



ATTENTION

BOARD MEMBERS

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Sam McCartney's Camp near Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

The regular State Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Glenn O. Hawbaker office at Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania.

***Pennsylvania State Chapter NWTF
Board of Directors Meeting
Ramada Inn, State College, PA
January 6, 2013***

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

Director's Absent: C. Chapman, D. Frantz (new board members).

NWTF Staff Present: W. Bingaman, T. Carroll, B. Eriksen, B. Faulkner, P. Ferrare, K. Giger, M. Herling, C. Mowry, L. Smith, R. Smith

Guests: Mary Jo Casalena, S. Hill, E. Just, M. Kittell, H. Meyers, V. Ross.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:44 a.m. by Chairman of the Board, Scott Wojton.

Scott welcomed the Board members, called the meeting to order and ran through the ground rules.

Joe Drolet made a motion to appoint Dwayne Horst as an Executive Officer. Skip Motts seconded and the motion passed.

Action Items:

Dennis Wade recorded the Action Items for the Board.

Action Items for January 6, 2013 meeting

1. Skip Motts: Send letter to National Board for meeting minutes
2. Trina and Joe Drolet: Add an e-mail address to PGC ad to request more membership information
3. Emily (Bureau of Forestry/ DCNR): Submit article for Turkey Talk
4. All BOD: Brainstorm ideas for the Save the Habitat Save the Hunt program



5. Bob Eriksen: Create a position statement letter for Skip to take to his PGC meeting to express our concerns in the declining number of turkey in the past six years
6. Skip Motts: Realign committees and establish a Save the Habitat Save the Hunt committee
7. Joe Drolet: E-mail Skip current committee assignments

Special Reports:

- Teresa Carroll spoke about the new Outreach Programs.
- Leslie Smith will be supporting the new Outreach Programs in addition to her existing WITO responsibilities.
- Vern Ross spoke about the PA Sportsmen's Advisory Committee. He also relayed that the new revenue split would be in place for 3 years and then be reevaluated.
- Vern also spoke against any age limits set on mentored youth.
- Scott Hill, who is in his first year as a national board member said that the new revenue split was effective 1/1/2013.
- Michele Kittell spoke about the Wildlife Leadership Academy for 14 – 17 year olds who are interested in outdoor learning programs. There is a \$500 cost for the academy although some scholarship money is available.
- Howard Meyers presented his request for PA NWTF support for a handicapped permit for selected public game areas. Details will be discussed under Old Business.

Finance Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

PA NWTF TREASURER'S REPORT

TO: PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NWTF
 FROM: JIM PANARO
 SUBJECT: REPORT FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012
 DATE: 1/6/13

Starting Balance	\$45,848.53	
Income	\$50,988.32	
Jakes Raffle		\$25,960
Chapter Membership Rebate		\$9,653
Rendezvous		\$6,750
Green Sheet Transfers (NASP, Seed, 2 PSA's, & habitat signage)		\$5,937



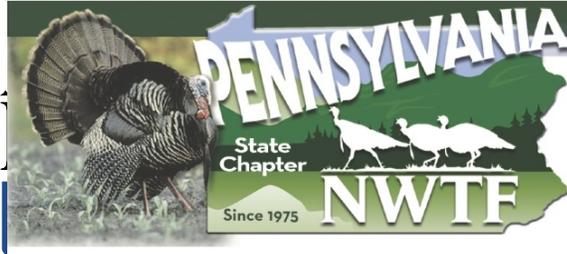
	Local Chapter Banquet Rebates	\$1,717
	Unused Regional Meeting Refund	\$ 750
Expenses	\$(17,049.68)	
	Turkey Talk Fall Issue	\$6,232
	Green Sheet Transfers (ESOS, 2 PSA's, NASP, hen study)	\$3,735
	DART repairs	\$1,291
	WITO State Event advertising	\$ 892
	Rendezvous Advertising	\$ 827
	Promo Item Inventory purchase	\$ 801
Ending Balance	\$79,787.17	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$33,938.64	

General Updates

FYTD 12-13 report is attached. No major discrepancies

Jakes Raffle income was \$25,960 versus budget of \$34,000. Lower Bucks accounted for 765 (59%) out of 1304 tickets sold statewide. There were 52% of tickets sold and luckily only 16 out of 40 guns (40%) were won. Very low participation with only 13 local chapters participated in the raffle.

- **A motion was made by Joe Drolet to accept the Treasurer's Report. Scott Letterman seconded and the motion carried.**



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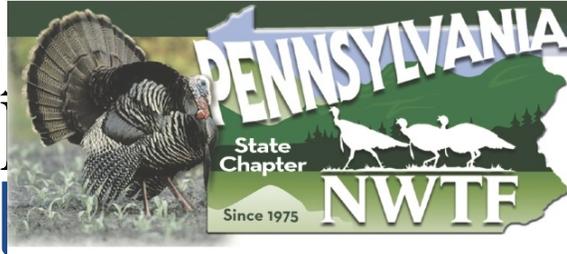
PA Chapter Budget Report:

Income:

Pennsylvania Chapter - National Wild Turkey Federation 2012-2013 Budget

	FY 12-13 Budget	FY 12-13 YTD	%	FY 11-12 Actuals	FY 10-11 Actuals	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals
Income:								
Chapter Administration								
Interest Checking	\$60	\$15	26%	\$66	\$63	\$106	\$139	\$97
Chapter President's Meeting	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$2,374	\$2,659	\$1,935	\$2,107
Regional Meetings	\$-	\$750		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Dave Burdge Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,360	\$-
Greg Caldwell Donations	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2,305	\$-
Donations	\$50	\$220	440%	\$-	\$663	\$98	\$1,025	\$-
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Membership Services								
Chapter Membership Rebates	\$9,500	\$9,653	102%	\$9,727	\$9,012	\$10,358	\$11,868	\$12,666
NWTF								
Local Chapter Banquet Rebates	\$6,000	\$1,717	29%	\$6,153	\$5,272	\$6,109	\$5,068	\$6,537
Women in the Outdoors	\$-	\$-		\$34	\$2,014	\$3,712	\$726	\$107
Art Committee								
30'th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$133
30'th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Rendezvous Patch & Pin Rebate	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Rendezvous/ Awards Banquet	\$25,000	\$6,750	27%	\$26,558	\$25,569	\$20,420	\$25,701	\$24,392
Promotional Items								
Promotional Items	\$1,100	\$112	10%	\$1,168	\$1,205	\$1,017	\$1,116	\$530
Fundraising								
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$34,000	\$25,960	76%	\$35,760	\$34,680	\$30,060	\$38,852	\$15,000
Upper Gun Raffle	\$12,000	\$76	1%	\$12,304	\$11,705	\$15,600	\$15,187	\$15,730
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Additional fundraiser	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$10,095	\$400
Chapter Miscellaneous								
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$-		\$90	\$10	\$65	\$17	\$2,060
Equipment Rental Fees	\$850	\$110	13%	\$540	\$800	\$820	\$560	\$-
Local Chapter Start-up Loans Returned	\$-	\$-	N/A	\$466	\$-	\$1,903	\$1,900	\$1,500
Turkey Talk Publications								
Turkey Talk Advertising	\$500	\$-		\$-	\$375	\$90	\$-	\$-
Total Income	\$89,160	\$45,363	51%	\$92,865	\$93,742	\$93,017	\$119,855	\$81,259

