

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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January 8, 1989

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the Minutes of our November 4-5, 1988 PA Chapter meeting held at Sparkling Springs Camp in Clearfield County.

The next regular meeting of our PA Chapter officers and directors will be held on January 20-21, 1989 at Herter's Spring Lodge in the Sandy Ridge area of Centre County. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m., on Friday. A map showing directions to the camp is enclosed for your reference. (Herter's Spring Lodge has been the site of our January meeting for the past three-years).

President Meyers has informed me that we have a great deal of business to conduct, and he requests everyone's cooperation in making every effort to attend.

As you know, the January meeting is our last meeting prior to the PA Chapter Convention. We need to finalize nominations of our new slate of officers and directors. The Awards Committee will need to finalize nominations for awards, and the Convention Committee will need to present their final report prior to the Convention. We will, therefore, need everyone's cooperation in going through the agenda as expeditiously as possible.

I hope all of you had a Joyous and Very Merry Christmas, and I wish all of you a Happy, Prosperous, and SAFE New Year! Let's leap into the New Year with both feet forward, making this a banner year for our organization and the wild turkey resource.

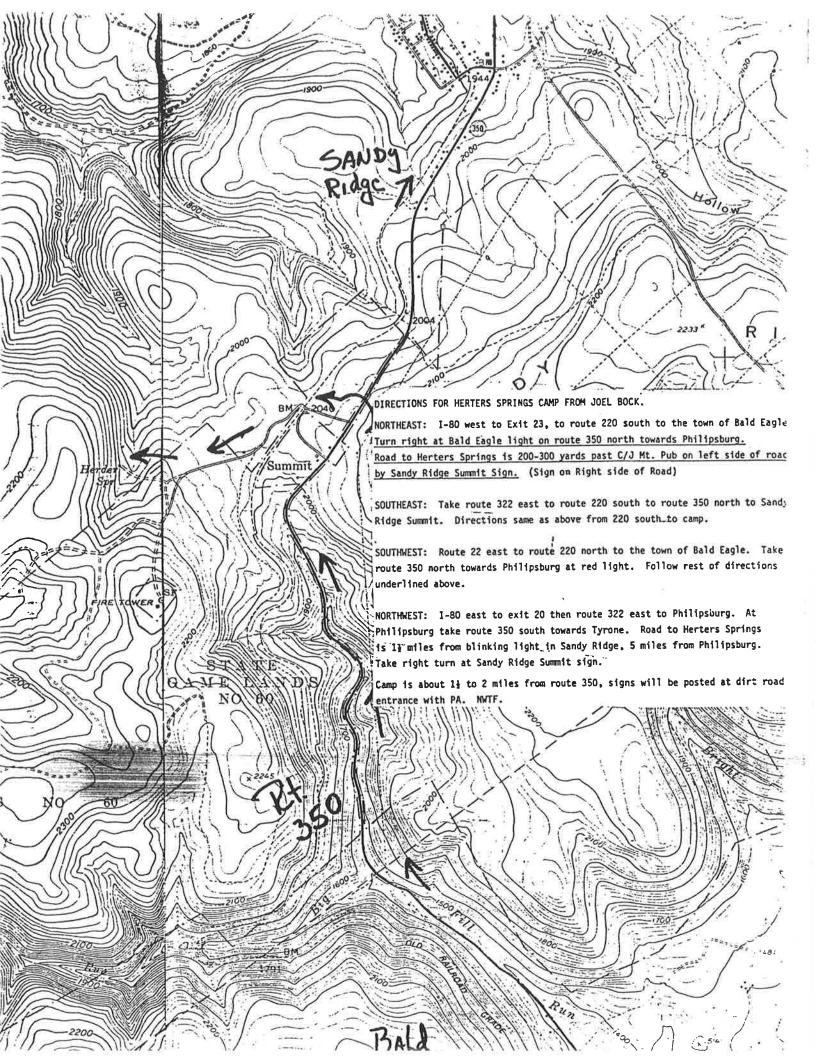
How does staying over <u>Saturday night</u> sound...rumor has it that Fred Webster has a new line of jokes he has been stock piling for such an occassion... besides, it's my birthday...

Looking forward to seeing you. . .

Sincerely,

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

ENCLOSURE:





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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
NOVEMBER 4-5, 1988
SPARKLING SPRINGS CAMP, CLEARFIELD COUNTY

The November 1988 Board of Directors' Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Howard Meyers at 8:10 p.m., on Friday, Movember 4, 1988.

On behalf of the Sparkling Springs Camp members, Paul Young welcomed the PA Chapter and spoke briefly about the camp.

Following an introduction of the group, it was noted that a quorum was present and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

 $\frac{\text{PRESIDENT'S REPORT}}{\text{Stewart on the '89}} - \text{Howard Meyers reported he has been working with Dallas Stewart on the '89} \\ \text{Convention and had met with hotel representatives in August.}$

On September 3, President Meyers visited the Sheraton Penn State in State College to check the hotel facilities for a possible convention site.

Howard participated in the Allegheny Hunting Show at the Expo Mart on September 10, and helped to man a booth with members of the Mon-Yough L.C. It was also mentioned that Howard had a National hat autographed by turkey hunting experts as a possible auction item for the '89 Convention. Along those same lines, Howard spoke with Grits Gresham about attending a future convention as a featured speaker.

September 17-18, Howard attended "Wild Turkey Days" at Laurel Hill State Park. September 25, President Meyers participated in the NRA Turkey Hunting Clinic at the Radisson Hotel in Monroeville.

It was noted that our secretary received a letter from President John Wood of the James E. Wilhelm L.C., regarding their local chapter's concern over the opening of a fall turkey season in Erie County. Howard indicated that he had spoke with John about the letter and had sent a follow-up letter to Dale Sheffer of the PGC.

In his closing remarks, President Meyers expressed congratulations and thanks to the Scattered Flock, James E. Wilhelm Memorial, and Kinzua Allegheny Longbeards for conducting their first fund-raising banquets. "Great job! . . .

a lot of butterflies but all made money for the Super Fund and benefit to the wild turkey resource."

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tom Baldrige reported he had chaired the Mon-Yough L.C.'s fund-raising banquet, which was held August 25.

Tom organized and set-up the NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic conducted on September 25, in Monroeville. In concluding his report, Tom said he has been working closely with President Meyers on PA Chapter activities and business matters.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tim Holtz was unable to attend the meeting. He did, however, provide a written report which was read before the Board.

In his report, Tim stated he had spent considerable time on the Fall Gun Raffle. Tim's disappointment was noted in that, for the second year, the raffle did not run as smoothly as expected. It was reported that 211 tickets were outstanding when the raffle started and 130 tickets were unaccounted for as of October 29. (President Meyers was given a list of tickets unaccounted for).

