



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE,
AND MEMBERS OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF THE SILVER SPURS.

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the January 1991 Minutes of our Board of Directors meeting held at Herders Spring Lodge in Centre County. The next meeting of our PA Chapter officers and directors will be held on March 9, 1991 at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, Fayette County. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m., on Saturday, followed by the Annual Membership meeting at 8:30 a.m.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The June meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors will be held at Laurel Hill State Park, Camp #5, in Somerset County on May 31 - June 1, 1991. A Local Chapter President's meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 1991, following the Board meeting at Camp #5.

ATTENTION Members of the Loyal Order of the Silver Spurs: During the Awards Banquet, at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown on Saturday, March 9, 1991, two board members will be inducted into the Loyal Order of the Silver Spurs. The PA Chapter Board of Directors would appreciate your efforts to attend.

Convention Chairman Sam Truxell and convention committee members of Local Chapter #1 have all been doing a great job in preparing for the convention. Let's give them our support and help.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on March 8, 1991...

Sincerely,

Rick

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation

ENCLOSURE:



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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 11-12, 1991
HERDERS SPRING LODGE - CENTRE COUNTY

The January 1991 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Tom Baldrige at 9:10 p.m., on Saturday, January 12, 1991.

President Baldrige thanked the members of the Scattered Flock L.C., for hosting the board meeting and providing the meals during the weekend. Following an introduction of the members, it was noted that a quorum was present, and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

NWTF REPORT: Gary Tanner was unable to attend the meeting, however, he did provide a written (computer print out) report, which was read before the board. Gary mentioned that the Twin Tiers Chapter of New York had purchased a computer for Gary's use as the Northeast Regional Director.

Gary reported that the net/net dollars raised was over \$215,000.00 in our region this year. For the record, our region's growth is as follows: 1987 - \$77,790 - 16 events; 1988 - \$116,893 - 22 events; 1989 - \$145,602 - 27 events; 1990 - \$215,000+ - 37 events; and 1991 - \$300,000+ - 50 events!! It was also mentioned that our average net/net was almost \$2000.00 better per/event than the national average.

1991 PA CHAPTER CONVENTION: Chairman Sam Truxell reported that everything was going well for the March 8-9, 1991 Convention at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown. As reported, it was hoped that the second convention mailing would be sent out to the membership by the end of January, to include hotel registration cards in the mailing.

It was reported that the Exhibit Chairman had sent out 101 letters to exhibitors and had received 18 confirmations for exhibit space to date. The Convention Committee is in the process of advertising the upcoming convention through news releases and radio advertising.

Sam gave a detailed report on the convention events, so that we would know what was happening, when, where, and how. **Important Note:** Banquet seating arrangements will be handled by Joe Crilly, registration chairman. Joe will be at the registration table, and those planning to attend the banquet should contact Joe in order to get an assigned table number - each table has an arrangement for eight people. Local chapters, officers, and/or directors who want to sit together at a table should make their request known to Joe, immediately upon your arrival.

Special Attention: The banquet room is limited to 350 people. If you plan to attend the banquet, you should send in your registration forms ASAP. Registration should be sent to: Mr. Joe Crilly, 210 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401.

It was suggested that we should enclose a "Constant Reminder" safety holograph in each registration package, along with items from Penns Woods Products. It was noted that Lou Mamone had graciously agreed to donate wood work for the Master's and the Convention Raffle. It was noted that the Art Committee was in need of 20 more pieces of artwork for the art auction. Some discussion took place to determine what the Board wanted to do with the two guns the PA Chapter had won from unpurchased gun raffle tickets. It was decided that a decision would be made after the Gun Raffle Committee had given its report.

In discussing booth space for the PA Chapter, it was suggested that the PA Chapter Art Committee may need space to sell our second conservation print. Along those lines, it was suggested that we should approach Mark Twain Noe about getting some art remarked for the convention. Crist Newcomer agreed to contact Mark Twain Noe.

MASTERS: Steve Lecorchick was pleased to announce that **Turkey Hunter** magazine has, again, agreed to donate \$500.00 to the Wilson Moore Memorial Masters Invitational. The Masters Committee is asking for local chapter support in the form of donations to help offset the cost of conducting the contest. Send donations to: Mr. Alan Enlet, 1285 Swift Run Road, New Oxford, PA 17350.

As reported, Lou Mamone has, again, agreed to donate a hand-made wooden clock to help raise funds for the Masters. Help is always needed, and Ron Baron volunteered to serve on the Masters Committee and to serve as chairman for the gobbling contest, which will be held prior to the Masters Invitational.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Baldrige reported he has been very busy, attending meetings, talking on the phone, and taking verbal abuse over the proposed new turkey hunting safety measures. As reported, the PA Chapter was represented by Ron Sandrus, Ron Fretts, Ron Brenneman, Tom Baldrige, Don Heckman, Howard Meyers, Rick Moroney, and Skip Sanderson, during meetings with the PGC.

On behalf of the PA Chapter Board, President Baldrige informed Lantz Hoffman, PGC Director I&E, of the Board's displeasure with the PGC about not being informed of the upcoming fluorescent orange issue. It was noted that the PGC had verbally promised the PA Chapter that we would be the first to know about any possible change in the orange policy for turkey hunting.

It was also noted that the PGC had assumed we were informed, as a result of our working with Jim Filkosky, PGC Chief Hunter/Trapper Education Division, and Dan Roessner, PA Chapter Safety Committee Chairman. According to President Baldrige, the PGC was quick to apologize for this oversight. However, had it not been our fortune to have received a PGC news release on the matter, we would not have known anything about it. **Bottom Line:** When matters of this magnitude are brought forth, the right hand needs to know what the left hand is doing, and communication becomes an integral part in maintaining a healthy and viable working relationship between all parties of concern.

Special Note: The PA Chapter will make every effort to meet with the PGC Commissioners before a final decision is made on the new safety measure proposals. We are presently scheduled to meet with the PGC in April, but will make every attempt to have our meeting rescheduled for sometime in March.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report.

Upon his arrival, President Baldige turned the meeting over to Board Chairman Howard Meyers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rick Moroney reported he had written letters as directed by the Board. Rick asked Joe Krug if he had any knowledge of whether Jerry Wunz had heard from Dan Devlin, concerning a project proposal to gate roads for study purposes on state forest lands. Joe indicated that he doubted whether Jerry had heard from Dan Devlin. However, it was thought that Jerry would be interested in moving forth with the project sometime this summer, and that we would need to contact Jerry about it.

Rick informed the Board of the need to give certain reports at the annual membership meeting. It was noted that the purpose of the annual membership meeting was to report Chapter finances (Treasurer's Report), to provide a year-end Chapter report of accomplishments (President's Report), and to provide a status report of our organization (NWTF Report), among others. Only business requiring action and/or discussion should be conducted during the annual board meeting. All other reports should be carried over to the annual membership meeting.

Corrections: The November 1990 Minutes were corrected as follows: Page 12, Form 990 - Along those lines, it was mentioned that the Certified Audit carried a fee of \$600.00. Was corrected to read: Along those lines, it was mentioned that the Certified Audit carried a total fee of \$1200.00. **A motion to accept the November 1990 Minutes, as corrected, was made by Gil Shaffer, seconded by Ron Baron. Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Heckman reported on the Balance Sheet for the period ending December 31, 1990. As reported, our Checking Account Balance was \$3140.51, with a Savings Account Balance of \$9648.70, and an Inventory (Fair Market Value) of \$16,296.90, making our TOTAL ASSETS to be \$29,086.11.

Reporting on the Statement of Income and Expenses for the period ending December 31, 1990, Don stated that our TOTAL INCOME was \$17,922.90, for the period November 1 to December 31, 1990, and our TOTAL INCOME, year-to-date, was \$40,114.09, with a BUDGET INCOME of \$51,747.82.

Expenses, for the period November 1 to December 31, 1990, were \$15,330.25, with year-to-date Expenses of \$46,393.61. Our TOTAL BUDGET was \$41,260.00, which means we spent \$5133.61 more than was budgeted for. However, it should be stated that our Projected Fund Balance was \$10,487.82, making our TOTAL BUDGET to be \$51,747.82, leaving a Fund Balance of \$5354.21.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Tom Baldrige, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Crist Newcomer distributed an updated report on the Chapter computer system file and membership categories. As reported our membership total for January 1990 was 7095, which increased to 7341 members by year's end, December 1990. Crist provided a listing of local chapter membership totals for January 9, 1990 and December 12, 1990, including an expired membership total for each local chapter and whether the chapter was active or inactive. Some discussion took place concerning zip code status/reporting of local chapters. It was noted that local chapters should submit a zip code directory to National and to the PA Chapter membership secretary, if this has not already been done.

Special Note: Newly elected president of the Dutch Fork Gobblers L.C., is: Mr. Bill Reese, Route 2, Box 2A, West Finley, PA 15377. Other officers of the Dutch Fork Chapter include: Vice President - Dennis Hartzell; Treasurer - Sam Post; and Secretary - Timothy J. Hamberger.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT: Howard Meyers stated that he has been active in working with the various committees he serves on, and that he would give his report under those committees, as they are brought to the floor.

GUN RAFFLE: Lou Mamone thanked everyone who helped to get tickets out and to sell tickets. Lou distributed a complete list of those who won a gun, those who sold the winning ticket, the winning number, the date of the winning number, and which gun was won. Of the 1000 tickets, 940 were sold, 8 were sold/no stubs returned, and seven tickets were lost. There was also 28 tickets returned unsold, ten unsold/not returned, six tickets not returned/unknown whether sold or not, and one ticket unaccounted for.

The PA Chapter won two guns from unsold tickets - Mossberg Model 500 on 11/25 and a Remington Model 700 on 12/10. A breakdown of the gun raffle financial report is as follows:

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| 948 tickets sold @ \$20.00 | \$18,960.00 |
| Money collected | 18,940.00 |
| Gun expenses | 9,855.52 |
| Ticket printing | 205.48 |
| Phone expenses | 55.24 |
| Net profit | <u>\$ 8,823.76</u> |
| Cost of Guns/won by Chapter | 569.00 |
| Total Net Profit | <u>\$ 9,392.76</u> |

Lou indicated he would be willing to serve as chairman of the gun raffle next year, if the board would agree to have the ticket go off before October. Lou suggested that the gun raffle tickets should be ready for distribution during the March convention, allowing for the June and August meetings to be used to collect tickets and money and to redistribute tickets, if necessary. It was suggested that the ticket would be scheduled to go off in September. Lou also asked for more volunteers to serve on the Gun Raffle Committee.

As a result, the Gun Raffle Committee members will be: Chairman Lou Mamone, Ron Baron, Dennis Strawbridge, Ron Sandrus, and Eric Bowman. A motion to conduct a gun raffle - 30 guns @ \$20.00/ticket - to be completed in September was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

A motion to use the Chapter's Mossberg Model 500 as a preregistration prize for the 1991 Chapter Convention, and to use the Remington Model 700 in the Sportsman's Raffle for the 1991 Chapter Convention was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

A motion to donate a set of matted and framed '82-'83 Chapter prints to Bob's Army/Navy Store was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

TURKEY TALK: No Report.

ART COMMITTEE: Joel Bock reported that sells of our second conservation print are slow. The Art Committee will be sending out letters to artist who want to submit artwork for our third conservation print. It was noted that the artwork would be judged sometime in September or October. As reported, there are 230 "Apprentice" prints left and five artist proofs. Joel indicated he would be talking to National about a possible deal/trade - prints for dollars, prints for S.F. Donation, or prints for prints.

A question was raised on the floor concerning Chapter stamps. A suggestion was made to sell stamps at the PA Chapter Convention for \$1.00/each. Some concern was expressed over selling the stamps and possibly affecting the integrity of the stamp

program. After some discussion, a motion to ship the '81-'82-'83 Chapter stamps to National for their use was made by Joe Krug, seconded by Crist Newcomer. Motion Carried. It was stated that the Art Committee would withhold a certain number of stamps for PA Chapter use.

SUPER FUND/LAND: Howard Meyers reported he would be sending the project proposal submitted by Don Heckman to his committee members for consideration.

SUPER FUND/HABITAT: Joe Krug reported that the habitat proposal from the Blue Mountain L.C., had been approved. As reported, the Blue Mountain Chapter wants to establish three herbacious openings on Game Lands No. 210 in Dauphin County.

Seedlings: Joe mentioned he is awaiting SF Committee signatures for approval to purchase seedlings from Musser's Nursery at an approximate cost of \$7000.00. It was stated that we would be purchasing @12,000 autumn olive and @10,000 barberry seedlings for distribution to local chapters. Seedling inquiries should be made to: Mr. Joel Bock, R.D. #1, Box 186, Philipsburg, PA 16866 or call (814)342-0294.

NWTF Project HELP: It was noted that National has developed a Habitat Enhancement Land Program (Project HELP) to provide a cost savings to local chapters and members interested in purchasing seeds and seedlings. As a part of the Project Help program, a price list for seeds and seedlings is made available for ordering convenience. However, as stated, this is a complete list of all available seeds and seedlings, based on national rather than regional needs. Some concern was expressed that unknowing individuals would order seeds/seedlings (chufa for example) that would not produce well in Pennsylvania. It was suggested that some consideration might be given to provide a price list for seeds/seedlings based on our regional needs.

Along those lines, Joe mentioned that his committee would work up a price sheet, from the one provided by National, which would focus on seeds/seedlings for habitat enhancement project use in Pennsylvania. It should be stated that the PA Chapter considers Project HELP to be of great value to our members and a feather in the NWTF organizational hat. Our only concern is to provide a price list which more closely meets the needs of our membership and land manager friends in Pennsylvania rather than the national organization on a whole.

SUPER FUND/SAFETY: No Report. However, Ron Sandrus mentioned that he had spoke to Dan Roessner on the phone and, therefore, would discuss safety matters under other reports to be given.

LEGISLATIVE: Norm Schlosser was unable to attend the meeting. However, he did provide a written report, which was received through the mail after the meeting. Norm reported on three major areas of concern as follows:

(1)Due to the condition of the commonwealth coffers, Norm foresees a MAJOR push to merge the Fish and Game Commissions, and to place control of the Commissions under the legislature.

(2)As a result of the war in the Middle East, Norm foresees another MAJOR effort to weaken the already weak, Gas and Oil bill.

(3)The WETLANDS dilemma is going to continue, according to Norm.

Along those lines, Norm asked the Board for a vote of confidence to address these issues, as need be, maintaining our current position on each of these items. Norm stated that he would keep the Board appraised on these and other issues as they begin to surface.

PA Sportsmen's Coalition: Norm reported that the Unified Sportsmen of PA had made application to become a member of the PSC. Norm asked for Board direction on

how he should vote, on behalf of the PA Chapter, concerning the Unified Sportsmen's application. **Secretary's Note:** For the record, the PA Chapter voted against the Unified Sportsmen's application for membership in the PSC. Our decision was based on several factors. Most important of which was the Unified Sportsmen's radical opposition to matters they know nothing about, nor do they seek informative facts before addressing issues of importance.

According to Norm, other groups have shown interest in the PSC. Among those are the Ruffed Grouse Society, PR & PA, TU, and the PA Deer Assoc. As stated, Norm felt that 1991 would be a banner year for growth in the PSC.

Dues: Norm mentioned that the PA Chapter has not paid their 1990 dues, (\$100.00) to the coalition, and that the 1991 dues will be coming up soon. It was suggested that we pay the \$100.00 for our 1990 dues to the coalition, ASAP. Norm indicated he would discuss the 1991 dues at another meeting of the PA Chapter.

Item for Thought: Norm concluded his written report by stating: Gentlemen, we have become like doctors and lawyers, specialists in our own particular sport. Oft-times forgetting about the other sportsman in the field and the quarry that he is seeking. We must all learn to have some respect for the other "specialist," when it comes to making decisions about our "speciality." Always ask: How is this decision going to help or hinder the other sportsman, and is this decision going to further legislate us away from our desire to HUNT, TRAP, and FISH. This is our heritage; and we should do our best to protect it, not only for us, but for future generations to come.

1992 CONVENTION: Howard Meyers reported he had received a contract from the Ramada Inn in Gettysburg for our 1992 convention. However, since room rates would not be available until 1991, Howard sent the contract back, unsigned, with directions to have the contract sent to President Baldrige, once the room rates are affixed to the contract, for signatures. It was noted that the Mason-Dixon L.C., would serve as host chapter of the 1992 convention, and would be given help from the Fort Chambers and Michaux-Yellow Breeches Chapters.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: Ron Sandrus reported he had talked with Dale Rohm, about the Perry County L.C., again. It was hoped that the Perry County Chapter would be reorganized sometime in the near future.

Ron also sent letters and talked with Roger Carpenter of the Palmyra area and Jim Johns of the Confluence area about organizing local chapters in those areas.

John M. Moshier of Cloudersport had contacted Ron about organizing a local chapter in Potter County. It was noted that Tim Holtz had informed Ron of three individuals who have shown interest in reorganizing the Potter County chapter. Ron indicated that he would be working with those individuals and John Moshier towards that end.

Sad to report, Ron mentioned that the Northern Cambria County L.C., had called it quits. It was noted that the Northern Cambria Chapter was unable to continue under the terms which have existed there for several years - kept active under the leadership and will power of Steve Lecorchick, his wife Dorothy, and one or two other members.

Again, please keep Ron informed of Local Chapter election results.

POWA: Ron Sandrus reported he had completed paperwork to renew our Supporting Membership in the POWA, (\$80.00).

Ron mentioned he would be working on behalf of the PA Chapter to serve as its representative during the spring POWA meeting to be held in State College.

Ron has been working closely with several POWA members on turkey hunting safety.

Plans have been completed to have POWA member Tom Fegely serve as M.C. during the PA Chapter Convention banquet.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Skip Sanderson reported he has received no response from local chapters about ordering NWTF camo hats. As a result, Skip asked for Board approval to order 12 dozen hats in the real tree pattern or brown camo.

Skip mentioned he would be getting 72 convention coffee mugs made, which will display artwork done by Larry Smal. Anyone wanting to reserve a specific numbered cup should contact: Mr. Skip Sanderson, R.D. #1, Box 192, Seven Valleys, PA 17360 or call (717)428-3624.

PORTFOLIO: Skip Sanderson reported he had submitted the Chapter portfolio to National in time to be entered in the competition. Skip extended thanks and appreciation to local chapters who submitted portfolios/work for use by the PA Chapter as follows: Michaux-Yellow Breeches, Mason-Dixon, and Schuylkill chapters submitted a portfolio to be used by the PA Chapter. Work/Information was received by Local Chapter #1, Allegheny Mountain, Scattered Flock, Lakeland Longbeards, Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers, and the James E. Wilhelm Memorial chapters.

Portfolio Chairman: Having done such a fine job on the Michaux-Yellow Breeches portfolio over the years, Alan Emlet was asked and graciously agreed to serve as chairman on the PA Chapter Portfolio Committee, for 1991.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Dennis Strawbridge reported he had a limited amount of letterhead and no PA Chapter brochures left. Dennis was directed to order 5000 PA Chapter brochures.

NWTF Membership Applications: Dennis mentioned that he has not received any of the small (wallet size) application, yet.

Reward Posters: Direction was given to order 250 plastic posters of the \$100.00 reward type.

Business Cards: A motion to purchase 5000 business cards (\$198.75) to be used used to help solicit donations was made by Ron Baron, seconded by Lou Mamone. Motion Carried.

Habitat Brochure: It was mentioned that Jerry Wunz is ready to start working on an update of our habitat brochure.

SPECIAL ATTENTION - Envelopes: Those who have envelopes with the **Non-Profit Postage Paid Permit** should be advised that a stamp is required and should be placed so as to cover this box. Do not mail envelopes without a stamp!