	FY 12-13 Budget	FY 12-13 YTD	FY 11-12 Actuals	FY 10-11 Actuals	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals
Starting Checking Account Balance	\$37,868	\$37,868	\$38,012	\$23,184	\$31,207	\$20,186	\$41,640
Plus Income	\$89,160	\$45,363	\$92,865	\$93,742	\$93,017	\$119,855	\$81,259
Gross Available Funds	\$127,028	\$83,232	\$130,877	\$116,926	\$124,224	\$140,041	\$122,899
Less Expenses	\$(99,210)	\$(14,230)	\$(84,881)	\$(87,830)	\$(91,015)	\$(114,036)	\$(105,284)
Green Sheet Transfers In	\$-	\$16,585	\$37,551	\$26,765	\$15,634	\$36,946	\$27,421
Green Sheet Transfers Out	\$(4,731)	\$(5,799)	\$(45,679)	\$(17,850)	\$(25,659)	\$(31,969)	\$(24,851)
Ending Checking Account Balance	\$23,087	\$79,787	\$37,868	\$38,012	\$23,184	\$30,982	\$20,186
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$(14,781)	\$41,919	\$(144)	\$14,828	\$(8,023)	\$10,796	\$(21,454)
Net Gain / (Loss) w/out green sheet transfers	\$(10,050)	\$31,133	\$7,985	\$5,912	\$2,002	\$5,819	\$(24,025)



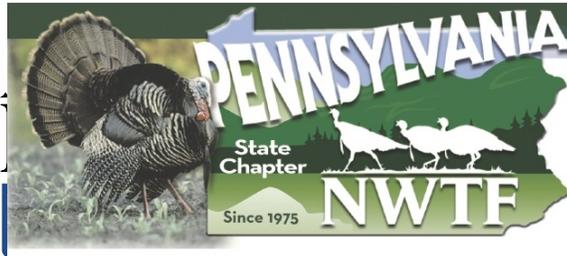
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Expenses:

Pennsylvania Chapter - National Wild Turkey Federation
2012-2013 Budget

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Expenses	FY 12-13 Budget	FY 12-13 YTD	%	FY 11-12 Actuals	FY 10-11 Actuals	FY 09-10 Actuals	FY 08-09 Actuals	FY 07-08 Actuals	5-year average
Chapter Administration									
Accounting	\$650	\$650	100%	\$650	\$640	\$630	\$630	\$600	\$630
Advertising	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Board Meetings	\$1,500	\$172	11%	\$902	\$1,345	\$1,562	\$2,391	\$1,809	\$1,602
Chapter Presidents Travel	\$500	\$-		\$-	\$245	\$231	\$1,360	\$1,737	\$714
Chapter Promotions- Fees	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Chapter Promotions- Shows	\$3,000	\$1,500	50%	\$-	\$-	\$1,025	\$-	\$-	\$205
Chapter Travel	\$600	\$-		\$156	\$160	\$305	\$37	\$1,243	\$380
Insurance - Board	\$1,500	\$-		\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,415
Legal Fees	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter President's Meeting	\$-	\$-		\$309	\$6,747	\$7,060	\$6,770	\$5,327	\$5,243
Regional Leadership Meetings	\$2,250	\$-		\$1,500	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$300
NWTF memberships	\$60	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
PaNWTF webpage	\$700	\$-		\$655	\$519	\$269	\$209	\$76	\$346
Postage	\$350	\$90	26%	\$115	\$369	\$293	\$567	\$380	\$345
Secretary Expense	\$200	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$118	\$24
Supplies	\$250	\$42	17%	\$105	\$174	\$76	\$360	\$503	\$244
Supporting Member Dues	\$1,700	\$-		\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,606	\$1,600	\$1,650	\$1,651
Telephone	\$200	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$455	\$387	\$247	\$218
WITO Volunteers	\$-	\$1,692	N/A	\$-	\$2,139	\$-	\$1,287	\$628	\$811
District Directors									
Postage	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Supplies	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$24	\$-	\$-	\$5
Lodging/Meals/Travel	\$1,000	\$329	33%	\$-	\$268	\$974	\$891	\$1,021	\$631
Telephone	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Public Relations Committee									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$50	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
PR Representative	\$300	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$225	\$300	\$300	\$165
Local Chapter Startup Loans									
Local Chapter Startup Loans	\$400	\$400	100%	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,200	\$240
Turkey Talk									
Editor's Fee	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2,400	\$4,800	\$1,440
Printing	\$12,500	\$3,025	24%	\$11,470	\$11,666	\$11,280	\$11,305	\$9,200	\$10,984
Postage	\$11,000	\$3,207	29%	\$11,840	\$10,049	\$10,642	\$12,250	\$15,012	\$11,959
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Legislative									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Legislative Programs/Travel	\$500	\$-		\$-	\$436	\$452	\$1,306	\$1,273	\$693
Promotion Items									
Inventory Purchase	\$1,000	\$801	80%	\$1,373	\$20	\$969	\$497	\$2,407	\$1,053
Sales Tax	\$100	\$-		\$65	\$99	\$11	\$13	\$6	\$39
Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$41	\$143	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$37
Sponsor Member Hunt									
Sponsor Member Hunt of a Lifetime	\$1,700	\$-		\$1,977	\$668	\$2,866	\$950	\$1,649	\$1,622
Art Committee									
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$289	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$58
30th Anniversary Print	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
30th Anniversary Boxcall	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Framing	\$200	\$-		\$163	\$465	\$390	\$725	\$-	\$349
Jakes / Youth									
Youth Committee Expenses	\$1,000	\$-		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,300
Committee Operating Expenses	\$100	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$118	\$1,065	\$237
Jakes Hunt of a Lifetime	\$500	\$-		\$506	\$506	\$440	\$475	\$600	\$505
Rendezvous									
Awards	\$2,500	\$-		\$2,428	\$2,692	\$2,238	\$2,395	\$3,219	\$2,594
Calling Contest	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$927	93%	\$846	\$1,144	\$104	\$852	\$1,256	\$840
Room Rental	\$300	\$-		\$-	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$212
Meals	\$6,500	\$-		\$5,654	\$5,407	\$5,692	\$7,267	\$6,750	\$6,154
Speaker Fees	\$1,000	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Core Package	\$10,000	\$-		\$9,988	\$8,665	\$8,895	\$8,502	\$6,722	\$8,555
Fund Raising									
Jakes Gun Raffle	\$20,000	\$103	1%	\$19,952	\$18,868	\$17,113	\$22,974	\$354	\$15,852
Upper Level Gun Raffle	\$9,400	\$-		\$9,370	\$8,864	\$10,614	\$8,583	\$9,374	\$9,361
Elk Expo	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Additional Fundraiser	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$9,800	\$-	\$1,960
Donations and Contributions									
NWTF Chapter Donations	\$500	\$-		\$50	\$250	\$-	\$-	\$1,006	\$261
Zimmerman Memorial Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,208	\$642
Dave Burdge Medical Fund	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$3,360	\$-	\$672
Other Operating Expenses									
DART System Expense	\$500	\$1,291	258%	\$271	\$535	\$1,681	\$542	\$473	\$701
Equipment Repairs	\$3,000	\$-		\$-	\$304	\$96	\$253	\$-	\$130
Chapter Miscellaneous	\$100	\$-		\$90	\$63	\$118	\$-	\$15,891	\$3,232
Total Expenses	\$99,210	\$14,230	14%	\$84,881	\$87,830	\$91,015	\$114,036	\$105,284	\$96,609



