



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER N.W.T.F. MEETING
THIRD HEAVEN CAMP
HONEY GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 9, 1984

The November, 1984 regular meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Ron Sandrus at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, November 9, 1984.

Ron Sandrus welcomed everyone to the meeting, and expressed the State Chapter's thanks to Skip Sanderson for hosting the meeting.

It was noted that there were only nine officers and directors present, and that no business could be conducted until a quorum of 12 had been reached. Ron Sandrus indicated that committee reports would be given until such time as a quorum had been reached.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ron Sandrus stated that he had made several unsuccessful attempts to contact Ronald Fowkes with regard to the results of the fluorescent orange study, and that he was continuing in his efforts to obtain a copy of the report from the Pennsylvania Game Commission. It was also noted that results of a fluorescent orange study had been reported in the October, 1984 issue of the Pennsylvania Game News.

Ron Sandrus said that on August 12, 1984, Jack Crouse, Howard Meyers, and Dave Fisher had assisted him in an organizational meeting held by the State's 31st local chapter, the Dutch Fork Gobblers Local Chapter.

On September 22, 1984, Ron Sandrus participated in a National Hunting and Fishing Day program at the Lamb Creek Sportsman's Club in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. In October, Ron said that he had attended the Allegheny Sultans Third Annual Awards Banquet in Titusville, and had judged a turkey calling contest sponsored by the Blue Mountain Local Chapter.

Ron Sandrus reported that efforts to organize new local chapters in several areas within the State are continuing, and noted that he had been involved in giving input into the various committees on which he serves.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No report was given since Terry Hyde was absent from the meeting.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No report was given since Howard Meyers was absent from the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dan Roessner read a thank you card which had been received from the family of Wilson Moore in grateful appreciation of the State Chapter's action to rename the Masters Turkey Calling Contest in memory of Wilson Moore.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman requested that he be notified immediately after any local chapter election is held so that he can maintain a current listing of local chapter presidents. He also asked that any address changes of local chapter presidents be reported to him as soon as possible after they occur.

He also informed the group that as of October, 1984, the State Chapter had 5,008 members, and that the State Chapter had received \$6,417 in membership rebates from January to July, 1984.

Don also said that he is now receiving a duplicate copy of local chapter membership reports from NWF, and that he would make these reports available for distribution at each State Chapter meeting. He added that mailing labels for each local chapters membership list will now be made available to each local chapter four times each year, at no cost to the local chapter.

The following adress change was also noted:

Dennis Strawbridge, South East Director
709 Franklin Drive
Dallastown, PA 17313
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TURKEY TALK COMMITTEE - No report was given in the absence of Bud Erich.

ADVERTISING MANAGER'S REPORT - No report was given in the absence of Jim Hess.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - No report was given in the absence of Ron Hudsick

ART PRINT & STAMP COMMITTEE - No report was given in the absence of Terry Hyde.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Dick Weaver gave an in-depth report on the results of a questionnaire which had been mailed to all State Chapter JAKES members in order to determine the ages of its membership and the types of programs these youth members would like to see undertaken by the State Chapter. In the Youth Committee's opinion, the questionnaire has provided basic information needed to develop a program of activities which, when concluded, will go a long way toward making the Pennsylvania State Chapter recognized as the leader in developing its young people into knowledgeable, ethical, and safe sportsmen.

Ron Sandrus commended Dick Weaver and the members of his committee for the fine job they had done in the preparation of this report.

STAMP PRINT PUBLICITY - Shirley Grenoble reported that she was continuing with her efforts to promote the Stamp Print Program though the Penna. Outdoor Writers Association.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - No report was given in the absence of Dale Jeffrey.

NATIONAL REPORT - No report was given in the absence of Gary West and Ron Fretts.

HABITAT COMMITTEE - Tim Holtz reported that the Habitat Committee would be reviewing approximately 8 proposed habitat improvement projects which had been submitted for funding consideration, and that it was his hope that the Committee would be in a position to make recommendations on this matter at the January, 1985 meeting. Tim also noted that the Allegheny Sultans Local Chapter had recently made a commitment to fund a DER-sponsored habitat project in Venango County in the amount of \$2,400, and that the Roger Latham Local Chapter was considering a similar project.

STAMP PRINT FINANCE COMMITTEE - Ron Sandrus reported on activities within this account for the period 8/1/84 thru 11/1/84. The checkbook balance as of 8/1/84 was \$1,763.28. Income for the period was \$80.00, with expenses of \$758.10, leaving a checkbook balance of \$1,085.18 as of 11/1/84.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Dan Sullivan submitted a written report on the recent activities of this Committee, which was read in its entirety. He noted that members of this committee were present at a public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council held in Erie, Pennsylvania on August 27, 1984 to offer testimony relative to oil and gas exploration activities in northwestern Pennsylvania and its detrimental effects on the environment.

He reported on House Bill 2440 introduced by Rep. Murphy on September 17, 1984 to ban the use and possession of the foothold trap. Dan said that the committee is opposed to this legislation, and may be recommending a resolution to this bill to the Board of Directors at the January, 1985 meeting.

He also mentioned that the "Bottle Bill" (Senate Bill 463) will be tied up in committee for some time, and that he would report further on the matter as details become available.

Dan also pointed out that the Hammermill Paper Company has proposed the installation of a "fly ash" waste disposal plant at the headwaters of Seigel Marsh wildlife refuge in Erie County. A public hearing on this matter was conducted on October 15, 1984, at which time committee member Norm Schlosser expressed a written statement prepared by Dan Sullivan.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Tim Holtz presented a draft copy of the proposed 1985 Operating Budget for the State Chapter which projected expenses of \$35,115 and income sufficient to cover the proposed expenses. He noted his personal thanks to the members of his committee and the chairmen of all other committees for their input into the preparation of this budget. Tim said that comments on the proposed budget were most welcome, and that the committee would have a final draft of the 1985 budget for Board consideration at the January, 1985 meeting.

1985 CONVENTION COMMITTEE - Don Heckman gave a detailed report of the activities of his committee in preparation for the 1985 Convention to be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He informed the group that plans were progressing quite well, with all committee assignments having been made. He said that a Convention mailing would be sent out during the middle of December, 1984 which would include State Chapter raffle tickets, hotel reservation cards, and a preliminary agenda for the Convention activities. A second mailing is planned for January, 1985 which will include the nominations letter, final program and agenda, and information concerning the art auction and Masters Calling Contest.

HEAD DIRECTORS REPORTS - The following reports were presented:

North West Region - Dan Sullivan
North East Region - Max Dewing
South East Region - Steve Rheaume

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS - The following chapters were represented at the meeting and each gave a brief description of their past and planned activities:

Michaux-Yellow Breeches	Fort Chambers
Mason Dixon	Summit Mountain Yelpers
Laurel Run Highlands	Blue Mountain
Allegheny Sultans	Roger Latham Memorial

The meeting was recessed at 10:10 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 10, 1984, with President Ron Sandrus calling the meeting to order. It was determined that a quorum had been established and that the business of the State Chapter could be conducted.

Howard Meyers made an urgent plea for local chapters to submit portfolio material to him by December 25, 1984 so that he could prepare a quality portfolio for submission to NWTf.

A motion approving the minutes of the August 10, 1984 meeting was made by Tom Baldridge, and seconded by Stu Harshberger. Motion carried.

Tim Holtz presented the Treasurer's Report for the third quarter of the 1984 fiscal year, indicating total assets of \$5,368.31 as of September 30, 1984. He also noted that total expenditures for the nine-month period ended 9/30/84 were \$10,074.35, while expenditures were \$6,566.14, leaving a net profit of \$3,508.21. He added that the current checkbook balance was \$5,760.00.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted was made by Max Dewing, and seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion carried.

Bob Nofler gave a report on the progress being made on the formulation of a slate of officers and directors for 1985, and read a listing of those who had already accepted a nomination as well as a list of those persons suggested for an office who had not yet been contacted. He stated that the Nominating Committee would have a final slate of officers and directors for Board consideration at the January, 1985 meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Jerry Wunz, Pa. Game Commission Biologist, spoke to the group on a wide variety of subjects including a status report on the Seven Mountain habitat improvement project, PGC research projects, length of fall and spring hunting seasons, and continued cooperation with the Bureau of Forestry in the funding of habitat improvement projects throughout the State.

Ron Sandrus then read a letter of resignation from the position of Associate Editor of Turkey Talk submitted by Greg Rinkus.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron Sandrus noted that 10,000 new habitat brochures have been printed. He also pointed out the need for the Habitat Committee to review this brochure with Jerry Wunz and make any recommended changes prior to the next printing of this brochure.

Ron Sandrus spoke about the Eastern Regional Meeting of NWTf which was held in Pennsylvania on August 17 & 18, 1984 and asked the local chapters to review the minutes of that meeting in detail since there were many worthwhile suggestions contained within that report.

Ron Sandrus noted that he had not heard of any additional progress being made on the design of the Past President's Pin which was undertaken by Lou Mamone and Ron Hudsick. He said that he hoped to have further word on this matter by the January 1985 meeting.

Dan Roessner spoke to the group concerning the progress being made on the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Knife to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the organization of the State Chapter. He displayed several types of knives that were available, and asked the group for their thoughts on the matter. After lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of Board opinion that two series of knives should be produced, namely, a "presentation" series and a "field grade" series. The design of the artwork and details of marketing the knives were to be left up to Dan and the members of his committee. A motion authorizing the production of 100 knives in each of the series was made by Shirley Grenoble, and seconded by Don Heckman. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus stated that he had received a letter from Earl T. Groves, Chairman of the Board, NWTf, dated August 31, 1984 which acknowledged receipt of the nomination of Jan Bausinger to the NWTf Board of Directors.

Howard Meyers displayed various promotional items and their prices which had been submitted for consideration by A to Z Advertising. After a review of the items and prices available, Howard and the rest of the committee were asked to meet with Tim Holtz in order to determine the amount of funds available for the purchase of promotional items, and were authorized to proceed with an appropriate order once the budget item for such a purpose had been reviewed. In a related matter, Sandy Babich of A to Z Advertising was placed on the promotional items committee.

Earl Hower of the National Rifle Association gave a report on an NRA Turkey Hunting Clinic which is being planned for late March or early April, 1985 in the Philadelphia area. He said that this one-day clinic will give invaluable exposure to both the NRA and the Penna. State Chapter NWTf in this area, and might serve to generate interest in local chapter growth in that area. The NRA will be entering into an agreement with the State Chapter to provide 10 volunteers and 1 on-site coordinator for the clinic, and will rebate \$1 to the State Chapter for each admission to the event. Ron Sandrus and Terry Hyde will be working with Earl Hower on the planning for the clinic, and Ron Sandrus said that further details on this subject would be made available at the January, 1985 meeting.

Tim Holtz stated that the State Chapter's Taxpayer I.D. No. is 24033958 and this number is necessary to report the sales tax collected on any promotional or revenue-generating item offered for sale by the State Chapter.