As reported, we will again net several thousand dollars. In concluding his report, Tim stated: Each member and chapter that sold tickets is to be thanked. Without the help of many individuals throughout the state, a project such as this would not be successful.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u> - Rick Moroney reported on the difficulties he has had in getting the Minutes to officers, directors, and local chapter presidents thirty-days prior to the meetings due to his job.

In answer to complaints regarding not enough notice for meeting dates, Rick said he would like to announce meeting sites and dates in the Minutes two meetings ahead of time, and would like to continue to list emergency numbers on the cover letter of our Minutes. As noted, Rick will need the help of Alan Keagy and/or whoever is responsible for setting up the meeting sites to get the needed information.

Rick reported he is compiling our treasury records and hopes to have a complete record of accountability to be turned over to our treasurer at the January meeting. As part of the secretarial duties, several letters were written by our secretary to address business matters on behalf of the PA Chapter. President Meyers was copied on all letters while other officers and directors were copied dependent upon the contents of the letter.

Several letters were read before the Board relevant to the concerns of the James E. Wilhelm L.C. over the opening of a fall turkey season in Erie County. Following the reading of these letters, the floor was opened for discussion, and our secretary was given direction to record the PA Chapter's constitutional law and suggestions pertaining to such matters in our Minutes.

Within the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation under Article X, Section 1 - Representation, it states:

No individual member or group of members other than the presiding officer shall state views as being those of the Federation without official authorization by the president.

It is not the design of this Article or the intention of the PA Chapter Board to prevent and/or hinder a local chapter or individual members from expressing their concerns, views, statements, or requests for answers regarding matters which may effect the goals and objectives of our organization. However, the PA Chapter president <u>must be</u> notified beforehand.

As noted during Board discussion, views and statements have been made by members in the past without notifying the PA Chapter president. At times, this has caused an embarrassment to our organization because said views and/or statements have gone against policies already adopted or accepted by the PA Chapter, NWTF.

Bottom Line: Our goals and objectives should be the same, as we are one organization. However, at times, it will become necessary to notify the PA Chapter president on matters of concern. Prior notification would help to keep the lines of communication open between our state and local chapters; it would help to assure that all factions of our organization are walking on the same road and; thereby, it would make our organization stronger and better for it.

The following corrections and additions were noted and recorded in the August 1988 Minutes: (Announcement) - The January Board of Directors' meeting will be held January 13-14, 1989 at Herter's Spring Lodge in Centre County was corrected to read . . . will be held January 20-21, 1989

A motion to accept the August 1988 Minutes as corrected was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Skip Schaich. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Rich Weaver distributed the Balance Sheet, Statement of Income, and Financial Statement of the PA Chapter to the assembly.

As reported, the Balance Sheet for the nine months ending September 30, 1988, showed our total current assets to be \$15,461.32. The Statement of Income for the period ending September 30, 1988, showed our total income for year-to-date to be \$32,180.28. Total expenses for the same period were \$22,599.09, leaving a net income of \$9581.19.

The Financial Statement for the period October 1 to November 4, 1988 showed our total income for the period to be \$2290.60, while expenses for the same period were \$1777.93. Breakdown of the Treasury Report is as follows:

Balance on Hand 10/1/1988	\$15,460.32
Income for Period 10/1 - 11/4/88	2,290.60
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$17,750.92
EXPENSES 10/1 - 11/4/88	1,777.93
BALANCE ON HAND 11/4/88	\$15,972.99

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

General Account - \$1802.02 Savings Account - \$14,170.97 TOTAL - \$15,972.99

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

VICE TREASURER'S REPORT - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman reported that MSG will no longer be processing our computer maintenance system, as of September 23, 1988. Having gone out of business, MSG sent Don a copy of their run book procedures, a tape copy of our master file, and a copy of the programs used in processing this system on October 21, 1988.

Don said our current membership for the PA Chapter stands at 6960 members, an increase of 1002 members over last year. As reported, labels for the PA Chapter fall issue of <u>Turkey Talk</u> and the convention mailing in November have been ordered and were sent to Checks and Balances. Convention mailing will be sent to NWTF members only and not to the complimentary names on the PA Chapter file.

Of Special Interest: The NWTF Board approved an annual dues increase of \$5, from \$15 to \$20, for annual membership effective January 1, 1989. NWTF Board approval was also given to delete the Sustaining Member (\$25) category.

In other action, the NWTF Board passed a motion, effective September 1988, to return the \$2 dues rebate for new members signed up at fund-raising banquets to state chapters. Local chapters will no longer receive this rebate. However, the four percent (4%) rebate to the local chapters will still be given after the paperwork has been approved.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - Dan Roessner stated he would like to give his report under the committees inwhich he serves.

 $\overline{\text{TURKEY TALK}}$ - Larry Smail reported on some difficulties he encountered in getting $\overline{\text{Turkey Talk}}$ out on a timely basis. As reported, Larry was subjected to a 19-day delay between the time he sent the rough draft and received the proof copy back from Nupp Printing, which resulted in a late mailing of $\overline{\text{Turkey Talk}}$ to our members.

In regards to the letter sent by Rich Weaver, Larry asked the Board to consider increasing <u>Turkey Talk's</u> budget for '89. As noted, a lot of informational P.R. material is deleted from our newsletter due to budget restraints. Larry would like an opportunity, through a budget increase, to expand <u>Turkey Talk</u> from an eight-page to twelve-page format. This would allow enough column space to get vital information to our membership and afford the PA Chapter an opportunity to blow its horn, i.e. convention write-ups, habitat projects, and local chapter news items, etc. . . .

Bottom Line: Due to a lack of communication on our part, people throughout the commonwealth do not know the PA Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation even exists and, therefore, are unaware of what we are about, or what we do in an effort to enhance the future prospects of our wild turkey resource. If our organization is lacking in any phase of our goals and objectives, then reaching our membership and the public through a media format must certainly lead the list.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - Skip Sanderson reported on the possibility of ordering new PA Chapter hats, license plates, and patches. A motion to purchase 96 PA Chapter hats and 250 license plates was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Alan Emlet. Motion Carried.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - No Report.

ART COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde was unable to attend the meeting. However, Terry provided a written report which was read before the Board by Joel Bock.

In his report, Terry stated that the artists' contest for our second conservation print had been completed, with 10 artists entering works for consideration. As reported, Mark Twain Noe's artwork "The Apprentice" was chosen by the judges for our second conservation print.

According to Terry, contracts have been completed and, within the next 2-3 weeks, work will be done on the transparancy negetives and chromolines. It was suggested the judges of the art contest should receive a free second conservation print for their time and effort, and that Joel Bock should also receive a print for the work he has done.

In concluding his report, Terry said he had transferred all of the 1982-83 print/stamps and the PA Chapter's first conservation prints over to Joel. It was noted that Terry still has the number one 1981 Print and the original painting of our first conservation print in his possession.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No Report.

<u>SUPERFUND/HABITAT</u> - Joe Krug reported on the status of several habitat projects which have been funded through the PA CHapter Super Fund.