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Hunting Heritage Budget Report:

2012 Hunting Heritage Fund Budget

	Budget	YTD Actual 12/31/2012	Forecasted Remaining	YTD plus Forecast	Budget vs. Forecast
Starting Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:	\$278,333	\$272,962		\$272,962	\$(5,371)
per banquet					
\$2,327 Forecasted Income from 2012 Banquets: 86 Chapters	\$200,115	\$259,524 ⁸⁰	\$-	\$259,524	\$59,409
Income from 2012 Outreach Fund: 12/31/12	\$-	\$41,104	\$-	\$20,604	\$20,604
Net from 2012 Outreach Jakes Fund: 12/31/12	\$-	\$9,646	\$-	\$9,646	\$9,646
Donations from Outside Sources	\$-	\$4,210	\$-	\$4,210	\$4,210
Total Funds Available for Projects and Programs	\$478,448	\$587,446⁸⁰	\$-	\$566,946	\$88,498
2012 # 5-Star 2012 Expenses projected for: 86 Chapters					
60 Jakes Days \$500 each	\$(30,000)	\$(33,600) ⁷⁰	\$-	\$(33,600)	\$(3,600)
40 Scholarships \$250 each	\$(10,000)	\$(9,000) ³⁶	\$-	\$(9,000)	\$1,000
20 WITO Events \$250 each	\$(5,000)	\$(4,000) ¹⁷	\$-	\$(4,000)	\$1,000
50 School Boxes \$63 each	\$(3,150)	\$(2,372) ⁴⁰	\$-	\$(2,372)	\$778
8 Wheelin' Events \$250 each	\$(2,000)	\$(2,250) ⁶	\$-	\$(2,250)	\$(250)
1 PA Scholarship \$1,000 each	\$(1,000)	\$(1,000) ¹	\$-	\$(1,000)	\$-
1 State WITO Event \$800 each	\$(800)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$800
0 National WITO Event attendees (1x) \$300 each	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Local Chapter 5-Star Expenses:	\$(51,950)	\$(52,222)	\$-	\$(52,222)	\$(272)
PA Chapter Budgeted Program Expenses for 2012:					
Hen Mortality Study - Year #3	\$(8,000)	\$(7,967)	\$-	\$(7,967)	\$33
NWTF Biologist	\$(20,000)	\$(20,000)	\$-	\$(20,000)	\$-
WITO Coordinator	\$-	\$(15,000)	\$-	\$(15,000)	\$(15,000)
Chapter Membership Rebate	\$(10,000)	\$(9,653)	\$-	\$(9,653)	\$347
Northeast Regional Leadership Conference	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
One Team One Voice Support	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Seed Subsidy	\$(4,000)	\$(4,439)	\$-	\$(4,439)	\$(439)
Ned Smith Fund	\$(2,500)	\$(5,000)	\$-	\$(5,000)	\$(2,500)
Unallocated Contingency Reserve	\$(1,500)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,500
Local Chapter Fundraiser Rebate	\$(6,000)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$6,000
MSF Summer sighting	\$(1,400)	\$(805)	\$-	\$(805)	\$595
Conservation Seed	\$(250)	\$(12,958)	\$13,467	\$509	\$759
	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
PA Chapter Expenses:	\$(53,650)	\$(75,822)	\$13,467	\$(62,355)	\$(8,705)
Total Expenses:	\$(105,600)	\$(128,044)	\$13,467	\$(114,577)	\$(8,977)
Total Available for 2012 Super Fund Projects:	\$(172,733)	\$(168,658)	\$-	\$(168,658)	\$4,075
Allocation for 77 Habitat Projects 84%	\$(145,733)	\$(148,905)	\$-	\$(148,905)	\$(3,173)
Allocation for Safety & Education 9%	\$(15,000)	\$(9,753)	\$-	\$(9,753)	\$5,247
Allocation for Advertising & Membership Growth 1%	\$(2,000)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$2,000
Allocation for Land Acquisition 6%	\$(10,000)	\$(10,000)	\$-	\$(10,000)	\$-
Total 100%	\$(172,733)	\$(168,658)	\$-	\$(168,658)	\$4,075
Ending Balance in Hunting Heritage Superfund Reserve:	\$200,115	\$290,744	\$13,467	\$283,711	\$83,596



Officers' Reports:

President's Report:

PA NWTF Presidents Report

January, 2013

- Drafted a letter for local chapters concerning games of chance changes and reminded them all to get a games of chance license prior to their next event.
- Drafted a letter for local chapters with info on the upcoming 2013 rendezvous.
- Wrote article for PA Turkey Talk explaining the need for member involvement and the need for new BOD's to fill the vacant openings as requested by the board.
- Drafted a letter to local chapter presidents in reference to the State Chapter looking to fill the vacant BOD openings.
- Contacted Joe Neville about the 2013 PGC hunting digest ad. It is confirmed that if we keep the ad safety minded and do not promote memberships the ad will be no charge.
- Sent a email to all District Directors explaining the board's decision to no longer pay their expenses. I did not receive any replies with questions.
- Received and processed outreach requests from Oct-Dec.
- Attended local chapter meetings, Oct, Nov and Dec.