Stu Harshberger reported that he and Tom Baldrige had attended the Loyalhanna Wildlife Arts Festival in Ligonier, Pennsylvania on September 7, 1984 in an attempt to sell the State Chapter's original of "American Heritage" by Larry Toschik. He stated that the minimum bid that would have been acceptable to the State Chapter, as authorized by the Executive Committee, was \$5,000. The highest bid received for the original painting was \$2,000, which was turned down. Stu said that he would check into advertising rates for the Arizona Highways magazine, which he felt was a good publication in which to offer the painting for sale. He said that he would report on his findings at the January, 1985 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Sandrus stated that the organizational meeting of the Dutch Fork Gobblers Local Chapter had been held on August 12, 1984 in the West Alexander area, and that the paperwork necessary to obtain a charter from NWTF were in order. A motion to accept the paperwork of the Dutch Fork Gobblers Local Chapter and forward it to NWTF for processing of the charter was made by Tom Baldrige, and seconded by Stu Harshberger. Motion carried.

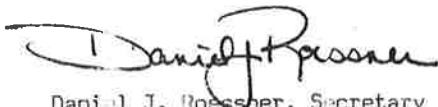
Ron Sandrus said that the Executive Committee had met the previous evening and unanimously approved the appointment of Gary Eckert to the position of Associate Editor of Turkey Talk.

Howard Meyers then reported on a cooperative habitat improvement project which is being undertaken by the Pa. State Chapter NWTF, the Pa. Game Commission, the West Penn Power Co., and the Ruffed Grouse Society on State Game Lands 238 in Fayette County. The purpose of the project is to eliminate tall-growing trees within electric utility rights-of-way and subsequently convert the remaining vegetation to maximize the benefits to wildlife, with specific emphasis on increasing food sources for the wild turkey. Howard stated that a work session has been scheduled for Sunday, April 21, 1985 at which time 6,500 shrubs are expected to be planted in one day. He specifically requested a commitment of manpower from any local chapters in the area who may be willing to help in this worthwhile project. Further details on this work session will be reported by Howard Meyers at a later date.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Baldrige, and seconded by Stu Harshberger. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Roesser, Secretary
Pennsylvania State Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation



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Refer to:

MINUTES
PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER N.W.T.F. MEETING
JOHN WOOD'S CAMP
MARIENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUST 10, 1984

The August, 1984 regular meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Ron Sandrus at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, August 10, 1984.

Ron Sandrus welcomed everyone to the meeting, and extended special thanks to John Wood and several members of the James E. Wilhelm Memorial Chapter for hosting the meeting.

Ron Sandrus noted that an Executive Committee meeting had been held prior to the start of the regular meeting, and that the Executive Committee had appointed, by unanimous vote, Bob Nodler to fill a vacancy in the Northwest Region, upon the recommendation of Dan Sullivan.

It was then stated that a quorum was present and that the State Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ron Sandrus said that he had met with a group in the Butler area for the second time in June, 1984 and that prospects were good for the formation of a local chapter in that area.

He also reported that he had attended the mortgage-burning ceremonies at NWTF headquarters in Edgefield, South Carolina on July 7, 1984, and was proud to represent the State Chapter at this function. He also sat in on a staff meeting at NWTF, and reported that several good things were said concerning the work of the Pennsylvania State Chapter.

Ron stated that he had written to Ronald Fowkes of Slippery Rock in an attempt to secure a report on the results of his turkey hunter survey, but that he had received no response as of the date of the meeting. Bud Erich pointed out that it was his understanding that the Pa. State Chapter was to have received approximately \$100 for its participation in the survey, and that the funds had not yet been received. Ron stated that he would look into the matter further.

Ron mentioned that he had spoken with a representative of the Pa. Game Commission relative to the results of the fluorescent orange study, and that no report was available at this time. Ron said he would continue his efforts to secure a final report on the matter.

He also reported that he was involved in giving his input into the various committees on which he serves, namely, the Youth, Stamp Print Finance, and Legislative Committees.

He stated that work was progressing on the formation of a new local chapter in the Bangor and Sharpsville areas of eastern Pennsylvania, and that he would be meeting on Sunday, August 12, 1984 with representatives of the West Alexander area in hopes of organizing the State's 31st local chapter.

Ron said that he was working on arrangements for the Eastern Regional Meeting of NWTf to be held on August 17 and 18, 1984, and hoped that the meeting would be well attended by the State and local chapters.

He further noted that he had been working with Carl Brown of NWTf in an effort to reduce the amount of paperwork which is currently required for the organization of a local chapter.

Ron indicated that he had completed a tour of the Hunts Run habitat improvement project which was funded by the State Chapter in partnership with the Department of Environmental Resources. Several representatives of the State Chapter, as well as several local chapter representatives, toured the site on July 28, 1984, and were very much impressed with the quality of the project.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Since Terry Hyde had not yet arrived, it was noted that he would give his report later in the meeting.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Howard Meyers reported on revisions which had been made to the point system used by NWTf to determine the winners of the Outstanding Chapter competition. Several of the changes made came as a result of the recommendations made to NWTf by Howard, Tom Baldrige, and Lou Mamone. Howard reviewed the changes in detail for the group.

Howard also noted that very little portfolio materials had been submitted by officers, directors, and local chapter presidents. He stressed that photos, newspaper articles, and write-ups of local chapter activities were to be submitted to him as soon as possible, so that he would have ample time to prepare a quality portfolio submission to NWTf by the end of December, 1984.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dan Roessner reminded everyone to send in their RSVP cards that are mailed with each meeting notice, so that the President will know exactly how many people will be in attendance.

Bud Erich took exception to the section in the minutes of the June 22, 1984 which stated "Ron Sandrus said that it had been almost one year since he had requested that a contract be obtained from Nupp Printing for the printing of Turkey Talk, and that as of the date of the meeting, he had not heard from Bud Erich concerning this matter". Bud noted that he had, in fact, made several attempts to secure a contract proposal from Nupp Printing, and that he had maintained contact with Ron Sandrus concerning this matter. After further discussion, it was agreed that the reference to Bud Erich in this section of the minutes should be deleted. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 1984 meeting, as amended, was made by Dan Sullivan, and seconded by Jan Bausinger. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Tim Holtz presented the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement for the 6-month period ended June 30, 1984. The Balance Sheet indicated that the assets of the State Chapter as of June 30, 1984 were \$1,875.59. Income for the second quarter of the fiscal year was \$15,601.73, while operating expenses for the same period were \$15,005.61, leaving a net income for the period of \$596.12. Tim further reported that as of the date of the meeting, he had a working checkbook balance of \$3,342.55 to cover routine operating expenses.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Fred Webster, and seconded by Bud Erich. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Since Don Heckman had not yet arrived, it was noted that he would give his report later in the meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - There was no report given since Shirley Grenoble was absent from the meeting.

TURKEY TALK COMMITTEE - Bud Erich commended Shirley Grenoble for the fine job she had done in soliciting articles for the upcoming edition of Turkey Talk. He further noted that the July edition of Turkey Talk should be in Erie within the next two weeks, and possibly in the mail by the end of August.

Bud reported on progress he had made on securing a contract proposal from Nupp Printing for the printing of Turkey Talk. After much discussion on the pricing and scheduling of the printing, Ron Sandrus asked Bud Erich and Dan Sullivan to be prepared to come to the November meeting with recommendations as to the acceptance of a contract with Nupp Printing, along with printing deadlines and an escalator clause in the contract.

Bud Erich was authorized to proceed with the special 10th anniversary edition of Turkey Talk in October, 1984.

ADVERTISING MANAGER'S REPORT - In the absence of Jim Hess, Ron Sandrus indicated that he had received a new, revised price list for ads in Turkey Talk, which had not been approved for use by the Executive Committee. He then asked Don Heckman and Bud Erich to contact Jim Hess in an attempt to find out what the situation was regarding this matter.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman reported that the current membership in the Pa. State Chapter stands at 5,031 members. This figure includes a 400+ membership increase, due primarily to the fund raising dinner held at Seven Springs. Don also reported that the June, 1984 membership rebate from NWTF, which was expected to be over \$1,000, was expected shortly.

Don noted that NWTF was looking into the possibility of providing free mailing labels to the local chapters, and that he would report further as details became available.

Don also informed the group that the State Chapter's request for an increase in the percentage of membership dues rebated to the State Chapter would be discussed at the next NWTF meeting.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - Ron Hudsick reported that he had an ample supply of State Chapter hats and license plates, but that he only had 12 lapel pins left at this time. He also stated that an order for additional lapel pins, which was placed over 8 months ago, had not yet been received. He indicated that he would look into the matter further, and report his findings to the group at the next meeting.

ART PRINT & STAMP COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde reported that Dan Feaser had signed 100 artist proofs of the 1983 State Stamp Print, and was in the process of signing 25 additional artist proofs, which should be shipped direct to Terry Hyde. He added that he would contact Sportsman's Specialties in an attempt to determine what steps are being taken to promote sales of the 1983 Art Print and Stamp.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde reported that work was progressing on the preparation of a questionnaire which would be sent to all JAKES members, in order to determine the ages and interests of the JAKES members.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Tom Greenlee, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, was introduced and gave a few brief remarks concerning recent Commission decisions, and commended the Pennsylvania State Chapter for its conservation efforts in Pennsylvania.

STAMP PRINT PUBLICITY - There was no report given in the absence of Shirley Grenoble.

HABITAT COMMITTEE - Tim Holtz reported further on the tour of the Hunts Run habitat improvement project which was held on July 28, 1984 with several representatives of the Bureau of Forestry in attendance. He noted that the Bureau of Forestry was very appreciative of the financial support of the project by the State Chapter, and added that he was quite impressed with the scope of the project.

Tim indicated that the Habitat Committee would be reviewing approximately 8 proposed habitat improvement projects which had been suggested by the Bureau of Forestry, and that the committee's recommendations would be made known at a future meeting.

Howard Meyers gave a progress report on the habitat improvement project involving the West Penn Power Company, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and the State Chapter. He noted that several "before and after" photos would be taken of the project, so that a quality article could be written about the joint venture. Howard said that he would report further on the project as details became available relative to the State Game Land 238 site in Fayette County.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - There was no report given in the absence of Dale Jeffrey.

NATIONAL REPORT - There was no report given in the absence of Gary West and Ron Fretts.

STAMP PRINT FINANCE COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde gave a detailed account of the State Stamp Print finances for the period 6/1/84 to 8/1/84. The checkbook balance as of 6/1/84 was \$1,543.38. Income for the period was \$220.00, with no expenses being incurred, leaving a checkbook balance of \$1,763.28 as of 8/1/84.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Joe Krug gave a report on a trip he and Dick Weaver had made to the State Capitol to represent the State Chapter at a hearing on the placement of autumn olive on the noxious weed list. It appeared, as a result of the testimony, that autumn olive would be deleted from the bill as originally advocated by the Pennsylvania Grange Association. Ron Sandrus and Dan Sullivan commended these gentlemen for the fine job they had done in representing the interests of the State Chapter.

Committee Chairman Dan Sullivan reported on the status of HB 1431, also known as the "bottle bill". He noted that members of the legislative committee had written to their lawmakers, urging that the bill be brought out of committee for further consideration. He stated that the State Chapter supported passage of this bill, and urged everyone to write their legislators in favor of this bill.

Dan Sullivan also reported that he would be attending a public hearing on oil and gas exploration to be held in Erie on August 27, 1984 by the Citizens Advisory Council, and would give testimony on behalf of the State Chapter.

It was also announced that Norm Schlosser had been appointed to the Legislative Committee, and Norm was introduced to the group at this time.