Fowler Hollow: Work on the project was initiated by the DER Bureau of Forestry prior to receiving funds from the PA Chapter. Original project plans called for clearing and grubbing of 3 areas totaling 4.5 acres and to then be planted with grasses, legumes, game food shrubs, and conifers. With PA Chapter funding in-hand, DER expanded the clearing of acreage from 4.5 to 5.5 acres.

Michaux-Yellow Breeches Projects #1 and #2: DER has completed bulldozer work on the two projects, but would forego planting until earlier next spring, as it is a little late to plant legumes and other grasses because of winter weather conditions.

Michaux-Yellow Breeches Project #3: Project has been set back until late summer and/or possibly a year from now. As Joe stated, the project area's timber has suffered heavy mortality as a result of gypsy moth infestation and the drought. DER is attempting to salvage the usable saw timber by placing it on a priority status, and will put the inferior timber up for sale. According to Joe, Project #3 will be put on hold until DER can find a buyer for timber on the project site.

As reported, Joe spoke with Dan Develin about the availability of funding from the PA Chapter and our willingness to help support DER habitat projects. In response, Dan agreed to send a memo to all his people concerning the availability of funding for projects through our Super Fund.

<u>Suggestion</u>: Local chapters considering habitat projects on state game lands should contact the PGC land manager in that area. This would be a suggested first step for local chapters to take, in reference to game land projects, when knowledgeable contacts are difficult to make.

Of Special Interest: The PA Chapter Super Fund has \$43,511.91 in the account. According to Gary Tanner, this does not reflect income of the Mon-Yough and Kinzua Allegheny banquets.

SUPERFUND/SAFETY - Dan Roessner reported he spoke with Jim Filkosky about hunter safety programs and how we might get updates on accident reports. Dan also spoke with Earl Hower regarding the NRA Turkey Hunter Certification Program. According to Dan, Earl hopes to have the program advertised in the January issue of Turkey Talk. Details of the program should be worked out in time for those interested to certified by the NRA, as turkey hunting safety instructors, prior to the '89 spring season.

PGC Safety Bands: Dan mentioned the PGC's purchase of 5000 orange safety bands which are designed for turkey hunter use. These bands will be advertised in and made available for sell through <u>Game News</u>. The safety bands will be packaged in plastic with an informational card on the three proposed safety uses of the band such as: (1) Worn as a belt when hunter is moving to and from calling site. (2) Wrapped around a tree at and/or near the calling site. (3) Used to wrap around a harvested turkey.

Dan suggested the PA Chapter should endorse the use of the PGC safety band as another alternative for the safety conscience hunter. Suggestions for getting the organization's name associated with the PGC safety bands included: providing the PGC with membership cards and/Or defensive turkey booklets for inclusion in the safety band packaging.

SUPERFUND/LAND - Howard Meyers reported on the purchase of a state game lands in the South Mountain area of Cumberland County. The first land acquisition of the PA Chapter was made when a check for \$1000 was presented to the Wildlands Conservancy for the purchase of a 750-acre tract of state game lands. Michaux-Yellow Breeches L.C. donated \$250 and a Super Fund check of \$750 were used to help purchase the land.

Howard made mention of an upland vegetation cutting demonstration being done by the PGC on State Game Lands #230. Machinery used for this type of cutting is similar to a John Deere tractor, according to Howard. Rich Weaver, Don Heckman, and Joe Krug were asked, if possible, to represent the PA Chapter at this demonstration. A suggestion was made that the PA Chapter may consider working with the Grouse Society to help purchase an upland vegetation cutter for the PGC at some later date.

NWTF - Gary Tanner reported there were 29 banquets in his region of the Northeast, noting that Pennsylvania held 10 banquets. Along those lines, Gary felt there would be 50 banquets showcased next year with a possible income of $\frac{1}{4}$ million dollars. Gary commented that all of the banquets were very successful . . .despite the worries and apprehensions that a few of the first timers experienced beforehand.

Ron Fretts reported the NWTF is in as good a shape as it has ever been. He noted that the NWTF Board has made a commitment to raise money for the Building Fund from outside the membership dues, and it is a priority of his to get the building built. Ron said the present building is too small and, therefore, makes it difficult to service our membership. However, as reported, the NWTF Board would like to raise half of the needed money before construction begins.

<u>LEGISLATION</u> - Norm Schlosser was unable to attend the meeting. He did, however,

provide a written report which was read before the Board by Rich Weaver.

- Of Main Concern: H.B. 1818 the noise pollution bill has come under scrutiny of the court system, and is being challenged in court at this time, according to Norm.
- H.B. 1685, p.n. 2095 introduced by Erie County Representative Cappabianca to allow state government to sell public owned lands to private individuals. We lost the fight on this bill to prevent the sell of public owned lands. However, it has been stated in the law that the bill only effects this particular parcel of property and will not be used to set a precedent.
- S.B. 1544, p.n. 2289 to develop state parks. Letters have been sent, stating our disapproval of the bill. This bill still needs to be watched, and letters need to be written by individuals as well as each chapter in opposition of the bill.
- H.B. 1878, p.n. 2368 amendment to section 6109 of the Uniform Firearms Act. This bill would establish criteria for issuance of a license to carry firearms. Letters of <u>SUPPORT</u> need to be sent to local legislators, as we are having problems getting the bill passed.
- <u>H.B. 1626, p.n. 2003</u> would allow for purchase of one permit to cover all guns carried during hunting, trapping, and fishing seasons. This bill is in the House Judiciary Committee under Mr. H. William DeWeese, chairman.

In concluding the Legislative Report, Rich Weaver mentioned that our Resolution, drafted August 12-13, 1988, pertaining to the combining of the Fish and Game Commissions, has been well received and has been used as a model for other individuals, clubs, and organizations.

New Address: Mr. Norman A. Schlosser, Chairman Legislative Committee, P.O. Box 380, McKean, PA 16426 Phone: (814) 476-7759

1989 CONVENTION - Howard Meyers distributed information about the convention to the assembly. It was reported that Tom Baldrige had worked on getting the guns and gun tickets. The appeal letter had been sent to Dan Sullivan, and was hoped to be in the mail soon.

Dallas Stewart has confirmation from Ray Eye, Sam Nenno, Tom Stuckey, Bill Drake, Bill Jordan, and Dan Boy for seminars. According to Howard, there will be only one seminar running at a time, with a one-hour break for lunch.

Master's - Steve Lecorchick reported that <u>Turkey Hunter</u> will again donate trophies for the calling contest. A motion to donate a Toschik and Feaser print to <u>Turkey Hunter magazine</u>, as a thank you for their donation, was made by Steve <u>Lecorchick</u>, seconded by Joel Bock. Motion Carried.

As noted, donation requests have been mailed to local chapter presidents. Steve reported there's still a big need for money, and he asked that our local chapters help to support the Master's. Steve said the contest would stay the same with the exception of the entry fee being raised from \$40 to \$45 for preregistration with on-site registration costing \$50.