YOUTH: Steve Lecorchick reported he had sent out a couple more "First Bird" patches. Steve mentioned that his committee had met Friday evening to discuss scheduling a Youth weekend for early August. It was reported that the Youth Committee had decided to limit the number of attendees to 20 kids, so as to be able to provide a more one on one learning experience. Steve also mentioned that his committee members would be willing to do more than one Youth weekend per/year. As stated, Youth Committee members would also be willing to travel to other sites to conduct a Youth Weekend, providing the site had the necessary facilities, and met with established requirements. However, the Youth Committee would much rather prefer to have the youths brought to their area, as the program has been established, facilities are available, and insurance is provided by the sportsmen's club.

First Bird Patches: Steve mentioned that the "First Bird" patch program should stipulate that this award is for new hunters, preferably those of JAKE member age.

CONSERVANCY: Bill Barron was unable to attend the meeting. However, he did provide a written report which was read before the Board by President Baldrige.

It was reported that the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) had purchased 7225 acres of forest land in the central portion of Sprowl State Forest north of

Renova, and sold it back to the state forest system. As a result, Sprowl State Forest now contains 287,000 acres of unbroken forest lands.

WPC subsidized the purchase of 22 acres to add to Game Lands No. 174 in Indiana County, which protects $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of Bear Run.

A 255 acre farm in Warren County was donated to the WPC - at this time, no plans have been made for this land.

PA Environmental Council (PEC): The PEC will conduct their annual dinner at the Vista Hotel in Pittsburgh on January 28, 1991. Guest speaker will be Senator Timothy Worth of Colorado, who serves on the Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Tickets are available through the PSC main office (800-322-9214). It was suggested that a board member should attend this dinner to represent the PA Chapter.

Pennsylvania Wetlands 1991: The PA Bureau of State Parks and Shippensburg University will sponsor a conference on "Pennsylvania Wetlands 1991," at Shippensburg University on March 23, 1991. Further information can be obtained by contacting: Kings Gap Environmental Education Center, 500 Kings Gap Road, Carlisle, PA 17013 or call (717)486-3799. It was suggested that we should send a PA Chapter representative to this conference.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Several letters of communication were read before the Board, none of which required immediate Board action.

UPDATE PGC MEETING ON SAFETY RELATED ISSUES: Ron Sandrus gave a detailed account of what went on during the PGC meetings on safety issues for turkey hunting, to include the December 4, 1990 meeting and the three day meeting on January 6-8, 1991.

Ron gave a detailed report on statements/comments made by PA Chapter representatives and how those statements/comments were or appeared to be received by the PGC Commissioners. Ron also gave a detailed account on how safety proposals were voted upon by the PGC Commissioners. It was emphasized that the safety proposals were just that, proposals, and that a final decision will not be made until the PGC Commissioners meet again on April 2-3, 1991. At this point, according to Ron, the PGC Commissioners are considering fluorescent orange for the fall turkey hunting season, not the spring season. It was also mentioned that a decision has not been made to determine how much, if any, fluorescent orange will be required for hunters to wear during the fall season.

It was thought that the PGC Commissioners would probably ban the rifle for fall turkey hunting, limit shot size, and make it mandatory to wear a certain amount of fluorescent orange while turkey hunting in the fall.

Once the Board was updated on what had taken place, concerning safety proposals, statistical facts, newspaper articles, the PA Chapter Safety Statement, and other relative information was distributed to board members.

President Baldrige reported to the Board on his phone conversation with Lantz Hoffman, PGC I&E Director, and his phone link-up with a radio talk show aired out of the Harrisburg area.

SPECIAL ATTENTION: To date a final decision has not been made. The PGC Commissioners will probably vote and approve safety proposals when they meet again on April 2-3, 1991. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL PA CHAPTER MEMBERS ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS IN THE FORM OF A LETTER TO THE PGC, BEFORE APRIL 2, 1991.** Your input can make a difference. Please, make your concerns known by writing to: **Mr. Peter S. Duncan, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.** On the addressed envelope write: Attention PGC Board of Commissioners.

Recommendations were made by President Baldrige as follows: (1) A letter writing campaign will be directed through our next convention mailing. (2) **Turkey Talk** will be utilized to readdress the letter writing campaign. (3) A survey questionnaire will be published in **Turkey Talk** so that the PA Chapter Board will have an updated survey of PA Chapter membership views concerning the safety proposals. **A motion to carry out the recommendations of President Baldrige, as stated, was made by Tom Baldrige, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.**

For the record, the PA Chapter Safety Statement was as follows:

(1) WE WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO WEAR FLOURESCENT ORANGE DURING TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS.

(2) WE WILL SUPPORT ACTION FOR A SHOTGUN ONLY FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON.

(3) WE WILL SUPPORT ACTION TO LIMIT SHOT SIZE TO NO LARGER THAN #4/LEAD AND #2/STEEL FOR TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS.

(4) WE WILL SUPPORT AN EXPANSION OF THE HUNTER/TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASS INTO A MANDATORY PROGRAM FOR ALL HUNTERS, NOT JUST FIRST-TIME HUNTERS.

Special Note: These four points were not made as recommendations by the PA Chapter to the PGC. We are only establishing lines of opposition or support for possible action taken by the PGC to incorporate safety proposals into law. The PA Chapter Board of Directors has not recommended but will not oppose a PGC decision to limit shot size or to ban the rifle. However, we will make every effort to bring about an increase in turkey hunter education and strong opposition to mandating a requirement for turkey hunters to wear fluorescent orange.

It should also be mentioned that some PGC personnel have stated that they do not believe wild turkeys have the ability to see color and, therefore, fluorescent orange would not effect a hunter's chances to harvest a wild turkey. Write your letter TODAY! Tomorrow may be too late...

OLD BUSINESS: The first item under Old Business was brought to the floor by Don Heckman and concerned our filing of Federal Form 990. Don informed the Board that Federal Form 990 was filed as required, and our CPA has stated that the PA Chapter would not have to pay penalties for not having filed for 1989 on time.

As reported, Form 1024, the Application for Recognition of Exemption, was filed on November 23, 1990 and, according to our CPA, had been approved by the IRS on December 11, 1990.

As a result of obtaining IRS Code 501(c)(4), non-profit organization status, the PA Chapter will be required to follow the Fund Accounting System rather than commercial accounting; will be required to write in ink all books of original entries; will be required to maintain all inventory at lower of cost or market value; and will be required to maintain an accounting system which coheres with Form 990 and BCO 23.

Important Note: Anyone who has dealt with companies, which are not incorporated, and in which the PA Chapter has paid \$600.00 or more for services rendered and/or any type of purchase, should obtain the name, address, and amount paid to the company and forward this information to: Mr. Don Heckman, 14 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or call (717)761-5925.

ATTENTION Local Chapters: Local Chapters should not use the PA Chapter 501(c)(4) until its status and possible umbrella effect is clarified.

Hall of Fame Award: The fox is still chasing the rabbit....

1991 Budget: Don Heckman reported on the proposed 1991 Budget, and asked the Board if any corrections needed to be made. There were no corrections suggested. However, some concern was expressed about the continued decline of our

Fund Balance at year's end. It was mentioned that we had a Fund Balance of approximately \$12,000.00 for year-ending 1989, and a Fund Balance of approximately \$5000.00 for the year-ending 1990. In noting the decline of our year-end Fund Balance, it was suggested that serious thought be given to finding another means of income, in order to avoid the possibility of entering the new year with a zero and/or negative balance in our account.

The 1991 Operating Budget showed a projected Total Income of \$49,700.00, and a projected Total Expense of \$49,700.00, which would include a carry over Fund Balance of \$5280.00. The approved 1991 Operating Budget of the PA Chapter NWTF is included and a part of the January 1991 Minutes for your reference and review.

SUPPORT GROUP: Ron Sandrus reported that Dr. Joseph Smith of the Geisinger Medical Center had expressed some interest in taking an active part on the Support Group. It was mentioned that the group would work with the victims and offenders of turkey hunting accidents, in an effort to establish facts on the whys and wherefors which result in turkey hunting accidents.

Ron asked for Board approval to work with Safety Committee Chairman Dan Roessner in an effort to formulate plans to get the Support Group off the ground. It was mentioned that the Safety Committee would report to the Board before any final decisions are made.

SAFETY POSTERS: Ron Sandrus mentioned the need for life-sized color posters to identify hens and gobblers during safety education classes and seminars. It was also suggested that we should have black and white posters which highlight stalking and its dangers. A suggestion was made to enlarge the "Constant Reminder" safety holograph for display purposes. President Baldrige remarked that he had contacted Earl Hower, Director NRA Hunter Services Division, about obtaining posters from the NRA. According to Tom, Earl said that the NRA would probably be able to provide posters for PA Chapter use.

PROJECT WILD: It was suggested that information on "Project Wild" should be written up and sent to Larry Smail for publication in **The Caller**. President Baldrige agreed to provide Larry with this information.

DEER ASSOCIATION HABITAT PROJECT: Ron Sandrus stated that the PA Deer Association had expressed interest in a joint habitat project to plant fruit trees or the possibility of having the PA Chapter donate trees for that purpose.

As reported, Joe Krug agreed to spearhead an effort by the Allegheny Mountain and Michaux-Yellow Breeches Chapters to provide the Deer Association with trees from their respective nurseries, and possibly work with them on a joint habitat project.

TURKEY TALK QUESTIONNAIRE: Don Heckman noted that Larry Smail was holding back the winter issue of **Turkey Talk** for information on the PGC meeting and questions for our membership survey, concerning safety proposals.

It was decided that the spring issue of **Turkey Talk** would be devoted to safety related issues and to the PA Chapter Statement on Safety. Along those lines, it was suggested that our seven page Safety Statement would be condensed and used for a two or three page layout in the spring issue, thereby informing our membership of the official PA Chapter stand on safety proposals.

Some concern was expressed as to whether the spring issue of **Turkey Talk** would be sent to our membership before the PGC had made a final decision on safety proposals. It was noted that a letter campaign would be initiated in the second convention mailing, to allow our membership enough time to address safety proposals before a decision was made. The spring issue, whether timely or not, would be used to provide our membership with information on how the PA Chapter Board of Directors addressed the safety proposals on behalf of our membership.

Bottom Line: The PA Chapter Board of Directors would like each PA Chapter member to address the safety proposals by letter and to express their own individual

concerns. As a Board, the PA Chapter must address the issues as determined by the majority of our members.

Press Conference: Don Heckman suggested that the Board should take steps to set up a press conference for Sunday, April 10, 1991 at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, following the PA Chapter Convention. Along those lines, the following steps would be taken: (1) The PA Chapter Statement on Safety would be condensed and sent out in the form of a news release to newspapers across the commonwealth. (2) A panel of board members would be established to answer questions on the safety issues, during the press conference. (3) Newspaper and outdoor writers would be invited to the press conference, along with PGC personnel.

It was the consensus of the Board to take the necessary steps and to spend funds in order to fulfill the requirements to publish safety material in the winter and spring issues of **Turkey Talk**, and to conduct a press conference on March 10, 1991 at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, as stated, and to look into the possibility of utilizing the Super Fund to help offset the costs involved.

Code of Conduct: A committee recommendation was made to the Board that the PA Chapter does not need a Code of Conduct, under the premise that every member should be adult enough to know how to act in public when wearing the hat of our organization. **A motion to accept the recommendation of the committee, as stated, was made by Joe Krug, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.**

Reward: A \$100.00 reward was paid for information leading to the conviction of an outlaw who had shot two turkeys during the spring. It was noted that the outlaw had been told by two other individuals to turn the other turkey into the PGC. However, the outlaw testified before the arresting WCO that he attempted to get away with not turning the gobbler over to the PGC. Therefore, the outlaw was found guilty and fined as charged. As reported, the reward would be presented by members of the Endless Mountain L.C., to the landowner who provided the necessary information, which lead to this conviction.

Along those lines, it was suggested that the PA Chapter should keep a record of how many rewards have been paid. It was thought that this information could be obtained by checking treasury records, particularly the Financial Statements.

Turkey Signs: Skip Sanderson informed the Board that Bill Laird of the Mason-Dixon L.C., had donated his time and money to make directional signs for our Board meetings. It should be noted that the signs were used for the January meeting at Herders Spring Lodge and were greatly appreciated by our Board members, especially by those who frequently get lost...

Booth Backdrop: Skip Sanderson asked the Board if we could submit a proposal to the Super Fund for costs involved to make a booth backdrop, which would display a map of the state, and SF project locations. It was thought that this project could be covered under miscellaneous.

Along those lines, it was mentioned that the PA Chapter used to have a raised topo map of Pennsylvania with all the habitat projects and local chapters located on it. **IMPORTANT:** Who has the raised topo map? Does anyone know who has the raised topo map?

NEW BUSINESS: The first item of New Business was brought to the floor by President Baldrige, concerning the NWF Safety Summit at Edgefield, South Carolina in June. If invited, the PA Chapter would be interested in sending board members to the meeting at the Chapter's expense. Considering the importance of the safety issues in Pennsylvania, the Board considered our involvement to be necessary. President Baldrige said he would contact National to see how many board members would be invited to attend the Safety Summit Meeting.

Local Chapter President's Meeting: The Board was asked for approval to conduct a Local Chapter President's Meeting in 1991. The meeting was approved and

tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 1991 at Laurel Hill State Park, Camp #5, in Somerset County. All Local Chapter Presidents are urged to attend this meeting or at least send an official representative(s). More information on the meeting will be generated out of National and the PA Chapter at a later date.

Institute for Conservation Leadership: Eric Bowman, Vice President of the Lakeland Longbeards Chapter, informed the Board about a conference on individual leadership, offering an unparalleled opportunity to access and improve the skills needed as a conservation leader. As reported, the program is for six days, and involves an interactive group conference to develop and enhance conservation leadership skills.

Eric suggested that the Board might want to consider sending someone to the conference. Some discussion took place, and the Board asked Eric to get some more information on the costs involved and the possibility of whether representatives of the Institute for Conservation Leadership would be able to attend a Board meeting, in order to provide a customized program to meet PA Chapter needs. It was mentioned that it may be a good idea if a representative from the Institute for Conservation Leadership could possibly attend our President's Meeting in June.

Nominating Committee: Much discussion took place, concerning the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to formulate a slate of directors and officers, based upon their individual participation on Committees and attendance at Chapter meetings. Much concern was also expressed for the need to bring new people onto the Board and to terminate those individuals who serve in name only.

Election of Directors: Due to the lateness of our first convention mailing, ballots for the election of directors will be accepted until March 1, 1991. Ballots should be mailed to: Mr. Howard Meyers, R.D. 7, Box 11, Nesslers Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601. Mailing envelopes should be marked **BALLOT** on the front.

Nominations for Officers: Nominations were taken from the floor to formulate a slate of officers to be considered for election at the Annual Board Meeting. Board members, who do not plan to attend the Annual Board Meeting, may vote by mail. Mail in ballots can be hand-made, and must be signed by the Board member. Send mail in votes to: Mr. Howard Meyers, R.D. 7, Box 11, Nesslers Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601. Mailing envelopes should be marked **ELECTION** on the front. Mail in votes should be received on or before March 5, 1991.

The slate of nominations for officers of the Pennsylvania Chapter is as follows:

President.....Ron Sandrus and Joel Bock
First Vice President.....Joel Bock and Skip Sanderson
Second Vice President.....Skip Sanderson
Secretary.....Rick Moroney
Treasurer.....Don Heckman
Membership Secretary.....Crist Newcomer

NRA: Don Heckman mentioned that he had received a request from the NRA for a \$30.00 donation to offset the costs of being a NRA legislative sponsor.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Joel Bock. Motion Carried. The January 1991 Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m., on Saturday, January 12, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation

PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER NWIF
1991 OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME:

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| Fund Balance | \$12,000.00 |
| Chapter Administration | |
| Donations | \$ 100.00 |
| Interest Checking | \$ 300.00 |
| Art Committee | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 1991 Chapter Convention | \$12,000.00 |
| Promotional Items | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Fund Raising-Gun Raffle | \$19,500.00 |
| Turkey Talk Publication | \$ 100.00 |
| Chapter Meetings | \$ 400.00 |
| PA Chapter Banquet Rebates | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Super Fund Committees | |
| Land Aquisition | \$ 0.00 |
| Habitat | \$ 0.00 |
| Hunter Safety/Education | \$ 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 0.00 |
| Chapter Miscellaneous | \$ 300.00 |
| | <u>\$49,700.00</u> |

TOTAL INCOME \$49,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES \$49,700.00

EXPENSES:

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| Chapter Administration | |
| Telephone | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Postage | \$ 200.00 |
| Supplies | \$ 500.00 |
| Chapter Travel | \$ 300.00 |
| Chapter President Travel | \$ 700.00 |
| Secretary Expense | \$ 750.00 |
| Portfolio | \$ 100.00 |
| Accounting | \$ 1,250.00 |
| Chapter Meetings | \$ 800.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 300.00 |
| Legal Fees | \$ 300.00 |
| Register/Filing Fees | \$ 150.00 |
| Donations | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Chapter Promotion | \$ 700.00 |
| Supporting Membership Fees | \$ 100.00 |
| Rewards | \$ 500.00 |
| Service Charges | \$ 250.00 |
| L.O.S.S. Banquet | \$ 500.00 |
| Membership Services | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 800.00 |
| Computer Service | \$ 800.00 |
| Local Chapter Development | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 500.00 |
| Local Chapter Estab. | \$ 500.00 |
| Promotional Items | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 50.00 |
| Inventory Purchase | \$ 1,750.00 |
| Sales Tax | \$ 70.00 |
| Turkey Talk Publication | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 200.00 |
| Printing | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Postage | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Mailing Service | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Legislative Committee | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 100.00 |
| Subscription/Dues | \$ 100.00 |
| Legislative Programs | \$ 300.00 |
| Art Committee | |
| Operating Expense | \$ 500.00 |
| 1992 Conservation Print | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Fund Raising-Gun Raffle | \$10,000.00 |
| 1991 Chapter Convention | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Public Relations | \$ 500.00 |
| Youth Committee | \$ 200.00 |
| SF Land Acquisition | \$ 150.00 |
| SF Habitat | \$ 150.00 |
| SF Safety/Education | \$ 300.00 |
| SF Miscellaneous | \$ 250.00 |
| Chapter Miscellaneous | \$ 100.00 |
| Fund Balance - 1991 | <u>\$ 5,280.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>\$49,700.00</u> |



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

April 29, 1991

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE,
AND MEMBERS OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF THE SILVER SPURS

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the March 1991 Annual Business, Election, and Membership meetings held at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown. Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held May 31 and June 1, 1991 at Laurel Hill State Park Camp #5. A map and directions to the meeting site are enclosed in the Minutes for your reference.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Our August Board of Directors meeting will be held at John Wood's camp near Marienville, Forest County on August 2-3, 1991.

ATTENTION LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: A Local Chapter President's meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 1991 at Laurel Hill State Park Camp #5 in Somerset County. This meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and will follow our Board of Directors meeting. Local Chapter Presidents and/or their representatives are invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to come early, either Friday or Saturday, and stay over for the Local Chapter President's meeting, please bring adequate sleeping gear, as the beds are of the steel frame, link spring, military variety.