Dan Sullivan then introduced Mr. Larry Sweiger, Executive Officer, Great Lakes Region of the National Wildlife Federation, who gave an in-depth report on the status of the acid rain issue.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Tim Holtz indicated that the committee was working on the preparation of a draft operating budget for the 1985 fiscal year for review at the November, 1984 State Chapter meeting, and that a final budget would be presented for adoption at the January, 1985 meeting. Tim noted that he was also requesting input from each of the committee chairmen, after they had reviewed their 1983-1984 expenditures.

1985 CONVENTION COMMITTEE - Don Heckman gave a report on the preparations for the 1985 State Chapter Convention to be held at the Marriott Hotel, Harrisburg, PA. on March 15-16, 1985.

HEAD DIRECTORS REPORTS - The following reports were presented:

North West Region - Dan Sullivan
South West Region - Jack Crouse
North East Region - Max Dewing

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS - The following chapters were represented at the meeting and each gave a brief description of their past and planned activities:

James E. Wilhelm Memorial	Evergreen Flock
Michaux-Yellow Breeches	Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers
Laurel Run Highlands	Northern Cambria County
Allegheny Sultans	Summit Mountain Yelpers
Roger Latham Memorial	Mason Dixon
Roof Garden Gobblers	

The meeting was recessed at 1:05 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 11, 1984, with President Ron Sandrus calling the meeting to order. Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting, and expressed the gratitude of the State Chapter to John Wood and the members of the James E. Wilhelm Memorial Chapter for the fine accommodations for the weekend.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that the business of the State Chapter could be conducted.

OLD BUSINESS - Ron Sandrus noted that during a meeting with the staff of the Pennsylvania Game Commission on May 24, 1984, he had requested information on how many research projects concerning the wild turkey had been undertaken by the PGC. He stated that he had received a written response to this inquiry which indicated that during the period 1/1/83 to 12/31/83, a total of 12 research projects on the subject of the wild turkey had been undertaken.

Ron Sandrus asked Dave Pershing to make contact with Gary West of the Habitat Committee concerning certain changes to the habitat pamphlet. Ron said that if Dave was unable to make this contact, he should proceed with the placement of an order for additional pamphlets. Dave had noted that an order for 10,000 copies would cost approximately \$345.

Ron Sandrus reported that there had been some discussion concerning the possibility of developing a Past President's Pin, and that Ron Hudsick and Lou Mamone were currently looking into the matter, with a report to follow at a later date.

Dan Roessner reported on progress that was being made on the manufacture of a 10th anniversary commemorative knife to mark the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Pennsylvania State Chapter. He reported that he and his committee were currently working with Queen, Case, and Benchmark knife companies in an attempt to develop a knife which would be attractive, functional, and moderately priced. He felt that the selection of the company to produce the knife could be made in the near future. After further discussion, a motion authorizing the purchase of 100 knives, with No. 1 knife to be donated to the State Chapter for display at NWTf headquarters, and No. 2 knife to be donated to NWTf, was made by Steve Lecorchick, and seconded by Howard Meyers. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus informed the group that the appropriate correspondence had been sent to NWTf to place the name of Jan Bausinger in nomination for a position on the Board of Directors of the NWTf for 1985.

It was mentioned that Dick Weaver and the members of the Awards Committee for the 1985 State Convention are working on the design of a new Masters Calling Contest Award, and that their recommendations would be made known in the near future.

Howard Meyers gave a report on the hats, shirts, and decals available from "A to Z Advertising", including the pricing and the possibility of local chapter involvement in the purchase of these items. After much discussion, Howard was asked by Ron Sandrus to look into the variations in pricing, colors, and patterns of the shirts, and report to the officers and directors his recommendation at the November, 1984 meeting.

Ron Sandrus said that he hoped that the Habitat Committee would have recommendations ready at the November, 1984 meeting concerning which Bureau of Forestry projects might be considered for funding in 1985.

Ron Sandrus reported that the State Chapter's request for an increase in the amount of rebate from NWTf dues would be considered at the next NWTf Board of Directors meeting in Oct, 1984.

A discussion followed concerning the amount of funds received from fund raising dinners, and the amount of the split with NWTf, which is currently 80-20. Dave Fisher will draft a letter to NWTf requesting review of this 80-20 split of fund raising dinner monies at their October, 1984 meeting, and this letter will be given to Gary West to present at that meeting.

It was further reported that the Pennsylvania State Chapter had received a check in the amount of \$1,767.93 to be used for habitat improvement projects in the State, and that these funds were received as a direct result of the fund raising dinner held at Seven Springs.

Ron Sandrus gave a brief report on the status of the Aaron Teeple issue, and noted that Mr. Teeple had been in touch with NWTf President Sonny Gilbert, and had mentioned possible legal action against the State Chapter. President Gilbert had asked Gary West to contact Mr. Teeple in an attempt to resolve the matter, and further developments would be reported to the Board at a later date.

Ron Sandrus had spoken with Earl Hower of NRA about the possibility of holding a turkey hunter's clinic in the Philadelphia area during the first week of April, 1985. More details on this matter would be given at a later date.

Don Heckman stated that a meeting of the 1985 Convention Committee would be held at the Marriott Hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 9, 1984 between 1-3 P.M. for the purpose of touring the facilities and making further preparations for the upcoming event.

After brief discussion, a motion authorizing an advance to the 1985 Convention Committee in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the general fund for convention planning activities was made by Don Heckman, and seconded by Dan Sullivan. Motion carried.

It was also mentioned that an appropriate mention be made of Wilson Moore and Mike Shreffler during the 1985 Convention, which will be handled by the Committee.

Don Heckman noted that he did not have the State Sales Tax Exempt No. for the State Chapter. After some discussion as to whether the State Chapter even had such a number, it was suggested that Attorney Bob Weisgerber contact Terry Hyde's brother, Jeff, who was in a position to know what must be done by the State Chapter in order to comply with State law. It was decided that Dan Roessner would initiate said action.

Terry Hyde then noted the need for a cash advance to Jan Bausinger for purchase of art prints for the upcoming 1985 State Convention. After brief discussion, a motion to advance \$750.00 to Jan Bausinger for the purchase of prints for the 1985 art auction, out of State Stamp Print Finance funds, was made by Fred Webster, and seconded by Steve Lecorchick.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSSINESS - Ron Sandrus asked Bob Nodler to chair the Nominating Committee for the election of State Officers and Directors, which he accepted.

Ron Sandrus noted that he had received the organizational paperwork from the State's 30th local chapter, the Factoryville Sportsmen Local Chapter, and that the paperwork was in order. A motion for the State Chapter to accept the Factoryville Sportsmen Local Chapter, and to forward the paperwork to NWTf for further processing, was made by Jack Crouse, and seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus said that he had a copy of an application for the Yellville, Arkansas Turkey Calling Contest, if anyone was interested.

Ron Sandrus stated that he had received correspondence from the Gennetti-Lycoming in Williamsport, Pennsylvania which asked that the Hotel be considered as the site of the State Chapter's 1986 Convention. Ron said that this could be considered at a later date.

Ron Sandrus stated that nominations for the Roger Latham Sportsman's Turkey Service Award were now in order. A motion to nominate Jack Crouse for the Roger Latham Award was made by Howard Meyers, and seconded by Don Heckman. Motion carried.

Stu Marshberger spoke to the group on ideas for the disposition of the original 1982 State Stamp Print by Toschik. He noted that there was to be an art auction at the Loyalhanna Wildlife Arts Festival soon, and wondered if the group might want to consider placing the original on the auction block, with a minimum bid consideration. A motion to authorize the Executive Committee to meet at the Eastern Regional NWTf meeting on August 17, 1984 and decide on the disposition of the Toschik original was made by Joe Krug, and seconded by Jack Crouse. Motion carried.

Jack Crouse spoke about an Advisory Committee which would include the NWTf Directors from Pennsylvania as well as all Past Presidents of the State Chapter. Jack felt that these individuals had a vast accumulation of knowledge and expertise which would be invaluable to the State Chapter. After considerable discussion, President Ron Sandrus appointed an Advisory Committee, consisting of all Past Presidents of the State Chapter, as well as current NWTf Board members, with the immediate Past President serving as Chairman of this committee. Those individuals appointed are as follows: Chairman, Shirley Grenoble, Fred Webster, Bob Clark, Ron Fretts, and Gary West.

Howard Meyers spoke about his concern over the lack of attendance at meetings by several directors, and of the need to fill all existing vacancies as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry Hyde, and seconded by Don Heckman. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Roessner, Secretary
Pennsylvania State Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER N.W.T.F. MEETING

DALE JEFFREY'S SUGAR CAMP

WEST SALISBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

JUNE 22-23, 1984

The June, 1984 regular meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Ron Sandrus at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, June 22, 1984.

Ron Sandrus welcomed everyone to the meeting, and extended special thanks to Dale Jeffrey for hosting the meeting.

Ron Sandrus also noted the untimely deaths of State Director Mike Shreffler and Past State President Wilson Moore, and a moment of silence was observed in memory of these two fine individuals.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that the State Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT' REPORT - Ron Sandrus stated that he had attended the First Annual Awards Banquet of the Roger Latam Memorial Chapter in March, and had been involved in the organization of the 29th local chapter in the Reading area, the Blue Mountain Local Chapter. During the same month, he had attended the Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers Turkey Calling Contest, and participated in several of the programs offered at the event.

Ron had also been in contact with Ronald Fowkes of Clarion State University relative to a status report on the results of the turkey hunter survey he had undertaken, and felt that a report would be available in the near future.

On April 25, 1984, Ron attended the fund raising dinner at Seven Springs, and on May 24, 1984, he and other representatives of the State Chapter met in Harrisburg with officials of the Pennsylvania Game Commission to discuss a wide variety of topics. During the month of June, Ron held a turkey hunting seminar with Steve Lecorchick at the Glendale School District, represented the State Chapter at a Sports Show in Shirley Grenoble's area, and helped to organize the State's 30th local chapter in the Scranton area, the Factoryville Sportsman's Local Chapter. He also reported that he had met with people in the Mansfield area who were interested in forming a local chapter in the near future.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Terry Hyde indicated that he would make his remarks under the committee reports on which he serves.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Howard Meyers stated that he had already begun to prepare for the submission of this year's portfolio for the NWTf Outstanding Chapter competition, and that materials from the local chapters were coming in very slow. He urged everyone to write up an account of each local chapter activity as it takes place, and submit it to him as soon as possible, so that he will have ample time to prepare another quality submission.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dan Roessner indicated that he had prepared a Directory of current State Officers and Directors, and that he would like everyone to note that the State Chapter Public Relations Chairman, Dale Jeffrey, may be reached at the following phone number: (814) 662-2904.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 1984 meeting was made by Dan Sullivan, and seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Tim Holtz presented the Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement for the 3-month period ended March 31, 1984. Tim's report indicated that the assets of the State Chapter for the first quarter were \$1,262.80, and that the State Chapter had expended \$7,549.12 during the first quarter out of a budgeted figure of \$32,350.00 for the entire fiscal year.

Ron Sandrus commended Tim on the fine job he has done since becoming Treasurer of the State Chapter.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Tom Baldrige, and seconded by Don Heckman. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman reported that the State Chapter membership level as of May, 1984 was 4,640 and that the membership renewal rate is approximately 70%. It was also noted that the membership level was expected to rise as a result of the memberships generated at the fund raising dinner held at Seven Springs.