Steve indicated that his committee was unable to get a 1300 NWTF shotgun donated for use as a first-place prize rather than \$500. The Mon-Yough L.C. agreed to donate a

1300 NWTF shotgun for the Master's. Once again, the Master's jacket will be taken care of by Joel Bock. In conclusion, Steve said Bob Clark agreed to MC the calling contest and that most of the judges were confirmed.

Special Note: All Master's Invitational donations should be sent to:
Mr. Alan Emlet, 1285 Swift Run Road, New Oxford, PA 17350

1990 CONVENTION - Howard Meyers said he visited the Sheraton Penn State in State College on September 2, as a possible convention site for '90. It was reported that the hotel offerred a nice package deal, and the facilities would meet our needs, according to Howard. Two of our local chapters, Susquehanna and Scattered Flock, have indicated a willingness to help with the convention, when and/or if a decision is made to have the '90 convention in State College.

CONSERVANCY - No Report.

PAPER SUPPLIES - Dennis Strawbridge reported that we need more safety pamphlets. He informed the Board that National was making changes on brochures, publications, and membership applications regarding the membership dues increase. During the Paper Supplies Report, Dennis was directed to order more letterhead, and to check on prices for ordering more plastic reward posters.

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORT - Ron Sandrus reported that our 39th local chapter (Schuylkill Longbeards) was organized in September. As noted, John J. "Ski" Szeferski will serve as president of the Schuylkill Longbeards.

Some Good News: Ron reported that Paul Heivly has been actively attempting to reorganize our 9th local chapter (Lycoming County) with some success. At present, Ron is working with Jeff Smead and Shawn Mackey in an attempt to reactivate the Lycoming L.C., which was dissolved in 1983.

Ron reported on the status of the Perry County L.C., regarding monies still in their account. Ron is continuing to send out information on local chapters and copies of <u>Turkey Talk</u>. He is working on at least six possible new additions to the chapter system. And he has, again, been in touch with Jack Brobst about the possibility of forming a local chapter in Northhampton County.

In concluding his report, Ron requests all local chapters to <u>please</u> send the names, addresses, and phone numbers of new officers and directors.

AWARDS — Tim Holtz was unable to attend the meeting. However, he provided a written report which was read before the Board. In his report, the Awards Committee recommended that nominations be solicited only from state officers and directors, with the exception that local chapters would participate in nominations for the Corporate Conservation Award and the James E. Wilhelm Memorial Award (individual conservation award).

As noted, local chapter response has been minimal in the past. The committee felt, however, that it was quite possible our local chapters would have knowledge of a deserving corporation and/or individual for the respective conservation award that the Board was not aware of. The floor was opened for discussion, and it was the consensus of the Board to accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee as stated in the report.

NOMINATIONS - Ron Sandrus reported we would proceed with the nominations under the same guidelines as last year, to include a full slate. Ron indicated that the Nominations Committee would take a real close look at the nominations for directorship from each region. As reported, we will need to elect a new president, first vice president, and second vice president.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - Jerry Wunz reported on the brood count findings, and how this determines recommendations for the setting of turkey seasons. It was noted that turkey brood counts reached an all time high in '87, but reports indicated a falling off trend for '88. The report showed that areas inwhich the most dramatic brood count increases occurred were those areas where the fall seasons had been controlled or reduced in recent years.

Jerry fielded questions from the assembly during his report, and was very helpful to those in attendance. Discussions which took place included: strip mine study done by Frank Rice, habitat — seeding clearcuts, gypsy moth infested areas, and forested areas prior to timber sales. Jerry also expanded his report to include different turkey trends, studies, and management ideas.

HEAD DIRECTORS - The following reports were presented:

Southeast Region - Dennis Strawbridge Southcentral Region - Ron Sandrus Southwest Region - Joe Krug Northcentral Region - Jim Leach Northwest Region - Bob Nodler

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

Allegheny Mountain
James E. Wilhelm Memorial
Susquehanna
Michaux-Yellow Breeches
Roger M. Latham Memorial
Mason-Dixon
Northern Cambria County

Allegheny Sultans
Fort Chambers
Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers
Blue Mountain
Scattered Flock
Kinzua Allegheny Longbeards
Fort Armstrong Longbeards

The Pennsylvania State Chapter Board of Directors' meeting reconvened at 1:25 a.m., on Saturday, and was called to order by President Howard Meyers. It was noted that a quorum was still in effect, and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

President Meyers thanked the Susquehanna and Roger Latham local chapters for working together to sponsor the meeting and prepare the meals for the weekend.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> - President Meyers mentioned he had received a letter from National concerning the Building Fund, which would be discussed under New Business.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> - The first item under Old Business pertained to formulating a pie graph budget for distribution of Super Fund monies. The floor was opened for discussion and several ideas and opinions were voiced.

President Meyers suggested setting the pie graph up in a fraction-type formula, allowing each committee to submit a budgetal percentage which would then be presented in a fraction form of the total percentage requested by the four committees.

Ron Fretts indicated his concern to set aside a certain dollar amount in reserve for emergency land acquisitions. Along those same lines, Dan Roessner suggested a five or ten percent contingency fund to be held in the account for major purchase emergencies - whether it be habitat, land, or safety.

Joe Krug mentioned the possibility of the committees relying on the contingency fund rather than staying within their respective budgets . . . i.e., if it's not there to spend, you can't spend it. Joe felt it was more wise to rely on each committee to stay within their budget — to assure monies are spent on worthwhile projects.

With the close of discussion, President Meyers directed the committee chairmen to submit a percentage figure for their '89 Super Fund budget, which would then be formulated into fraction form by Treasurer Rich Weaver.

NEW BUSINESS: Don Heckman asked the Board for a decision on whether or not to continue our computer system program. A motion for Don to check with National and two other companies on cost figures to operate the PA Chapter computer system, and to report those findings during the January Board meeting was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Skip Schaich. Motion Carried.

In other business, a motion for the PA Chapter to donate \$100 towards the purchase of NWTF turkey books to be presented to the PGC for use in their library was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Dan Roessner. Motion Carried. As a sideline to the motion, Don agreed to first check with the PGC in order to see what books were needed and, secondly, to check with National on the availability of books for \$100.

Ron Sandrus announced the organization of the Schuylkill Longbeards. Ron said the paperwork of the Schuylkill Longbeards was all in order, and a copy of the paperwork was presented to the secretary. At that time, a motion to accept the Schuylkill Longbeards Local Chapter as the 39th and newest local chapter of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Skip Schaich. Motion Carried. President John "Ski" Szeferski of the Schuylkill Longbeards attended the Board meeting, and was welcomed into the flock with a round of applause from the assembly.

