were available from the 1978 election and business meeting).

CONSTITUTION: Barry Gunter, Head Dir.--NC, stated that some minor changes have been proposed and read through the changes. Questions were called for from the floor. Bob Clark stated that these changes were general housekeeping rules changes and motioned for acceptance. Roscoe Stiles, Head Dir.--SE, seconded. Question by Rob Keck if State Chapter members were required to be a member of the National. This was answered in the negative. Much discussion ensued. Bob Clark said if this were required, problems would arise in enforcing same. Bob Clark further stated that if National could tell us how to enforce such a clause, this would then be considered.

BYLAWS: Barry Gunter read the Bylaw sections and read in detail those sections asked for. In line again with the question of requiring State Chapter members to also be a member of National, Tom Rogers, Executive V. President of National, stated that National Federation Constitution and Bylaws would place any member as a state & local chapter member also. Bud Erich, Editor-"Turkey Talk", questioned the possibility of losing revenue if members are required to join National for an additional \$10. per year. Revenue must be available to make a \$600. distribution of "Turkey Talk" four times a year. Question from the floor if PA officers ever viewed the National Constitution & Bylaws. Dave Wilcox, Dir.--NE, stated that National was to rewrite their Const. & Bylaws and furnish a copy to PA but this was never done. Tom Rogers said the rewrite was done and a distribution was made to State Chapter presidents. Rob Keck confirmed this. Tom Rogers said a copy would be furnished to any interested person that would write and ask for same. Ron Sandrus, Dir.--SC, motioned and Bud Erich seconded to accept the Constitution and Bylaws. Unanimous. Tom Rogers, in an address to the membership, recommended a standing committee be appointed to study any differences between National & PA Constitution & Bylaws. Wilson Moore said he would hold off appointing such a committee until the Const. & Bylaws are published.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: W. Moore commended Local Chapter #1, the Convention Host Chapter, and stated that they are the first officially recognized chapter of PA-NWTF.

Annual Election & Business Meeting

ELECTION: Ron Sandrus, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, took charge of the meeting for the election. Sandrus read the nominees for front office positions & for Directors. The only change was the addition of Andy Lipko for SW Director. After each front office position was announced & after each group of regional directors was announced, Sandrus called for other nominations for each slot from the floor. Being no other nominations, a motion was called for from the floor & seconded to close nominations for that slot. All Officers & Directors were then duly elected. The office of Vice-President was separated into First VP & Second VP. Fred Webster, formerly Dir-NW, was elected as First VP & Shirley Grenoble, formerly VP, was elected Second VP (Shirley Grenoble also functions as Membership Secretary). Bud Erich, Editor of "Turkey Talk", is appointed & not an elected position.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Rob Keck addressed the membership & stated that all should try to improve public relations to help further the goals & ideals of the Turkey Federations. National will try to identify problems & offer help.

Beno DeMonte, Treas., asked for an update on the Turkey Farm. Aaron Teeple, Dir-SW, gave a talk on the progress of this continuing problem. Gov. Thornburg, who is responsible for the eight Game Commissioners, was sent a package on the problems with Game Farm Turkeys.

A floor question on publicity for PA-NWTF was discussed. Dick Rutt was authorized to send a copy of the minutes to interested Sports Writers.

Bud Erich recommended that a tag be placed on feeders to identify same as a PA-NWTF feeder for publicity.

Some problems have come up with respect to Winter feeding. This project grew to beyond expectations. As a publicity measure, people should all be informed that feeding wild turkeys also benefits deer, grouse, wild birds, & generally all wildlife. Approximately \$9000 was distributed in five weeks.

Howard Meyers, Dir-SW, stated that work on the pen raised turkey is being handled most vocally by the SW Region. He would like all members & Directors to take up this cause. Meyers reported that some State people are still telling everyone that the pen raised (game farm) turkey is a good bird. Bud Erich stated that a list of persons, knowledgeable on the pen raised (game farm) turkey & capable of a good public presentation, should be developed. Erich requested names of these people to be published in "Turkey Talk" as available for factual discussion/presentations on the pen raised turkey.

Wilson Moore adjourned the meeting @ 5:05 PM.