ATTENTION LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS/DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS: In accordance with PA Chapter Bylaws under Article II Board of Directors, Section 4 - Election and Term of Office, the PA Chapter will accept one nomination from each local chapter to be considered as a Director candidate on the 1992 Ballot. Procedures for this nomination process are as follows: **On or before August 1, each local chapter may submit, in writing and signed by a minimum of five (5) local chapter members, to the Chapter Nominating Committee, the name and resume of their candidate, outlining their background, qualifications, and contributions to the Chapter. Nominations should be mailed to: Mr. Tom Baldrige, 13519 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.**

Personal Message: As I prepare to mail the March 1991 Minutes, it will mark my final duty as secretary of the PA Chapter, NWTF. Over the past five years, I have been fortunate and honored to have served under the leadership of Dan Roessner, Howard Meyers, and Tom Baldrige. I have appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to serve the PA Chapter in a secretarial capacity, and I look forward to doing the best job I can as your First Vice President. I have and will continue to consider the secretarial position to be among the most important of our organization. And I take pride and comfort in the knowledge that I turn the secretarial responsibilities over to the very capable hands of Tim Holtz. Thank you all for your support and friendships....

Rick

GARDNER HILL ■ WEEDVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 15868



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.
ANNUAL BUSINESS AND ELECTION MEETING
MARCH 9, 1991
HOLIDAY INN - UNIONTOWN, FAYETTE COUNTY

The March 1991 Business and Election Meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Tom Baldrige at 7:45 a.m., on Saturday, March 9, 1991.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chapter, President Baldrige welcomed everyone to our 16th Annual Convention and Business Meeting. It was then noted that a quorum was present, and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report. However, a motion to accept the January 1991 Minutes as prepared was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Heckman reported on the Balance Sheet for the period ending February 25, 1991. As reported, our Checking Account Balance was \$386.57, with a Savings Account Balance of \$9770.30, and an Inventory (Fair Market Value) of \$15,387.00, making our TOTAL ASSETS to be \$25,543.87.

Don reported that the Pennsylvania Chapter was officially accepted as a nonprofit organization on February 14, 1991, and could now operate under 501C(4) coverage. It was noted that the 501C(4) would only cover the PA Chapter and would not serve as a blanket coverage for our local chapters. As reported, any local chapter with a gross income of \$25,000.00 or more should consider filing for a 501C(4).

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Dan Hess, seconded by Dan Sullivan. Motion Carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Crist Newcomer was unable to attend the meeting. However, Dan Hess stated that Crist had sent along his regrets and had prepared a report to be distributed during the Annual Membership Meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: President Baldrige was pleased and honored to report that Howard Meyers was now our past Chairman of the Board, as he had been elected to serve as an NWTF Board Member following National's Convention in Little Rock.

Howard Meyers thanked the group for their votes, stating that he would represent Pennsylvania and the Northeast to the best of his ability. Howard said: I'm still your friend, and I always will be your friend, so if you have any problems, and I can help you on that end, I will.

TURKEY TALK: Larry Smail reported that his deadline for material to be included in **The Caller** was March 26, 1991. Larry stated that any material or information for either **The Caller** or **Turkey Talk** would have to be sent to him within the week. It was noted that some material is still being mailed to the wrong address. All material/information for **Turkey Talk** or **The Caller** should be sent to: **TURKEY TALK, 481 Butler Road, Kittanning, PA 16201.**

SUPER FUND/HABITAT: Joe Krug reported that a habitat project had been proposed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture/Allegheny National Forest personnel. This project proposal, the Eagar Brooke Wild Turkey Wintering Project, is located in Foster Twp., Warren County, northwest of Bradford. The project will include: clearing and seeding a two-acre food plot, and planting fruit-producing seedlings and shrubs, with a total cost of the project being \$5000.00.

Local Chapter Seedling Procurement Project: Joe reported that his committee had, originally, ordered 12000 Autumn Olive 2/0 stock. As reported, the Autumn Olive was not available at wholesale prices, but carried a retail price of \$500.00/1000 for 2/0 stock Autumn Olive. In order to cut costs, the original order of 12000 Autumn Olive and 7000 Barberry was changed to an order of 10000 Autumn Clive and 9000 Barberry seedlings of 2/0 stock for a total cost of \$8000.00. As Joe reported, the local chapters should be receiving their seedling orders as soon as the weather becomes fit to plant.

Gated Road Study: Joe mentioned that he would have to get with Dan Devlin of the DER Bureau of Forestry and Jerry Wunz about a project to gate roads for study purposes. This project represents a continuation of a seven year study to determine the effects of gated roads on wild turkey populations, particularly as it relates to the usage of roads which have been gated on both ends and seeded. As mentioned, Jerry Wunz has indicated that the study would take approximately another five years to complete at an approximate cost of \$7000.00.

Habitat Brochure: Joe reported that the PA Chapter habitat brochure had been updated and was available for distribution. Thanks and appreciation was extended to Jerry Wunz and Dennis Strawbridge for their tremendous help in getting the habitat brochure completed.

SUPER FUND/LAND: Howard Meyers reported he had spoke with Jake Sitlinger about whether the PGC was looking at, or for, some land in the Clearfield County area. It was noted that the PGC had a couple of parcels to look at but nothing was definite at this point.

SUPER FUND/SAFETY: No Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dan Sullivan reported he has been working with the Executive Committee and the Safety Committee. It was mentioned that the Public Relations Committee would be working on a press release, relative to the safety proposals before the PGC.

Dan indicated that the recent postage increase would ultimately effect an increase in PA Chapter mailings to about an additional \$1000.00 a year.

In regards to the convention mailing, Dan mentioned that the delivery of our second convention mailing was delayed due to the importance of including information about the PA Chapter's position on the safety proposals and our request to the membership to address their individual concerns to the PGC.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Dennis Strawbridge reported he had the updated habitat brochures, and business cards available for distribution.

ART COMMITTEE: No Report.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: Ron Sandrus noted that the new Constitution and Bylaws, as far as National is concerned, will soon be going into effect. It was believed and hoped that this would change the way in which local chapters are organized. It was mentioned that we did have a new local chapter. It was, however, not known whether this new local chapter would be designated as local chapter #42 or would be considered as a fundraising banquet committee, much the same as the Laurel Highlands Committee of Local Chapter #1. Ron mentioned that the new local chapter was known as the Stone Valley Local Chapter, which is located in the Hersey area. It was also mentioned that Roger Carpenter had worked on organizing the local chapter and was serving as president of the Stone Valley Local Chapter. It was mentioned that Gary Tanner had contacted Ron by phone about a month earlier to inform Ron that the Stone Valley Local Chapter had been organized but, as of yet, Ron had not received any further information in regards to officers of the local chapter. As noted, procedures have been changed in regards to the way local chapters are being organized. And it was not known whether they would, in fact, be considered local chapters or banquet committees.

Along those lines, President Baldrige stated that he had received information from National about six new banquets being scheduled for this year. As noted, some of these were listed as being local chapters rather than banquet committees. Therefore, President Baldrige indicated that the Executive Committee would be seeking answers from National as to what constitutes a local chapter and what should be recognized as a banquet committee. It was noted that this information would be made available to the PA Chapter Board during our June meeting.

POWA: Ron Sandrus reported that he would be representing the PA Chapter at the POWA's May Conference. Ron also mentioned that he had been appointed to serve on the POWA's Conference/Convention Committee. In concluding his report, Ron noted that the PA Chapter had a very good working relationship with the POWA, and that some programs were being formulated which would benefit the PA Chapter and the POWA as well.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Skip Sanderson reported that he would be working in the Promotional Item booth and that convention mugs and other promotional items were available for sell.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: In noting that Howard Meyers, our friend and longtime board member, had been elected to serve on the NWTF Board of Directors, President Baldrige gave the Nominating Committee report. As reported, Max Dewing, Paul Young, Ed Peterson, Ron Baron, John Bolan, Jim Leach, Steve Starner, and Bob Mogel were elected by the membership to serve a three year term as a board of director member of the PA Chapter. As noted by Election Committee Chairman Skip Sanderson, there were 102 ballots received by the membership and tallied for election results. At that time, Secretary Rick Moroney read letters of resignation before the Board, which had been submitted by Jim Leach and Paul Young.

In accordance with Article II Board of Directors, Section 4 - Election and Term of Office, a motion to appoint John Szeferksi to serve a three year term as a board of director member of the PA Chapter was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

A motion to not appoint Arnie Klepenko to another term on the PA Chapter board of directors was made by Skip Sanderson, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

Those members elected and/or appointed to serve a three year term on the PA Chapter Board of Directors were as follows: Max Dewing, Ed Peterson, Ron Baron, John Bolan, Steve Starnier, Bob Mogel, and John Szeferksi.

Election of Officers: President Baldrige read the slate of officers, as nominated and approved by the PA Chapter Board of Directors during the January 1991 meeting as follows:

President.....Ron Sandrus and Joel Bock
First Vice President.....Joel Bock and Skip Sanderson
Second Vice President.....Skip Sanderson
Secretary.....Rick Moroney
Treasurer.....Don Heckman
Membership Secretary.....Crist Newcomber

It was then noted that Joel Bock had declined the nominations for President and First Vice President. As reported, Skip Sanderson also declined the nomination for First Vice President. The floor was then opened for nominations from the Board of Directors.

A motion to nominate Rick Moroney for President was made by Ken Springer. Motion Carried. A motion to close nominations for the office of President was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Tim Holtz. Motion Carried.

A motion to nominate Ron Sandrus for First Vice President was made by Don Heckman. Motion Carried. A motion to nominate Rick Moroney for First Vice President was made by Tim Holtz. Motion Carried. A motion to nominate Steve Lecorchick for First Vice President was made by Alan Keagy. Motion Carried. A motion to close nominations for First Vice President was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Max Dewing. Motion Carried.

A motion to nominate Joe Krug for Second Vice President was made by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried. A motion to close nominations for Second Vice President was made by Tim Holtz, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

A motion to nominate Tim Holtz for Secretary was made by Don Heckman. Motion Carried. Rick Moroney announced that he would like to decline his nomination for the office of Secretary. A motion to close nominations for Secretary was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Ken Springer. Motion Carried.

There being no further nominations for the office of Treasurer, a motion to close nominations for Treasurer was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

There being no further nominations for the office of Membership Secretary, a motion to close nominations for Membership Secretary was made by Dan Sullivan, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

It was then noted that there would be an election by ballot for the offices of President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. Those to be voted upon were as follows:

President.....Ron Sandrus and Rick Moroney
First Vice President.....Ron Sandrus, Rick Moroney, and Steve Lecorchick
Second Vice President.....Skip Sanderson and Joe Krug

The Election Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Skip Sanderson, was directed to distribute ballots to members of the PA Chapter Board of Directors, and to collect and tally the ballots upon completion of the voting process. The ballots were collected and tallied and the results showed that Ron Sandrus had been elected to serve as President; Steve Lecorchick had been elected to serve as First Vice President; and Joe Krug had been elected to serve as Second Vice President.

There being no opposition to the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary, Tim Holtz, Don Heckman, and Crist Newcomer were duly elected to serve in their respective positions.

Following announcement of the election results, Steve Lecorchick stated that he wished to resign from the office of First Vice President, stating that he would do so if Rick Moroney would be in line and would agree to accept the First Vice President position. Rick stated that he would accept and was thereby appointed to serve as First Vice President, pending Steve Lecorchick's resignation from the office.

Newly elected and/or appointed officers of the PA Chapter were announced as follows:

President.....Ron Sandrus
First Vice President.....Rick Moroney
Second Vice President.....Joe Krug
Secretary.....Tim Holtz
Treasurer.....Don Heckman
Membership Secretary.....Crist Newcomer
Chairman of the Board.....Tom Baldrige

Our newly elected president, Ron Sandrus, was given the floor to say a few words before the Board of Directors. President Elect Ron Sandrus thanked the Board for taking part in the process that needs to take place in the Chapter. Ron encouraged everyone to get behind every officer and director of the PA Chapter and let's continue our efforts to move ahead in the 90's. And, again, I appreciate it very much. Thank you, Ron concluded.

In other business, Don Heckman announced that the PA Chapter had paid 20 rewards for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of outlaws illegally killing a wild turkey in Pennsylvania for the period 1981-1991. It was noted that this number did not include one reward which was paid in December 1990 or the reward which would be paid following the March meeting.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Steve Lecorchick reported that the JAKES weekend getaway would again be scheduled for sometime in August. Steve mentioned that his committee had been invited to conduct a JAKES program for a sportsmen's organization in West Virginia. As noted, Steve's committee did not have things finalized for this program, but hoped to have more information to report at the June meeting. In concluding his report, Steve mentioned that if anyone knew of kids, ages 12-16, male or female, who might be interested in attending the JAKES Getaway Weekend, should contact his committee members as soon as possible. As noted, the JAKES Getaway Weekend program would be limited to about 20 kids.

MASTER'S: Steve Lecorchick reported that the Master's came off without a hitch and that the crowd was well entertained. Steve stated that the income side of the Master's, however, was off by about a \$1000 from last year and would recognize a profit of about \$400.00. It was noted that donations from local chapters and Lancaster Tobacco were off from last year and, therefore, resulted in a lower profit gain. Steve concluded his report by extending his committee's thanks and appreciation to those who did donate freely to the Master's Invitational.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Moroney, seconded by Gil Shaffer. Motion Carried. The Annual Business Meeting of the PA Chapter Board of Directors was adjourned at 9:15 a.m., on Saturday, March 9, 1991.



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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 9, 1991
HOLIDAY INN - UNIONTOWN, PA

The March 1991 Annual Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Tom Baldrige at 9:20 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 1991.

Dan Sullivan extended thanks and appreciation to President Tom Baldrige for the excellent job he had done as president of the PA Chapter. Dan also congratulated, in particular, Ron Sandrus and Rick Moroney for taking over these most important positions. I think they deserve some congratulation, along with the remaining board of directors who were elected as well, Dan stated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Baldrige stated he was very proud to be our president, and to have come back from Arkansas with the award for the Number One state chapter in the United States. "Last year, I told them we'd be back. We came back, and we came back strong. To give you an idea of how strong, I'll tell you how strong, Tom exclaimed.

- (1) \$159,963.00 in the Super Fund
- (2) 16 Fundraising Banquets
- (3) 53 Sponsor Members
- (4) With a net 7065 members

We took first place in every category in that regard, which led us to being named, once again, the Number One Chapter in the United States.

To emphasize his point on competitive competition and to caution the Board against resting on our laurels, Tom read a quote as published in *Turkey Call*.

"Wisconsin held down the Number Two spot. But rumor has it, Number Two won't be good enough in 1991."

As your president, I challenge us, as a Board of Directors, that if we are going to remain on top, we get together. We work on common goals. And we beat the pants off Wisconsin again next year. I expect it. And I plan to go to the National Convention next year and watch Mr. Sandrus receive the Number One award, again, PLEASE. At that time, President Elect Ron Sandrus stated that he wished Tom would show a little bit of enthusiasm over these things.

When the applause and laughter died down, Don Heckman stated that we should also congratulate President Baldrige for having received the prestigious Roger Latham award as our nominee from Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has been very, very, very, fortunate, in that we've had individuals like Tom Baldrige, Howard Meyers, Ron Sandrus, and others that have been able to take that kind

of leadership and do the job here in Pennsylvania. We are very fortunate. When you go to the National Conventions and see the type of individuals who are being nominated for this award, it becomes an amazing realization that our Pennsylvania nominees have been recognized and received this prestigious award in nine of the last ten years. Let's continue the tradition. We've got a lot of great people here in this room. Let's go forward and knock the blocks out from under our brother chapters in the south and midwest, Don declared.

Following more applause, President Baldrige was allowed to continue on with his report. In continuing his report, Tom mentioned some of the other events and honors received at the National Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. As reported, Tom was extremely proud to announce that the Lakeland Longbeards, one of our newest and upcoming local chapters, had received the Rookie Banquet of the Year award. As noted, this was quite an accomplishment, as the Lakeland Longbeards had not been organized until July 30, 1990. Gary Beatty and Eric Bowman were recognized and commended for a job well done, along with the other Lakeland Longbeard members.

Along those lines, a special salute and tip of the camo hat was extended to the members of Local Chapter #1, for hosting our convention in Uniontown, and even moreso in recognition of Local Chapter #1 having been named and honored as the Number One Local Chapter in the United States. It does'nt stop there, however, as the Laurel Highlands Banquet Committee of Local Chapter #1 also received top honors for the most members and most dollars raised at a banquet. As noted by President Baldrige, Local Chapter #1's banquet is, without question, the best in the world. "That's why the PA Chapter is Number One," Tom stated. I want you all to realize that the reason we are Number One is because our local chapters like the Lakeland Longbeards and Local Chapter #1 are getting behind the program and leading the way for others to follow. I would like to challenge each and every local chapter to get on the bandwagon and lead your horses down the road of success towards a better and brighter future for our organization and our wild turkey resource.

As mentioned before, President Baldrige reemphasized the need to reach our common goals and objectives. And the fastest way to get to where we are headed is to raise money for our Super Fund and to spend that money on projects and programs which will directly benefit the wild turkey now and in the future. The Super Fund/Banquet Program does work. It will work, and we all need to get on board in support of this program, Tom concluded.

With that, Gary Beatty, president Lakeland Longbeards, challenged Local Chapter #1 in stating: Local Chapter #1 has been doing a great job, and they have been out in front for a long time. But I've got a lot of people in my chapter who are really pushing us. So they better look out because they have some competition on the horizon. Bob Goehring of Local Chapter #1 answered Gary's challenge by stating: Bring 'em on. Bring 'em on. Hey, we're all heading for the same place, and Local Chapter #1 loves a challenge.

Safety: President Baldrige reported that a lot of dedicated PA Chapter board members and NWTF representatives have, in the last three or four months, put in alot of time and effort to address the safety proposals under consideration for adoption by the PGC commissioners. As noted, we had traveled to Harrisburg on four separate occassions and had met in committee

on two other occasions in an organized effort to address the safety issues. It was further noted that we had been imposing upon Don Heckman's family by setting up living quarters in their home during our trips to Harrisburg. In so noting, it was suggested that Don might be able to claim us as dependents on his tax return.

On a more serious note, President Baldrige expressed his dismay at having been misquoted on his testimony and statements in reference to our official stand on the safety proposals. However, after having an opportunity to look back and to reflect on the effect of those misquotes and the awareness factor which came about as a result of the media blitz, President Baldrige stated that it may have been a blessing in disguise. As reported, the media blitz has made every turkey hunter in Pennsylvania aware of the fact that a safety problem does exist. President Baldrige said: I look forward to next year being as accident free, if not totally free of accidents, as any previous record year. What that will show the PGC and the state is what a little bit of education will do and what direction we should be taking to help eliminate the safety problem.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rick Moroney read the Minutes of our March 1990 Annual Membership meeting. **A motion to accept the March 1990 Minutes as read was made by Dan Hess, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Heckman reported on the Balance Sheet for the period ending February 25, 1991. As reported, our Checking Account Balance was \$386.57, with a Savings Account Balance of \$9770.30, and an Inventory (Fair Market Value) of \$15,387.00, making our TOTAL ASSETS to be \$25,543.87.

Don reported that the Pennsylvania Chapter was officially accepted as a nonprofit organization on February 14, 1991, and could now operate under 501C(4) coverage. It was noted that the 501C(4) would only cover the PA Chapter and would not serve as a blanket coverage for our local chapters. As reported, any local chapter with a gross income of \$25,000.00 or more should consider filing a 501C(4).

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Dan Hess, seconded by Dan Sullivan. Motion Carried.

NWTF REPORT: Gary West remarked that being in Pennsylvania was sort of a homecoming for him, as he had moved to South Carolina only four years ago to serve on the National staff.

Gary congratulated the newly elected officers of the PA Chapter, and reaffirmed our organizational pledge to work together to do this good and important work for the wild turkey resource, so that we can enjoy it and pass it on so that subsequent other generations may enjoy it also.