Ken Springer suggested another method of fund-raising for the Board to consider, which has been successful for the Roger Latham L.C. Ken's fund-raising idea is based on a lucky number calendar which plays on the PA Lottery. Each calendar sells for \$30 (about $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents a day) and includes a three-digit number on the back which plays all year. Winnings range from \$1000 to \$30 a day for a total of \$17,000 for the year, with an income potential of \$12,000 to \$13,000 if all the calendars are sold. After some discussion, President Meyers indicated that we would study Ken's suggestion further before making a decision.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST: Dan Roessner spoke briefly to the group about a planned bus trip to the National Convention at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee on

February 16-18, 1989. A special welcome to the Nashville party starts on Thursday evening for all early arrivals, and a trip to the Grand Ole Opry Show is scheduled after the Banquet on Saturday night. In an attempt to gather an impressive showing from the great state of Pennsylvania and to provide economical and hassle-free transportation to the National Convention, the PA Chapter is attempting to coordinate a chartered bus service, through Blue Bird Coach Lines. Cost for a round trip ticket from various departure points in Pennsylvania will be \$57.00 per person. Pickup points and schedules are as follows:

Weds., Feb. 15, 1989	LEAVE	10:00PM 10:30PM 12:30AM	Erie, PA - Holiday Inn South Meadville, PA - Days Inn Pittsburghj PA (to be determined)
Thurs., Feb. 16, 1989	ARRIVE	12:30PM	Nashville, Tenn
Sun., Feb. 18, 1989	LEAVE	7:00AM	Nashville, Tenn
	ARRIVE	9:00PM 11:30PM 1:00AM	Pittsburgh Meadville Erie

ATTENTION: A registration form for the bus trip is included in the Minutes.

In other business, President Meyers informed the Board of a donation appeal request from National for the Building Fund project. Following a brief discussion, a motion to donate \$5000 to the NWTF Building Fund, taking \$2500 from the gun raffle and \$2500 from the general fund, was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.

In a discussion over court appearances to give testimony, as an expert witness, in reagrds to turkey-related hunting accidents, a motion was made that no officer, director, or member of the PA Chapter, NWTF shall give sworn testimony until the NWTF has been notified and so advised by Ron Sandrus, Seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion Carried.

Relative to the gun raffle, some discussion took place over the wording on the tickets (whether money value of the gun should be offered when gun is not available) and to allow Bob's Army Navy to provide the guns (as Bob's Army Navy has outbid everyone over the past two-years). It was the consensus of the Board to give the Gun Raffle Committee the go ahead to work with Bob's Army Navy and to make decisions regarding the wording of tickets.

A motion to conduct a gun raffle for the fall of '89 was made by Dennis Strawbridge, seconded by Dan Hess, Motion Carried. Reed Johnson agreed to chair the Gun Raffle Committee, and Howard Meyers agreed to handle the printing and distribution of tickets.

President Meyers queried the Board about making a direct donation to the Super Fund. A suggestion from the floor was to table any decisions in that regard until the January meeting.

Concerning the upcoming meeting with the PGC in January to determine seasons and bag limits for the "89 hunting year, President Meyers asked the Board for suggested proposals to be presented to the PGC Commissioners.

Suggestions from the Board were relative to safety and extending the spring gobbler season to include days available to hunt and huntable hours.

Special Interest: For those interested in purchasing Ned Smith prints at \$40/each -

Lone Buck - "Suspicious" Wood Duck - "Pirouette"
Buck/Doe - "Reconnaissance" Gobbler - "Regal Hermit"

contact: Gilbrook Enterprises, R.D. 1, Warrior Mark, PA 16877 Phone (814)632-6726 or the Susquehanna L.C.

ATTENTION: Meeting Announcement - The March meeting will be held in conjunction with the '89 PA Chapter Convention at the Green Tree Marriot in Pittsburgh on March 17-19, 1989. Our Annual Membership Business and Election meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 1989, and will begin at 7:15 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Reed Johnson, seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion Carried.

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was adjourned at 5:53 P.M. on Saturday, November 5, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary Pennsylvania State Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation



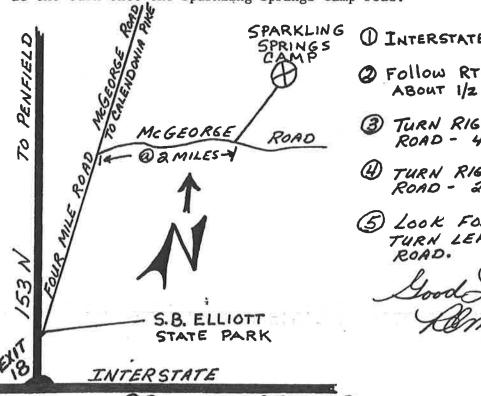
PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

October 3, 1988

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find a copy of the Minutes of our August 12-13, 1988 PA Chapter meeting held at Keating Summit Sportsman Association in McKean County.

The next meeting of our PA Chapter officers and directors will be held on November 4-5, 1988 at Sparkling Springs Camp near Elliott State Park in Clearfield County. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m., on Friday. A map showing directions to the camp is shown below. An NWTF sign will be posted at the turn onto the Sparkling Springs Camp road.



1 INTERSTATE 80 TO EXIT 18

@ Follow RT 153 NORTH ABOUT 1/2 MILE

(3) TURN RIGHT ON FOUR MILE ROAD - 4 MILES

4 TURN RIGHT ON MCGEORGE ROAD - 2 MILES

(5) LOOK FOR NWTF SIGI TURN LEFT ONTO

TO CLEARFIELD TO DUBOIS

Looking forward to seeing you. . . Don't forget your hunting equipment. . .

Sincerely,

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

ENCLOSURE:



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

AUGUST 12-13, 1988

KEATING SUMMIT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - MCKEAN COUNTY

The August 1988 Board of Directors' Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Howard Meyers at 8:05 p.m., on Friday, August 12, 1988.

In his opening remarks, President Howard Meyers thanked Jim Roessner and all the members of the Allegheny Sultans L.C., for hosting the meeting and providing the meals for the weekend.

Following an introduction of the group, it was noted that a quorum was present and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Howard Meyers reported that he had been working with the Mon-Yough L.C., and Gary Tanner in preparation for their August fund-raising banquet.

Howard mentioned he had worked with Dan Roessner and Tom Baldrige to follow through on the request for Super Fund monies from the Wilson Moore L.C. It was noted that these funds were approved by the Executive Committee with one dissenting vote.

Howard attended the NWTF Northeast Regional Presidents' meeting at Trout Run. It was reported that the SF Land Acquisition Committee met with Jake Sitlinger, Director Bureau of Land Management PGC, at Trout Run.

Howard also attended the Local Chapter Presidents' meeting at Trout Run which had been organized by Ron Sandrus. As reported, 17 of our local chapters were represented at the meeting.

In concluding his report, Howard said he attended an Executive Committee meeting with the NWTF staff at Trout Run. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a change in the NWTF Constitution and how this change will effect the state chapter system.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tom Baldrige mentioned that he had also participated in all those matters discussed under the President's Report.