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cc: All Officers & Directors
Bob Clark
Jim Wilhelm
Jim Ross



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8:30 AM March 24, 1979
Seven Springs Resort
Somerset County

MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MEETING: Called to order approx. 8:30 AM by President Wilson Moore.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Read by Acting Secretary Richard Rutt. Beno DeMonte, Treas., motioned & Jim Wilhelm seconded for approval as read. Unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beno DeMonte presented a detailed report. Roscoe Stiles, Head Dir-SE, questioned a \$350 disbursement item. DeMonte stated that this was due to working the checking & savings accounts together. Ron Sandrus, Dir-SC, motioned for approval as presented; Don Heckman, Head Dir-SC, seconded. Unanimous.
Checking Account: \$9.19 Savings Account: \$425.44

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jim Wilhelm reported that we now have 1650 regular members; a 450 increase from Nov. 1978, including 31 life members and 28 out-of-state members. W. Moore asked about the status of the State Raffle. J. Wilhelm stated that \$5000 will be turned in this date & \$250 will be kept in the account to set up. Aaron Teeple, Dir-SW, stated that 45 names will be added to the membership list. This should bring membership to approx. 1700 members.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: Shirley Grenoble, V-Pres, Ron Sandrus, Terry Rohm Dir-SC, & others were at the Natl Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. PA-NWTF did win the outstanding State Chapter award (tied with New York State). Many thanks to Shirley Grenoble.

W. Moore stated that a Research Center is being built by National and questions have come up about the timing of the project. State Chapters have stated that, although the RC would probably be a good idea, it may not be needed right now. Statements were made (not by PA) indicating some States would rather have money put back into the State Chapters to help them out. Each State is unique & could have some different help from Natl. Bud Erich, Editor-"Turkey Talk", questioned the cost of the RC. Bob Clark, Past Pres, answered \$500,000. W. Moore stated that PA did not criticize Natl at the Convention & wanted that plainly understood. Beno DeMonte asked for more details. A statement was made that there may be some leadership problems and maybe Natl is moving too fast. Shirley Grenoble remarked that these questions should be asked of Tom Rogers, Natl Executive V. Pres, during his presentation later in the morning.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Shirley Grenoble explained the portfolio revised rules & that judging takes place with a score sheet. The last "Turkey Call" (National) listed the revised rules & therefore, a report was not necessary for distribution. PA & NY tied with 1470 points each. Shirley stated that if PA had one less 10 point item, we could have lost. PA scored big on individual efforts such as Ray Heisey's, Dir-SW,

6 sheets on separate projects. W.Moore stated that the portfolio was strictly rated on points per Rob Keck. Bob Clark stated that small States may be given a handicap type edge so they have a chance. PA had 200 points on newspaper clippings alone. It was generally felt that PA needs a portfolio office. Bud Erich motioned & Dave Wilcox, Dir-NE, seconded for Second V.President to have portfolio responsibility. Unanimous.

TURKEY TALK: Bud Erich gave a report on increasing the size of T.Talk. Four more pages will increase costs from \$400 to \$600. Bud Erich recommends going ahead since he will have additional help with Ron Sandrus acting as advertising chairman & Barry Gunter as assistant editor. 2500 copies of T.Talk are usually printed & 1000 extra were printed for the convention (State). Four more pages will increase size from 8 pages to 12 pages. Bob Clark stated that the max number of copies should be obtained for the printing cost bracket. Fred Webster, Dir-NW, motioned & Ron Sandrus seconded for increasing the size of T.Talk. Unanimous. Bob Clark stated that with "Spring in Penns Woods" & "Turkey Talk", PA has the best membership newsletters of any State. Jim Wilhelm will be sending out the April 1979 T.Talk & Shirley Grenoble will take over after this.

LIFE MEMBERS: Bud Erich stated that Life Members do not have a suitable card. Bob Clark recommended the design of a special card.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Barry Gunter, Head Dir-NC, went over the changes & revisions. B.Gunter recommends commercial printing of the C&BL's. Ron Sandrus motioned & Don Heckman seconded for same. Unanimous.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: W.Moore discussed the changes to the local chapter rules & regulations. Shirley Grenoble motioned & Don Heckman seconded for adoption of same. Unanimous. W.Moore read the Local Chapter #1 application for establishment. Beno DeMonte motioned & Dave Wilcox seconded to Officially recognize Local Chapter #1 as the first local chapter.