Don said that the zip codes for local chapters are nearly complete, and that listings, labels, and zip code directories are now available. He reminded all local chapters that the zip codes should be reviewed for accuracy at least twice a year, since deletions and updates are vital to the success of this program.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - As Chairman of the Board, Shirley extended her personal thanks to all of the Officers and Directors who give so much of their time and efforts to carrying out the goals of the State Chapter.

TURKEY TALK COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde gave this committee report in the absence of Bud Erich. Terry said that Bud appreciated the timely submission of articles to him for the July issue of Turkey Talk, and particularly appreciated the work done by Shirley Grenoble in coordinating the submission of articles. Bud had indicated that if all goes well, the July issue should be out during the week of July 20, 1984. Terry said that Gregg Rinkus was intending to resign his position as Assistant Editor of Turkey Talk because of his workload and schooling, and that Gary Eckert had indicated his willingness to take on those same responsibilities. Jim Hess, Advertising Manager, has said that even though he has not been able to make the State meetings on a regular basis because of his work commitments, he will continue in this position unless the Board feels that a replacement should be named.

Ron Sandrus said that it had been almost one year since he had requested that a contract be obtained from Nupp Printing for the printing of Turkey Talk, and that as of the date of the meeting, he had not heard from Bud Erich concerning this matter. Ron then asked that

Dan Sullivan take on the responsibility of contacting Nupp Printing to determine whether or not a proposed contract had been prepared. Dan Sullivan will ask Nupp Printing to make a proposed form of contract available for consideration at the August meeting.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - No report was given since Ron Hudsick was not in attendance at the meeting.

ADVERTISING MANAGER'S REPORT - No report given in the absence of Jim Hess.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde read a report submitted by Patrick Sullivan, Youth Committee member, in which Patrick noted that 3 First Bird Patches had been sent to successful JAKES members. He said that all photos and related stories were sent for inclusion in Turkey Talk, and that NWTf had expressed an interest in including these articles in Turkey Call magazine.

Terry said that plans to hold a summer seminar for JAKES members had been shelved until the committee could survey the JAKES members to determine the age group of the membership, and whether or not a seminar of this type would be well received.

ART PRINT & STAMP COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde noted that there was nothing new to report on this program at this time.

STAMP PRINT PUBLICITY - Shirley Grenoble said that she had written letters to members of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association explaining the Stamp Print Program, and that several writers had used this information in articles for local newspapers. She also said that she had attended the POWA meeting and was able to speak to the group about the value of the program and how the funds generated are used to benefit the wild turkey, and was able to display a framed Stamp Print which generated much interest.

HABITAT COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde reported that he had talked to Jerry Wunz concerning several habitat improvement matters. Jerry said that the Seven Mountains project did lose some shrubs to deer, but extensive fencing should eliminate that problem in the future. Additional crab apple trees will also be put in this area.

Jerry offered his thanks to the Michaux-Yellow breeches Local Chapter for the 400 apple trees given to the Game Commission, and noted that they had been planted on State Game Lands No. 88 and completely fenced in.

Jerry said that he had viewed the Cameron County habitat improvement project and that it looks great. He also said that the PGC officials are going to be paying more attention to habitat improvement projects such as this one, especially in the North Central area.

Jerry expressed his personal thanks for the offer the State Chapter had made to pay his expenses to the NWTf Convention in New Orleans, but that the PGC had already paid those expenses. He added that if the PGC would not pay his expenses for such meetings in the future, he would turn to the State Chapter for assistance.

Joe Krug reported that there was approximately \$210 in donations from local chapters that had been received for the reimbursement of Jerry's expenses, and suggested that these funds be retained, and possibly expanded upon, for future use in a situation of this kind. He also added that if any local chapter wished to have its donated funds returned, they should contact him at (814) 736-3953, and the money will be gladly returned.

Howard Meyers reported on a pilot project which is being undertaken in his area with the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the West Penn Power Company, and the local chapters in the South West Region. Approximately 6,000 feet of power line right-of-way

will be planted on State Game Land No. 238 in Fayette County, and success in this pilot project could spur similar efforts in other areas of the State.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Dale Jeffrey reported that he had attended the June 6, 1984 meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and had offered comments on behalf of the State Chapter regarding the early opening of the fall turkey season. He also said that the PGC holds its meetings at various locations throughout the State, and that he would welcome volunteers who would be able to attend these meetings in their region so that we could be assured of State Chapter representation and input into these meetings. Dale indicated that he would coordinate the writing of letters to PGC Commissioners thanking them for their support of our efforts. For those persons who may wish to write a letter to the Commissioners on their own, a directory of the PGC Commissioners is attached to these minutes. It was also felt that it would be a good idea to invite members of the PGC to our meetings so that they could view firsthand the business conducted by our State Chapter. The PR Chairman and the Secretary will coordinate the invitations.

STAMP PRINT FINANCE COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde gave a detailed report of the 1981-1983 State Stamp Print Program, indicating that the checkbook balance as of 1/1/84 was 374.54. Income from 1/1/84 to 6/1/84 was \$1,565.00, and expenses for the same period were \$396.16, leaving the current checkbook balance at \$1,543.38.

NATIONAL REPORT - Gary West stated that he had attended the NWTf Board of Directors meeting in New Orleans in February, 1984, during which time the NWTf had approved two new State Chapters, Idaho and Utah. He noted that Ron Fretts would serve another term as Vice-President of NWTf, and would also serve on the Nominating and Finance Committees. Gary West will serve on the Convention Committee.

Gary stated that he would be attending a Board meeting in Edgefield, South Carolina within the next few weeks during which time a mortgage burning ceremony for the debt incurred in the building of the NWTf Wild Turkey Research Center would be held. He further added that the NWTf had engaged the services of a professional planning consultant to develop a long-range plan for the expansion of the NWTf. Gary also reported that he had represented the NWTf at State Conventions in Arkansas and New York.

Gary also gave a report on the success of the habitat improvement project funded by the State Chapter in Cameron County, and said that a tour of the site was being planned for July 21, 1984. He also provided several recommendations for projects to be funded by the State Chapter in 1985. Action on the matter of funding of the proposed projects would be taken up under new business.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Dan Sullivan reported that HB 3400, a bill which called for a phase-out by utility companies of their sulphur dioxide emissions, was dead. Dan stressed the magnitude of the acid rain problem, noting that the Pennsylvania Fish Commission predicts that unless there is a significant reduction in sulphur/nitrogen oxide emissions, approximately 3,000 miles of trout waters will be lost in Pennsylvania by 1999.

He reported that HR 3498 and HR 2470, bills that would siphon funds from the Pittman-Robertson Fund to compensate victims of crime, was very much alive. He added that the "Bottle Bill", HB 1341, was still alive but running into heavy opposition.

Dan also reported on a new group being formed, "Mobilization for Animals", which is similar in nature and purpose to members of Greenspace and Friends of Animals.

Dan urged all in attendance to write their local congressmen and express their views on these significant pieces of legislation.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Tim Holtz expressed his concern that \$908 in telephone expenses had been incurred during the first quarter of the year, when only \$1,500 had been budgeted for the entire year. It was generally felt that a large portion of the first quarter expenses were directly attributable to the State Convention, but that the expenses should be closely watched in the future.

1985 CONVENTION COMMITTEE - Don Heckman gave an in-depth report on the plans and preparations being made for the 1985 State Convention which will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on March 15-16, 1985. Don Heckman and Terry Hyde will serve as Co-Chairmen for the 1985 Convention Committee.

Plans for the Convention are progressing well, as most committee assignments for the Convention have already been made.

CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE - Ron Sandrus indicated that no report would be made at this time. He added that he was looking for a person who might want to chair this committee.

HEAD DIRECTORS REPORTS - The following reports were presented:

North West Region - Dan Sullivan
South West Region - Jack Crouse
North East Region - Shirley Grenoble & Max Dewing
South East Region - Steve Rheaume

Prior to the Local Chapter reports, Ron Sandrus expressed his concern over the fact that the lines of communication between the State, local chapters, and the NWTF appear to be deteriorating. He advised all local chapter presidents to inform him of changes within the local chapters such as officers, meeting dates, etc. He emphasized that all references to the local chapters should be made as "The _____ Local Chapter of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)".

Ron stated that 2 local chapters had recently dissolved. The North Central Local Chapter was inactive, but efforts to reactivate the chapter appear to look good. Efforts are also being made to organize new local chapters in the Claysville and Butler areas.

Ron asked each Head Director to personally contact each local chapter in his region regarding the activities of the locals and give a report to him by July 30, 1984.

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS - The following chapters were represented at the meeting and each gave a brief description of their past and planned activities:

Hecla No. 1	Tamarack Turkey Talkers
Allegheny Mountain	Allegheny Sultans
James E. Wilhelm	Laurel Run Highlands
Michaux-Yellow Breeches	Roof Garden Gobblers
Roger Latham	Blue Mountain
Mason Dixon	
Northern Cambria	

The meeting was recessed at 1:33 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, June 23, 1984, with President Ron Sandrus calling the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed for Wilson Moore and Mike Shreffler. It was determined that a quorum was present and that the business of the State Chapter could be conducted.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron Sandrus gave a brief report on NWTf's plan to recoup old memberships in Pennsylvania. The program consists of a mailing direct to the lapsed members offering free turkey calls and other benefits of the membership to those individuals who chose to renew. Ron reported that approximately 100 renewals were received as a direct result of the campaign.

Dan Sullivan proceeded to give an in-depth report on the 1984 State Convention. He noted and read a letter of thanks from the Erie Hilton Hotel for holding the Convention at their facility. Dan also displayed a proclamation from Mayor Louis J. Tullio which had designated the weekend of March 17, 1984 as "NWTf Day" in the City of Erie.

Dan presented a detailed summary sheet of all Convention activities and the net profits realized from the various events. He also gave copies of an audit summary prepared by an accountant to everyone present which indicated that the State Chapter realized a total net profit of \$10,216.67 on the 1984 State Convention. Dan thanked all those who had assisted him in the preparations for the Convention, noting that without their time and efforts the Convention would not have been the great success that it was.

Ron Sandrus spoke briefly about the possibility of the State Chapter purchasing approximately 10 binders at a cost of \$5 per binder which would be used to preserve two year's editions of Turkey Talk, and could be placed in several school district libraries. After further discussion, a motion to purchase 10 binders for use by various school districts was made by Steve Lecorchick. The motion died for lack of a second.

Dale Jeffrey gave a report on the fund raising dinner which was held recently at Seven Springs, and indicated that gross income for the event was \$38,365.55 and expenses were \$17,165.10, leaving a net profit for the dinner at \$21,200.45. He also noted that 80% of the net proceeds would be returned to NWTf, with the remaining funds to be split in three equal shares between NWTf research projects, the local fund raising committee, and State habitat improvement projects.

Terry Hyde then gave a final report on the raffle of the original "Hillside Take-off" painting by Ned Smith. He said that the winner of the original painting was Tom Jobe of Tower City, Penna. He further stated that gross income from the raffle was \$7,161.89, with expenses of \$1,433.03, leaving a net profit on the raffle of \$5,728.86. Terry added that the 50% of net income which had been voted upon to be sent to NWTf to be applied to the building fund debt figured out to be \$2,864.43.

After considerable discussion on the amount of funds pledged to NWTf for the retirement of the building fund debt, a motion to expend \$2,135.57 of general fund monies in the form of a donation to the NWTf Building Fund was made by Dan Sullivan, and seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion carried. It was noted that this donation, combined with the 50% of net proceeds from the Ned Smith print raffle, would bring the total donation from the State Chapter to \$5,000.00.

Ron Sandrus said that Project Wild workshops had been held in three areas in the State in April, May, and June, 1984, and that he regretted that the State Chapter had not been represented at these workshops. Ron noted that the State Chapter should become more involved in this very worthwhile project.

Ron Sandrus reported on a meeting that was held with the Pennsylvania Game Commission on May 24, 1984, during which time several representatives of the State Chapter discussed various issues with staff members of the PGC. He then reviewed at length the State Chapter's comments and questions that were brought up during the meeting, and Shirley Grenoble read transcribed responses from members of the PGC staff on such issues as length of seasons, avian flu, fluorescent orange, PGC research efforts, and related matters.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. D.L. Whipp, Manager of Public Information for the West Penn Power Company, presented a film and remarks concerning the acid rain issue and the utility companies' involvement in the search for answers to the problem.

Ron Sandrus said that an order would soon be placed for new habitat pamphlets, and that the quantity purchased would be 500 pamphlets. An order for additional posters will also be placed in the near future.

It was mentioned that Patrick Sullivan had been nominated to receive the Youth Award of the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation, but that no additional information on his status would be available until September, 1984.

Dan Sullivan presented a report on a proposed contract for mailing services received from Checks and Balances Computer Services in Erie for the mailing of Turkey Talk magazine. Dan stated that he felt comfortable with the proposal since it basically provided the same services which were provided during the previous year. Dan Sullivan was authorized to execute the contract with CBCS on behalf of the State Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Sandrus said that he had attended the organizational meeting of the State's 30th Local Chapter, the Blue Mountain Local Chapter, on June 17, 1984, and that the necessary paperwork was in order and in his hands. A motion to send the organizational documents of the Blue Mountain Local Chapter to NWTf for processing was made by Steve Rheaume, and seconded by Shirley Grenoble. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus informed the group that NWTf had requested his attendance at a mortgage-burning ceremony to be held in Edgefield, South Carolina on July 7, 1984 to observe the retirement of the debt for the NWTf Research Center. A motion to send Ron Sandrus to said meeting to represent the Pennsylvania State Chapter was made by Steve Lecorchick, and seconded by Terry Hyde. Motion carried.

It was noted that a meeting of the North East Chapter Presidents, hosted by NWTf, would be held at the Ponderosa Game Preserve Hunting Lodge on August 17-18, 1984. A sign-up sheet for those persons interested in attending was circulated. Further information on the meeting was to be sent directly from NWTf.

Ron Sandrus noted that there had been some discussion on the possibility of designing a lapel pin to be given to all Past Presidents of the State Chapter, and asked Lou Mamone and Ron Hudsick to look into the matter and report their findings at the August, 1984 meeting.

Dan Roessner spoke briefly about the idea of a limited edition knife to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the State Chapter. He was asked to look into the possibilities in more detail, and give a report at the August, 1984 meeting.

After discussion, a motion to rename the Masters Invitational Turkey Calling Contest to the Wilson F. Moore Memorial Masters Invitational Turkey Calling Contest was made by Jan Bausinger, and seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Ayes - 11 Nays - 6 Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus indicated that nominations to the NWTB Board of Directors were now in order. A motion to nominate Jan Bausinger to the NWTB Board of Directors for 1985 was made by Terry Hyde, and seconded by Dan Sullivan. Motion carried.

Relative to the Wilson F. Moore Masters Invitational Turkey Calling Contest, Steve Lecorchick developed a qualifying point system to determine the contestants for the event, which he explained at length. After further discussion on the matter, a motion to adopt Steve Lecorchick's qualifying point system for the Masters was made by Shirley Grenoble, and seconded by Steve Rheume. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus noted that he had received a letter from Bob Clark concerning nominees for the Pennsylvania Forestry Association's Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock Annual Conservation Award and the need for a special committee for nominees for the Hall of Fame Award. It was the consensus of opinion that no separate committee was needed, and that the State Chapter will keep all nominations within its current Awards Committee.

A discussion followed concerning the Senate Bill 1379 which would place the autumn olive on the noxious weed list. It was noted that the Senate Committee would receive written testimony as to why the autumn olive should not be placed on the noxious weed list, and that Dick Weaver and Joe Krug will attempt to represent the State Chapter at the Senate Committee meeting concerning this matter.

In observance of the 10th Anniversary of the the first Turkey Talk, a motion authorizing Bud Erich to use a color cover on the October, 1984 issue of Turkey Talk was made by Shirley Grenoble, and seconded by Don Heckman. Motion carried.

It was noted that the August, 1984 State Directors Meeting will be held during the first part of August, 1984 and that the meeting might be held at John Wood's camp in Marienville, Penna.

A brief discussion was held concerning the possibility of a State Chapter decal, and Howard Meyers said that he would check into prices and report further on the matter at the August, 1984 meeting.

A discussion followed on proposed habitat improvement projects for 1985, and a motion authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000 for 1985 habitat improvement projects which will be recommended by the Habitat Committee and approved by the Executive Committee was made by Tim Holtz, and seconded by Terry Hyde. Motion carried.

It was then noted that Shirley Grenoble would soon be moving from Sayre to Lock Haven, which would necessitate her vacating of her position of Director from the North East Region. A motion approving Shirley Grenoble's change from Director, North East Region to Director, North Central Region was made by Jack Crouse, and seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion carried.

After a short discussion, a motion to provide no funding for the purchase of alcoholic beverages for State Directors meetings and to allow no consumption of alcoholic beverages at those meetings was made by Tom Baldrige, and seconded by Jack Crouse. Motion carried.

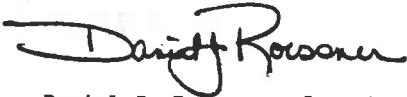
Ron Sandrus said that nominations for the Roger Latham Award would be in order at the August, 1984 meeting, and that everyone should give some thought to which person should be nominated for this prestigious award.

Don Heckman spoke about the possibility of requesting an increase in the dollar amount of the NWTf rebates to the State Chapter, and suggested that the rebates should be increased to 20% of the current membership rate. Gary West remarked that he would take this matter to the NWTf Board, although he felt that any increase of this type might result in a general increase of the membership rate, since the NWTf is also very much in need of each available dollar to meet operating expenses. It was decided that Don Heckman would present the recommendation of the State Chapter to Gary West, and that Gary would bring the matter before the NWTf Board of Directors.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Baldrige, and seconded by Dan Sullivan. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER N.W.T.F. MEETING
ERIE HILTON HOTEL
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 17, 1984

The March, 1984 regular meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Ron Sandrus at 4:32 P.M. on Saturday, March 17, 1984.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that the State Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Terry Hyde gave a brief report on the status of the raffle of the original "Hillside Takeoff" painting by Ned Smith, and reported that \$1,042 worth of raffle tickets had been sold at the Convention exhibit booth. He noted that the gross receipts for the raffle would be approximately \$7,050, and that after expenses, the State Chapter should net \$5,600 profit which will be used for habitat improvement projects in Pennsylvania. He thanked all the local chapters for their efforts in disposition of the raffle tickets, and commended everyone for a job well done.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Howard Meyers requested that all local chapters which prepare news releases and have newspaper articles or pictures published send a copy of this material to him for use in the preparation of the State Chapter portfolio for next year. Howard thanked all local chapters that had submitted portfolio materials to him for use in this year's portfolio submission, and stated that with the continued help of the local chapters, next year's portfolio will be even better than this year's award-winning submission.

Howard informed the group that the June, 1984 Officers and Directors Meeting will most likely be held in Somerset County at Dale Jeffries' Sugar Camp, with the exact dates to be included in the meeting notice.

Ron Sandrus expressed the appreciation of the entire State Chapter for Howard's fine work in the preparation of the State Chapter portfolio.

OLD BUSINESS - Ron Sandrus stated that he had received a request from the coordinators of "PROJECT WILD" for funding from the State Chapter, and had also requested the State Chapter's participation in three workshops to be held at various locations throughout the State during the upcoming months. Steve Rheaume volunteered to coordinate the State Chapter's participation in a workshop to be held at the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Pike County on April 13-15, 1984. Ron Sandrus asked that if anyone were interested in coordinating the State Chapter's involvement in Cumberland County on May 4-6, 1984 or in Mercer County on June 1-3, 1984, those persons should contact him for details on the workshops.

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After further discussion on the merits of the "PROJECT WILD" workshops, a motion to contribute \$300 to "PROJECT WILD" was made by Shirley Grenoble, and seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus said that the NRA is making preparations for a NRA Hunter Clinic in the Philadelphia area in 1985, and that the NRA has requested State Chapter participation in this clinic. More information on this matter will be made available in the future.

A discussion followed concerning the hunter safety pamphlet which had been prepared by NWTF, and whether the State Chapter might be interested in purchasing some of the pamphlets from NWTF at a cost of 15¢ each. After further discussion, a motion authorizing the purchase of 3,000 NWTF safety pamphlets and the distribution of 100 pamphlets to each local chapter was made by Steve Lecorchick, and seconded by Steve Rheaume. Motion carried.

Joe Krug reported that he had received a number of donations from local chapters in response to his request for donations to defray the travel expenses of Jerry Wunz to the NWTF Convention in New Orleans, but that he had learned that Jerry Wunz had respectfully declined to accept these funds. After further discussion, it was decided that rather than send the donations back to the local chapters, Joe Krug would open an account in his area and deposit these donations for use at a later date. Joe indicated that he would give a detailed accounting of these donations at the June, 1984 meeting.

Howard Meyers reported that he had written a letter to Jerry Wunz in which he had asked why certain food plots had not been planted by the Game Commission. Jerry told Howard that he should re-direct his letter to the Executive Director of the PGC. Howard said that he would report further on the matter as soon as a response to his inquiry is received.

Don Heckman reported that the 1985 State Chapter Convention would be held on March 15-16, 1985 at the Marriott Hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He further noted that he and Terry Hyde would serve as co-chairmen for the Convention, and that plans were already under way for this 10th Anniversary Convention.

NEW BUSINESS - Ron Sandrus said that he would be looking for assistance from several individuals and local chapters in the near future to assist him in preparing for a regional meeting with representatives of NWTF to be held in August, 1984, possibly in the State College area.

A motion authorizing the establishment of a checking and savings account at the Citizen's Trust and Bank in Port Allegany, Pennsylvania for the purpose of deposit of State Chapter funds was made by Tim Holtz, and seconded by Jack Crouse. Motion carried.

Relative to his new responsibilities as Treasurer of the State Chapter, Tim Holtz was authorized to contract with a public accountant in his area for the preparation of financial reports and related documents needed to establish accountability of State Chapter funds.

Ron Fretts spoke about the NWTF fund raising dinners that have been planned, including a dinner at Seven Springs on April 25, 1984 and one being planned in the Erie area sometime this year. He mentioned the importance of raising funds for wild turkey research and habitat improvement projects, as well as the need for increasing the membership in the NWTF.