Tom reported he has been working with Earl Hower, Program Manager, NRA Hunter Skills Department, in preparation for the NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic to be held

September 25, in Monroeville.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tim Holtz said he has been working on the fall gun raffle and that he would have tickets to distribute during the weekend. Tim mentioned that Bob's Army & Navy won the bid for the guns again this year.

Due to personal reasons and his job situation, Tim informed the Board that he does not intend to remain in an officer position when his term expires at the Annual Membership meeting. Tim said he brought this matter to the floor to allow other people the time to consider taking on the responsibilities of Second Vice President.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u> - Rick Moroney reported that he was directed by President Meyers to write monthly reports on PA Chapter activities for publication in the "Bear's Den" section of the <u>Pennsylvania Sportsman</u>.

At the conclusion of the Secretary's Report, President Meyers asked if there were any corrections or additions to be noted in the June 1988 Minutes. There being no corrections or additions noted, a motion to accept the June 1988 Minutes as recorded was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Rich Weaver distributed the Balance Sheet, Statement of Income, and Financial Statement of the PA Chapter to the assembly.

As reported, the Balance Sheet for the six months ending June 30, 1988, showed our total current assets to be \$4023.30. The Statement of Income for the period ending June 30, 1988, showed our total income for year-to-date to be \$16,333.57. Total expenses for the same period were \$18,208.75, leaving a net deficit of \$1875.18.

The Financial Statement for the period July 1 to August 12, 1988 showed our total income for the period to be \$14,938.09, while expenses for the same period were \$1570.28.

Breakdown of Treasury Report is as follows:

Balance on Hand 7/1/88 Income for Period 7/1 - 8/12/88	\$ 4,022.30 _14,938.09
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE EXPENSES 7/1 - 8/12/88	\$18,960.39 1,570.28
BALANCE ON HAND 8/12/88	\$17,390.11

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

General Account - \$2344.65 Savings Accounts - \$15,045.46 TOTAL - \$17,390.11

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

VICE TREASURER'S REPORT - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman reported that current membership for the PA Chapter stands at 6847 members, a loss of 86 members for the period May 10 - August 10, 1988.

Don informed the Board of a problem with the computer label listing. As reported,

the labels were listed by membership code number sequence rather than zip code sequence. <u>Turkey Talk</u> Checks and Balances needs the labels in zip code sequence for mailing purposes. A decision was made to not use these labels, at this time, thereby saving the PA Chapter \$75 - \$90 to correct the problem.

In concluding his report, Don informed the Board of a letter he received from Earl Hower of the NRA. Skip Schaich and Don represented the PA Chapter at the NRA Hunter Services and PGC Hunter Education program held at Indiantown Gap. It was noted that 20 states were represented at this program to recognize the top North America hunter education instructors. Earl wrote Don to thank the PA Chapter for their support of this very important program.

At the conclusion of Don's report, President Meyers mentioned that Don had spoke to him about finding a replacement to take over the responsibilities of Membership Secretary. President Meyers asked if someone in the assembly would think about taking on the position, noting that Don would be willing to work with that person to better prepare the individual for the position of Membership Secretary.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - Dan Roessner stated he would like to give his report under the committees inwhich he serves.

TURKEY TALK - Larry Smail reported that the summer issue had been mailed. Larry announced he had a problem with the three-page limit in that it didn't allow room to include a listing of the officers and directors of the PA Chapter.

Larry asked the Board for guidelines in regards to the placement of ads in <u>Turkey Talk</u>, i.e., the NRA ad and/or future Levi Garrett ads. During the discussion which followed, it was noted that ads of this nature are advertising functions of the PA Chapter and, thereby directly effecting the PA Chapter financially. Therefore, it was suggested that ads of this nature should continue to be placed in <u>Turkey Talk</u>, while consideration for all other ads would be voted on separately by the Board.

The floor was opened for discussion, and concerns were expressed regarding the lack of PA Chapter PR being published in <u>Turkey Talk</u>. <u>Bottom Line</u>: It should be the responsibility of local chapter presidents, and state officers and directors to get this type of information to Larry for possible inclusion in Turkey Talk.

It was further noted that with the limited budget and space available for Larry's use, it would be difficult to include this material in <u>Turkey Talk</u> under the present budget restraints. Noting the important nature of providing public relations type information to our members and outdoor writers, it was suggested that the Board might want to consider increasing the budget of <u>Turkey Talk</u> for the coming year.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - No Report.

YOUTH - No Report.

ART COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde was unable to attend the meeting, however, he sent along a written report which was read before the Board. In his report, Terry stated that letters had been sent to all buyers of the PA Chapter's First Conservation Print, giving them notice and time to reserve their matching numbered print in our Second Conservation Print program.

As noted, the artists' competition had been set for September 17, 1988. The judges had been selected and ten noted Pennsylvania wildlife artists will be competing in the competition.

A special announcement to the Board was made in that Joel Bock had volunteered to become our next Art Committee Chairman. Terry stated he plans to work closely with Joel during the actual printing of our next print so that Joel knows what is what.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No Report.

SUPER FUND SAFETY - Dan Roessner reported that a request for \$320 had been submitted by the James Wilhelm L.C. As reported, this request for Super Fund monies was for the purchase of 100 NRA turkey hunting skill series books. The James Wilhelm L.C. plans to distribute these books at PGC Hunter Education classes over the next two-years. (This request was later given approval for funding by the Executive Committee.)

In regards to the Wilson Moore L.C.'s request for \$1000 to purchase firearms for use in Hunter Education classes, Dan said he had personally talked with Jim Filkosky of the PGC and Earl Hower of the NRA. As a result, Dan learned that firearms would not be available from either the PGC or NRA.

Since the firearms were not available from outside sources, the Wilson Moore L.C.'s request for funding was resubmitted and given approval by the Executive Committee. As reported, a check for \$1000 was issued to Gary Parker of the Wilson Moore L.C. during the Northeast Regional meeting at Trout Run.

<u>SUPER FUND HABITAT</u> - Joe Krug reported that we should soon be seeing more projects submitted for Super Fund monies from the DER. Joe mentioned that DER project proposals would be channeled through Dan Develin's office prior to being forwarded to the Super Fund Habitat Committee.

Joe said two checks had been issued for habitat projects:
Fowler Hollow Project - \$5275.00 Michaux Yellow Breeches Projects I & II - \$2400

In regards to the Fowler Hollow Project, Joe informed the Board that the DER had already begun work on the project and had budgeted monies for the project prior to receiving the Super Fund check. As a result, Dan Develin requested that the Super Fund check be held for a future DER habitat project. Joe reported to the Board that the Super Fund Habitat Committee was in approval of Dan's request, with the provision that an accountability of the project was made available to the PA Chapter.

According to Joe, Michaux Yellow Breeches Project III was put on hold. A stand of timber at the Project III site has been damaged by gypsy moth infestation, resulting in poor quality timber. DER, however, is attempting to get a timber sale done in the area. If a timber sale is done, contract wording would provide for openings and roads to be put in place by the timbering company. According to Joe, this would, in essence, allow for a free habitat project in the area.

Joe gave the Board some insight into the problems he and the other members of the Super Fund Habitat Committee have had to deal with. During the discussion which followed, suggestions were made on how the communication lines between the Habitat

Committee and our local chapters might be broadened. <u>Bottom Line</u>: Communication is a two-way street. Letters that are written need to be answered if the communication lines are to remain open. Granted, the Super Fund concept is new and problems still occur, but the program works and it can help to insure the future of the wild turkey resource. Isn't that why we are members? Let's all work together and keep the communication lines open in order to meet that end.

SUPER FUND LAND - Howard Meyers turned this portion of the Super Fund Report over to Don Heckman. Don said the Wildlands Conservancy is looking at a 730 acre tract of land as a potential Game Lands in Cumberland County.

As reported, the Michaux Yellow Breeches L.C. has requested \$750 to help purchase this tract of land. In addition, the Michaux L.C. will donate \$250, bringing the total land donation to \$1000. President Meyers informed the Board that the Executive Committee had approved this request, and the request had been forwarded to Jerry Wunz on August 8, 1988.

Howard reported on the meeting the Land Acquisition Committee had with Jake Sitlinger of the PGC at Trout Run. During the meeting, Jake agreed to having the PGC handle public relations and to provide an on site plaque, giving credit to the PA Chapter for any lands purchased as a direct result of the PA Chapter working with the PGC. It was reported that Jake had also made several suggestions as to how the PA Chapter could work with the PGC on access properties and Game Farm Projects.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION - Ron Fretts was unable to attend the meeting. However, Ron passed along to President Meyers that he and the NWTF staff were pleased with representation of the PA Chapter at the Northeast Regional meeting. Ron also let Howard know that he, Carl Brown, and James Earl will try to attend our November meeting.

<u>LEGISLATIVE</u> - Norm Schlosser gave an update of legislative bills still pending before the House and Senate Committees.

H.B. 1685, p.n. 2095 - to allow land speculators and developers the right to purchase public owned lands. According to Norm, this bill has passed the House and is now in the Senate State Government Committee. Norm asks that we Vehemently Oppose this bill and address our concerns to: Chairman Noah W. Wenger, Senate State Government Committee, Room 187 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

<u>H.B. 2143, p.n. 2790</u> - would allow PGC to make purchases of game and game food, materials, supplies and equipment for refuges and game farms without prior approval of the Dept. of General Services. This bill is still in the House Game and Fisheries Committee. Norm asks that we give our Support of this bill and address our concerns to: Chairman Russell P. Letterman, House Game and Fisheries Committee, House Post Office, The Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

<u>H.B. 1013, p.n. 1862</u> - provides for an environmental education program in public schools. According to Norm, this bill passed the Senate on July 6, 1988, and was sent back to the House Appropriations Committee for confirment on the amendments attached to the bill. Support.

H.B. 1159, p.n. 1307 - would permit the transfer of Project 70 lands to private

developers. Project 70 lands are located in the Shamokin Dam area of Snyder County. This bill has been re-committed to the House Appropriations Committee. Oppose.

H.B. 2226, p.n. 2936 - acid rain bill which calls for an increase in the control of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emmissions in Pennsylvania. This bill is still in the House Conservation Committee. Support.

S.B. 1544, p.n. 2289 - would allow private developers the right to develop public owned lands. Joe Krug gave some insight as to how this bill might effect Prince Gallitzen State Park in Cambria County. It was reported that private developers have plans to line their pockets with greenbacks, at the expense of wildlife and outdoor ethusiasts, by building a 200-room, five-story, waterfront high-rise, an 18-hole golf course and ski trails within the park.

Following a brief discussion, a motion to allow Norm Schlosser to represent the views of the PA Chapter, concerning our opposition to H.B. 1544, p.n. 2289, and to address those concerns in the form of a letter to the appropriate House and/or Senate Committees was made by Larry Smail, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

In other legislative business, Norm read before the Board a proposed Resolution which had been drawn up in the Legislative Committee and, inwhich outlines the concerns and opposition of the PA Chapter, regarding the desire of the State Legislature to merge the PA Fish and PA Game Commissions into a single state agency.

Following the reading of this Resolution, \underline{a} motion to accept the Resolution as read was made by Dan Sullivan, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried and recorded with one dissenting vote.

It should be recorded that prior to taking a vote on the motion, the floor was opened for discussion, and concerns were expressed regarding internal problems within the PGC and how these problems might be resolved.

1988 CONVENTION - No Report.

1989 CONVENTION - Dallas Stewart was unable to attend the meeting. Dallas did, however, inform Howard that he was trying to get Ray Eye to come as a main seminar speaker. It was mentioned that Tom Stuckey would be the MC at the banquet. Howard further reported on those areas where help is needed and also those positions on committees that have been filled.

CONSERVANCY - Bill Barron was unable to attend the meeting. However, a letter from Paul Wigman of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy was read before the Board. Paul wrote to thank the PA Chapter for allowing him the opportunity to speak before our group during the June Board of Directors' meeting.

<u>PAPER SUPPLIES</u> - Dennis Starwbridge reported that he had NWTF safety pamphlets, PA Chapter brochures, letterhead and envelopes for those who needed them.

Ron mentioned he is working in at least eight areas for possible organization of local chapters. Along those same lines, Ron hopes to have an organizational meeting for a new local chapter in the Orwigsburg area sometime soon.

Ron spent a lot of time and effort in organizing the Local Chapter Presidents' meeting which was held at Trout Run. Ron, along with others, did express a little disappointment that only 17 of our 38 organized local chapters were represented at the meeting. It was pointed out, however, that the meeting was otherwise successful.

In concluding his report, Ron asked all local chapter presidents to <u>please</u> send names, addresses, and phone numbers of new officers and directors.

The Pennsylvania State Chapter Board of Directors' meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m., on Saturday, and was called to order by President Howard Meyers. It was noted that a quorum was still in effect, and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

President Meyers thanked the Allegheny Sultans, Allegheny Mountain, and Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers local chapters for working together to prepare the meals for the weekend. Jim Roessner was then presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his local chapter's service and financial support of the PA Chapter.

In an effort to show our appreciation to the Keating Sportsman's Association for the use of their facilities, a motion was made to donate two PA Chapter prints to the Keating Summit Sportsman Association by Jim Roessner, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.

Gil Shaffer was then also presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Mon-Yough L.C.'s service and financial support of the PA Chapter.

HUNTER SAFETY/EDUCATION - Dan Roessner reported that he traveled to Washington on June 23-24 to meet with Earl Hower of the NRA and Jim Clay of the Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this meeting was to review the NRA Hunter Skills Series booklet "Wild Turkey Hunting," and to formulate a guide for turkey hunter safety instructors. As reported, the NRA is planning to become actively involved in the certification of turkey hunter safety instructors. According to Dan, this program should be installed sometime in the spring of '89.

The program will be designed to allow an individual to take a course on turkey hunter safety and, upon satisfactory completion of the course, will be certified as an NRA turkey hunter safety instructor. The idea behind the program is to lend authenticity and credence to the work each individual is doing while conducting safety courses under the name of the NRA and/or NWTF. Initially, the program course may require a nominal fee (refundable if an individual teaches enough courses) and would be given as a home study course through the mail, according to Dan.

Dan mentioned that an NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic is being held September 25 in Monroeville, and plans are being made to conduct a clinic in the Harrisburg area, and also the Wilkesbara/Scranton area.

In concluding his report, Dan said the Hunter Safety/Education Committee is still

staying in close touch with the PGC and working towards producing a turkey hunting safety video.

HEAD DIRECTORS - The following reports were presented:

Southeast Region - Dennis Strawbridge Southcentral Region - Ron Sandrus Southwest Region - Joe Krug

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Northcentral Region - Jim Leech (report given by Reed Johnson) Northwest Region - Bob Nodler

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

Allegheny Mountain
James E. Wilhelm
Susquehanna
Michaux Yellow Breeches
Roger Latham Memorial
Mason-Dixon
Northern Cambria

Tamarack Turkey Talkers
Allegheny Sultans
Fort Chambers
Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers
Wilson F. Moore Memorial
Sacttered Flock
Kinzua Allegheny Longbeards

Fort Armstrong Longbeards

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> - A letter from the NWTF Convention Commitee, regarding who will host the 1991 National Convention, was read before the Board. All other communications were read before the Board to coincide with the appropriate reports.

OLD BUSINESS - Under the first item of Old Business, it was announced that the gun raffle tickets were available and would be distributed among the members. Tim Holtz informed the Board that he would be out of state during the period inwhich the gun ticket would go off. Tim said he would ask Reed Johnson if he could handle the gun ticket during that time.

In regards to the donation of our First Conservation Print to the PGC, Dennis Strawbridge questioned the Board as to what wording should be placed on the donation plate. It was the consensus of the Board the wording should read: Donated by the Pennsylvania Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation, and the full date.

President Meyers suggested we forego any action on establishing percentages for the Super Fund pie graph until the November meeting. However, the floor was opened for discussion and several viewpoints were voiced. During the discussion, it appeared as though the assembly faced a stumbling block in determining whether habita or land acquisition should receive the greater percentage of funds through division of the pie graph. Although good points were made on both counts, a final decision was not rendered.

In other business, Dan Roessner read a letter before the Board from Terry Hyde which had been sent to all Head Directors. The letter was relative to what Terry terms to be a violation of the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Chapter under Article X, Section 4: To overturn a previously passed motion, a new motion must be made, seconded, and passed by two thirds (2/3) vote of those present. Terry's letter referred to a motion which was passed by the Board during the June 1988 meeting as follows: a motion to accept the recommendation of the Super Fund Review Committee to reject the Wilson F. Moore Memorial Local Chapter's proposal was made by Tim

Holtz, seconded by Larry Smail. Motion Carried. The proposal, which had been rejected through Board action, was later resubmitted and approved by the Executive Committee.

After a very lengthly discussion and background into the events leading up to Terry's letter, it was the consensus of the Board to let matters stand as they are for the betterment of the organization.

Concerning Super Fund Committee guidelines which were proposed and discussed by the NWTF staff during the National Regional meeting, it was mentioned that vital information and paperwork on the proposal was not available at the meeting. Realizing the difficulty imposed on any action taken without the proper information, a motion to table the proposed Super Fund Committee procedures as outlined by National was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

During a discussion on committee procedures, a motion was made that all committee chairmen must be informed in writing to verify votes taken by committee members on all matters brought before each respective committee for consideration by Joe Krug, seconded by Alan Emlet. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Under the first item of New Business, Ron Sandrus announced he and Steve Lecorchick had attended the organizational meeting of the Roscoe Sportsman Turkey Talkers on June 5, 1988. Ron said the paperwork of the Roscoe Sportsman Turkey Talkers Local Chapter was all in order, and a copy of the paperwork was presented to the PA Chapter secretary. At that time, a motion to accept the Roscoe Sportsman Turkey Talkers Local Chapter as the 38th and newest local chapter of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Tom Baldrige. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL NOTE - Attention Local Chapter Presidents: All portfolios for entry in the L.A. Dixon Memorial Outstanding Chapter Award for portfolio competition at the National Convention must be mailed to:

B & H Beauty Supply 517 Fifth Avenue McKeesport, PA 15132

Portfolios should be in the hands of the PA Chapter Portfolio Committee on or before November 15, 1988. The Portfolio Committee asks for everyone's cooperation so that the PA Chapter may once again regain its rightful place as number one in the outstanding chapter portfolio competition. (Special Request: Anyone having newspaper clippings or other items of use could help the Portfolio Committee tremendously by bringing those items to the November Board meeting - Thank You.)

A concern was expressed on the floor about mailings and information that National mails to local chapter presidents but not to officers and directors of the state – such as new portfolio point system information and the like. In that regard, \underline{a} motion was made to request the NWTF to send state officers and directors all those mailings which are sent to local chapter presidents by Dan Sullivan, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

Following the passing of the motion, President Meyers directed the PA Chapter secretary to send a written request to National, asking that National send NWTF Board meeting Minutes to the PA Chapter President, and to include state officers

and directors on their mailing list for all information which is mailed to local chapter presidents.

In other business, two committees were filled by presidential appointment as follows: AWARDS: Chairman Tim Holtz

Committee Members Bob Nodler and Don Heckman

NOMINATING: Chairman Ron Sandrus

Committee Members Comprised of Regional Head Directors

The next item under New Business concerned nominations for the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award.

 $\underline{\text{A}}$ motion to nominate Howard Meyers was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by $\underline{\text{Dan}}$ Roessner.

A motion to nominate Dan Roessner was made by Don Heckman, seconded by Ron Sandrus. President Meyers asked if there were any other nominations for consideration from the floor. There being no other nominations put forth, President Meyers state he would entertain a motion to close nominations for the Roger Latham Service Award.

A motion to close nominations for the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award was made by Tom Baldrige, seconded by Ken Springer. Motion Carried.

Noting the number of nominations for the Roger Latham Award, President Meyers stated that the vote would be taken by secret ballot, and the ballots would be counted by Steve Starner, Joel Bock, and Gary Parker. The ballots were tallied, and the results showed that Dan Roessner would receive the PA Chapter Board of Directors' nomination for the Roger Latham Turkey Service Award.

In other business, President Meyers announced that the Executive Committee had met with the NWTF staff at Trout Run, concerning changes in the Constitution and By-Laws along with a proposed reduction of voting Board members. The PA Chapter secretary then read a letter from Carl Brown before the Board, concerning these changes. