

PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

Penn State University

June 1, 1975

Officers Present:

President--David Wanless
Vice President--Frank Piper
Sec/Treasurer--Robert Clark

1:35 p.m. President Wanless called Meeting to order.

A delay of almost one half-hour was caused by an electrical problem within the building.

1:40 Minutes of prior meeting read by secretary and were approved as read. Motion to accept by Dr. Lindzey, 2nd by Ron Hudsick.

2:00 President Wanless called the general business meeting to order and presented the Constitution of the organization for adoption.

The Constitution was modeled after the National Wild Turkey Federation sample and was approved section by section as it was presented.

Two amendments were made to the Constitution:

Article IV--MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The federation membership shall consist of any one who files application for membership in the State Federation.

Article VI--ELECTIONS

Section 1: All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting to be held during the month of April of each year. Written notice of the candidates and of the meeting date must be sent in writing to each member thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election and Annual Meeting.

Article VIII--VANCANCIES

Section 1: AS IS

Section 2: Any office below that of the President shall be filled in the event of vacancy be a simple majority vote of the membership voting on **nominees** presented to the President by any chapter member after a call for nominees is sent out by the President by mail thirty (30) days prior to the special election date.

Article XIII--AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1:

This constitution can be amended by 2/3 of the membership present providing that written notice of the Amendment or Amendments is presented to each member thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting called for that purpose.

A motion to approve the Constitution of The Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was made by Don Heckman, of Mechanicsburg and seconded by Bud Erich of Weedville.

Motion carried by unanimous vote as presented by President Wanless.

(See copy of Constitution in complete form attached to these minutes.

2:34 p.m. Secretary/Treasurer Robert V. Clark presented a proposal for a dues structure to the membership. He thanked the committee of Tom Dunkin, Rich Blair, Jim Mauger, Jim Wilhelm and David Wanless.

Individual---Membership dues proposed were \$3.00 for members of the National Wild Turkey Federation and \$5.00 per individual for non-members of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Motion to accept by Jim Wilhelm, 2nd by Tim Brady.

*The individual dues for members of NWTF and non-members of NWTF are designed to encourage everyone to become a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. The Membership feels strongly that we cannot afford to turn anyone down for membership that is concerned for the wild turkey of Pennsylvania.

Family---Membership was presented in the Amount of \$5.00 for members of NWTF and \$7.00 for non-members of NWTF.

Motion to accept by Bud Erich, 2nd by Don Heckman. Motion defeated. General feeling was that individuals will add more to the total membership than families who have more than two adults that want to join.

Corporate---Memberships recognizing that many industries related to the sport of turkey hunting and recreation aspects of the wild turkey were encouraged to support the chapter by a motion to have a \$25.00 membership for all industries, business and organized groups that want to donate to the organization. No limit was placed in this category, only a minimum of \$25.00.

Motion by Frank Piper, 2nd by Jim Wilhelm. Motion carried unanimous.

Membership for sportsmen clubs and other groups.

A motion by Mike Wells to have supporting membership of \$15.00 was made to cover other organized groups. Motion was 2nd by Don Heckmen.

Discussion on the motion. Question was raised as to the voting privileges of sportsmen groups, of individuals in the club claiming membership because of the club dues and that it would cause un-due problems.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Clark stated that he would take this area into consideration and would study the area for future discussion.

Voting privileges were accepted by the group as one (1) vote per dues paying individual or corporation.

3:10 p.m. Secretary/Treasurer Clark asked for a motion to approve the setting up of a checking account for the Pennsylvania Chapter to conduct business.

The motion by Jim Mauger and 2nd by Raymond Heisey was approved by unanimous vote.

3:15 p.m. President Wanless stated that the necessary papers and legal work would begin to incorporate the chapter. Legal help and reduced rates was requested.

PROGRAM:

Gerald Wuntz, Biologist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission gave a talk and slide program on the "Status of the Wild Turkey in Pennsylvania". He reviewed the past problems and current programs being conducted to help improve the habitat and over all welfare of Pennsylvania wild turkey population.

The program was very informative and President Wanless thanked Mr. Wuntz for his contribution.

Meeting was adjourned to the Wild Turkey Research Pens for a look at the research program.

4:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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APRIL 6, 1975

MINUTES--ORGANIZATION MEETING

A organization meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter, The National Wild Turkey Federation was held Sunday, April 6, 1975, at 1:00 p.m. in the J. Orvis Keller Building Auditorium, Penn State University Campus, State College.

Present were: J.S. Lindzey, Glenn L. Bowers, Roger Latham, and Tom Rodgers, Executive Director, National Wild Turkey Federation, and approximately 300 others.

The meeting was called to order by J.S. Lindzey at 1:00 p.m. with a general remarks being given by Dr. Lindzey regarding the formation of a Pennsylvania Chapter.

Glenn L. Bowers, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission, presented welcoming remarks to over 300 individuals in attendance. His concern for the wild turkey and for cooperation between hunters, conservationists, and Game Commission personnel was expressed in his support of this new organization of sports-persons. He closed with offering the full cooperation of the Game Commission to protect and improve the turkey population of Pennsylvania. He cited several examples of changes in other states regarding the harvest of turkeys and warned of increasing hunting pressure on the turkey and habitat limitations.

Roger Latham was introduced to the group and discussed organizational needs in forming a statewide chapter by making comparisons to the Pennsylvania Grouse Association. He compared some of the needs of various hunters regarding timber harvest and food requirements of both grouse and turkeys. An ardent turkey hunter himself, Latham discussed the pressures on hunting, hunters, and management needs of tomorrow. His concern for the future of hunting was expressed and discussed pertaining to current trends against hunting, guns, etc. He concluded by offering his support in getting The Pennsylvania Chapter organized and operable.

The first session of the meeting concluded with remarks by Tom Rodgers, Executive Director, National Wild Turkey Federation. Mr. Rodgers stated that the majority of members and support of the National Organization were concerned with the cutting practices in the Southern States, but noted that Pennsylvania did not appear to have any real problems with the forest industry and large clear-cutting was not taking place in Pennsylvania. He further discussed the importance of Pennsylvania Turkey hunters as well as people that care about the wild turkey. His concern was for the non-hunting public that enjoys the values of the wild turkey and people that support the National Organization as members. He concluded by recommending the organization of a Pennsylvania Chapter and offering his support, as well as that of the National Headquarters.

2:30 p.m.--The program noted a possible break and with interest running high, J.S. Lindzey called for a vote to officially organize a Pennsylvania Chapter.

Proper motions were made to officially organize and elect officers and form a Pennsylvania Chapter of The National Wild Turkey Federation.

Unanimous approval from the floor was recorded and the record was set.

Several quick motions came from the floor to nominate Roger Latham but order was restored and it was announced by J.S. Lindzey, who was in charge of the organization meeting, that he was working with Roger Latham, Frank Piper, and others in getting officers to serve the first year.

Roger Latham was most interested in helping, but did not wish to serve as an officer.

The slate of officers was introduced by Dr. Lindzey as follows:

David Wanless---Biologist-PSU-DuBois Campus--President
Frank Piper-----Businessman--Penn Wood Products--Vice President
Robert Clark----Executive Director, Pa. Forestry Asso.--Sec/Treasurer

Motions were made from the floor to elect the officers recommended and no other nominations were received.

A vote was taken and David Wanless, Frank Piper, and Robert Clark were elected as the first officers of the new Pennsylvania Chapter of The National Wild Turkey Federation.

President Wanless immediately took charge of the meeting by thanking Roger Latham, Jim Lindzey, Glenn Bowers, and Tom Rodgers for their help and support.

Elected officers were introduced and each gave a statement to the members present of their background and concern for Pennsylvania's Wild Turkey.

President Wanless then appointed the following committees:

Public Relations Committee--Roger Latham, Elliott Potter, and Bud Erich
(Duties to promote and release information of Chapter.)

Banquet/Fund Raising--No appointment at this time.

Special Activities--Harry Boyer, Ron Keck, Harvey Graybill, and Ray Heisey

Technical--Jerry Wunz, Arnie Hayden, and Jim Lindzey

Awards--Jim Wilhelm, and Glenn Bowers

Program Committee--Jim Lindzey, Frank Piper, and Paul Younkin

Nominating Committee--No appointment at this time

Finance Committee--Robert Clark, Rich Blair, Tom Dunkin, James Mauger, and Jim Wilhelm

President Wanless then asked for a show of hands of those present as to their affiliation by membership with the National Turkey Federation. About 40% of those present were members of NTF.

Membership requirements were discussed with no conclusion coming from the floor. A Finance committee to be chaired by Robert Clark, Secretary/Treasurer, was directed to meet and set up guidelines for membership in the Pennsylvania Chapter. It was felt that some dues would be required to maintain the activities of the Chapter. It was also recognized that some expenses would occur if we are to operate and function properly. The Finance committee was directed to have recommendations ready for the next meeting.

A rebate of 20% from the National Federation is possible, but with organizational expenses of the National Organization now, no rebate is anticipated for several years.


General discussion was held on the possibility of having a banquet for the next meeting, but a lack of support from the floor was shown, to an organized banquet this early in the chapters progress. Organization of the chapter was more important at this time. A recommendation was made to have the next meeting where food would be available for purchase and a picnic area was available for families wishing to bring their own lunch. President Wanless took this under advisement in preparation of the next meeting.

Most of the business was concluded with final remarks from Jim Lindzey in regards to the collection of entrails of wild turkey shot in the spring gobbler season. PSU Biologists are looking for information about tape worms and other hosts that could effect our Pennsylvania Turkey population. He asked for the entrails to be collected in a plastic bag and frozen. Either presentation to local game protectors or directly transported to PSU was recommended by Dr. Lindzey. It was noted that the collection should be labeled with the location, time, date, and other conditions noted for the record.

The first meeting of The Pennsylvania Wild Turkey Chapter was concluded by setting the date of JUNE 1, 1975, a Sunday, for the next meeting. The location would again be in the State College area.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Signed,



Robert V. Clark
Secretary/Treasurer