Ron Sandrus stated that he had talked to Kelly Cooper and that Kelly had noted that he requested many requests from local chapters for the donation of his products, and many times does not know if the requests are from responsible members of a local chapter. He indicated that he would be most willing to donate his products for the use of the local chapters if the requests could be channeled through a statewide coordinator. Steve Lecorchick volunteered to serve as the Coordinator for distribution of Kelly Cooper's products. Any requests for donations from Kelly Cooper should be made through Steve Lecorchick at the following address:

Steve Lecorchick
R.D. #1 Box 566
Barnesboro, Penna.
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Jack Crouse spoke about his concern that certain individuals within the organization have been overlooked in the past relative to their opinions and advice on matters which come before the Officers and Directors. He noted that the National Directors from Pennsylvania, Ron Fretts and Gary West, are not generally included in many of the meetings which are held by the Officers and Directors, and indeed they should be. He also said that some provision should be made to include these persons, as well as all Past Presidents of the State Chapter, in an advisory capacity in all future meetings of the Pennsylvania State Chapter. He asked the group to give some thought to this matter, since he will bring the matter up for further discussion at the June, 1984 meeting.

Howard Meyers informed the group that he had received information that the Pennsylvania Game Commission was considering the start of fall turkey season one week prior to the opening of the regular season, and he felt that the PGC should be made aware of our position on the matter. Don Heckman volunteered to set up a meeting with the Executive Director of the PGC so that the concerns of our organization could be considered prior to a full Commission vote on the matter.

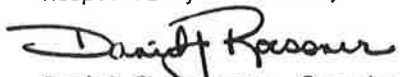
Don Heckman gave the Membership Secretary's Report which indicated that the current membership level in Pennsylvania is 4,065 annual memberships, 288 life memberships, and 197 youth memberships. Don mentioned his concern that the membership roll is declining, and that the State Chapter should be concentrating its efforts on the recruitment of new members as well as the annual renewal of old members.

Carl Brown spoke of NWTf's plans for retrieval of lapsed memberships which will include a mailing to approximately 5,000 past members of the NWTf over the past several years.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Crouse, and seconded by Lee Neeley. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Roessner, Secretary
Pennsylvania State Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ERIE HILTON HOTEL

ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

MARCH 17, 1984

The March, 1984 Annual Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Ron Sandrus at 3:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 17, 1984.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ron Sandrus indicated that he would give a brief overview of State Chapter activities which had been carried out during the preceding year. He said that countless hours were spent by both the State Chapter and the local chapters in providing educational seminars across the State, and that turkey hunting safety seminars would continue to be one of the State Chapter's highest priorities.

He noted that the fluorescent orange study had been completed in March, 1983, but that a final report on the study had not been forthcoming. He said that he was pleased to announce that there appeared to be a possibility that a final report on the matter might be able to be secured in the near future.

During the past year, the State Chapter and many of its local chapters participated in the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Turkey Census and Brood Count, and Ron noted that we would continue to participate in this worthwhile project.

Ron stated that the State Chapter and several of its local chapters were responsible for a substantial donation to the retirement of the N.W.T.F. Building Fund debt.

It was reported that the State Chapter was entering the third year of its Stamp and Print Program, and that this year's print had been prepared by artist Dan Feaser. Ron encouraged everyone's support of this program, since the funds generated are used for habitat improvement projects which directly benefit the wild turkey.

Ron indicated that the State Chapter's habitat improvement project in the Hunt's Run area of Cameron County was very near completion, and that a considerable portion of the \$4,255 for this project came from local chapter donations. A complete breakdown of the local chapters which donated funds, as well as the total dollar amount donated, will be made available in the near future.

It was noted that the raffle for the original painting of "Hillside Takeoff" by artist Ned Smith would take place at the Annual Banquet to be held later that evening.

Ron said that the Youth Committee had been actively involved in the formulation of plans for various programs which would directly benefit our Chapter's younger members, and that he was very hopeful that a Summer Seminar for interested youth members would be held later this summer.

Ron reported that the State's 28th Local Chapter had been organized in October, 1983, and that within 2 weeks it was anticipated that a new local chapter would be formed in the Reading area. He also said that the State Chapter is currently working on the formulation of local chapters in the Mansfield area, as well as in Dauphin County, and said that the strength of the State Chapter lies within its local chapter system.

Ron said that he was pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania State Chapter had been awarded the Outstanding Chapter Award in the 1,000+ member category at the NWTf Convention in February, 1984, and that this was the third consecutive year that our State Chapter had received this prestigious award. He expressed his thanks to all the officers, directors, and the general membership for their continued hard work for the wild turkey which made the receipt of this award possible.

It was further reported that three Pennsylvania Local Chapters had been recognized in the Outstanding Local Chapter competition at the National level:

- First Runnerup - Allegheny Sultans Local Chapter
- Second Runnerup - Roger Latham Memorial Chapter
- Third Runnerup - Northern Cambria County Local Chapter

Ron congratulated these local chapters for a job well done, and expressed the pride of the State Chapter in their accomplishments.

It was also reported that Fred Webster had been named to be a recipient of the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award at the NWTf Convention, in recognition of his years of devoted service to the goals of the NWTf. Fred was offered congratulations by the group for the award he so rightly deserved.

Ron expressed his sincere thanks to the general membership for all the support, encouragement, and fine work put forth by all to make the State Chapter as strong as it is today, and asked for the continued support of the general membership during the upcoming year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Secretary Dan Roessner read the minutes of the March, 1983 Annual Membership Meeting at length, with the following correction to the minutes being noted:

- Page 6 - Roof Garden Gobblers instead of Tri-County Gobblers
- Lionel Perry, Sr., Director, South West Region instead of North Central Region

A motion to approve the minutes of the March, 1983 Annual Membership Meeting, as amended, was made by Tom Baldridge, and seconded by Howard Meyers. Motion carried.

Dan Roessner then read the minutes of the State Chapter meeting held on January 13-14, 1984.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 13-14, 1984 State Chapter Meeting was made by Terry Hyde, and seconded by Lee Neeley. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Meyer presented the Treasurer's Report for the period April 1, 1983 thru December 31, 1983, which indicated total income of \$25,745.79 and total expenses of \$24,465.85, leaving a net income for the period of \$1,279.94.

Bob also noted that the State Chapter checking account balance at December 31, 1983 was \$630.34, and that the checking account balance as of March 17, 1984 was \$1,350.00.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Howard Meyers, and seconded by Fred Webster. Motion carried.

Terry Hyde expressed the sincere thanks of the officers, directors, and general membership to Bob Meyer for the work that he had done over the past several years in his capacity as Treasurer of the State Chapter.

Ron Sandrus then introduced Carl Brown, Director of Chapter Development for the NWTf, and asked Carl to give remarks to the general membership.

Carl noted that 1983 had been a very good year for the NWTf, and a great deal of the successes of the NWTf could be traced to the efforts of the Pennsylvania State Chapter. Carl offered the congratulations of the NWTf to the State Chapter and its local chapters who received outstanding chapter awards at the recent NWTf Convention.

He said that 29 states were represented at the NWTf Convention in New Orleans, and that the Convention itself had been quite successful.

Carl noted that attempts were being made to set up a regional meeting in Pennsylvania in August, 1984 for the Northeast Region of the United States, so that the NWTf could disseminate information on its goals, programs, and plans for the future to the group.

He reported that efforts to eliminate the NWTf Building Fund debt have been quite successful, stating that the outstanding indebtedness for the NWTf Wild Turkey Research Center had been reduced to \$33,000.

It was stated that several fund raising dinners will be held throughout the country during 1984 in order to generate funds for research and habitat improvement projects benefitting the wild turkey.

Carl stated that the NWTf was making an attempt to become more active in the area of hunter education, and said that the Hunter Safety Module had been updated and that the updated slides for the module would be sent shortly to all local chapters who had purchased a copy of the module.

In addition, a 16mm film has been produced which depicts a fatal hunting accident, and this film is available for distribution to interested groups. The NWTf has also recently prepared a pamphlet on defensive turkey hunting tactics which will also be made available for distribution in the near future.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS - Terry Hyde, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read a listing of the nominations for Officers and Directors of the Pennsylvania State Chapter for the 1984-1985 year (copy attached to and made part of these minutes). Terry asked for any nominations from the floor, and there were none. He noted that he had received a letter from Dennis Strawbridge, of the Mason-Dixon Local Chapter, petitioning to be considered for the office of director for the Southeast Region. There were no other petitions received. A motion to elect the slate of Officers and Directors, as presented by the Nominating Committee, was made by Beno DeMonte, and seconded by Bob Meyer. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus expressed his personal thanks to all of the Officers and Directors for the fine job done by all during the past year, and welcomed the newly elected Officers and Directors. He noted particular thanks to Bob Meyer for the dedicated work he had done for the State Chapter in the past years.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Crouse, and seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion carried.

The Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned at 4:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Bressner, Secretary
Pennsylvania State Chapter
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER N.W.T.F. MEETING
RON FRETTS' CAMP
GARDEAU, PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 13-14, 1984

The January, 1984 regular meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Ron Sandrus at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, January 13, 1984.

Ron Sandrus welcomed everyone to the meeting, and extended special thanks to Ron Fretts for hosting the meeting.

Copies of the meeting agenda were passed out, and it was determined that a quorum was present and that the State Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ron Sandrus noted that he had been in touch with officials of Penn State University concerning the status of the final report on the Fluorescent Orange Study. Ron said that it did not appear likely that a final report would be forthcoming, but that he would continue his efforts to secure a final report.

Ron indicated that he had made several attempts to contact Ronald Fowkes in order to request a report on the turkey hunting survey which had been undertaken, but that Mr. Fowkes could not be reached. Ron said that he would continue his attempts to make contact and secure said report.

It was reported that Ron was continuing to give his input into the Convention Committee's activities, as well as that of the Youth Committee and Stamp Print Finance Committee.

Ron reported that he was actively involved in the preparation of plans to represent the State Chapter at the Harrisburg Sports Show, the 2nd Annual Sports Show in Altoona, and the Raystown Sports Show.

Relative to organization of new local chapters in Pennsylvania, Ron stated that he felt there would be an organizational meeting in late March for a new local chapter in the Reading area, and that there was a good possibility that new local chapters would be formed in the northern Dauphin County area as well as in the Mansfield area.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - It was noted that Terry Hyde had not yet arrived, and that he would give his report at a later point in the meeting.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Howard Meyers informed the group that he had received many pieces of information from various local chapters in response to his request for submission of materials for inclusion in the State Chapter portfolio, which would be submitted to N.W.T.F.

for judging in the Outstanding Chapter competition. Howard acknowledged, with appreciation, the following local chapters for their contributions:

Allegheny Sultans
Roger Latham Memorial Chapter
French Creek Longbeards
Tri-County Gobblers
Tamarack Turkey Talkers
Laurel Run Highlands

Michaux-Yellow Breeches
Allegheny Mountain
Fort Chambers
Wapiti Roost
James E. Wilhelm
Evergreen Flock

Howard stated that the portfolio had been submitted to National in sufficient time to meet the entry deadline, and that he was hopeful that the State Chapter would be receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award for the third consecutive year. The entire group commended Howard for a job well done.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dan Roessner requested that each committee chairman submit to him a complete listing of all members of their respective committees, so that a revised master listing could be compiled. He also requested that all changes of officers within each local chapter be forwarded to him so that he could be certain that the proper persons were being notified of the meetings and receiving copies of the minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 1983 meeting was made by Dan Sullivan, and seconded by Bob Meyer. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Meyer presented the financial report for the quarter ended December 31, 1983, which he also noted would be the last quarter of the fiscal year. He noted that in previous years, the fiscal year ran from April 1 - March 31, but as a result of action taken by the Board of Directors, the new fiscal year would run from January 1 - December 31 of each year.

Bob indicated that total income for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1983 was \$25,745.79, while expenditures for that same period totalled \$24,465.85, leaving a net income of \$1,279.94 for the 9-month 1983 fiscal year. Bob further reported that the total assets of the Pennsylvania State Chapter as of December 31, 1983 totalled \$31,487.93.

Dan Roessner requested that a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report be placed in the meeting minutes in lieu of the entire financial report, in the interest of saving reproduction costs. He noted that approximately 30 people in attendance at the State Chapter meetings receive a copy of the detailed report, and that the reproducing of the report for mailing to all officers, directors, and local chapter presidents (including those who have already received a copy) appeared to be an unnecessary expense. After further discussion of the matter, it was the consensus of opinion that a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report should be placed in the meeting minutes, and that anyone interested in receiving a detailed copy of the Treasurer's Report should request a copy from the State Chapter Secretary at the following address:

Dan Roessner
705 North Street
Oil City, Pennsylvania
16301

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Fred Webster, and seconded by Jack Crouse. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman presented the Membership Secretary's Report dated January 13, 1984 (copy attached) and reviewed the report in detail. Don noted that not all local chapters had submitted their zip code listings for their area, and this continues to present a major problem. He noted that more would be said on this matter under old business.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD REPORT - There was no report given, since Shirley Grenoble was not able to be in attendance at the meeting.

TURKEY TALK COMMITTEE - Bud Erich reported that he did not have a contract from Nupp Printing Company available for discussion, since he was not sure of the content and form of contract requested by the State Chapter. Ron Sandrus then requested that the Turkey Talk committee members discuss this matter and some recommendations concerning the printing contract, and that these written recommendations be sent to members of the Executive Committee and all Head Directors in advance of the next meeting, so that some form of action could be taken at the March, 1984 meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Bud also reported that he had met with no success relative to corporate sponsorship of future editions of Turkey Talk.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - Ron Hudsick reported that he had received 48 dozen of the new State Chapter hats, and that payment had been made for these items. He also noted that he had an ample supply of other promotional items, and that anyone interested in securing these items should contact him.

Fred Webster gave a report on the status of the new State Chapter license plates, and showed a rendering of the proposed design of the plate. Several comments were considered, and Fred was asked to follow through on the design changes as per the consensus of opinion reached. Fred noted that the order for the plates would be placed in the near future, so that the new plates would be available in time for the State Convention in Erie.

ADVERTISING MANAGER'S REPORT - In the absence of Jim Hess, Don Heckman reported that Jim would be sending approximately 150 letters to prospective advertisers for the March, 1984 edition of Turkey Talk.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde reported on the status of the Jakes Membership Contest, and gave a brief report on the First Bird Award available to Jakes members. Terry said that 306 letters had been mailed to Pennsylvania's Jakes members encouraging their participation in a Jakes membership drive. He stated that several prizes had been secured for the top 5 places in the contest, and that the contest would run from 1/1/84 to 2/29/84.

Terry also reported on the Summer Seminar that is being planned for all Jakes members. He said that he would wait until after the March, 1984 meeting to make any reservations of a meeting place. It is hoped that the Summer Seminar can be held in June or July, 1984.

ART PRINT COMMITTEE - Ron Fretts gave a report on a letter that had been received from Sportsman Specialties Co., dated November 28, 1983, in which an offer was made to substitute various art prints for the shortage of 135 Number Two State Stamp Prints by Larry Toschik caused by the printer of this edition. Sportsman Specialties Co. offered to make 90 Ned Smith art prints available to the State Chapter in place of the 135 Toschik prints. It was noted that these art prints have a market value of over \$11,000, and would appear to be more desirable than an additional 135 Toschik prints, since there are currently 1,183 unsold Toschik prints available. After further discussion, a motion to accept the proposal from Sportsman Specialties Co. to substitute 90 Ned Smith art prints for 135 Toschik prints, as per Sportsman Specialties Co. proposal dated November 28, 1983, was made by Lee Lykens, and seconded by Bud Erich. Motion carried.

Ron said that the Number Three State Stamp Print by Dan Feaser has been printed, and that Dan Feaser was in the process of signing the prints.

Ron suggested that in order for a local chapter to receive a 1983 artist proof by Dan Feaser from the State Chapter for their fund raising efforts, the local chapter must submit, in writing,

the manner in which the 1982 Toschik print was used, and the amount of funds generated for the local chapter by the print. The Board concurred with Ron Fretts' suggestion. All written requests for the 1983 State Stamp Print artist's proof by local chapters should be addressed to:

Ron Fretts
R.D. #1 Box 235A
Scottsdale, Pennsylvania
15683

On behalf of the State Raffle Committee for the 1984 Convention, Dan Roessner requested one 1982 Stamp Print by Toschik and one 1983 Stamp Print by Feaser for use in the State Raffle. The consensus of Board opinion was that this would be a wise use of the prints since it would generate much-needed funds for the State treasury, and the request from the State Raffle Committee was granted.

It was also noted that the #1 Artist's Proof of the 1983 State Stamp Print by Dan Feaser would be presented to Governor Richard Thornburgh at the Harrisburg Sports Show in February, 1984 by representatives of the State Chapter.

STATE STAMP PRINT PUBLICITY - No report given in the absence of Shirley Grenoble.

HABITAT COMMITTEE - Gary West reported that he had received a request for payment of the \$4,255 which had been pledged by the State Chapter for the funding of the 1984 habitat improvement project on the Steam Mill Branch of Hunt's Run in Cameron County. He said that he had already received approximately \$1,000 in donations from various local chapters to date. Since the State Chapter was not in a position to send the entire amount of funds needed at the time, it was decided that the State Treasurer would transmit the \$1,000 received from the local chapters, with the balance of the funds to be forwarded shortly after the 1984 State Convention.

Tim Holtz reported that work was progressing on the habitat display for the State Convention, and that the Allegheny Sultans were working on the raised topographic map which would pinpoint all of the State and local chapter habitat improvement projects throughout the state.

Tim also noted that the U.S. Forest service was in the process of formulating a 10-year Forest Land Use Resource Plan for the period 1985-1995 which would regulate the use of approximately 2½ million acres of forest lands in Pennsylvania. Ron Sandrus asked Tim and the Habitat Committee members to come up with some recommendations on this matter for consideration at the March, 1984 meeting.

NATIONAL REPORT - Ron Fretts said that steps have been taken by N.W.T.F. to insure that State Chapter rebates will be submitted to the State Treasurer on a more timely basis, and in no case should the rebates be more than 90 days late.

Ron also gave a brief description of future N.W.T.F. fund raising dinners which will be held to raise monies for the N.W.T.F. organization. Funds generated from the dinners, which will be patterned after the highly successful Ducks Unlimited dinners held throughout the country, will be used primarily for wild turkey research and habitat improvement projects. More information on this matter will be available in the near future for any local chapter that wishes to hold such a fund raising dinner.

Gary West urged everyone to attend the N.W.T.F. Convention in New Orleans in February, 1984, and also stated that he would be representing the Pennsylvania State Chapter at a fund raising dinner in Arkansas in the near future, and Ron Fretts would be attending a similar dinner in Michigan.

It was stated that 25,000 hunter safety brochures have been printed by N.W.T.F. and were available for distribution.

STAMP PRINT FINANCE COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde gave a detailed report of the 1981-1983 State Stamp Print Program, indicating that \$93.35 in income was generated during the period 11/8/83-12/31/83. Total net income from the combined Stamp Print Programs during the period 1/1/83-12/31/83 was \$1,105.73. The checkbook balance as of 12/31/83 was \$374.54. A copy of the detailed report prepared by the Stamp Print Finance Committee is available, upon written request, from Terry Hyde.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Dan Sullivan gave brief status reports on the acid rain issue and on the gas exploration in the Erie National Wildlife Refuge. He also elaborated on two bills under consideration by Congress, HR 3498 and HR 2470, which deal with the diversion of Pittman-Robertson Funds toward compensation of crime victims. Dan urged all persons concerned with this matter to write a letter, as a concerned sportsman, to the following individual:

Representative John Breaux
c/o House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Bob Meyer discussed a proposed operating budget for the State Chapter for the period January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984. The proposed operating budget is as follows:

Postage	\$ 2,500.00
Printing of Turkey Talk	10,000.00
Supplies	600.00
Insurance	350.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Promotional Items	7,000.00
NWTF Donations	-0-
State Chapter Promotional Donations	-0-
Travel and Lodging	800.00
Computer Services	1,300.00
Meeting Expenses	600.00
Local Chapter Development	600.00
Accounting	1,000.00
Business Expense	2,000.00
Membership Expense	700.00
Legal Fees	500.00
Rewards	500.00
Habitat Projects	5,000.00
Educational	2,000.00
Convention	1,500.00
Sales Tax	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$38,650.00</u>

After a discussion of the proposed operating budget, a motion to adopt the Operating Budget for the 1984 fiscal year, as presented by Bob Meyer, was made by Terry Hyde, and seconded by Stan Dynda. Motion carried.

1984 CONVENTION - Dan Sullivan and Gary West reported that the seminar speakers for the Convention had been secured, and that plans for the Convention were progressing smoothly. Dan reviewed the progress being made by the various sub-committees, and expressed his appreciation for all the help being provided by the local chapters and all other individuals involved with the 1984 Convention.

HEAD DIRECTORS REPORTS - The following reports were presented:

North West Region - Dan Sullivan
South West Region - Jack Crouse
North Central Region - Bud Erich
South East Region - Ed Haines

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS - The following chapters were represented at the meeting and each gave a brief description of their past and planned activities:

Hecla No. 1	Wapiti Roost
James E. Wilhelm	French Creek Longbeards
Michaux-Yellow Breeches	Tri-County Gobblers
Roger Latham	Summit Mountain Yelpers
Northern Cambria County	Susquehanna
Tamarack Turkey Talkers	Allegheny Mountain
Laurel Run Highlands	Fort Chambers
Allegheny Sultans	

The meeting was then recessed at 1:58 A.M.

The meeting was re-convened at 10.00 A.M. on Saturday, January 14, 1984, with President Ron Sandrus calling the meeting to order. Dan Roessner informed Ron Sandrus that a quorum was present and that State Chapter business could be conducted. Ron Sandrus asked if there were any proxy votes to consider, and Bud Erich presented proxy letters from Albino DeMonte and James Hess. It was ruled by the Parliamentarian that Mr. DeMonte's proxy letter was invalid since it did not specify, by name, which person was authorized to cast a vote on his behalf.

Ron Sandrus noted that he had received a letter from Ed Haines which indicated that due to certain business and personal commitments, Ed wished to resign from his position as Head Director from the South East Region, effective 1/1/484, but that he wished to continue in his capacity as a director from that region.

OLD BUSINESS - Ron Sandrus discussed the dismissal of Aaron Teeple from his position as Public Relations Chairman effective September 30, 1983, and noted that he had recently received a communication from an attorney engaged by Mr. Teeple relative to said dismissal. Ron said that he had forwarded all pertinent information concerning the matter to Mr. Robert Weisgerber, and had asked Mr. Weisgerber to represent the State Chapter on this issue. Mr. Weisgerber stated the terms under which he would be willing to act as legal counsel for the State Chapter in a letter to Ron Sandrus dated January 6, 1984. He noted that he would not require an annual retainer, but he would bill the State Chapter at the rate of \$40 per hour plus any out-of-pocket expenses and long distance telephone calls. After further discussion on the need for representation by an attorney, a motion to retain Mr. Robert Weisgerber as the legal counsel of the Pennsylvania State Chapter, as per the proposal letter dated January 6, 1984 was made by Don Heckman, and seconded by Joe Krug.
Motion carried.

Bob Meyer gave an update on the tax exemption status of the State Chapter. He noted that the Federal Taxpayer I.D. Number which will be required for any local chapter starting a checking account is as follows: 25-1447791. Bob also stated that he had applied for a State Sales Tax Number, and that the number should be received by him within one week. When he receives this number, he will give the number to all executive officers and the State Chapter Secretary so that all local chapters can be notified. He also advised each local chapter to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue for their own State Sales Tax Number, and when that number is received, to forward a copy of that number to him for his files. He reminded everyone that

each local chapter should begin State tax collection on all non-clothing items which are offered for sale by the local chapter. He noted that he would give a further report on the matter at the March, 1984 meeting.

It was stated that N.W.T.F. plans to conduct a mailing in February or March of 1984 in order to recoup old members who have not renewed their membership in the N.W.T.F.

Don Heckman noted that he had received 7 nomination forms for the various awards that would be given at the State Convention Banquet in March, 1984 and that the Executive Board would be meeting later in the afternoon to select the award recipients.

Don Heckman said that copies of the revised Constitution and By-Laws have been printed and were available from him.

Ron Sandrus spoke about the possibility of purchasing binders for past editions of Turkey Talk which would be suitable for presentation to various schools and libraries. He noted that any local chapter that wished to undertake this project in their own area might do so by contacting the following individual:

Mr. Paul Heivly
19 Bennett Street
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701
(717) 326-1087

After further discussion, a motion to table action on this matter until the June, 1984 meeting was made by Jack Crouse, and seconded by Tom Starck. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus noted that he had received an appeal for funding support from the Project Wild committee, and felt that State Chapter participation in this endeavor would be worthwhile. It was decided to defer action on this matter until the March, 1984 meeting.

Don Heckman stated that he would be representing the State Chapter at the Eastern Pennsylvania Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on February 4-12, 1984. He also said that a letter had been sent to N.W.T.F. requesting consideration of Pennsylvania as the site of the 1986 N.W.T.F. Convention, but that he had not received further word on this matter.

Don Heckman had also proposed that the Marriott Hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania be considered as the site for the 1985 State Convention. After a discussion on the merits of his proposal, a motion to approve the selection of the Marriott Hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as the site for the 1985 State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Chapter was made by Dan Roessner, and seconded by Steve Rheume. Motion carried.

Terry Hyde then presented a report on the "Hillside Takeoff" raffle, and indicated that as of 1/1/84 approximately \$4,000 had been received in ticket sales. He urged all those with ticket money to send the money as soon as possible to Beno DeMonte. Terry also pointed out that it was the recommendation of the Stamp Print Finance Committee that the State Chapter wait until after the State Convention in March, 1984 to send any pledged funds to N.W.T.F. for retirement of the N.W.T.F. Building Debt.

In a related matter, Dan Roessner read a letter from Terry Hyde dated December 28, 1983 in which Terry had indicated that he would continue to serve as the State Chapter's "agent" for the handling of the State's Stamp and Print Program in exchange for 5 of the recently-acquired Ned Smith prints. After further discussion of the matter, a motion to accept Terry Hyde's proposal to administer the State Stamp Print Program for a 2 year period in exchange for 5 Ned Smith art prints, as per his letter dated December 28, 1983, was made by Dan Sullivan, and seconded by Bud Erich. Motion carried.

Ron Sandrus noted that he would like to set up a schedule of State Chapter meeting dates and locations at least one year in advance, and solicited the help of the Board and the local chapters in setting up this schedule.

Terry Hyde said that he would have a slate of officers and directors to Dan Sullivan in the near future so that the nominations could be sent out with the Convention mailing at least 30 days in advance of the March, 1984 meeting. He noted that there were still openings in the office of director for the South Central and South East regions of the State, and that nominations for these offices could be considered from the floor at the State Convention Annual Meeting.

Fred Webster discussed the various ways the State Chapter might be able to pay tribute to Irv Buttray in a fitting manner. After a presentation of Fred's ideas and suggestions from the Board, a motion to dedicate the 1984 State Convention to the memory of Irv Buttray and so note this on the Convention program was made by Terry Hyde, and seconded by Tim Holtz. Motion carried. In addition, a motion to recognize Irv Buttray's service to the State Chapter by awarding a service award named in his memory at the 1984 Convention was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Howard Meyers. Motion carried.

Don Heckman asked for a clarification of the price the State Chapter will be charging for a 1982 State Stamp Print by Toschik. Terry Hyde stated that the price is \$130 including the stamp plus 6% State sales tax plus \$7.40 postage.

Don Heckman expressed his concern over the fact that several local chapters had not yet completed their zip code directory of members in their service area. He noted that the following locals have not yet filed a zip code directory: Cameron County, North Central, Lycoming, Endless Mountain, Tamarack Turkey Talkers, and Montour Area. He said that the following locals have filed a directory, but there are still unresolved conflicts between local chapters: Hecla No. 1, Juniata Gobblers, Laurel Run Highlands, French Creek Longbeards, and Summit Mountain. One local chapter, Evergreen Flock, has submitted a directory, but is not yet listed. Don informed everyone to contact him if there are any questions relative to this matter. He further noted that if anyone wishes to transfer from one local chapter to another, a request must be submitted, in writing, to N.W.T.F., and must state the person's name, address, and membership number.

NEW BUSINESS - Ron Sandrus stated that the State Chapter had received an offer to purchase an Ithaca Mag 10 shotgun from the N.W.T.F. for the price of \$400, with all proceeds to return to the N.W.T.F. There was no interest expressed at the time, so no action was taken.

The Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation's Annual Conservation Awards Program was discussed, and a motion to nominate Patrick Sullivan for the P.W.F. Youth Conservationist Award was made by Fred Webster, and seconded by Mike Shreffler. Motion carried. It was noted that Terry Hyde would prepare Patrick Sullivan's nomination for submission by January 31, 1984.

Ron Sandrus said that he had received a communication from Doug Grann of N.W.T.F. relative to the purchase of art prints by the State Chapter. No action was taken since the matter was referred to the Art Auction Committee.

Ron Sandrus said that he had been informed that the Pennsylvania Game Commission would not be paying the travel expenses of Jerry Wunz to attend the N.W.T.F. Convention in New Orleans in February, 1984. All Board members felt that it was important to have Jerry Wunz attend the Convention and represent the State Chapter and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Joe Krug noted that he would be willing to write letters to local chapters requesting funds to reimburse Jerry Wunz's travel expenditures.

Don Heckman suggested that it might be wise to have periodic updates from Jerry Wunz at State Chapter meetings, and Ron Sandrus noted that Jerry Wunz has been placed on our mailing list for the minutes of State Chapter meetings and meeting notices.

Howard Meyers stated that N.W.T.F. would be sending revisions to the N.W.T.F. Safety Module to all who had purchased a copy of the module. The revisions deal with the deletion of slides showing the wearing of fluorescent orange clothing.

Don Heckman indicated that he might not have enough of the Certificates of Appreciation that are to be awarded at the 1984 Convention, and he received authorization to order additional copies of the Certificate as he saw fit.

Ron Fretts gave a brief report on the spread of the avian virus in eastern Pennsylvania, and indicated that at some point it may affect the turkey flocks in Pennsylvania. It was suggested that the State Chapter monitor this situation in some way and report findings back to State Chapter members.

Bob Meyer requested that his new address be noted as follows:

Bob Meyer, Jr.
c/o Bob's Body & Service Center
South Michael Road
St. Mary's, Penna. 15857
Business: (814) 834-7173
Home: (814) 834-7222

Howard Meyers said that he would check with Jerry Wunz concerning the status of additional work on food plots under the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Food Plot Management Program.

It was noted that Ron Sandrus, Fred Webster, Gary West, and Ron Fretts would be the designated representatives of the Pennsylvania State Chapter at the N.W.T.F. Convention in February, 1984.

Terry Hyde said that it was the recommendation of the State Stamp Print Finance Committee that 4 Toschik prints and 5 Ned Smith prints be provided for the State Chapter Art Auction at dealer cost. This recommendation was agreed upon by the Board members present.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Meyer, and seconded by Fred Webster. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President Ron Sandrus at 3:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel J. Roessner, Secretary
Pennsylvania State Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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1. State Chapter Computer System Report
 - A. Name and address changes, new additions and deletions were sent to Masco for master file updates on January 9, 1984. These changes will be applied for the label run for the January 1984 newsletter. Next computer master update run will be March 20, 1984, for the April 1984 newsletter.
 - B. State Subscribers: 334
Officers, directors, and Local Chapter Presidents: 65
Turkey Talk Advertisers and State Chapter Editors: 45

2. State Chapter Membership - N.W.T.F.
 - A. January 1983 - 5122
December 1983 - 4739
 - B. Rebates paid to-date: January 1983 to October 1983 \$8054.00. November rebate to be sent in January 1984.
 - C. Reports requested from N.W.T.F. Membership Director include 2 sets of Pa. Chapter membership labels ordered January 9, 1984.
 - D. October 1983 newsletter - 60 name and address changes received @ .25 ea. and 30 newsletters to be remailed with correct address @ .40 ea. equals \$27.00 for costs of address updates and mailing.
 - E. Zip Codes for local chapter are still a major problem as not all local chapters have forwarded these codes to me. (This will be discussed under old business)
 - F. Local Chapter membership directory, last name sequence on green bar paper, is being finalized. Expired membership accounts for local chapters and/or state chapter use, last name sequence on green bar paper, has been completed. The directory has a couple minor program changes to be applied before distribution can be completed for this most important membership report. Local Chapters can expect quarterly printouts for current members directory, last name sequence, beginning in March 1984 at the State Chapter Convention.



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Refer to:

March 5, 1984

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

RE: 1984 STATE CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the minutes of our January 13-14, 1984 State Chapter meeting held at Ron Fretts' camp.

I know that by now everyone is quite anxious and excited about the upcoming State Convention and Annual Meeting to be held in Erie, Pennsylvania on March 16-17, 1984 at the Erie Hilton. Dan Sullivan, Gary West, and all of the subcommittees and local chapters are doing a super job in preparing for the Convention, and it promises to be one of the best State Conventions ever held! I'm sure that by now you have already made your final plans to be in attendance for the Convention.

Ron Sandrus has asked me to inform you that there will be a special meeting of all Executive Officers, Head Directors, and members of the Turkey Talk Committee on Friday evening, March 16, 1984 at a time and place to be announced at the Convention.

Please plan to be in attendance at our Convention and Annual Meeting, and encourage your friends and relatives to be there also. It's the perfect time to showcase what the Pennsylvania State Chapter is doing for the wild turkey in Pennsylvania!

P.S. April 28th is only 54 days away!!!!

See you in Erie on March 16th . . .

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Roessner, Secretary
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