NOMINATIONS: Ron Sandrus discussed the slate of Officers & Directors set-up by his nominating committee. Dave Wilcox motioned & Howard Meyers, Dir-SW, seconded to approve the slate of Officers & Dir. as discussed. Unanimous.

TURKEY FARM: W.Moore stated that Aaron Teeple, Dir-SW, should be commended for all his continuing work on pen raised turkeys. A.Teeple stated that some legislators are now becoming involved in the drive to close the Turkey Farm.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: T-Shirts are going super according to W.Moore. A June 1979 Directors meeting will probably be scheduled for somewhere around State College. The Summer Directors meeting will be held in Blaine, Pa. (Perry County) again this year with the US Open Turkey Calling Contest. The feeder project raffle should be set-up by the Blaine meeting. The Fall Directors meeting will be in Susquehanna County probably the second week of November. An Officers & Directors Nominating Committee should be set up at this meeting. W.Moore stated that a budget should probably be established for PA-NWTF.

OFFICER'S & DIRECTOR'S INSURANCE: Beno DeMonte discussed the insurance policy proposed for Officers & Directors (disability or death benefits) traveling & trips for any PA Wild Turkey Federation related activity. Beno gave quotes of \$240 per year. Ron Sandrus motioned & Howard Meyers seconded for approval to put the insurance into effect. Unanimous.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Fred Webster requested revamping the membership application. W. Moore stated that several things had been done.

Beno DeMonte motioned and Fred Webster motioned for adjournment. W. Moore adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:00 AM.



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cc: All Officers & Directors
Bob Clark
Jim Wilhelm
Jim Ross

Note: Shrubs and trees must be ordered from the State in January for Spring Planting Projects.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

Treasurer's Report
March 24, 1979
Pa. Chapter N.W.T.F.

Present Checkbook Balance as of 3-19-79

\$ 9.19

Total Deposits:

Balance Brought Forward	\$	798.24	
New Memberships (approx.)		2,267.00	
Donations		794.65	
Profit Reg. Meetings		4,030.20	
Promotional Sales (Patches, pins, T-shirts, adv.)		6,097.51	
Renewals (approx.)		1,667.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>433.42</u>	
			\$16,088.02

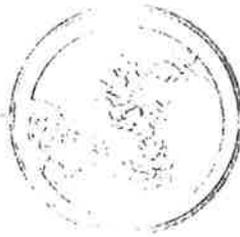
Total Disbursements:

Postage	\$	789.49	
Printing of T.T.		2,562.30	
Supplies		637.67	
Promotional Sales & Blain Open		9,420.79	
Expenses (Telephone, Travel, & Lodging)		1,827.17	
Investment (Savings Account)		350.00	
Taxes		209.67	
Miscellaneous		<u>281.74</u>	
			\$16,078.83

Balance as of 3-19-79

\$ 9.19

Beno DeMonte
Beno DeMonte, Treasurer



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Treasurer's Report
 March 24, 1979
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Reconcilement of Regular Savings Account #5-510

· Deposit into Savings Account 5-22-78 check #169 \$4,000.00

Withdrawals:

8/16/78	\$1,500.00	
9/07/78	850.00	
10/23/78	400.00	
11/06/78	400.00	
2/14/79	<u>500.00</u>	\$3,650.00

Accrued Income:

6/30/78	\$ 21.98	
9/30/78	38.71	
12/31/78	<u>14.75</u>	<u>75.44</u>

Present Balance 3-19-79 \$ 425.44

(Additional Interest will be paid on March 31, 1979)


 Beno DeMonte, Treasurer



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975
MINUTES

January 27, 1979
Frank Piper's Camp
Jackson Township
Huntington County

REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

MEETING: Called to order approx. 11:00 AM by Vice-President Shirley Grenoble with President Wilson Moore arriving shortly thereafter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bud Erich gave the treasurer's report for Beno DeMonte, who could not be present because his wife was having another baby (just under 8 pounds - Congratulations!) Checking Account: () Saving Account: \$924.44

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Fred Webster, Director NW, read the minutes of the last meeting held 11-18-78 at Beno's Camp on Medix Run. Jim Wilhelm could not be present due to a death in the family. Dick Rutt, Director SE, was assigned to take and prepare the minutes for this meeting. On motion by Barry Gunter and second by Terry Rohm, the minutes were approved as read. Unanimous.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Shirley Grenoble stated that she had taken upon herself to gather and to send in a PA.Chap.-NWTF to National so it could be judged for National Convention time. This was sent in Jan.10, 1979. Rob Keck subsequently telephoned to tell Shirley the portfolio was a good one and would definitely place PA in the running but that the rules for portfolio submission had been revised. Shirley discussed the various revisions. The state chapters must now judge themselves according to a revised procedure. Shirley called for help for the self evaluation. Don Heckman, Head Director-SC, volunteered to help with the evaluation after the meeting. Shirley stated that forming a portfolio gives the state chapter prestige and gives recognition for work done. She also said the portfolio helps the state chapter organize itself better. A copy of the revised portfolio rules will be mailed to all Directors.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: 1. Paul Hickes, Life Member of NWTF and a guest at the Directors meeting, remarked that he is with PA-NWTF on trying to close the turkey farm. Paul is a candidate for a PA Game Commission Seat.
2. Dick Rutt, Director-SE, stated that without exception, all members and hunters he had spoken with in his area are opposed to a turkey stamp. Rutt stated that he therefore opposes any form of turkey stamp. Bud Erich stated that response to his turkey stamp questionnaire were both pro & con. A turkey stamp idea is tabled for now.
3. Gerald Wunz, Wildlife Biologist from the PA Game Commission, gave very interesting answers to questions from the floor.
A.) Roscoe Stiles, Director-SE, asked about identification of

certain worms found in the gut cavity of a wild turkey. G. Wunz stated that a department at Penn State is now opening to study such things and these parasites are now being identified.

B.) Rutt asked about the term ceacul ligation (sic) with respect to the "blackhead" disease study of game farm turkeys. GW stated that blackhead organisms are encapsulated in ceacul worm eggs. The ceacul worm lives in a turkey ceacum, which is a blind gut sort of like a mammal appendix. In ceacul ligation, the turkey ceacum was cut off or tied off with an individual operation in each turkey in an effort to remove the source of blackhead organisms. This was all found to be impractical for the control of blackhead disease at the turkey farm. GW also discussed "gap" disease where worms get in the turkey windpipe(?) and make it hard for the turkey to breathe. Hardening pens were once closed at the turkey farm because of this.

C.) GW stated that turkey harvest report cards are probably not being sent in. He estimates 30,000 turkey are being taken each year from an approx. 100,000 population.

D.) Wild turkeys spread about 10 miles per year.

E.) The turkey farm released 6957 turkeys in 1977 (per Bud Erich). NE - 3423; SW - ~~3255~~; SE - 964; NC & SC - 0; NW - 365

F.) Almost half the game farm turkeys go to the NE. 200 wild birds were also put in this area. (trap & transfer)

G.) Raccoon State Park in Beaver County has a population of game farm turkeys. Game farm turkeys do have young according to GW. It is felt that only restricted hunting will preserve game farm turkeys due to their tameness.

H.) Average life span of a wild turkey would probably be about one year from egg on up, due to predators, accidents, etc. A probable maximum is 10 years with hens down south being somewhat longer.

I.) Pen raised turkeys are released two weeks before the season and the day before the season would probably be best.

J.) GW stated that hens do try to gobble. He saw this at the turkey farm and also observed same in the wild.

K.) GW stated that hunting accidents were a large problem during the turkey season last fall with 6 accidents (3 rifle & 3 shotgun - 1 fatal) within a 15 mile area near Bellville.

OLD BUSINESS

COMPUTER LABELS: Wilson Moore stated that two sets of labels are going out to J. Wilhelm for Turkey Talk distribution. W. Moore said two people should handle a membership secretary job. Barry Gunter said it was time this type of work be a paid type position. After much discussion Rutt motioned and Fred Webster seconded that Shirley Grenoble be appointed to the new position of paid membership secretary handling only Turkey Talk distribution, new membership applications, renewal notices, membership turnover notices for computer labels, etc. Shirley will contact Wilson Moore for directions on computer labels. Shirley will determine what work needs to be done and submit a bill for a one quarter distribution of T. Talk and another general membership work with a report of the scope of work required. Amount to be paid membership secretary for work beyond initial setup to be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

WINTER FEEDING: Shirley Grenoble stated that proper turkey feeding procedure and specifications should be given out along with grants or supplies. Wilson Moore said Directors should put people in charge of feeding projects. Barry Gunter motioned that a committee chairman be

appointed to draw up specs and procedures to be included with grants that are sent out for winter feeding. Roscoe Stiles seconded. Unanimous. Wilson Moore appointed Terry Rohm, Director - SC. Committee to be drawn from general membership or of T.Rohm's choosing.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: Wilson Moore presented a packet for local chapters. Local chapters can be set up and will go through the Head Director for each region.

\$100. REWARD: Ray Heisey, Director-SE, motioned and Ron Sandrus, Director SC, seconded that a letter be presented from arresting warden proving informants information lead to arrest and conviction before PA CHAP- NWTFF pays \$100 reward. Unanimous.

1979 CONVENTION: Ron Fretts reported on progress for the Convention at Seven Springs. Lee Lykens motioned and Bud Erich seconded that Beno forward \$500 to Jack Crouse as promised. Unanimous. Wilson Moore to take care of this immediately. The following are the committee chairman:

Finance Committee-Jack Crouse-Head Director-SW
 Banquet Reservations-Domer Wiltrout-Director SW
 State Raffle- Jim Wilhelm
 Small Prize Raffle- Aaron Teeple & Howard Meyers-Directors-SW
 Social-Sam McKee
 Exhibits & Taxidermy Contest- Wilson Moore

Chapter #1 Officers - All other administrative convention work.
 Hospitality Rooms sleeping a total of 8 persons are available if you are coming by yourself, per Ron Fretts. Directors favored smorgasboard; however, convention committee will make final decision per discussions with Seven Springs personnel.

"SPRING IN PENNS WOODS": Name was changed because publisher wanted Pennsylvania in name. Bud Erich gave review of many articles of interest to be included.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS: For Officers and Board of Directors.

Nominating Committee appointed:

Ron Sandrus- Dir.SC, Chairman
 Barry Gunter- Head Dir., NC
 Don Heckman- Head Dir., SC

Committee will contact Head Director for each region for director nominations and committee will make nominations for front office positions.

AWARDS COMM. FOR CONVENTION: Bud Erich-Chairman with Wilson Moore and Jim Wilhelm .

OUTDOOR SHOW HARRISBURG: Ray Heisey is acting as Chairman of show with Bob Clark. Helpers for the booth are still needed.

TURKEY TALK: Bud Erich reported that Frank Piper of Penns Woods Turkey Products did not want to accept a return of advertising money that was to be given to him. Bud Erich recommended that Turkey Talk be increased in size to sell more advertising. Dick Rutt questioned the cost of an additional 4 pages (single sheet) and postage. Bud Erich stated that an additional 4 pages will increase cost which should be offset by ad sales. Postage will not increase. Fred Webster motioned

and Ron Sandrus seconded that Bud Erich should go ahead and issue larger (4 pages--single sheet) issue of Turkey Talk. Unanimous. Bud Erich will give a report of costs and progress at the next Directors meeting.

Bud Erich reported that price to address T.Talk at the printers would be \$800 for initial setup with 40¢ every additional name and an expected 20% changeover each year. One cent would be charged for each stamping. The printer stated that a 12 times per year issue might be feasible but a 4 times per year issue would not be feasible.

BYLAWS: Barry Gunter gave a report on meetings of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. Some items remain to be ironed out with Wilson Moore. B.Gunter will distribute draft Bylaws & Constitution Revision to the Directors for the 1979 Convention. B.Gunter will recommend, as Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws Comm., that the Bylaws be printed commercially.

Wilson Moore stated that he will appear before the next Game Commission meeting shortly. After much discussion it was generally decided that no positions would be taken on fall hunting with rifles, length of season, or the orange law.

Roscoe Stiles stated that he would like to see the same season length all over the Commonwealth because the turkey population of the State in general and the NE in particular could be greater than the NC. No action was taken.

Ron Hudsick recommended a safe hunter poster for turkey hunting. No action was taken.

Bob Clark's PFA is moving and the Mechanicsburg address on all stationary will no longer be valid. A suggestion of Bud Erich's address of R.D. #2, Weedville, Pa. 15868 was suggested.

NEXT DIRECTORS MEETING: 8:30 AM at the 1979 Seven Springs Convention in the Snowflake Room. (Saturday, March 24, 1979)

Robbie Rohn motioned and Lee Lykens seconded for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

RTR/lmr

cc: All officers & Directors
Bob Clark



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