Vice- President's Report:

VP Report January 2013

Sam McCartney

Attended Local chapter meetings to prepare for upcoming banquet.

Involved in many discussions and emails regarding the new SV splits and course of action by the State Chapter special committee to address unanswered questions.

Conservation Seed Report:



Have collected all submitted forms and compiled a spreadsheet that is attached. The seed orders are extremely low and discussion is needed to make a decision on ordering. We did receive payment for all seed from 2012.

Habitat Committee:

Emailed Mary Jo to get a updated list of projects on 11/5. Received a email from Mary Jo dated 11/16 with the last updated list of projects. On that list there are 74 proposed projects requesting funding of \$147,958.11. I did receive correspondence from Carl Mowry that there were still chapters projects missing from the list.

Secretary's Report:

- Joe Drolet presented the prior meeting's minutes.
- **A motion was made by Skip Motts to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Sam McCartney seconded and the motion carried.**

Chairman's Report:

- No Report

Executive Officer Report– Tom Bunty: Exec Officer Report 6 January 2013

Several emails back and forth about Rendezvous, Nominations and ATV raffle.

Attend Mason Dixon Chapter Dec meeting

Talked with Walt about Fund raiser Sporting Clay shoot in Rossville

Tom Bunty

Executive Officer Report– Scott Letterman:

Executive Officers Report Board of Directors Meeting January, 2013

1. Attended NRA Firearm Instructors Training. October, 2012.
2. Presented a NRA Wild Turkey Hunter Clinic at AIM Youth Shooting Weekend located Showers Rod and Gun Club, New Columbia, Pa



3. Hunted with My nephew the weekend before he left for basic training with the United States Marine Corp.

Scott Letterman

Executive Officer Report– Scott Wojton:
Executive Officer Report January 2013
Submitted By: Scott Wojton

--Attended Local chapter and Outreach meetings throughout this fall.
--Communicated/Maintained/Forwarded Rendezvous Donor List for our raffles and auctions.
--Participated in WITO/Membership/Promotions/Communications Committees activities. Please reference those reports for details.

Assistant Secretary:

- **Joe Drolet made a motion to elect Dennis Wade as the Assistant Secretary. Katrina Skrapits seconded and the motion passed.**
- Dennis Will become a member of the Executive Committee with this election.
- Thanks Dennis

NWTF Reports

Phil Ferrare:
National Membership Numbers as of Dec 31.

Total 219,555
Adults: 164,889
Jakes: 54,666
Regular: 118,003
WITO: 19,601
Wheelin': 1,633
Life: 2,314
Sponsor: 23,338
Legacy Life Jakes: 28

Ray Smith:



- Scott Letterman will be the Leadership Conference Liaison

Carl Mowry:

- February 14 – 17 will be the National Convention

Walt Bingaman:

- Discussed the situation at ESOS

Leslie Smith:

- Leslie thanked the Board for her award.

**Women in the Outdoors Report
Leslie Smith
NWTF PA Women in the Outdoor Coordinator
January 2013**

3. One event was held in November for the Pocono Mountain Chapter at the Pocono Pistol Range. Thank you to the Chapter and the Volunteers. Ladies were instructed on Handguns and Archery.
4. 2013 is starting off with lots of activity. Currently, there are 14 events scheduled. There are two events that are currently pending for confirmation and dates. The goal is to add an additional 6 events to this year. I have met with several chapters over the last few months to confirm dates of events. We are also working on growing each event from last year.
5. I have traveled to Chapman State Park with Kristen Giger to confirm dates. The Chapman event is off and running.
6. The PA NWTF State WITO event is starting to receive registrations in the mail. We are in need of a few instructors for classes still.
7. I assisted with the Veterans Day Hunt that was held in Warren, PA.
8. I have begun meeting with Committees and Chapters. It is my goal to bring the local Chapters to work with the Outreach Committees for their events. I have been noticing a disconnect between the Chapters and the Outreach Committees. Bringing these two together will assist in making each event a success.



9. The PGC has reached out to us about handing out information to the Youths at the NASP event. I have requested 1000 brochures for Jakes/X treme Jakes to be handed out. There will be no room for us to set up the Jakes Take Aim Trailer at this year's event. The NASP tournament has expanded shooting lanes to fill the complete arena.
10. In December, traveled to Edgefield for the Winter Conference.
11. Attended Turkey Hunters Care event with Lykens Valley Chapter and the Walking Purchase Chapter.

Emily Just:

- Emily asked that we let her know about any forest habitat improvement opportunities
- Emily asked if she could solicit chapter participation in habitat work. (Yes)
- Scott Hill suggested that Emily write an article for Turkey Talk on work being done and chapter participation.

Bob Eriksen:

- Bob said that PA is the best state chapter because of the volunteers.
- "Save the Habitat/Save the Hunt" is an extension of what we currently do.
- Bob suggested we get some action items at a brainstorming session to further implement "Save the Habitat/Save the Hunt".

**Regional Biologist Report
Bob Eriksen, NWIF Regional Biologist
October 1, 2012-December 31, 2012**

Meetings and Presentations

12. Presented a power point on NWTF activities in the northeast region for a re-organization meeting of the Lower Delaware Chapter in Greenwood, DE
13. Lectured on wild turkey ecology and management to a wildlife ecology class at Stockton College in New Jersey
14. Met with officials representing the Union County (PA) Sportsmen's Club regarding the club hosting a fund-raising event next summer
15. Attended and facilitated the annual WMU 5A Task Force meeting at Michaux State Forest in Pennsylvania
16. Spoke with PA Representative David Maloney of Berks County on the subject of wild turkey management and harvest strategies
17. Assisted New Jersey biologists with developing methods of determining the age of wild turkeys by collecting legs at checking stations
18. Attended the annual New Jersey Chapter Board of Directors dinner
19. Attended NWTF Winter Planning Conference in Edgefield, South Carolina



20. Met with the forest supervisor at Allegheny National Forest to discuss the future of the cooperative biologist position there

Special Projects

- Provided information on gobbling rates, nest initiation dates and incubation and hatch dates to South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- Continued work on the Bobbs Fork Stewardship Agreement on Allegheny National Forest
- Provided information on wild turkey population monitoring techniques to officials from New Brunswick, Canada
- Prepared, received and delivered three sign orders for habitat enhancement projects on state lands in Pennsylvania
- Prepared an invoice for a major donation from Chesapeake Energy to the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund
- Participated in GIS and GPS training with all northeast region NWTF conservation staff
- Began working with an orchard manager in Lehigh County to develop rodent bait stations for the orchard
- Continued work on the American Chestnut Foundation tree planting grant
- Worked with PA NRCS personnel to arrange for Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-winged Warbler Initiative training workshops in Bedford and Milesburg
- Provided information on current wild turkey management needs to a free lance writer preparing an article for "Turkey Country"
- Spoke with a reporter from California concerning wild turkeys in suburban neighborhoods
- Worked on a Veterans Day Pheasant Hunt event in Warren, PA
- Began planning for the annual Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Session at the NWTF Convention and Sport Show
- Conducted a site visit on the Atlantic County Game Preserve property to provide habitat management suggestions to members
- Provided information on wildlife damage in vineyards to researchers at Ohio State University
- Provided information on wild turkey molting patterns affecting the shape of tails for "Ask Dr. Tom" in "Turkey Country"
- Ordered Conservation Seed for the New Jersey Chapter
- Transported two rocket net boxes from Pennsylvania to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation
- Prepared Seed Subsidy requests for Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey Chapters

Golden-winged Warbler Initiative

- Attended and participated in training and field site visits on golden-winged warbler habitat management held in Bedford and Milesburg, PA
- Participated in numerous conference calls and email strings regarding golden-winged warbler initiative work requirements
- Conducted site visits to seven properties in Lycoming and Monroe Counties, PA evaluating potential for GWWA work in preparation for developing plans for the properties
- Reviewed resumes for individuals applying for project biologist positions to work on this initiative in PA, WV and VA



Supervisory Responsibilities

- Participated in numerous conference calls providing updates on projects in the region and discussing major initiatives for FY 2013
- Invoiced USFS for cooperative biologist position on Allegheny National Forest
- Invoiced New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game for final phase of the shared position there

Writing Projects

- Prepared articles on a major donation from Chesapeake Energy to the PA Chapter for the Pennsylvania Chapter newsletter and on The Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-winged Warbler Initiative for the winter issue of "Pennsylvania Turkey Talk", "Maryland Turkey Droppings" and for the New Jersey Chapter newsletter
- Prepared a press release concerning the Chesapeake Energy donation to the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund
- Completed the final report for the American Chestnut Foundation Tree Planting Grant and submitted the report and an invoice for payment

Hunting Heritage Super Fund and Outreach Fund Activity

- Processed 13 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter, 1 for the New Brunswick Chapter, 1 for the Nova Scotia Chapter and 5 for the New Jersey Chapter
- Processed 2 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Provided information to 23 individuals on wild turkey nesting, gobbling activity, wild turkey behavior, hybridization, natural history, habitat requirements and hunting

Mary Jo Casalena:

NWTF Technical Committee Representatives' Report - PA Chapter NWTF

Board of Directors Meeting, January 6, 2013

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

Harvest Management

The number of fall turkey season harvest report cards received is still being tallied by our Data Resources Division. The approximate number of harvest reports is 9% above the number received by the same time last year, but 36% below the previous 10-year average for number reported by the same time period, which demonstrates that fall turkey harvests have been trending down. Hunters now have 3 ways to report their turkey and deer harvests: mail in the postage-paid postcard located in the Hunting/Trapping Digest, report on-line, or call the toll-free phone system.

Now that the Game Commission conducts a spring gobbler hunter survey annually in June, final spring harvest results are available prior to the deadline for season recommendations in early autumn. The final 2012 spring wild turkey harvest, including second harvests from the special turkey license, was 35,392, which was similar to 2011 (35,465), but 12% below the previous 3-year average (40,317) and



13% below the previous 10-year average (40,790). Spring and fall harvests from 2006 to present, by Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), are provided in Table 1.

Wild Turkey Summer Sightings & Reproduction, 2012

Turkey summer sighting results, as determined from Wildlife Conservation Officer surveys, were 17% below the previous 3-year average and 23% below the previous 10-year average. Overall poult production was similar to last year, but decreased from the previous 4-year average. The declining productivity in Pennsylvania may be indicative of density-dependent effects on reproduction, especially in some WMUs and is a topic the Northeast Upland Gamebird Technical Committee is addressing.

PRELIMINARY Fall 2012 Turkey Hunting-Related Shooting Incidents

Currently, no fall turkey hunting incident reports for 2012 have been submitted. Reports for spring and fall will be finalized by April 2013.

SB 274 – Tag Transfer Legislation

Beginning with the 2012 fall turkey season mentored youth are now permitted to harvest a wild turkey by the mentor transferring their own fall turkey tag to the mentored youth. This regulation is consistent with the Wild Turkey Management Plan, strategy 4.3; annually assess and explore opportunities for continued development of the turkey hunting aspect of the youth mentored hunting program in Pennsylvania. The harvest is unlikely to significantly affect the fall harvest and the current hen turkey harvest and survival rate study. Harvests are being monitored via harvest reporting and the annual fall turkey hunter survey, both of which include a section to check if the harvest was by a mentored youth. Additionally, we are initiating an annual mentored youth hunter survey to more closely monitor harvests and participation.

Wild Turkey Season Recommendations, Fall 2013 & Spring 2014

The Bureau of Wildlife Management is proposing no changes to the fall 2013 season except for the 7 WMUs within the hen turkey survival and harvest rate study. In accordance with the cross-over study design, to determine the effect of season length on hen harvest rates, we are proposing the fall season in Study Area 1 (WMUs 2C, 2E, 4A, 4B and 4D) be increased to 3 weeks (from 2 weeks), while simultaneously decreasing to 2 weeks (from 3 weeks) the fall seasons in Study Area 2 (WMU 2F and 2G). These season changes are to remain in place for 2 years (2013-2014) for the duration of the study, to provide adequate sample size for analyses. We propose maintaining the 3-day Thanksgiving holiday season; i.e., Thanksgiving Day, Friday and Saturday for the duration of the study to adequately assess the harvest from this additional season. Our proposal includes maintaining the 3-day fall season in WMU 5A for the fourth consecutive year to adequately assess the trend in spring productivity with the 3-day fall season. We continue to monitor harvest and population trends to determine if this season can be maintained or expanded in the future. We also propose continuation of season closures in WMUs 5B, 5C and 5D because harvest and population trend data show that, although portions of these WMUs have healthy turkey populations, at the WMU level these units cannot support fall seasons. The Bureau of Wildlife Management is proposing no changes to the 2014 spring season regulations. An all-day youth season is not being recommended at this point due to potential negative biological impacts, in compliance with the Wild Turkey Management Plan. The youth season occurs at least one week before the majority of turkey hens have initiated nest incubation and, therefore, the majority of hens are still prone to nest abandonment and accidental harvest. With approximately 4,200-5,800 participants plus at



least that many adults assisting the youth, an all-day season has strong potential for increased hen disturbance, particularly to incubating hens that typically remain on their nests during morning hours then leave their nests to feed in the afternoon. These hens in their early stage of nest incubation are most prone to nest abandonment.

Hen Turkey Survival and Harvest Rate Study

This study's main objective is to determine if and how season length affects hen harvest rate. The objective is accomplished via maintaining a 2-week fall turkey hunting season in SA1 and 3-week fall turkey hunting season in SA2 for two years (2011 & 2012), then flip-flopping seasons between Study Areas for two additional years (2013 and 2014) such that SA1 will have a 3-week season and SA2 will have a 2-week season. The study began in 2010, but because the 2010 fall turkey season structure was vastly different than the current season, the study was extended an additional year to 2014 to facilitate the cross-over design.

Late summer turkey trapping concluded October 26. Agency personnel trapped and leg-banded 55 hens (29 in SA1, 26 in SA2), 15 of which also received backpack style satellite transmitters (11 in SA1, 4 in SA2). We accomplished only 37% of our trapping goal because of poor trapping weather (heat/rain), and the early drop of acorns. To date we leg banded 1,174 female wild turkeys (649 in SA1, 525 in SA2), 195 of which also were equipped with backpack style satellite transmitters (110 in SA1, 85 in SA2).

There are currently 32 transmitters active as of 31 December (18 in SA1, 14 in SA2). Some hens in SA2, the northern area, began moving back to wintering areas close to last winter's trapping locations. Some of this movement seemed prompted by hunter activity during rifle bear and deer seasons. One hen that moved during rifle bear season has since moved back. From mid-October through 31 December we recovered 9 transmitters; 6 in Study Area 1 (2 avian predation, 1 mammalian predation, 1 to be recovered, 1 equipment failure – bird may still be alive and 1 censored - died during the acclimation period after trapping) and 3 transmitters in Study Area 2 (1 legal harvest but not reported, 1 illegal harvest and 1 unknown cause). The equipment failure was from a transmitter deployed over one year ago, prior to the redesign of harness attachments; this type of transmitter loss has stopped now with the improved harness design.

Winter trapping runs from mid-January to mid-March when we will leg band 155 wild turkey hens in each Study Area. Approximately 28 also will be fitted with backpack style satellite transmitters to determine survival rate from winter to fall turkey hunting season. Please report flocks of female wild turkeys within the two Study Areas to Mary Jo Casalena, Bob Eriksen or your local Wildlife Conservation Officer.

Final results from the fall turkey season were 12 leg banded females reported harvested. This was a decrease from 24 leg-banded hens reported in 2011, and similar to the 11 females reported in 2010. In 2012, 3 were reported harvested from SA1 with the shorter turkey season (10 last year and 7 in 2010), and 9 from SA2 with the longer turkey season (13 last year and 4 in 2010). In 2012 during the first season segment before Thanksgiving 3 were harvested in SA1 (9 last year) and 5 were harvested in SA2 (12 last year). During the second season segment (Thanksgiving weekend) none were harvested in SA1 (1 last year) and 4 were harvested in SA2 (1 last year); one was harvested with a shotgun on Friday after Thanksgiving and 3 with rifles on Saturday after Thanksgiving. We did not ask hunters if they were scouting for deer. Harvest rate and survival data are being analyzed. Interestingly, of the 16 hunters reporting this season (including 3 males reported and one hen found dead) 8 were aware of the study as opposed to only 2 of 23 hunters reporting last year. Thus far hunters have not targeted leg banded turkeys. The break down between public and private land was 8 harvested on private land (3 in



SA1 and 5 in SA2) and 4 on public land (all in SA2). In 2011 harvests were more evenly distributed between public and private lands: 13 hens were harvested on public land (6 in SA1, 7 in SA2); 11 were harvested on private land (4 in SA1, 6 in SA2, 1 unknown).

To help determine fall turkey hunter participation, recruitment, and satisfaction with the fall turkey hunting season structure, the BWM in conjunction with the BI&E is again mailing a fall turkey hunter survey to 10,000 general hunting license holders, similar to the previous two years. Survey data will be analyzed and reported prior to the April Board of Commissioners meeting. The survey, which can be completed online or via written response and returned via US postal service, will sample a cross-section of the hunting population. We plan to conduct the survey each fall during the hen study.

Northeast Wild Turkey Population Model

This model is being used in conjunction with the creation of a Structured Decision Making (SDM) process to develop a formal framework for decision making regarding fall wild turkey hunting seasons. We are collaborating with the New York Department of Conservation (NYDEC) to develop a regional approach that may be used by other northeastern states. The process began with a 3-day workshop this fall with staff from PGC, the NYDEC, the Pennsylvania & New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units, and the Human Dimensions Research Unit at Cornell where we developed a rapid prototype framing of a draft decision model, which also identified and improved inputs into the wild turkey model.

NYDEC also has recently initiated a hen wild turkey harvest rate study, similar to ours, with results to be used in the SDM. Last month we attended a training session at the NYDEC to discuss different aspects of our study and demonstrate satellite transmitter attachment for their biologists.

Update on Implementation Schedule of Turkey Management Plan for Pennsylvania, 2006-2015

The plan's tables and figures were updated with current data and will be posted on the turkey webpage as time permits during the winter trapping season.

The sixth year's implementation of the 10-year wild turkey management plan continues to progress successfully. Five strategies are completed (Appendix 1); spring season fluorescent orange requirements were rescinded, the two-bird spring bag limit was determined to have no effect on the turkey age structure, the tri-state gobbler study was completed, a Successful Turkey Hunting course was created and the annual gobbler hunter survey was initiated. Of the remaining 42, 32 strategies (76%) are in progress, 24 of which are ongoing and on schedule. Of the other 8 that are in progress 3 are on schedule, but 5 strategies are behind schedule due to lack of available time. For the 10 strategies that are not in progress, 2 are postponed until full implementation of the PALS system, 3 are to begin in the future, 1 was postponed until we can evaluate the effects of the all-day season and 4 are postponed due to personnel time commitments and low priorities. Partnerships (monetary and personnel) become more important each year to assist with accomplishing the plan on schedule and we appreciate the support from PANWTF and NWTF. This Plan provides an important guide for programmatic annual budgets.

Committee Reports

Art – K. Fernburg/J. Montgomery:

- No Report

Awards – T. Bunty/D. Horst: Awards Report 6 Jan 2013



We did the Awards meeting after Exec. Board meeting in October.
Coordinated Awards with Putt, Carl, Ray..
Got HOF& Appreciation Frames and created Certificates.
Passed info to Putt for WCO and LMO Awards.

Scholarship Meeting will be same day as Habitat---

Tom Bunty

By-Laws – R. Johnson/J. Straley:
By-Laws Committee Report

1/6/2013

By Laws Committee Report :

No changes or additions where noted in the last year ending 12/31/2012 .

Reed Johnson, Chairman

Conservation Seed – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- No Report

Dart – T. Bunty/J. Drolet:
Dart Report 6 January 2013

Two Replacement Lasers were received after several phone calls. Both guns are repaired and tested on the East system. So all seven guns are functioning.

Both systems are currently in storage in my garage, guns in my house.
I'm going to swap East with West since the new Projector bulb in East has a shadow and the East gets used harder. I'll replace all the batteries in the guns going with the East unit as preventive measure before ESOS or first event.

Several events are currently on the 2013 schedule.

Tom Bunty

DCNR/PA Wilds – R. Johnson/R. Wagner:

- No Report

Drilling Reclamation – D. Butler/B. Eriksen:

- No Report



Habitat – S. McCartney/R. Johnson:

- The annual habitat meeting will be on 2/10/2013 at Hawbaker's.

Internet – S. Letterman/J. Drolet

- Joe Drolet was asked to move all the old state website files so they can no longer be accessed via the web. (Not deleted).

**Internet/Website Committee Report
Board of Directors Meeting
January, 2013**

1. Hunting Safety Message was uploaded to the website.
2. The two most current issues of Turkey Talk uploaded under the quick links section.
3. The Success and Safety tri-fold is under quick links also.
4. Requests for the NWTF License plates are still coming in. Usually about 3 to 4 a month.

Scott Letterman

Jakes – K. Fernburg/B. Schwalm:

- No Report

Jakes Trailer – R. Wagner

- No Report

Liaison – J. Montgomery/S. Letterman:

- Jay Montgomery presented a new, updated Chapter Directory

Land Acquisition – D. Heckman/J. Nelson:

- No Report

Legislative – B. Schwalm/J. Nelson:

- No Report

**Membership – S. Wojton/D. Horst:
Membership Committee Report—January 2013
Submitted By: Scott Wojton**



--Several conversations/emails regarding ESOS in February. I followed up with Phil Ferrare & Doug Saunders regarding Edgefield's financial commitment to ESOS. It was confirmed and \$1,500 was sent directly to ESOS. The funds were available thru the Potterfield Foundation/Fund. Walt Bingaman and I were to converse regarding additional details for the show. Walt and I will connect this weekend to get this done. We need confirmation on additional signage from Edgefield at our booth as well as the 500 \$25 Bass Pro cards as the incentive for membership at the show. We also need to have a schedule available for those on the board and area chapter members that would like to assist. Jerry Nelson had a schedule from last year and I assume this year's schedule will be similar.

--I'm glad that our Advertising/Branding Campaign in the PA Outdoor News has a membership component to it. Placing the membership information in the PGC Digest should be discussed as it has produced memberships in the past and is specifically targeted to the audience we are trying to reach.....hunters.

**Nominating – D. Butler /T. Bunty:
Nominations Report 6 Jan 2013**

Elections for 1/3 of board members will be at Annual Meeting, We have 4 positions open for different term ending years. Walt may have a nominee for board.

Up for Re-Election are:

Tom Bunty
Joe Drolet
Sam McCartney
Trina Skrapits
Scott Wojton

Elections for 3 Exec. Officers will be just after opening of Regular Jan. Board meeting.

Tom Bunty

Outreach Gun Raffle:

- Sam McCartney will replace Ken Fernburg as Chairman

PFSC – B. Schwalm/R. Johnson:

- Mentored Youth age limits is not supported by the PFSC (or the PA NWTF).

**Promotion – S. Wojton /S. Letterman:
Promotion Committee Report—January 2013
Submitted By: Scott Wojton**



--T-shirts, long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts were designed, screen printed and will be made available for sale at the Rendezvous. They look great and appear to be better quality than the shirts we had made last year. We hope they will sell as well as the shirts did last year. 80% of the Promotional Budget was spent for the shirts and it is anticipated that we will cover the expense and make a profit.

--Currently, we do not have an update on the status of the window sticker/decals. We hope to have more information soon.

--I will also have all the remaining promotional items available for sale at the Rendezvous as well. There is some pewter items left as well as a number of license plates and patches.

PR/Adv/Comm – K. Skrapits /S. Wojton:

PR/Advertising/Communication Committee Report January 2013
Submitted by Katrina Skrapits

Advertising/Branding Campaign in PA Outdoor News

Designed and reserved 2 ads with PA Outdoor News to promote our state chapter and our goals as stated in our Strategic Plan/Mission Statement.

-January 4th Edition –Hunting Heritage Banquets

-February 1st Edition – PA State Chapter's March WITO Event

A 2013 schedule is being planned to continue our branding and building membership.

Eastern Sports Show Feb 2013

Our 75,000 pieces are designed, printed and cut....ready to hand out at the Harrisburg show. I will bring them to the Rendezvous for the lucky person to take to them to the show. 16 boxes.

We will need some commitment from the BOD to assist during the show as traffic at the booth will be much higher than in the past. See Jerry or Woj for sign up sheet.

Walt/Woj/Jerry will give updated from National participation at our meeting.

Positively Identify Your Target SPRING Flyer



I updated our current "Identify your Target" message with the SPRING Hunting dates and areas on the back. This flyer is available on PANWTF.ORG to download.

Hunters Digest Ad for PGC

Contact was made to the PGC to run our previous Safety Message in the 2013-2014 Digest at no charge. Question was brought up to pay for the ad so we can add our membership form. This will need to be discussed at our board meeting and a decision needs to be made so the ad can be re designed and sent to the printer by the deadline in March.

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

- Spring Articles are due by 3/8/2013
- All articles should be sent to Jason Straley, not Katrina Skrapits

Rendezvous – S. McCartney:

- The final financial results of the 2013 banquet will be given at the March meeting

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

- There were budget cuts in 2013 for the Safety & Ed budget
- S & E budget update will be provided at board meetings

Strategic Plan – T. Bunty/D. Butler: Strategic Planning Report 6 Jan 2013

Nothing to report

Tom Bunty

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

- The gun order needs to be placed

Wheelin' Sportsmen – S. Letterman/R. Wagner: Wheelin Sportsman Committee Report Board of Directors Meeting January, 2013

1. December, 2012. Attended a meeting with local Veterans Administration about assisting with a sportsman program for wounded veterans in Northern Central PA. This is just in the brainstorming stages, but will become a great program. More to come!!!



Scott Letterman

**Wild Turkey Management – D. Horst/J. Panaro:
Wild Turkey Management
January 2013
Hen Study**

2 Study Areas: consist of groups of similar Wildlife Management Units (WMUs)

Study Area 1 - WMUs 2C, 2E, 4A, 4B & 4D; Units that have shown to be sensitive to long fall seasons.

Study Area 2 - WMUs 2F & 2G; Units that traditionally have had long seasons, but have lower population densities (turkeys per mi.²) than the state average.

Study Length:

4 fall hunting seasons (2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014).

Fieldwork began January 2010 (trapping birds Jan-Mar and Aug-Oct) and monitoring of birds will continue through the November 2014 hunting season.

Objective 1: Estimate female wild turkey harvest rates.

Leg Bands - In each Study Area 230 wild hen turkeys each year are trapped using rocket nets and fitted with leg bands that specify a \$100 reward if reported. Leg bands also are stamped with a toll-free number to report the band number. A toll-free number results in greater reporting rates by hunters (compared to a mailing address) and is an effective means of collecting harvest information and paying rewards.

Objective 2: Fall Hunter Surveys

After each fall turkey season a survey is mailed to 10,000 Pennsylvania hunters with a postage-paid return envelope. Only a few questions are asked to ensure at least a 70% return rate. Questions include hunting participation, success and satisfaction for the early and late segments of the fall hunting season as well as reasons why they did or didn't hunt to determine hunter recruitment and youth participation.

Objective 3: Determine How Season Length Affects Harvest Rates

We'll change season lengths in each Study Area after 2 years (2013) to determine how this affects female harvest rates. With actual data regarding hen harvest rates, hunter participation and satisfaction we can more effectively set future fall turkey hunting seasons.

Procedures:

Turkey License

The number of fall turkey hunters was estimated to be 144,734 in 2011, according to the Game Take Survey. The 88,667 number was an unofficial approximation of number of hunters



pursuing turkeys in fall AND spring. (~88,667 hunt both seasons, ~56,000 hunt fall only and ~133,000 hunt spring only = ~277,000 overall turkey hunters

PGC Mary Jo

A 10 year WTM plan needs to be drafted by 2014

Turkey Season

No changes to the (2013) proposed season

Propose to expand youth to a (2) All day season ((need sunday hunting))

WTM Accomplishment

Fall Tag sharing for Mentored Youth

WITO – K. Skrapits/S. Wojton:

Women in the Outdoors Committee Report January 2013

Submitted by Katrina Skrapits

2013 PA State Chapter's Women in the Outdoors Event

March 15-17 at Frank T. Soles YMCA Camp in Rockwood, Somerset County.

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS:

Do you know of a qualified instructor for any of these classes below??

Let Leslie or myself know ASAP

FIRST AID – Need Instructor!

OUTDOOR SURVIVAL - Need Instructor!

SELF PROTECTION – Need Instructor!

OUTDOOR COOKING – Pending, but may need a back up

The WITO postcard went out in the mail the end of November with success. The mailer directs the ladies to the PANWTF website where they can download the registration form. We are receiving registrations at this time...BUT we still need to find committed instructors for the above classes. PLEASE HELP US

EVENT RAFFLE TICKETS:

Leslie and I need help selling our Event Raffle Tickets. I will have these at the board meeting. Take as many as you can sell.

REGISTRATION FLYERS:

Available this weekend. Also will be published in this issue of Turkey Talk.



DONATIONS:

Cash donations, donations for our raffles, we need a turkey call for each participant for our Turkey Hunting class, ear protection, eye protection, targets, etc.

WE NEED YOUR HELP in any way, shape or form. From circulating the flyers, selling raffle tickets, getting donations, setting up, taking down. The success of this event relies not on just Leslie and myself...this is a STATE CHAPTER OUTREACH function just like our State Banquet, Leadership Workshops, Outreach Gun Raffles, etc.
For the record, only 3 board members offered help.

Our Outreach Programs are the direction we need to go to strengthen our mission and goals. What better way is there to give back to the resource than sharing our passion?

YHEC – B. Schwalm/ S. Letterman:

- No Report

Communications

- Nothing to report

Old Business

- Howard Meyers presented details about the handicapped hunter access permit he is requesting
 - DCNR has a permit with application procedure for mobility devices.
 - **Reed Johnson made a motion that the State Chapter support a handicapped hunter access permit on designated game land roads. Jim Panaro seconded and the motion passed.**

New Business

- There is a policy at Edgefield of a 60-day limit on gun winners picking up guns. After 60 days the guns go to Edgefield with a chapter credit.
- Yamaha has offered a “Grizzly” to the PA State Chapter for \$1500. Proceed from the sales of the vehicle will go directly to the PA State Chapter. It is hoped that a joint local/state raffle can be conducted between 10/2013 and 12/2013 at a Yamaha dealership. Raffle Tickets will need to be printed.
- **Scott Wojton made a motion to do a raffle for the “Grizzly” via the Michaux Yellow Beeches SGOC License. Jim Panaro seconded and the motion passed.**
- Reed Johnson brought up a question of local chapter by-laws. He will investigate and report back to the board.
- **Scott Wojton made a motion that the State Chapter cover 50 people @ \$150/each for the One Team/One Voice conference. Dennis Wade seconded and the motion passed.**
- There was a discussion about forming a special committee for “Save the Habitat/Save the Hunt”.



For the Good of the Order

- Nothing to report.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Drolet
PA State Chapter Secretary