In noting that he was in the heartland of America, in relation to the success of our organizational programs, Gary congratulated the PA Chapter on its many awards and recognition during the National Convention in Little Rock. "We've got the Number One Chapter with Pennsylvania so honored. We've got the guy who waves the flag with some note and fame in Little Rock. We've got the Local Chapter winner. We've got the best banquet. We got the state that raised \$160,000.00 for the Super Fund, that's guaranteed by that mechanism to go to work directly for the resource. We've got winners of the most prestigious awards, because of their performance and in recognition of their unselfish effort to give of their time for our organization and for the wild turkey resource. These awards and recognition are just our way of saying thanks for those efforts that you, as individuals, have put forth for the organization. So, I kind of feel like I'm at the sweet part of

the nectar, as it relates to the operation of the National Wild Turkey Federation. One of the things that is very prideful for me, and I'm sure it is for all of you, because I see some faces of those who were there when it wasn't fashionable to be out there going to bat for the wild turkey or for any wildlife resources for that matter. But of course how times have changed. Now we have teams, and everyone is showing who they are for. But we've come a long way. And we're just on the threshold of becoming something really great. Right now, there's only about one other player on the block that even compares to the accomplishments that we've done specifically for a resource. And, of course, that's the Ducks Unlimited. And, as you know, they've got about fifty years on us. So it isn't a surprise that they've been able to accomplish some meaningful things that they, indeed, need to be saluted for. But I would hope that when our organization is that old and, hopefully, some of our children and grandchildren are being involved and are going out there to promote things at that time that will, indeed, be that big...

Gary continued his report by informing the board of the successes of the National Convention. In recalling his precious memories, as a team player for the PA Chapter, Gary remarked about how far we had come, as an organization, from the Erie and Seven Springs conventions, which marked a time in our history of when the PA Chapter conventions were better attended than the National conventions.

Gary concluded his report by speaking before our board in terms of where we came from and where we are headed. During this segment of Gary's report, Howard Meyers and Ron Fretts were congratulated for having been chosen to serve on the National Board of Directors. In noting the many accomplishments and leadership of our organization, Gary credited Ron Fretts with having a tremendous amount of input and influence in the decision making policies which have steered us in the right direction.

Officers and Directors: President Baldrige announced the names of our newly elected officers and directors. Serving three year terms as directors to commence at the close of the convention were: Max Dewing, Ed Peterson, Ron Baron, John Bolan, Steve Starner, Bob Mogel, and John Szeferksi.

Serving a one year term as officers to commence at the close of the convention were: **President** - Ron Sandrus, **First Vice President** - Rick Moroney, **Second Vice President** - Joe Krug, **Secretary** - Tim Holtz, **Treasurer** - Don Heckman, **Membership Secretary** - Crist Newcomer, and **Chairman of the Board** - Tom Baldrige.

LEGISLATIVE: Norm Schlosser reported that for many years we have been trying to get the Bottle Bill passed without much success. It was noted, however, that a new avenue was being taken and that the Bottle Bill would be put on the referendum for a direct vote by the citizens for approval or rejection.

It was reported that Congressman Ridge has proposed a new Wetlands Bill which would do away with certain wetland categories and would provide a zero based tax break for landowners, provided the land remained open for fishing, hunting, and trapping.

Norm mentioned that the PA Chapter needed to designate a delegate to represent our interests at Pennsylvania Coalition meetings. Don Heckman added that John Plowman was working with others on a bill to increase penalties and fines, relative to turkey hunting shooting incidents.

GUN RAFFLE: Lou Mamone reported that he had gun raffle tickets available. He asked that his committee members begin to distribute the tickets, in an effort to avoid having to make phone calls or mailing out the tickets.

Special Guest: A very special person and good friend who, in the words of Gary

West, represents the very fiber of our organization traveled from West Virginia to be with us. Glen "Tink" Smith was introduced to assembly by Gary West as being a national treasure and an articulate person whom he wanted us to meet.

Tink entertained the assembly with his fundraising ideas and ambitions to payoff our Turkey Center debt to the bank. Tink indicated that he has already depleted his ginseng fund and his whiskey fund. So next year, he plans to gather morrel mushrooms, since rumor has it that the Japanese are willing to pay \$400.00 a pound, to replendish his donation fund.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale Miller, seconded by Norm Schlosser. Motion Carried. The March 1991 Membership meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was adjourned at 10:05 a.m., on Saturday, March 9, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

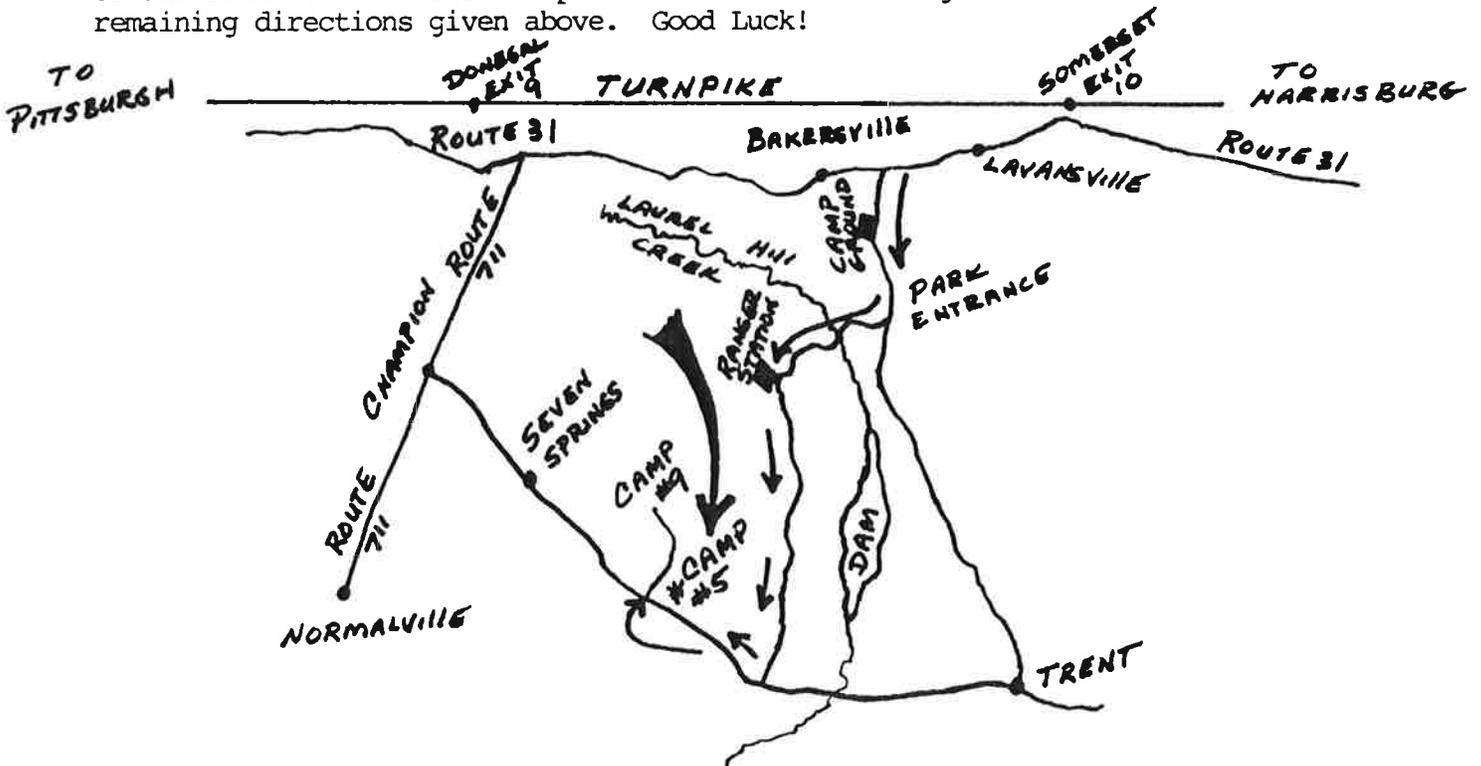
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Richard E. Moroney, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation

DIRECTIONS TO OUR JUNE BOARD MEETING AT LAUREL HILL STATE PARK CAMP #5

From the west, take the turnpike East to Donegal Exit 9. Take Route 31 East to Bakersville. Take first right turn after Bakersville. Follow up the hill, and make a right turn into the park. Follow to T in road, which is beyond the beach area, and make a Right turn towards Seven Springs. Camp #5 is approximately one mile on the right hand side of road.

From the east, take the turnpike West to Somerset Exit #10. Take Route 31 West towards Bakersville. Make left hand turn before gas station at the corner of Route 31 and Bakersville. Follow up the hill and make a right turn into Park. Follow remaining directions given above. Good Luck!





PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

July 9, 1991

To: All Officers, Directors, Local Chapter Presidents, Technical Committee,
and Members of the Loyal Order of the Silver Spurs

Enclosed, for your reference and review, please find one copy of the Minutes from the June 1991 Board of Directors Meeting and one copy of a summary of points from the Local Chapter Presidents Meeting, which were held at Laurel Hill State Park.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors will be held August 2 and 3, beginning at 7:30 P.M. Friday, August 2, at John Wood's camp near Marienville, Forest County, PA. Please refer to the enclosed map.

November Meeting Announcement: The November Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Pennsylvania & Ohio Camp near Clearfield on **November 22 and 23.**

I look forward to seeing you on August 2 in Marienville.

Sincerely,

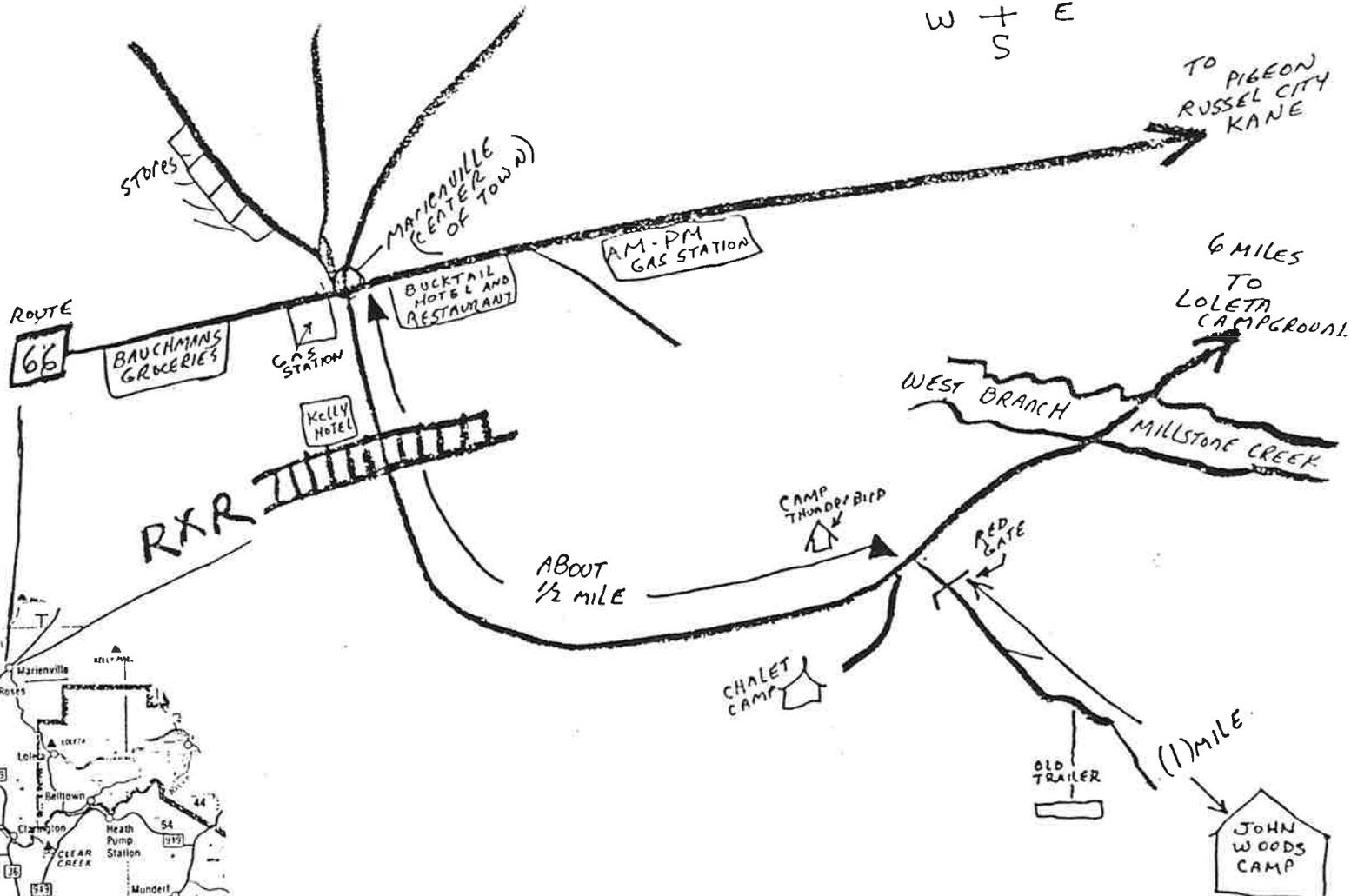

Timothy D. Holtz, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter, NWTF

NO PROBLEM

Please Note:

- Last minute information on meeting -
1. Seating @ camp is limited. Everyone is encouraged to bring a folding chair or lawn chair
 2. There is some camping space available. Truck cap, camper, and tents welcome.

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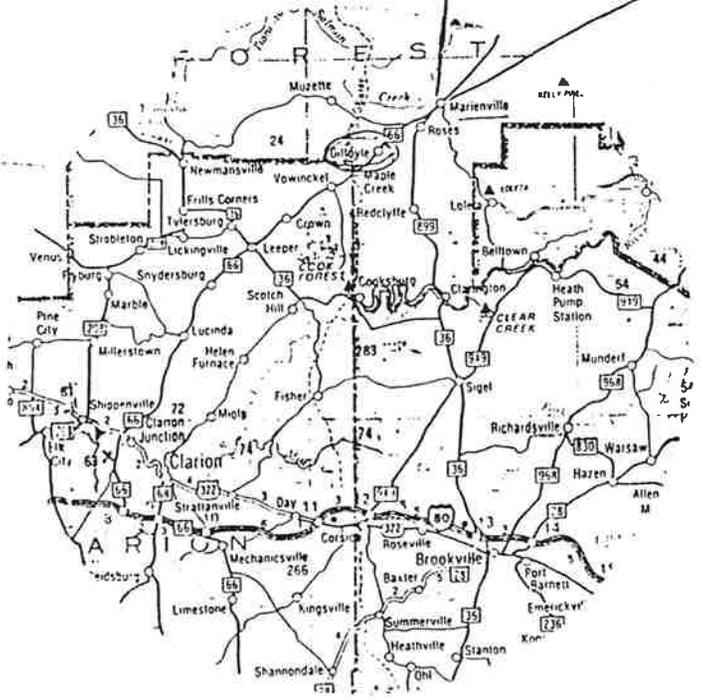
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**PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, NWTF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 1991
LAUREL HILL STATE PARK**

The June 1991 Board of Directors Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Chairman of the Board Tom Baldrige at 8:00 P.M., Friday May 31, 1991.

Chairman Baldrige welcomed Board Members, Local Chapter representatives, and guests. It was noted that a quorum was present and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Ron Sandrus reported that he had been very busy with Chapter business since the March Convention. Ron reported that he appeared along with Shirley Grenoble on the TV show "Call of the Outdoors" with host Jack Hubley; conducted 5 turkey hunting safety seminars; taught 2 PA Game Commission Hunter/Trapper Safety classes; participated in a PA Game Commission Hunter/Trapper Instructors Training seminar; attended the POWA meeting in State College, PA on May 3 & 4; attended a NWTF Fund Raising Banquet in Blair County; attended the Blair County Conservation Officers Banquet; met with the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg on 2 occasions; and along with Shirley Grenoble hunted with Harry Miller of the Pennsylvania Sportsmen for the Disabled, Inc.

In closing his report, President Sandrus expressed his thanks to the Board for providing him the opportunity to serve as President.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: First V-P Rick Moroney reported that he had sent a letter and reward check to Rickie Buchanan in April and had turned over to Tim Holtz information on another reward to be offered by the Chapter.

In closing, Rick thanked those that supported him in the March Election.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the March 1991 Annual Business and Election Meeting were reviewed and the following corrections were made: page 2 SUPER FUND/HABITAT - Eagar Brooke was changed to read Yeager Brook; also in regards to the Yeager Brook project it was noted that the project is in McKean County, not Warren County and the record notes this change. page 3 LOCAL CHAPTERS - Stone Valley Local Chapter was changed to read Stoney Valley Local Chapter.

A motion to accept the March 1991 Minutes as corrected was made by Steve Lecorchick, second by John Szeferksi. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Don Heckman provided the Secretary with a copy of the PA Chapter's 1990 Federal Form 990 (tax return) which was filed with the IRS.

Don presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for period ending May 24, 1991 to the Board. The Balance Sheet indicated a checking account balance of \$2,326.53, a savings account balance of \$9,890.76, and an inventory (fair market value) of \$15,387.00, for a total asset value of \$27,604.29.

The income side of the Operating Statement reported \$10,535.06 for the period February 25, 1991 to May 24, 1991 and a year to date figure of \$11,894.20. Expenses for the period February 25, 1991 to May 24, 1991 were \$10,590.68 with year to date expenses reported to be \$14,556.66. Don noted that telephone and travel expenses were higher than normal due to the meetings with the Pennsylvania Game Commission on the rifle/hunter orange issue.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Larry Smail. Second by Dan Roessner. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Chairman Tom Baldrige reported that he too had been extremely busy since the Convention with Chapter business, especially in the area of turkey hunting safety. Tom reported that he had conducted two NRA Turkey Hunter Clinics, one each in the NE and SE Regions. Tom also helped with four PGC Hunter Trapper Safety classes. Along with other Chapter Officers Tom attended the April meeting with the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg. And, Tom reported that along with Rick Moroney he recorded a radio program with host Charlie Burchfield which aired on a Dubois radio station prior to the Spring gobbler season.

TURKEY TALK: Larry Smail reported that he had been very busy in recent weeks with correspondence from members with opinions on rifle hunting and fluorescent orange.

Regarding Turkey Talk, Larry reported that the Summer issue is 1/2 ready. Larry stated that he lacks information for the Caller. Please send information to Larry for inclusion in the Caller.

Larry informed the Board of an advertising inquiry he received from Alan King of Brookville. Mr. King owns an art gallery and wishes to place a flyer in Turkey Talk. Mr. King has offered the Chapter 5 art prints in return for inclusion of his flyer in an upcoming issue of Turkey Talk. Chairman Baldrige asked Larry to have the Turkey Talk Committee review this matter and make a recommendation to the Board.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Steve Lecorchick reported that the youth weekend was set for August 10 and 11 at the Three Valleys Sportsmens Club near Claysburg PA. Steve noted that the Committee can accommodate up to 20 youths, ages 12 to 16, and as of this date room still remains for more students. Charge for the weekend will be \$10.

ART COMMITTEE: Joel Bock was unable to attend the meeting but provided Tom Baldrige with a report. It was reported that the Committee, at request of Chairman of the Board Tom Baldrige, had sent 1 Mark Twain Noe print and an unspecified number of Toschick and Feaser prints to Ed Selinski in the Northeast Region for use at a fund raising event.

President Sandrus reported on a request from the Pennsylvania Deer Association for a donation of a set of Toschick and Feaser prints to be used in fund raising by the PDA. Action on this matter required Ron to contact the Executive Committee by telephone. The Executive Committee supported the action and the donation has been made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dan Sullivan was unable to attend the meeting but did provide President Sandrus with a report. On behalf of Dan, Ron reported that Dan has some ideas along the lines of the billboard which the Michaux-Yellow Breeches did this Spring. Dan will provide further information at the August Meeting.

SUPPER FUND: Report deferred until Saturday portion of Meeting.

NWTF: Report deferred until Saturday

LEGISLATIVE: No report.

CONSERVANCY: On behalf of Committee Chairman Bill Barron, Ron Sandrus reported on several recent land acquisitions which the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy had orchestrated. Most notable was the 3000+ acre purchase of the US Steel Corporation property in Erie County.

1991 CONVENTION: Convention Chairman Sam Truxal thanked all who helped make the Convention a success. Sam reported a gross income for the Convention of \$39,560.27. With Convention expenses of \$23,548.85, the net profit was \$16,011.42.

The Board expressed thanks to Sam and his Committee for a job well done.

1992 CONVENTION: Skip Sanderson reported that two potential Convention sites had been evaluated. The Committee is presently negotiating with the Holiday Inn of York, PA. The Committee feels that the York site has the most to offer and Skip anticipates that the Committee will have a contract from the York Holiday Inn for Board approval at the August Meeting.

Skip also reported that the Convention Committee is forming the various Convention related committees, and read a brief rundown of the assignments that have been made.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Skip Sanderson reported an ample inventory of promo items, with many items available at the Meeting.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Dennis Strawbridge reported that the printer that we've used in the past has gone out of business. Dennis has secured the services of another printing company. Paper supplies were available at the Meeting.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: Ron Sandrus reported that he has new contacts in the Danielsville and Lock Haven areas which are interested in forming a Local Chapter. Ron has contacted Gary Tanner regarding these contacts.

Ron lead a discussion on possible changes in procedures for new Local Chapters. Ron reported that there has been no clarification from National on the new procedures, but Ron added that Carl Brown would be in attendance at the Local Chapter Presidents Meeting on Sunday and we could expect some direction from Carl. Further discussion on the matter would be held under Old Business.

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION MEETING: President Sandrus informed the Board of the April 17 meeting with the PGC in Harrisburg. Representing the Chapter at this meeting along with Ron were Tom Baldrige, Dale Basinger, Don Heckman, and Rick Moroney. Game Commission Officials in attendance were Pete Duncan, Roy Wagner, and Jim Filkosky.

Topics of discussion, and highlights, from the April 17 meeting were:

- * Proposed regulations on shot size and hunter orange - possible action at the June PGC meeting
- * Turkey hunter safety training and certification - PGC doesn't feel is feasible at present time
- * Stamp or permit - PGC looking at 1993 or 1994 for possible stamp or permit to be used to generate revenue
- * Two bird limit in Spring - PGC seems receptive to idea
- * PA Chapter asked by PGC to provide 10 to 12 questions for possible inclusion on the Hunter/Trapper Safety exam.
- * H.B. 1129 - Introduced by Curt Bowley, would increase fines and penalties for hunting accidents
- * Stalking and roost shooting - discussed regulation making such actions illegal
- * Blinds - PGC initiated idea of blinds, perhaps to compensate for hunter orange
- * Spring only counties - discussed
- * JAKES - PGC interested in helping Chapter with youth programs
- * What are PGC priorities? - Land Acquisition
- * Project 2000 - Discussed briefly

President Sandrus summarized that the Chapter had an opportunity to present and discuss a number of topics. It's expected that we'll have an opportunity to meet again with the Game Commission next April.

Following some discussion concerning the fact that there were only three Game Commission Officials in attendance the point was made that a number of topics which were on the agenda had been discussed, in depth, with the PGC on several occasions in recent months. In closing the discussion, Dan Roessner cautioned the group that we not draw battlelines with the Game Commission. Dan urged the Board to continue the excellent working relationship we have built with the PGC.

In closing, Chairman Baldrige thanked Don and Sandy Heckman for housing the Chapter people that attended the numerous meetings in Harrisburg over the past several months. The Heckman's generosity resulted in a considerable savings for the Chapter.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: Skip Sanderson suggested that we no longer use the Local Chapter portfolio system. Will discuss at Local Chapter Presidents Meeting.

Meeting recessed at 10:50 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 9:05 A.M. Saturday, June 1, 1991. Chairman Tom Baldrige welcomed everyone to meeting. First order of business was to have reports from individuals unable to attend the Friday portion of the Meeting.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: No report.

NWTF REPORT: National Wild Turkey Federation Board Member Howard Meyers informed the Board that CBS visited NWTF and filmed some footage which will air on 48 Hours, June 5 at 10:00 P.M. The program centers around the Brady Bill. Howard also noted that the Wall Street Journal had recently run a story about turkey hunting and the article mentioned Project 2000.

Howard provided a copy of the Minutes from the February 1991 NWTF Board Meeting.

Howard reported on new travel guidelines which allow Super Fund money to be used for State Chapter President and Technical Committee representative travel reimbursement.

In closing , Howard provided a new work telephone # : (412) 838-6801.

NWTF Regional Director Gary Tanner informed the group that this was his last trip to Pennsylvania as RD, as his responsibilities are now New York and the New England states.

Gary introduced Steve Miller, the new Regional Director for Pennsylvania as well as Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Gary informed the Board that the 1992 National Convention will be held in Indianapolis rather than St. Louis.

In closing, Gary thanked the PA Chapter for working with him over the years.

On behalf of the PA Chapter, Chairman Baldrige thanked Gary for all his work for Pennsylvania and the Wild Turkey.

Chairman Baldrige welcomed Steve Miller as Regional Director and offered Steve the floor. Steve expressed his pleasure in working for the NWTF, and informed the group of his background. Steve has degrees in Forestry and Wildlife and has worked as a habitat manager and has worked on trap and transfer of wild turkeys. Steve comes to the NWTF after five years with Ducks Unlimited, which provided him experience in fund raising.

Steve Miller telephone number: (717) 566-9992

Gary Tanner suggested that the Chapter consider funding the purchase of some office equipment (copier, FAX, PC, etc.) for Steve to better assist us in our fund raising efforts.

SUPER FUND COMMITTEE: Habitat - Joe Krug reported that he's not receiving as many project proposals as he would like and expressed concern that people may be a little frustrated that sometimes the Committee requests information in addition to that originally submitted. The more detailed the information is, the easier it is for the Committee to evaluate the proposal, Joe added.

Joe informed the Board that the Committee is presently evaluating two proposals from Local Chapters, and anticipates that these projects will be funded. Joe also stated that the Committee is working with Jerry Wunz and the DER on the gated road study that they're trying to put together. Joe concluded his report with an update on projects the USDA - Forest Service is working on with Super Fund dollars.

Pennsylvania Game Commission Biologist Bill Drake informed the Board of the projects the PGC is currently working on, including population studies and the ongoing Erie County Winter census which was hindered by the lack of snow this past Winter.

Regarding the planting project which Jerry Wunz had directed on SGL #30, Bill stressed the need to maintain this project as well as conduct some population studies on the area to determine the impact of the plantings on turkey populations. Bill suggested that we consider spending Super Fund monies next year to determine the affect the SGL #30 planting has had on turkey populations.

In answer to a question on trap and transfer in Pennsylvania Bill stated that there are turkeys being trapped, although none of the birds presently being trapped are being used for Project 2000. Turkeys trapped the past Winter in Pennsylvania were traded for Valley Quail and Sichuan Pheasants. The Board asked Bill to provide trap and transfer figures annually.

SUPER FUND Hunter Safety : As a preface to his report, Committee Chairman Dan Roessner commended the individual efforts of the many people throughout the State that are working on safety.

Dan informed the Board that the Committee has been asked by the PGC to provide 10 to 12 questions related to turkey hunting for possible inclusion in the Hunter/Trapper Safety Course exam. The Committee will meet during the weekend to develop the questions and will send them to the PGC. The Committee is also urging the PGC to include a section on turkey hunting safety in the Hunter/Trapper Safety Course.

Dan reported that the Committee took action Friday evening on two Super Fund requests. The Committee approved both requests, one for \$1000.00 for holographs and brochures and the second request for \$300.00 for reimbursement to the Michaux - Yellow Breeches Local Chpt. for the billboard safety message used in the Spring. Both requests will be sent to National for approval. Dan also reported that he had received a request Saturday morning for funding through the Safety Committee for the Youth Weekend scheduled for August. At this time Dan polled his Committee regarding the Youth Weekend request and received support for this Project. Dan noted that this Super Fund request would be forwarded to National along with the two previously noted requests.

H.B. 1129 - Dan informed the Board of H.B. 1129, the Curt Bowley sponsored Bill, which is currently in Committee. Dan explained that this legislation would increase fines and penalties for offenders involved in hunting accidents. The Safety Committee discussed the Bill and urged the Board to support this legislation.

A motion to have the Board support H.B. 1129 was made by Dale Miller. Second by John Szeferksi. Motion passed.

Dan informed the Board that there will be a meeting in Edgefield SC at National regarding turkey hunting safety. No date has been set, though it will probably be in July.

Dan provided up to date information on Spring 1991 turkey hunting accidents. PGC statistics indicate that there were 15 accidents involving 18 victims. More detailed information will be available in the future. Dan noted that the PGC will meet on June 10 and 11 and may at this meeting act on the rifle and hunter orange proposals.

In regards to safety, President Sandrus reported that he taped a radio program for a Huntingdon radio station which addressed turkey hunting safety. The program, which was one hour in duration, aired April 26, the day before turkey season began.

SUPER FUND Land Acquisition: Tom Baldrige reported to the Board that he had been appointed as Chairman of this Committee. Tom will acquire information for this Committee from Howard Meyers, previous Committee Chairman.

POWA: President Sandrus reported that he attended the POWA meeting in State College on May 3 and 4.

COMMUNICATIONS: Tim Holtz read a letter of resignation, effective February 24, 1991, from Howard Meyers. After 13 years of service to the Board, Howard has resigned to serve a 3 year term on the Board of the National Wild Turkey Federation to which he was elected in February. Chairman Baldrige, on behalf of the Board, expressed sincere thanks to Howard for his many years of dedicated service to the PA Chapter Board, and further noted that we are all proud that Howard has been elected to the NWTF Board.

Tim Holtz summarized a letter from Kermit Henning, Auction Chairman for the POWA, thanking the PA Chapter for a contribution to the Sportsmen's Auction at the Eastern Outdoor and Sports Show in Harrisburg, PA in February.

Tim Holtz summarized correspondence from Gary Parker, of the Wilson F. Moore Memorial Chapter, which provided information for a reward request from WCO Chuck Archovitch.

Steve Lecorchick noted that he had sent correspondence along with three first bird patches he had sent as part of his duty as Youth Committee Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS: President Ron Sandrus read a list of Standing and Appointed Committees and the respective Committee Chairman.

Standing Committees

Finance - Don Heckman
Nominating - Tom Baldrige
Awards - Dennis Strawbridge
Constitution and By-Laws - Rick Moroney
Super Fund - Ron Sandrus
 Habitat - Joe Krug
 Safety - Dan Roessner
 Land Acquisition - Tom Baldrige
Legislative - Norm Schlosser
Local Chapters - Ron Sandrus
Portfolio - Alan Enlet
Publications - Larry Smail
Public Relations - Dan Sullivan

Appointed Committees

Youth - Steve Lecorchick
Past Presidents Advisory - Tom Baldrige
Promotional Items - Skip Sanderson
Art Committee - Joel Bock
Conservancy - Bill Barron
Paper Supplies - Dennis Strawbridge
Convention 1992 - Skip Sanderson
Masters Calling Contest - Steve Lecorchick
Gun Raffle - Lou Mamone
Meeting Sites - John Szeferiski
POWA - Ron Sandrus

President Sandrus reminded the Board that, as stated in our BY-LAWS, each Director is required to serve on a committee. Ron asked that each Director consider which Committee(s) they would like to serve on and inform Ron or the Committee Chair of your interest.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Tom Baldrige informed the group that as Chairman of the Board he is Chairman of the Nominating Committee. As President, Ron Sandrus is also a member of the Nominating Committee. Chairman Baldrige asked for volunteers to fill the three remaining Nominating Committee positions. Volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dennis Strawbridge, Dan Roessner, and Gil Shaffer.

Motion to accept the addition of Strawbridge, Roessner, and Shaffer to the Nominating Committee was made by Steve Lecorchick. Second by Don Heckman. Motion passed.

AT&T Calling Card: Don Heckman informed the Board of the AT&T Calling Card system being used by 15 Board Members. The system is presently being used as part of a six month promotional offer. The 15 individuals use their calling card for State Chapter business. The bill is mailed by AT&T directly to Don Heckman. A copy of each bill is mailed directly to the individual with the respective card. Don Heckman will report further on this matter at the August Board Meeting. A decision as to whether to continue to use the Calling Card system will be made at the August Meeting.

Executive Committee: President Sandrus reported on the Executive Committee Meeting held Friday evening at which time the Executive Committee discussed Board appointments. The Executive Committee recommended that Gary Beatty, Eric Bowman, and Dale Basinger be appointed as Board members.

A motion to appoint Gary Beatty, Eric Bowman, and Dale Basinger to the PA Chapter Board of Directors was made by Dan Roessner. Second by Max Dewing. Motion passed.

Gun Raffle: Howard Meyers reported on behalf of Lou Mamone, who was unable to attend the Meeting. Howard reported that anyone with gun raffle money this weekend should turn the money over to Don Heckman.

President Sandrus reminded the Board that it is important to keep very accurate records of ticket numbers and names when sending ticket stubs through the mail.

Member Survey: Rick Moroney reported briefly on the Member survey which was conducted earlier in the year. Rick reported that the survey responses generally followed the results of a similar survey conducted several years ago. Rick reported that of 7000 members who received the survey, he received a 14.4% response.

Chairman Baldrige thanked Rick Moroney for his work on the member survey.

Super Fund Update: Gary Tanner reported on 1991 Super Fund Banquets. As of May 28, there have been 12 banquets. With one of the 12 banquets yet to be reported, the 56% share to Pennsylvania is \$43,560. Gary anticipates that proceeds from the one banquet yet to be reported will push the total number over \$50,000. Gary also reported that as of April 30, 1991, the Super Fund balance in Pennsylvania was \$39,001. Gary also reported that he anticipates about 12 more banquets in 1991.

NEW BUSINESS:

NWTF Board of Director Nomination: President Sandrus reported that the call for Nominations to the NWTF Board must be in Edgefield by August 1, 1991. No action was taken by the Board.

Bill Board Safety Message: Don Heckman reported that he will obtain additional information on this program for the August Board Meeting. Will discuss as Old Business in August.

Ron Sandrus Local Chapter Award Criteria: A brief discussion about discontinuing the use of portfolios and developing a set of criteria for determining Awards was held. The matter was referred to the Awards Committee. Input on this matter should be directed to the Awards Committee, Chairman Dennis Strawbridge.

Ad Hoc Committee to Review NWTF Spending on Projects: President Sandrus reported that he had been appointed to a Committee which includes NWTF Staff as well as individuals from other State Chapters. The Committee will meet June 22 - 25 in Edgefield SC.

Putting People First: President Sandrus reported on the organization Putting People First, which has the aim of combating groups that are typically classified as anti-hunting, animal rights, etc. Putting People First will be conducting a seminar on how to combat these anti forces. The seminar will be held in Columbus, Ohio on June 22/23. President Sandrus suggested that the Chapter consider sending someone to this seminar.

Gary Tanner cautioned the Board to check out the organization (as well as others) before spending the time and money to attend a seminar.

Chairman Baldrige will check with National to determine what they know about Putting People First and also will contact the Regional Director in Ohio about any plans he may have to attend the seminar. If after talking to NWTF and the Ohio RD it is determined that it is in our interest to have a representative at this seminar, Tom Baldrige will attend.

PGC June Meeting: President Sandrus noted that the PGC will meet in Harrisburg on June 10 and 11. Ron noted that the PA Chapter plans to attend the meeting.

PA Sportsmen for the Dis-abled: President Sandrus informed the Board of this relatively new organization. Ron suggested that the Board consider working with this organization. Additionally, Ron asked the Board to consider becoming a \$25 member of the organization and perhaps make a donation as well.

A motion to have the PA Chapter become an annual member of the PA Sportsmen for the Dis-abled at an annual fee of \$25 and make a \$200 donation to the same organization was made by Larry Smail. Second by Gil Shaffer. Motion passed.

Don Heckman will draft a check to the PA Sportsmen for the Dis-abled. Ron Sandrus will compile the application and send with check to the organization.

Constitution and By-Laws: Rick Moroney provided the Board with a brief up-date. Rick continues to work with National on this project. Of biggest interest to the Board is that eventually the PA Chapter Board will consist of 24 Directors and the Chairman of the Board will be elected.

Super Fund Monies for Turkey Talk Safety Insert: Chairman Baldrige reported on discussion that the Executive Committee had regarding the inclusion of an insert pertaining to safety in an upcoming issue of Turkey Talk. Super Fund monies can be used for an insert that is safety material. Don Heckman lead a discussion on possible content for a 4 page insert. Goal will be to have an insert in the Fall issue of Turkey Talk.

Super Fund Projects: Gary Tanner commended Larry Smail for the excellant map in Turkey Talk which detailed the many Super Fund Projects that have been carried out in Pennsylvania. Gary suggested that the Board consider seeking Super Fund money to print copies of the map and include a copy with each Super Fund Banquet program.

Inventory Listing of Awards, Prints, Etc: Don Heckman reported on the status of the various Chapter Awards, original art prints, etc. Don compiled a list that is current as of the end of 1990. Rick Moroney developed the inventory listing on the word processor and information is stored on a disc. Rick Moroney suggested that the State Chapter Secretary be responsible for keeping an up-to-date inventory. Tim Holtz and Rick Moroney will confirm the accuracy of the list in its' present form. The Chapter Secretary will be responsible for keeping the list current.

NWTF Building Fund: A motion to make a \$1000.00 donation to the NWTF Building Fund in thanks to Gary Tanner for his work in Pennsylvania was made by Don Heckman. Second by Dan Roessner. Motion passed.

PGC WCO Training Class: Dan Roessner noted that Eric Bowman, Lakeland Longbeards Local Chapter member and newly appointed State Chapter Board member has been selected as a member of the PGC WCO Training Class which begins June 3 at the Ross Leffler School of Conservation in Harrisburg.

Lakeland Longbeards Local Chapter Belt Buckle: Gary Beatty, President of the Lakeland Longbeards LC, reported that the Local Chapter was considering having belt buckles made to use for fund raising. Gary was seeking approval from the State Chapter to carry out the project on a local level. Chairman Baldrige noted that the Lakeland Longbeards could pursue such a project and asked that they stay in touch with Skip Sanderson on the project.

PGC NW Region: Dan Roessner reported to the Board that a number of conservation and sportsmen organizations had met for a day at the PGC NW Region Headquarters to discuss the declining number of hunting license sales. Dan Roessner attended this meeting. The group decided to conduct a Youth Field Day on June 15 at the Issac Walton League Club grounds near Franklin, PA. Dan noted that he was going to request a donation from the State Chapter Art Committee in the form of a set of Toschick and Feaser prints to use as prizes at the Field Day.

Larry Smail Art Print Donation: Dan Roessner reported that through the generosity of Larry Smail, each individual that attended the Allegheny Sultans Fund Raising Banquet had received a signed and numbered print by Larry Smail. Dan noted that a local printer had donated the printing cost for the print.

Larry Smail informed the Board of the printing overrun, which is not numbered. Larry is offering the printing overrun to be used for fund raising purposes in Pennsylvania.

In closing, Dan Roessner noted that in addition to the donation of prints to the Allegheny Sultans Banquet, Larry had donated 100 of the prints to National.

Art Print Inventory: Don Heckman reported on Art Print Inventory, which according to Don is as follows: 18 - Mountain Music; 202 - The Apprentice; 687 - Toschick prints; 919 - Feaser prints; 1 - Hill Side Takeoff (print #1).

Don noted that the Art Committee has purchased/acquired many art prints over the years to be used at art auctions. We don't have an up-to-date inventory for these prints. Don Heckman suggested that the Board give the Art Committee some good direction on what to purchase and how much inventory to maintain.

Discussion was held on Income/Expenses of the Art Committee and of the present inventory status.

A motion to have the Art Committee present a current inventory report (in two parts, one for stamp/prints, conservation prints, originals and the second part for art auction inventory) at each Board Meeting, as part of the Art Committee report, was made by Rick Moroney. Second by Larry Smail. Motion passed. Chairman Baldrige requested that President Sandrus notify the Art Committee Chairman of the Board request and motion.

Regional Director: Steve Lecorchick opened discussion on what the State Chapter could provide in way of office equipment for the Regional Director. Regional Director Steve Miller noted that he will have a phone answering machine. Steve further noted that a personal computer is a very handy tool and is extremely useful for developing lists and for correspondence.

Tom Baldrige noted that he has an office desk which he would donate if Steve wished to use it.

A motion to establish an account of \$3000.00 for purchase of a personal computer, printer, monitor, and associated equipment was made by Steve Lecorchick. Second by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by John Szeferksi. Second by Gil Shaffer. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Timothy D. Holtz, Secretary
PA State Chapter

PA CHAPTER NWIF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS, AUGUST 3, 1991

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee Chairman - Don Heckman, Ron Sandrus, Skip Sanderson

Nominating Committee Chairman - Tom Baldrige, Ron Sandrus, Dan Roessner,
Gil Shaffer, Dennis Strawbridge

Awards Committee Chairman - Dennis Strawbridge, Don Heckman, John Szeferiski

Constitution and By-Laws Chairman - Rick Moroney, John Bolan, Tim Holtz

Super Fund Committee Chairman - Ron Sandrus, Tom Baldrige, Joe Krug, Dan Roessner

Habitat Chairman - Joe Krug, Bill Drake, Arnie Hayden, Crist Newcomer
Jerry Wunz

Safety Chairman - Dan Roessner, Tom Baldrige, Ron Barron, Don Heckman,
Steve Lecorchick, Ron Sandrus, Dan Sullivan

Land Acquisition Chairman - Tom Baldrige, Gary Beatty, Ron Fretts,
Tim Holtz, Gil Shaffer

Legislative Committee Chairman - Norm Schlosser, Max Dewing, Dan Sullivan

Local Chapters Committee Chairman - Ron Sandrus, Steve Lecorchick, Tom Baldrige

Portfolio Committee Chairman - Rick Moroney, Dale Bassinger, Alan Keagy,
Dennis Strawbridge

Publications Committee Chairman - Larry Smail, Don Heckman, Ed Peterson,
Dan Sullivan

Public Relations Committee Chairman - Dan Sullivan, Bill Barron, Don Heckman,
Larry Smail

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

Youth Committee Chairman - Steve Lecorchick, Alan Enlet, Alan Keagy, Joe Krug
Ron Sandrus

Past Presidents Committee Chairman - Tom Baldrige, Howard Meyers, Dan Roessner
Ron Sandrus, Shirley Grenoble, Fred Webster, Bob Clark

Promotional Items Committee Chairman - Skip Sanderson, John Bolan, Bob Mogel,
Ken Springer

Paper Supplies Committee Chairman - Dennis Strawbridge, Max Dewing, Dale Miller,
Ken Springer

Convention Committee Chairman - Skip Sanderson, Members per Skip Sanderson

Masters Contest Committee Chairman - Steve Lecorchick, Members per Steve Lecorchick

Gun Raffle Committee Chairman - Lou Mamone, Ron Barron, Eric Bowman, Reed Johnson,
Don Heckman, Tim Holtz, Dennis Strawbridge

Meeting Site Committee Chairman - John Szeferiski, Alan Keagy, Dale Miller,
Norm Schlosser

POWA Committee Chairman - Ron Sandrus, John Szeferiski

**Local Chapter Presidents Meeting June 2, 1991
Laurel Hill State Park**

NWTF Report - Carl Brown

- * State Chapter Presidents Meeting, June 28-29, Edgefield SC
- * Hunter Safety Meeting, mid - July, Edgefield SC
- * 1992 NWTF Convention, February 21, 22, & 23, Indianapolis, IN
- * PA Super Fund Banquets, ave. net and net/net is best in country
- * New Regional Director for Pennsylvania, Steve Miller

Fund Raising Banquets - Carl Brown

- * PA ave. net (with membership) - \$10,700 National ave. \$7,000
- * PA ave. members per banquet - 100, need to work on increasing number of paid members per banquet
- * JAKES program OK Nationally, Pennsylvania is slow (low membership)

Habitat Projects - Ron Sandrus

- * Encouraged Chapters to submit projects for Super Fund funding

Portfolios - Carl Brown

- * Point system is in place and anticipate little change

By-Laws - Rick Moroney & Carl Brown

- * Moroney - State Chapter Constitution must be finalized before By-Laws can be finalized
- * Brown - NWTF position is that don't want a process which is a burden to chapters. No longer require Local Chapters to have Constitution and By-Laws

Conventions

- * All Local Chapters urged to be involved in Conventions

Non Profit Status

- * State Chapter has 501-c(4) status
- * Local Chapters do not fall under State Chapter 501-c(4)
- * Fund Raising Banquets do fall under NWTF 501-c(4) status, as well as any fund raising activities for which money goes through Super Fund split

Local Chapter Leadership

- * Look ahead for leadership

State Chapter Board Meetings

- * Local Chapters urged to attend
- * In-put from Local Chapters at State Board Meetings always welcome

Local Chapter Reports - Following Chapters presented reports

- * Local #1 - Sam Truxall
- * Allegheny Mountain - Ron Sandrus
- * Michaux-Yellow Breeches - John Mauro
- * Mason Dixon - Bill Laird
- * Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers - Larry Marafka
- * Schuylkill Longbeards - John Szeferiski
- * Lakeland Longbeards - Gary Beatty
- * Stoney Valley - Roger Carpenter

General Discussion

- * Gary Tanner - good to have help from other Chapters at Fund Raising Banquets, try to include local business and professional people on Banquet Committee
- * Steve Miller - if business people can't help on Fund Raising Banquet Committee, ask them to buy a table
- * Eric Bowman - recognized the need to develop a system to keep up-to-date list of Local Chapter Officers

Closing Remarks - Carl Brown

- * Commended everyone for recognizing the need for changes
- * Noted that Pennsylvania will continue to be a leader

Attendance

- * 21 total
- * 8 Local Chapters represented, as noted above
- * NWTF - Carl Brown, Gary Tanner, Steve Miller
- * PA State Chapter - various Officers and Directors



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, NWTF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 2, 3, 1991

MARIENVILLE, PA

The August 1991 Board of Directors Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Ron Sandrus at 8:30 P.M., Friday August 2, 1991.

President Sandrus welcomed Board Members, Local Chapter representatives, and guests. President Sandrus thanked host John Wood for making his camp available for the meeting. President Sandrus noted that Chairman Baldrige would be arriving later in the evening. It was further noted that a quorum was present and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Sandrus noted that he would provide his report later in the meeting.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Second Vice President Joe Krug had not arrived at this time, report to be provided later in the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the June 1991 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and the following correction was made: under Local Chapter Presidents Meeting summary attached to the Minutes, **NON PROFIT STATUS**, it was noted that Fund Raising Banquets fall under NWTF 501-c(3), not 501-c(4) as stated originally.

A motion to accept the June 1991 Minutes as corrected was made by Dan Roessner, second by Steve Lecorchick. Motion passed.

At this time Chairman Baldrige arrived and President Sandrus turned the meeting to Chairman Baldrige. Chairman Baldrige apologized for his late arrival. Chairman Baldrige welcomed everyone and thanked John Wood for providing his camp for the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Sandrus thanked the following individuals for their work for the Chapter: Larry Smail and Dan Sullivan for the upcoming issue of Turkey Talk which addresses the proposed PGC Regulations; Dan Roessner, Don Heckman, and Tom Baldrige for the work they did in providing questions to Jim Filkosky, of the PGC, for possible inclusion in the Hunter/Trapper Safety exam; Tim Holtz for duties of Secretary; Steve Lecorchick, Alan Keagy, and Joe Krug for preparation for the upcoming Youth Day; Skip Sanderson for the 1992 Convention; and Steve Miller who has worked very hard as the Regional Director for the NWTF.

President Sandrus noted the following activities since the June 1991 Board Meeting:

- * Attended the PGC June Meeting at which the Commissioners voted on the proposed turkey hunting regulations. President Sandrus thanked Don Heckman and family for providing him with a place to stay while in Harrisburg. President Sandrus noted that this gesture saves the Chapter travel expense money.
- * On June 11 President Sandrus did a telephone interview with Jim Carlson of the Harrisburg Patriot.
- * On June 15 President Sandrus attended a youth program in Franklin, PA.
- * June 21 - 30 President Sandrus was in Edgefield, SC attending the National Projects, Regional Directors, and State Chapter Presidents meetings.
- * On July 10 President Sandrus presented a turkey hunting and safety seminar at the Fulton County Pistol and Rifle Club. 71 individuals attended.
- * On July 15-16 President Sandrus attended the Safety Task Force meeting in Edgefield, SC. A more detailed report will be made later in Board Meeting.
- * Working with National Board member Claibourne Darden and Chapter Board member Dan Roessner on Pennsylvania safety issue, specifically the PGC proposed regulations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Don Heckman presented a written report for period ending July 15, 1991. The Balance Sheet noted a checking account balance of \$5,941.99, savings account balance of \$6,890.76, and an inventory (fair market value) of \$15,387.00, total assests being \$28,219.75. The report noted no current liabilities though it was noted that it is aniticipated that the Chapter owes approximately \$14.00 in State Sales Tax. Total equity of \$28,219.75.

The Operating Statement for period ending July 15, 1991 noted income for May 25 to July 15 of \$8,875.18; year to date income was reported to be \$20,769.38. Expenses for May 25 to July 15 were reported to be \$8,254.72 and year to date expenses were reported as \$22,811.38.

Regarding the Treasurer's report, Don Heckman noted that the Chapter had experienced increased expenses related to the PGC proposed regulations. Heckman also noted that that there is some 1991 Convention income yet to be turned over to the Treasury.

Treasurer Heckman addressed a question from the floor in regards to expenditures over budget in certain line items and the affect of such on the Treasury at year end. Heckman noted that he projects a year end fund balance of \$2000 to \$3000 and the Chapter should be able to meet all financial obligations.

Chairman Baldrige noted that he had been in contact with the 1991 Convention Committee regarding a mistake that was made in the original Convention Accounting. Chairman Baldrige noted that there will be money forthcoming from the Convention, however due to the error in accounting the amount will be less than anticipated. Heckman noted that we have received, to date, \$14,500 from the 1991 Convention.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Rick Moroney. Second by Dan Sullivan. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Chairman Baldrige reported that he had spent a great deal of time working on the safety issue since the June Board Meeting, including a trip to Edgefield, SC to attend the Safety Task Force Meeting.

TURKEY TALK: Larry Smail reported that the Summer issue of Turkey Talk had been delayed due to the result of the PGC June Meeting and the proposed regulations. Larry noted that Turkey Talk was nearly ready to go to the printer when he learned of the PGC proposed regulations. Working with Dan Sullivan, Larry opted to make some changes in the issue so that the proposed regulations could be addressed in the issue. Larry noted that the Summer issue will contain plenty of safety material. It was further noted that Superfund monies will be requested to cover the cost of the safety related material included in the Summer issue of Turkey Talk, ie. the cost of four pages.

Regarding Turkey Talk, Associate Editor Dan Sullivan emphasized the importance of the Summer issue as it pertains to safety and the proposed regulations. Also, Dan noted that he is continuing to seek sponsorship money for Turkey Talk. Dan further noted that there will be an extra 200 copies of the Summer issue of Turkey Talk printed to be used as hand outs.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: Crist Newcomer was unable to attend the Meeting. On behalf of Crist, Dan Sullivan presented the Membership Secretary Report. Dan noted that Crist expressed his regrets that he was not able to attend the Meeting. Regarding membership printouts, it was noted that updates are going well. It was also reported that Chapter Presidents will be receiving membership status reports in the next couple of weeks.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Steve Lecorchick noted that the Youth Weekend will be held August 10 and 11. Steve noted that there are 10 to 12 youths registered and that they have room for more youths.

ART COMMITTEE: On behalf of Committee Chairman Joel Bock, who was unable to attend the Meeting, Reed Johnson presented a report. It was noted that no prints had been sold since the June Meeting. Reed Johnson noted that the Committee is working on a process to better account for art auction print purchases and sales.

Following some discussion in regards to the Chapter art inventory it was noted that the Stamp/Print inventory that is included in the June 1991 Minutes was stated by Don Heckman as being the inventory to the best of his knowledge, and was the most recent Art Committee Report, having been presented at the January 1991 Board Meeting. Following further discussion on the matter, Chairman Baldrige noted that the Board wishes to have an up to date inventory of all art the Chapter owns, ie. Stamp/Prints, Conservation Prints, Auction Prints, and Originals. Chairman Baldrige asked that the Art Committee provide such an inventory report at the next Board Meeting.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Steve Miller noted that he would present his report at the Saturday portion of the Meeting.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Bill Drake noted that the turkey population looks good. No Spring harvest figures have ~~not~~ been released at this date.

Regarding research, Bill reported that Arnie Hayden is working on a population study with the WCO brood sightings and also a baiting site study; the Erie County survey will continue this Winter in the ongoing study of the open and closed hunting areas; the Game Lands 30 project is on hold until the shrubs are beyond the reach of the deer and the fences come down.

NWTF: NWTF Director Howard Meyers presented a copy of the Agenda from the most recent National Board Meeting. Howard reported the following:

- * National Building Fund debt is \$350,000.
- * He is on Convention Committee and Constitution Committee.
- * NWTF membership is 60,000.
- * Membership to be increased through Banquets.
- * NWTF working to bring all State and Local Chapters under 501-c(3) status, which will require new wording in the Constitution.
- * Goal has been set to obtain 1000 sponsor members.
- * 23 State Chapters have accepted the new Constitution.
- * Superfund Banquets will be called Superfund Membership Banquets.
- * All Chapters will be required to have a Superfund Membership Banquet.
- * 1992 NWTF Convention will be in Indianapolis, February 20 - 23.
- * He asked National for help in addressing the orange issue in Pennsylvania.
- * National obtained a full page ad, free (\$25,000 value) in Sports Afield.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Dan Sullivan reported that he had been in contact with Jim Filkosky of the PGC in regards to the safety and orange issue.

POWA COMMITTEE: Ron Sandrus reported that the Fall POWA meeting will be held in Monroeville in September. Also, Ron reported that he's working to establish a meeting with POWA and the State Chapter similar to the meeting we have with the PGC.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Norm Schlosser was unable to attend the Meeting. On behalf of Norm, Dan Sullivan presented the Committee Report, which in summary addressed the following:

- * Norm believes there will be a major move in the State Legislature to combine the Game and Fish Commissions and attach their budgets to the General Fund.
- * Wetlands, Ridge Bill, H.R. 1330 is still being worked on.
- * If Board so desires, Norm will draft a Resolution regarding the orange issue.
- * Regarding the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Coalition, it was noted that our dues for 1991 (\$100) are due. Also, Norm asked that the Board give him authority to cast a favorable vote to admit the Unified Sportsmen to the Coalition (note, no action taken).
- * Need to support H.B. 1129, the Bowley Bill.

CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE: No Report.

1992 CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Skip Sanderson reported that the Committee is working on the Convention, which will be held March 13 and 14 at the York Holiday Inn. Skip noted that Bill Laird needs help with the Sportsman Raffle and needs donations and prizes for the Raffle. Note: Individuals and Local Chapters with donations and prizes for the Sportsman Raffle should bring them to the January Board Meeting.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS COMMITTEE: Skip Sanderson reported that he has items at the Meeting.

PAPER SUPPLIES COMMITTEE: No report.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Alan Emlet was unable to attend the Meeting. Alan did express his wish to have the Chapter appoint another Committee Chairman as he finds it impossible to continue as Chairman.

SUPERFUND COMMITTEE: Committee will meet after the Meeting is recessed and will report at the Saturday portion of the Meeting.

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS: The following Chapters presented a report:

- * Local #1
- * Allegheny Mountain
- * James E. Wilhelm Memorial
- * Susquehanna
- * Michaux-Yellow Breeches
- * Mason Dixon
- * Allegheny Sultans
- * Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers
- * Fort Armstrong
- * Schuylkill Longbeards
- * Lakeland Longbeards

LOCAL CHAPTER COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Ron Sandrus noted that he would present a report on Saturday.

Meeting recessed at 11:25 P.M. for Committee work.

The Meeting was reconvened at 8:10 A.M. on Saturday, August 3, 1991.

Chairman Baldrige welcomed everyone and introduced special guest Dennis Fredericks, the most recent Commissioner appointed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

SUPERFUND COMMITTEE:

HABITAT: Committee Chairman Joe Krug reported that the Committee is reviewing two projects, one proposed by the Waipiti Roost Chapter involving a barberry planting, the second proposal being the gated road study that Jerry Wunz suggested.

Regarding the gated road study, Joe reported on some of the discussion that the Committee had held. Joe read a letter from Ron Brenneman which explained some concerns that Ron Brenneman and Dr. James Earl Kennamer have about the proposed study. While noting the importance of a good study on the effect of gated roads on turkey populations, Brenneman's letter noted that he and Dr. Kennamer do not feel that the study, as proposed, will provide statistically sound data. Further, the letter noted, that from a liability standpoint National felt that the study could place the Organization in an employer/employee position. Based on these concerns, Brenneman noted in his letter that National will not approve funding of this proposal.

In his letter, Ron Brenneman urged the Chapter to consider proposing the study for as a Grant in Aid Project. Discussion was held on pursuing the project through Grant in Aid.

In concluding his report, Joe reported on a pamphlet that he developed which explains how to successfully grow seedlings.

LAND ACQUISITION: Committee Chairman Tom Baldrige reported that there have been two proposals for land purchase. Both are presently being negotiated for lower purchase price by the PGC.

SAFETY: Committee Chairman Dan Roessner reported on two proposals before the Safety Committee, both requests from the Michaux - Yellow Breeches Local Chapter. The first proposal was for the purchase of a TV/VCR to be used at seminars, at a cost of \$953. The Safety Committee approved this proposal. The second proposal was for the purchase of 5000 laminated 8 1/2" x 11" reproductions of the Safety Billboard message that was used in the Harrisburg area in the Spring, cost to be \$533. The Committee approved this proposal. Both proposals will be forwarded to the State Chapter President and Bill Drake for their approval, then on to National.

Ron Sandrus updated the Board on progress towards formation of a support group for victims of turkey hunting accidents.

Additionally, Ron Sandrus noted:

- * The last of the holographs have been distributed.
- * The Committee developed a list of 12 questions pertaining to turkey hunting safety and sent these questions to Jim Filkosky of the PGC for possible inclusion on the Hunter/Trapper Safety Test.
- * The billboard safety message concept was well received by the Safety Task Force at the meeting held at NWTJ Headquarters.
- * H.B. 1129, the Bowley Bill, is in Committee.

Dan Roesner suggested that we should be documenting the safety clinics and seminars that are held, including the number of attendees (if not the attendee names). Dan also noted that the updated version of the NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic has been printed and is being distributed to instructors.

Dan Roessner informed the Board of an offer by Larry Smail to make available a special edition of the print he did for the Allegheny Sultans Fundraising Banquet to be used by Local Chapters for fundraising. It's hoped that the Local Chapters that utilize the prints will earmark the revenues for hunter safety. It's anticipated that the prints, which are from the proof run, will be available at the November Board Meeting.

Ron Sandrus reported to the Board on the **Safety Task Force Meeting** which was held in Edgefield, SC. Ron noted that in addition to himself, Dan Roessner and Tom Baldrige are serving on this Task Force. Also on the Task Force are Jim Filkosky and Roy Wagner of the PGC. Other Task Force members include a host of well known authorities in the field of turkey hunting, hunter safety, the medical field, etc.

Ron noted a number of issues which were addressed by the Task Force. The Task Force is working on a plan to address the hunter safety issue. It is expected that the Task Force's Plan will be finalized in November 1991.

Since the Task Force Meeting, Claibourne Darden has been in contact with Ron Sandrus and Dan Roessner and collectively they have developed a strategy to address the PGC proposed regulations. Ron reported that the strategy is:

1. Ask the PGC to postpone action on the proposed regulations until after the Safety Task Force develops an action plan. (Dan Roessner read a copy of a letter from Louis Yount to the PGC Commissioners which explained the work of the Task Force and asked that the PGC delay action on the proposed regulations.)
2. Have personal contact with the PGC Commissioners by State Chapter Officials to express the Chapter's commitment to safety and concerns about the proposed regulations.
3. Be prepared to work with Lawmakers in the event the PGC approves the new regulations as proposed.

To conclude the Safety Committee report, Dennis Fredericks, PGC Commissioner, provided an update on the proposed regulations now before the Commissioners.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Steve Miller presented a report on his activities since the June Board Meeting. Listed below is a summary of Steve's activities as well as some ideas he has for the Chapter:

- * Spent 4 days at NWF Headquarters in Edgefield for orientation.
- * Spent time in Edgefield as a member of the National Review Committee which worked on formulating guidelines for Superfund Projects.
- * Attended the Regional Directors Meeting in Edgefield.
- * Attended the State Chapter Presidents Meeting in Edgefield.
- * Ongoing work on a plan to have additional Fundraising Banquets in PA, the goal being for every Chapter to have a Banquet and to target areas with no Chapters, such as NC Pennsylvania.
- * Noted that Wisconsin has created a demand for Banquets, have a limited number of tickets for each Banquet and sell out.
- * Noted that membership must be included as part of Banquet.
- * Suggested that the Chapter conduct a Walk for Wildlife as a Fundraising project.
- * Noted that NWF Sponsor Member challenge of \$20,000 or 100 Sponsor Members per Region. To meet this challenge a Sponsor Member Banquet is being planned for the Fall. Also proposed that individuals may donate prizes for Banquets (example art prints) and proceeds from sale of item is applied to Sponsor fee for individual that donated prize.
- * Urged the Chapter to work to develop projects and proposals for Superfund \$.
- * Suggested that we consider spending Superfund \$ for improvements on private lands which are open to public hunting; require matching \$ from landowner.
- * Suggested that rather than ask merchants for prize donations ask to set up a counter display which includes a coin bank for donations, money from bank to be used to purchase items from merchant to use as prizes.

A motion to have the State Chapter organize a walk a thon to raise money for the Superfund was made by Rick Moroney, second by Don Heckman. Motion Passed.

Rick Moroney volunteered to Chair the project, Ron Barron and Eric Bowman volunteered to serve on the project. Tentative plan to conduct on National Hunting and Fishing Day 1992.

In closing his report, Steve Miller addressed a question from the floor in regards to what constitutes a chapter and what is procedure for becoming a chapter. Steve noted that chapters agree to follow rules of National and chapters will sign an agreement to that affect, ie. an affiliation agreement. All chapters will have a zip code assignment. Groups putting on a banquet will be considered chapters. All chapters will be required to have a Superfund Membership Banquet. Following much discussion on the matter Steve Miller noted that he expects there will be more direction from National in regards to this matter, which will clarify the issue, prior to the November Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: Tim Holtz reported sending the following correspondence on behalf of the Chapter:

- * Letter of thanks and reward check to an individual who reported an illegal turkey kill in Susquehanna County which resulted in a conviction.
- * Letter to John Plowman of the PGC stating the Chapter's support for H.B. 1129, the Bowley Bill, which would increase fines and penalties for individuals convicted of wrong doing in a hunting accident.

Tim Holtz reported that the Chapter had received the following correspondence.

- * Letter of resignation from Board Member Daniel Hess, dated July 14, 1991.
- * Letter of resignation from Board Member Steve Starner, dated July 25, 1991.
- * Letter of resignation from Board Member Joel Bock, dated July 28, 1991.

President Sandrus reported receiving the following correspondence:

- * Letter from Harry Miller of the PA Sportsmen for the Disabled thanking the Chapter for the donation sent and for membership.
- * Letter from Carl Brown thanking the Chapter for the \$1000 donation to the Building Fund which was made in name of Gary Tanner.
- * Letter from Gary West regarding the Browning Shotgun and the Mark Twain Noe print, both of which are available from National.

OLD BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman Baldrige reviewed the list of Board Members whose term expires at the 1992 Convention. Baldrige noted that he had received very little response to the letter sent by the Nominating Committee.

COMMITTEES, STANDING AND APPOINTED: President Sandrus noted that there was little response to the request that Board Members notify the Chapter President of their interest in serving on committees. President Sandrus noted that the Executive Committee will meet later in the day and will make Committee assignments. (NOTE, list of Committees and assignments attached to minutes)

AT&T CALLING CARD: Treasurer Don Heckman updated the Board on the use of the 15 calling cards the Chapter has been using on a 6 month trial basis. Don noted that the 6 month trial ends in September, therefore a decision must be made at this meeting as to whether to continue the program. Don further noted that AT&T is offering the Chapter an option of subscribing to Pro-Watts at end of the 6 month trial should we opt to continue the calling card program. The Pro-Watts option will result in considerable savings to the Chapter for calls made within PA.

A motion to renew the AT&T Calling Card program and include the Pro-Watts option was made by Rick Moroney, second by Eric Bowman. Motion passed.

PENNSYLVANIA SPORTSMEN FOR THE DISABLED: Reported earlier under correspondence

PGC JUNE MEETING: Reported earlier in meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Rick Moroney reported that work is continuing on this project, nothing new to report at this time.

CHAPTER ASSETS INVENTORY LISTING: Don Heckman provided the Chapter Secretary with several corrections that need to be made to the listing and suggested that the Chapter Secretary should review and update the listing twice a year. The Secretary agreed to review the list twice a year.

WCO TRAINING CLASS: Board Member Eric Bowman, a member of the current WCO Class, reported that everything was going well and further noted that the NWTF is frequently mentioned by class instructors.

SUPER FUND MONIES FOR TURKEY TALK SAFETY INSERT: Turkey Talk Editor Larry Smal noted that an application is being made to the Superfund Safety Committee for \$1300 to cover the cost of the 4 page safety insert that is being included in the Summer issue of Turkey Talk.

LAKELAND LONGBEARDS BELT BUCKLE: No report.

NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA FIELD DAY: Dan Roessner noted that the Field Day, held June 6, 1991 at Franklin, PA, was a success. Plans are being made for a 1992 Field Day.

ART INVENTORY: Art Committee member Reed Johnson provided an inventory list for 21 prints the Art Committee has for the Convention Art Auction. Reed noted that he would obtain from Art Committee Chairman Joel Bock an up to date listing of all prints and collectables that the Committee has.

A motion to have the Chapter present one of the Larry Smal prints to John Wood as a gesture of thanks for the use of his camp for the weekend was made by Dan Sullivan, second by Dan Roessner. Motion passed.

NWTF BOARD NOMINEE: Chairman Baldrige reported that there is no nominee from the Chapter for the NWTF Board of Directors.

BILL BOARD MESSAGE: Don Heckman noted that to have a bill board message put up the local representative for a bill board company must be contacted. In response to a question from the floor regarding Superfund monies for bill board messages, Chairman Baldrige noted that requests for funding should be directed to the Superfund Safety Committee.

LOCAL CHAPTER AWARDS CRITERIA: No report.

NWTF NATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE: President Sandrus noted that he is presently serving on this Committee at National, will report further at November meeting.

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: Chairman Baldrige reported that he has heard nothing from the Ohio Chapter regarding the meeting that was held recently. Noone from the PA Chapter attended the meeting.

501-(C)4: President Sandrus reported that the NWTF recommends that we apply to change our 501-(c)4 status to 501-(c)3 status. Treasurer Heckman will pursue, starting by contacting NWTF Staff.

PENNSYLVANIA SPORTSMEN'S COALITION: Dan Sullivan reported that Legislative Committee Chairman Norm Schlosser recommends that we renew our membership in the Coalition.

A motion to have the Chapter renew our membership in the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Coalition at a cost of \$100, was made by Dan Sullivan, second by Rick Moroney. Following discussion on the motion, Dan Sullivan rescinded the motion.

The matter was tabled until the November Meeting.

The Board requests that the Legislative Committee provide a report at the November Meeting in regards to what the Coalition is doing, who the members are, and if there are any organizations wishing to join the Coalition.

GUN RAFFLE: On behalf of Committee Chairman Lou Mamone, who was unable to attend the meeting, Howard Meyers reported briefly on the gun raffle. On behalf of Lou, Howard stressed the importance of returning ticket stubs and money to Lou Mamone ASAP.

PICNIC TABLE DONATION TO NWTF: Howard Meyers noted that several years ago Lou Mamone donated a picnic table to the NWTF, and at the same time, the Chapter agreed to purchase a pole swing from Lou Mamone at a cost of \$150, also to be donated to NWTF. The table and swing are still at Lou Mamone's. Arrangements need to be made to ship the materials to Edgefield. Estimated cost of shipping - \$200. It was also noted that the Chapter has not paid Lou Mamone the \$150 for the pole swing.

A motion to have Ron Sandrus contact Ward Trucking and solicit a donation in form of shipment of picnic table and pole swing to NWTF Headquarters, and if unable to obtain a donation, make arrangements to hire Ward Trucking to make shipment of table and swing, was made by Gary Beatty, second by John Szeferiski. Motion Passed.

STONE VALLEY LOCAL CHAPTER: A motion to have the Chapter send a \$100 start up check to the Stoney Valley Local Chapter was made by Don Heckman, second by Dan Roessner. Motion passed.

DIRECTION 1990: Don Heckman reminded the Board of a letter he sent to Board Members 1 1/2 years ago which urged the Chapter to develop a long range plan. Don urged the Board to begin work soon on a three year plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

PENNS WOODS: President Sandrus reported that Frank Piper has contacted the Chapter regarding a big beard contest which Penns Woods Products is setting up. Frank Piper has asked the Chapter to act as the third party which will draw the winner from a pool of all entrants. Rules for entry are a legally harvested bearded turkey. Consensus of the Board was that we would perform the drawing for Penns Woods, probably at the June Board Meeting.

L.A. DIXON CHAPTER AWARD: President Sandrus reported receiving correspondence from National in regards to the Award. President Sandrus further noted that we need someone to replace Alan Emlet as Chairman of the Portfolio Committee.

STATE CHAPTER BUSINESS CARDS: President Sandrus reported that he had had a supply of State Chapter President's business cards printed.

STATE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING: President Sandrus noted that a number of items from the meeting which was held in Edgefield, SC on July 30, 1991 have been addressed earlier in the day. Of further interest to the Board, NWT's Director of Marketing Gary West informed attendees at the Chapter Presidents Meeting that there will be some new items available for banquets.

LOU HOFFMAN, PENNSYLVANIA SPORTSMAN MAGAZINE: President Sandrus reported that Lou Hoffman, Publisher of the Pennsylvania Sportsman, had contacted him asking for the Chapter's position on the proposed PGC turkey hunting regulations. The President read a copy of the written statement that he sent to Lou Hoffman. The statement noted that based solely on member surveys which were conducted in 1988 and in January-February 1991, the Chapter: opposes the mandatory wearing of fluorescent orange for turkey hunting; supports a shotgun only Fall turkey season; supports a maximum shot size of #4 lead and #2 steel. The statement further noted that the Chapter believes that implementing a required turkey hunting stamp/permit along with mandatory turkey hunting safety education is the most effective way to eliminate turkey hunting accidents.

Regarding inquiries from the press, interviews, radio appearances, etc., President Sandrus stated that any response should be put in writing to avoid being mis-quoted. The President further noted that any interview by the press of a Chapter Officer or Director should be cleared by the President.

ROGER LATHAM TURKEY SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE: In response to a question from the floor, the Chair noted that the Chapter did not yet have a nominee. Following a brief discussion, the Board requested that the Executive Committee select a nominee for the Award. The Executive Committee will report to the Board regarding the nominee at the November Meeting.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING MUSEUM OF AMERICA: Director Gary Beatty reported on a proposed Museum, which is to be located in Pennsylvania. Gary Beatty will attempt to gather more information and report back to the Board at the November Meeting.

PENNSYLVANIA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION: Gary Beatty reported that the Pa Trappers Association would like to have the Chapter put on a turkey hunting seminar at their 1992 Annual Meeting, which will be in Butler County. Board will consider at future meeting.

INFORMATION ON THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PGC WCO TRAINING CLASS: Eric Bowman suggested that we put together an information packet on the NWT/State Chapter for the current WCO Training Class. Rick Moroney volunteered to put the information packet together. If proper arrangements can be made with the PGC, the packets will be presented to the 26 WCO Trainees on October 10 or 11, during the Fall PGC Commissioners Meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

COMMITTEES: Dan Roessner suggested that the Organization look to Local Chapters for individuals interested to serve on Committees. In addition to providing needed help to present Committee/Board Members, this would serve as a means to introduce new blood into the State Chapter.

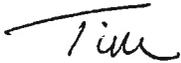
HABITAT BROCHURE: Rick Moroney expressed concern that we did not up-date the Habitat Brochure at the time we had more copies printed. It was noted that before printing additional copies the brochure should be reviewed and up-dated.

In appreciation to John Wood for the use of his camp for the Meeting, the Chapter and Larry Smail presented John Wood with #1 of 100 in the Conservation Series Print by artist Larry Smail.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Roessner, second by Gary Beatty. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy D. Holtz, Secretary
Pennsylvania Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 23 1991
PENNSYLVANIA & OHIO CAMP
CLEARFIELD, PA

The November 1991 Board of Directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by Chairman of the Board Tom Baldrige at 8:00 P.M., Friday November 22, 1991.

Chairman Baldrige welcomed all to the P & O Camp. It was noted that a quorum was present and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Sandrus noted the following activities on behalf of the Chapter since the August Board meeting: participated at the youth weekend at Three Valleys Sportsman's Club, assisted in the PGC turkey survey, attended a POWA meeting and a POWA Conference, met with Carl Brown of NWTF in Pittsburgh regarding possible selection of Pittsburgh for 1994 NWTF Convention, met with PGC Commissioner George Miller, attending the PGC Fall meeting held in Harrisburg, and attended a Safety Committee meeting at Dan Roessner's camp.

In addition to the above activities, it was further noted that President Sandrus attended one Fund Raising Banquet, conducted 11 Hunter Trapper Safety classes, conducted 2 safety programs/seminars, and attended a Hunter Education Instructors Banquet.

In closing, President Sandrus thanked Don Heckman for once again housing Chapter Officers during the PGC meeting in Harrisburg.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Second VP Krug reported that he had conducted a habitat seminar (tree pruning and grafting, etc) for the PGC in Bedford County.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the August 1991 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes of the August 1991 Board meeting as presented was made by Rick Moroney, second by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Heckman presented the Chapter's Balance Sheet and Operating Statement. The Balance Sheet noted assets of \$19,396.17 consisting of \$2,926.16 checking account, \$4,575.61 savings account, and

an inventory of \$11,894.40 (fair market value). Fund equity was reported to be \$19,396.17.

The operating statement reported income for period 7/15/91 to 10/31/91 of \$16,813.53 and a year to date income as of 10/31/91 of \$37,582.91. Expenses were reported as \$22,423.02 for the period 7/15/91 to 10/31/91. Year to date expenses as of 10/31/91 were reported as \$44,955.89.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Steve Lecorchick, second by Max Dewing. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report. President Sandrus reported that Crist Newcomer had tendered his resignation as Membership Secretary. It was noted that Crist Newcomer will continue as a member of the Board.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Chairman Baldrige reported that the bulk of the time he devoted to Chapter business since the August meeting was directed towards the safety/flourescent orange issue. Chairman Baldrige also reported that he had taught 6 Hunter Trapper Safety courses in the Fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART COMMITTEE: Chairman Reed Johnson reported that he and Mike Mikolajczyk obtained the Art Committee inventory from Joel Bock. It was noted that several of the prints had experienced some damage and two of the Feaser prints are not suitable for use.

It was noted that the Art Committee provided the Board with an inventaray list. For the record, it's noted that a copy of this inventory will be maintained with the Chapter copy of the permanent record of this meeting.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Chairman Lecorchick reported that the youth weekend held in August was successful with 13 youths attending. Lecorchick and Committee member Krug urged Local Chapters to send youths from their area to a youth weekend.

TURKEY TALK COMMITTEE: Chairman Snail and Committee member Sullivan were unable to attend the meeting. On behalf of Dan Sullivan, Dan Roessner presented the Committee report. It was reported that the Fall issue of Turkey Talk was mailed prior to turkey season. Additionally, it was noted that the Chapter general fund was reimbursed \$1300 from the Super Fund for the safety insert contained in the Summer issue of Turkey Talk.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Dan Roessner presented a report on behalf of Chairman Sullivan. It was reported that Dan Sullivan and Dan Roessner met with PGC Commissioner Wolz in early October to discuss the flourescent orange issue. It was also reported that Dan Sullivan has received requests from a number of individuals and outdoor writers for information on the Safety Task Force and the Chapter's position on the flourescent orange issue. The Committee also reported that a good line of communication has been maintained with Bruce Whitman and the PGC Headquarters.

MAILING COMMITTEE: On behalf of Dan Sullivan, Dan Roessner reported that the most recent mailing of Convention material went well. It was noted that Culver Dunkleberger, Don Heckman, and Skip Sanderson have done a good job of keeping Dan Sullivan informed of of Convention matters which has helped the mailing process. Dan Sullivan also requested that the Board consider making the Mailing Committee a standing committee.

NWTF: Regional Director Miller reported that a number a successful Super Fund Banquets were held in the Fall. It was reported that Fall 1991 Banquets generated 1265 members as compared to 486 members for the same time period in 1990. Fall 1991 Banquets resulted in a 101% increase in revenues and a 32% increase in net/net revenues over those of Fall 1990. As of 11/7/91, \$246,867 has been deposited in the Pennsylvania Super Fund and \$191,966 has been spent on Super Fund projects.

As a follow up to discussion held at the August Board meeting, RD Miller reported on what constitutes a Chapter. New Banquet Committees are being organized as Chapters. RD Miller recently sent a new affiliation application to all the active Chapters.

CONSERVANCY: President Sandrus reported on behalf on Chairman Bill Barron who was unable to attend the meeting, noting that Barron had received some correspondence from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Don Heckman reported on a plaque which was erected at the Boyer Tract. (The Boyer Tract is a 1956 acre parcel which the PGC purchased with the help of Super Fund \$)

NWTF: NWTF Director Meyers reported on the Fall Board meeting held in St. Louis the previous weekend. Meyers reported that overall the organization has had a good year. Membership growth has been a little slower than hoped. PA membership growth has been stagnant. Banquets have been going good.

Meyers reported that the Constitution Committee is working with an attorney in Washington DC regarding the incorporation of all Chapters under the NWTF 501-C status.

Meyers noted that Pennsylvania is still being considered as a National Convention site for 1994. The PA Chapter needs to show committment to the Convention if Pennsylvania is to be selected.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Skip Sanderson made a motion that the Chapter purchase hats and mugs for sale at the Convention. Second by Gary Beatty. Motion passed.

1992 CONVENTION: Chairman Sanderson reported that the Committee is making good progress on the Convention.

Steve Miller reported that the Convention Banquet will be a substantial fundraiser.

On behalf of the Lakeland Longbeards, Gary Beatty presented the Convention Committee with an art print to use for the art auction.

MASTERS CALLING CONTEST: Chairman Lecorchick reported that the Committee is searching for a sponsor for the Masters. It was noted that \$4000 is needed for the Masters. Steve Miller will assist the Committee in this endeavor.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Chairman Strawbridge reported that he has adequate supplies and that materials are available from him at the meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman Baldrige reported that he has been receiving ballots for the election of Board members.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report from Committee. President Sandrus noted that we need an active Chairman for this Committee.

H.B. 1129 - Bowley Bill, Don Heckman reported that the Bill has apparently received a favorable vote to move out of Committee for presentation on the Floor.

PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE: No report.

GUN RAFFLE COMMITTEE: Howard Meyers reported on the 1991 Fall Gun Raffle. It was reported that the raffle did not operate as smoothly as in past. The raffle accounting as of 11/14/91 indicated that 833 tickets were sold for an income of \$17,660. Expenses for the raffle were \$9,313.15. It was further noted that five of the winning numbers were for tickets which were not sold, so the Chapter retains ownership of five guns.

Rick Moroney made a motion that the five guns retained by the Chapter be used for the 1992 Convention. Second by Don Heckman. Motion passed.

MEETING SITE: Chairman Szeferiski reported that the January meeting has not been finalized, but anticipates that date and site will be set soon. Chapter Secretary will be notified when meeting is finalized.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: NWT Technical Committee member Bill Drake updated the Board on the Erie County census and discussions held by game managers on seasons for Zone 1.

Meeting recessed 11:55 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:25 P.M. Saturday, November 23, 1991.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: Rick Moroney reported with regret that the the Chapter Portfolio was not submitted in time to reach Edgefield by the November 15 deadline. It was noted that in past years the Portfolio deadline was December 15. Rick Moroney will submit Local Chapter names to National in hopes of picking up points for Fund Raising Banquets which were held.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Chairman Moroney reported that he received a letter from Carl Brown, dated August 8, regarding the Constitution and By-Laws. Brown's letter noted that the National Committee has made one change to the By-Laws, that being the number of signatures required to nominate a candidate for Director. Previously five signatures were required for nomination, fifteen signatures are now required. Brown's letter also noted that the National Committee feels that

Pennsylvania may slightly modify and adopt the National Constitution and By-Laws. It was further noted that the National Committee is of the opinion that the new Constitution and By-Laws will work for all States as evidenced by the fact that 24 states have adopted and are using them.

Moroney also reported that he received a letter from Carl Brown, dated August 29, 1991, which noted that the National Committee feels that it is not in the best interest of the Chapter to have a quorum that is less than 50% of the Board (present quorum per PA By-Laws is 1/3).

Moroney noted that other changes which may be incorporated into the Pennsylvania Constitution and By-Laws are: Board comprised of 24 members rather than 18 as in National; Chairman of Board would be an elected position.

In closing, Moroney noted that National is encouraging Pennsylvania to adopt a Constitution and By-Laws which enables the Chapter to function as Pennsylvania deems best.

POWA COMMITTEE: Ron Sandrus reported that he represented the Chapter at the September 13 & 14 POWA meeting in Monroeville PA. Sandrus reported that he met with newly elected POWA President Mike Simmons and discussed the possibility of the PA Chapter having a meeting with the POWA.

SUPER FUND COMMITTEE:

HABITAT: Chairman Krug reported that the Committee presently has no new proposals before it. Two proposals were processed, one from the Lakeland Longbeards and one from the Wapiti Roost, both of which have been forwarded to National for approval.

Regarding the Wunz gated road study which was discussed at the August meeting, Krug reported that that he discussed with Jerry Wunz the possibility of obtaining Grant in Aid funds for this study. It was noted that such a study would take a number of years to complete. The Board held a discussion as to whether the Chapter should continue to pursue this project.

LAND ACQUISITION: Committee Chairman Baldrige reported that the new PGC Director of the Bureau of Land Management is Greg Grabowicz. Baldrige noted that he will contact Grabowicz in the near future to inform him of the Chapter's interest in pursuing land acquisitions.

Steve Miller suggested that the Chapter endeavor to have PGC staff familiarize the Committee with PGC land acquisition and habitat improvement priorities.

SAFETY: Committee Chairman Roessner reported the following:

- * Committee contacted PGC regarding the proposed changes in turkey hunting regulations prior to the October PGC meeting. Proposed changes were not adopted but very well could be reconsidered at the PGC January meeting.
- * Per Jim Filkosky of the PGC, Fall turkey hunting accident numbers to date 11/21/91 - 28 accidents, 1 fatal.
- * NWIF Safety Task Force report is out.

- * Chapter Safety Committee met at Roessner's camp on October 18 & 19 to chart a course of action to follow up on commitments that the Chapter made at the October PGC meeting.
- * Committee sent a news release to about 90 POWA members prior to hunting season. News release addressed turkey hunting safety.
- * Committee is continuing to work with the NRA to put together a turkey hunting safety program. Earl Hower of the NRA reviewed for the Board a number of turkey hunting safety items that the NRA is working on in cooperation with the Chapter Safety Committee.

Ron Sandrus reported the following safety related information:

- * Received a telephone call from Jim Filkosky, PGC, for Pete Duncan regarding interest of PGC to meet with the Chapter prior to the January PGC meeting. Prior to any such meeting, the Chapter wishes to determine the agenda.
- * Suggested that the Chapter order more holographs. Following Board discussion it was decided that Local Chapters should order the holographs if they wish to have them.
- * Work is continuing on formation of a support group for turkey hunting accident victims.
- * The 12 turkey hunting related questions which the Committee submitted to the PGC for possible inclusion in the Hunter/Trapper Safety exam are being reviewed by the PGC. No changes in the exam will be made until the issue of fluorescent orange requirements is resolved.
- * NWTf Safety Task Force plan is developed and will be implemented. Need funding to carry out the plan. National would like \$25,000 from PA Super Fund to help carry out plan. The Safety Committee approved funding the \$25,000 and will process the Super Fund green form to forward to National.

OLD BUSINESS:

PICNIC TABLE AND SWING: Howard Meyers will report in January.

MEETING SITE: January meeting not set per Friday evening discussion.

FRANK PIPER BIG BEARD CONTEST: Penns Woods Products is working on details of contest and will inform Board at future date.

ROGER LATHAM AWARD: Dan Roessner reported to the Board that the application and related materials were sent to National.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING MUSEUM: Gary Beatty informed the Board of plans for the museum and noted that the museum may be looking to the Chapter for funding.

1992 BUDGET: Treasurer Heckman presented a draft form of the 1992 budget, which is comprised of \$42,000 income and \$46,010 expenses. Heckman noted the need to have a balanced budget and asked for Board input prior to the January meeting so that we may adopt a balanced budget.

PA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION: Gary Beatty reported that no plans have been made for the Chapter to present a seminar at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the PTA.

LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERS ON PA CHAPTER COMMITTEES: Chairman Baldrige reported that after review of the Chapter By-Laws it was determined that Local Chapter members may serve on State Chapter Committees upon approval of the State Chapter Board.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Progressing on schedule. Will report in January.

AT&T PRO WATTS CALLING CARD: Don Heckman reported that the program has been renewed for a two year period.

NWTF NATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE: President Sandrus reported on information he received from Ron Brenneman regarding changes in the Super Fund. The State Super Fund will receive 56% of the proceeds and the National Projects account will receive 24%.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chapter Secretary reported the following correspondence: Received letter of resignation from Membership Secretary Crist Newcomer, effective November 1, 1991.

Received letter from interested hunter regarding fluorescent orange. Reply sent to individual.

Letter sent on behalf of Chapter to Members of the House Fish and Game Committee asking for support of H.B. 1129, the Bowley Bill. Received one reply, from Representative Hanna of the 76th District.

Don Heckman reported that he received an acknowledgement from the American Heart Association for a donation which the Chapter made in memory of Paul Weikel, Deputy Executive Director of the PGC who recently passed away.

STATE CHAPTER ASSETS: Rick Moroney asked the Board of the location of the Chapter 1990 Portfolio.

STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEES: President Sandrus noted that each Board member received a copy of the list of committee members and asked that questions be directed to him following the meeting.

501-c(4): Treasurer Heckman reported that the Chapter will do nothing regarding this subject until National has had an opportunity to give direction.

PA SPORTSMENS COALITION: President Sandrus has not heard from Norm Schlosser on this matter. President Sandrus noted that he heard from James McKnight of the Coalition who informed Sandrus that the Coalition will be reorganized. President Sandrus also reported that he recently heard from Chip Brown, newly elected President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmens Clubs, who wishes to have a number of sportsmens organizations get together soon for an informal meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

SAFETY MAILING: President Sandrus informed the Board that \$2,529.27 has been transferred from the State Chapter Super Fund to the NWTF general fund as payment for the mailing that was made to PA Chapter members regarding the proposed turkey hunting regulations.

REWARDS: By letter to the Chapter Secretary, Dan Sullivan provided the Board with information for a reward for an illegal turkey kill. President Sandrus provided information received from PGC Land Manager David Brown on another illegal turkey kill. A \$100 reward check will be sent by the Chapter Secretary per information in each case.

CAMO PROGRAM: President Sandrus commended Rich Weaver, who was in attendance, for his efforts in addressing the fluorescent orange issue through his CAMO program.

A motion to have the Chapter donate \$200 to the CAMO program/Rich Weaver was made by Dan Roessner. Second by John Szeferksi. Motion passed.

LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING: Don Heckman suggested that the Chapter hold a Local Chapter Presidents Meeting at the January Board meeting. Steve Miller suggested that we encourage Local Chapters to send a representative to the January and June meetings.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Chairman Baldrige noted that the Membership Secretary position is vacant. Discussion was held concerning the need for a Membership Secretary with the concensus being that the Board will check with National to determine what support they can provide to fulfill the Membership Secretary duties. Steve Miller requested a copy of the duties of the Membership Secretary as developed by Don Heckman during his tenure as Membership Secretary.

SEASON AND BAG LIMIT MEETING, PGC: President Sandrus informed the Board that he has asked Dan Roessner to check with Jim Filkosky regarding the Chapter having an opportunity to provide input at the meeting.

Steve Miller led a discussion regarding PGC studies and data as they relate to turkey hunter densities and population management, stressing the importance of having sound data upon which to base decisions.

Rick Moroney emphasized that we need to reinforce our stand on the closed season in Zone 1 at the Season and Bag Limits Meeting.

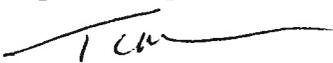
LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS: The following Chapters presented reports to the Board:

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| * Allegheny Mountain | * Schuylkill Longbeards |
| * Michaux Yellow Breeches | * Lakeland Longbeards |
| * Mon Yough Boss Gobblers | * Allegheny Sultans |
| * Endless Mountain | * Susquehanna |

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Rick Moroney reminded everyone of the importance of voting in the National and State Elections.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Szeferskie. Second by Rick Moroney. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


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Pennsylvania Chapter, NWTF

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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To: Officers, Directors, Local Chapter Presidents, and Technical Committee Members

From: Tim Holtz, Secretary 

Enclosed for your review please find a copy of the Minutes from the November 1991 State Chapter Board of Directors Meeting and a copy of the proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors will be January 10 and 11, 1992 at Skip Sanderson's Third Heaven Camp in Honey Grove, PA. Map and directions on reverse of this meeting notice. The Meeting will begin Friday, January 10 at 7:30 P.M.

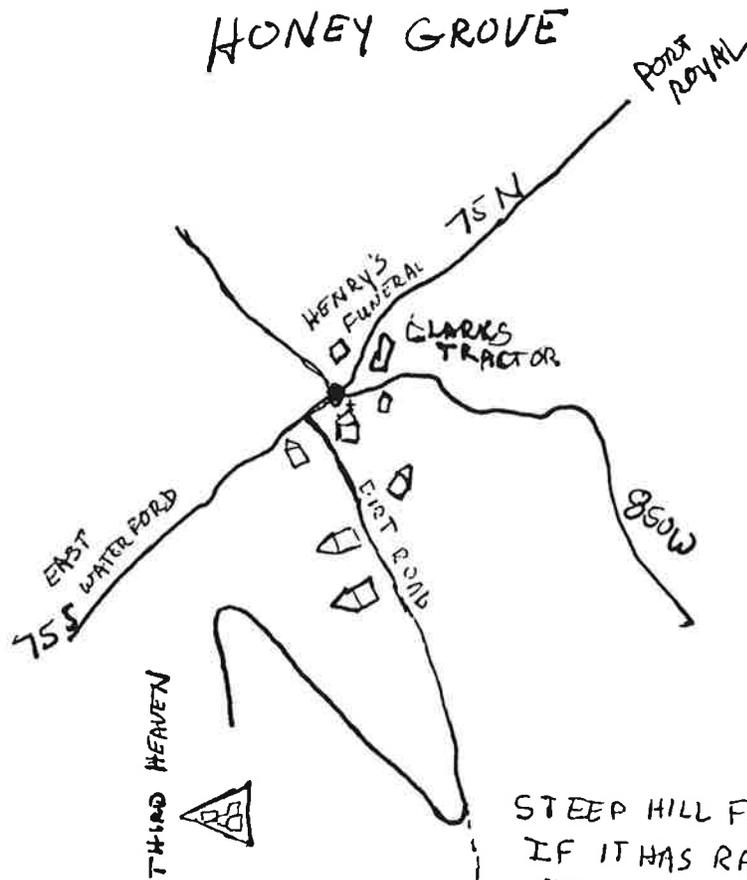
I look forward to seeing each of you at the January Meeting. Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

Directions to Skip Sanderson's camp:

From the Southwest - take turnpike East to Willow Hill exit; then RT 75 North approx. 25 miles. Go through East Waterford to Honey Grove, approx. 3 miles; turn right at church.

From RT 322 - use Port Royal exit; RT 75 South approx. 14 miles to Honey Grove. Approx. 100 yards past intersection with RT 850 turn left at church.

From the East - I-81 to Wertzville exit / RT 114; RT 114 to RT 944; RT 944 thru Shermansdale to RT 850; RT 850 West to Honey Grove; at Honey Grove, intersection with RT 75 turn left; at church, turn left.



CAMP PHONE (717) 734-3692

SKIP'S HOME PHONE (717) 428-3624

STEEP HILL FROM HERE UP.
IF IT HAS RAINED OR SNOWED
EVEN A LITTLE YOU WILL NEED
4X4 FROM HERE. PLEASE DON'T
TRY THE HILL WITH 2 WHEEL OR
FRONT WHEEL DRIVE CALL CAMP PHONE
NUMBER FROM EAST WATERFORD, KISTLER, OR
PORT ROYAL SOMEONE WILL MEET YOU AT
THE CHURCH

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE III OFFICERS, Section 1 - TITLES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The officers of the Chapter shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors (who shall be, if available, the immediate past President of the Chapter), a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers, if any, as the Board of Directors may elect when deemed necessary and proper. All officers must be members of the NWTf during their full term of office.

AMENDED TO READ: The officers of the Chapter shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer...

PURPOSE: The Chairman of the Board will become an elected position rather than an appointed position by omitting from the Section the words: (who shall be, if available, the immediate past President of the Chapter),...

ARTICLE III OFFICERS, Section 2 - ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

A President and Vice President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The Secretary, Treasurer, or other officers, if any, shall have no maximum term specified, provided each officer is duly nominated and elected. No one person may hold more than one of these offices at any one time.

AMENDED TO READ: The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President and Vice President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms...

PURPOSE: To limit the Chairman of the Board to two (2) consecutive terms by adding to the Section the words: The Chairman of the Board of Directors.

BYLAWS: ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2 - NUMBER

The Board shall consist of fifteen (15) or more members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors. If it is necessary for the Chairman of the Board to receive an automatic appointment to the Board, as described in ARTICLE II, Section 5 of these Bylaws, the Board will consist of sixteen (16) or more members. Otherwise, the Board will consist of fifteen (15) or more members.

AMENDED TO READ: The Board shall have no fewer than nine (9) nor more than twenty-four (24) members. Within these parameters, the Board shall determine its own size. After the number of members on the Board has been initially established, any changes in this number can not go into effect until the next term of office.

PURPOSE: To establish the number of Board members by omitting the entire Section and rewording as stated in the Amendment.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 3 - QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS

All Directors shall be NWTf members. No salaried employee of the NWTf shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Chapter Board of Directors...

AMENDED TO READ: All Directors must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and must be members of the Chapter and the National Wild Turkey Federation during their entire term of office. No salaried employee of the NWTf...

PURPOSE: To establish a qualification of eighteen (18) years of age for all Directors by omitting from the Section the words: All Directors shall be NWTf members and rewording as stated within the Amendment.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 4 - ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Directors Elected by the General Membership: On or before August 1, each local chapter may submit, in writing and signed by a minimum of five (5) local chapter members, to the Chapter Nominating Committee, the name and resume of their candidate, outlining their background, qualifications, and contributions to the Chapter. Announcement of this procedure will be recorded in the March Minutes of each year.

AMENDED TO READ: Directors Elected by the General Membership: On or before August 1, each local chapter may submit, in writing and signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) local chapter members, to the Chapter Nominating Committee...

PURPOSE: To increase the number of required signatures for the nomination of directors by local chapters by omitting from the Section the words: five (5) and adding to the Section the words: fifteen (15).

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 5 - CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The immediate past president of the Chapter shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors and, if he or she is not currently a Director, is automatically appointed a Director for the time period he or she serves as Chairman of the Board. This automatic appointment is not to be counted as one of the Directors selected annually by the Nominating Committee as specified in Article II, Section 4 of these Bylaws. If the immediate past president of the Chapter is not available to become the Chairman of the Board, the Board of Directors shall elect, by a majority vote of the Directors present in person from nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee or by individual Directors, the Chairman of the Board.

AMENDED TO READ: The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected from members of the Board of Directors in the same manner as Chapter Officers and as specified in Article III Officers, Section 2 - Election and Term of Office of the Chapter Constitution.

PURPOSE: To establish an elected position for the Chairman of the Board rather than an appointment of that office by omitting the wording of Section 5 and rewording this Section as stated within the Amendment.

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 9 - QUORUM

At any meeting of the Board of Directors in which one-third (1/3) of the total number of Directors then in office is present in person shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business...

AMENDED TO READ: At any meeting of the Board of Directors in which one-half (1/2) of the total number of Directors then in office is present in person shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

PURPOSE: To increase the number of Directors needed to constitute a quorum by omitting from the Section the words: one-third (1/3) and adding to the Section the words: one-half (1/2);

ARTICLE IX LOCAL CHAPTERS, Section 1 - ORGANIZATION

Local Chapters shall be organized by the Chapter's Local Chapters Committee or by the National Wild Turkey Federation. AMENDED TO READ: Local Chapters shall be organized by the NWTf Regional Director. The Chapter will assist the NWTf Regional Director with organization of local chapters when deemed necessary.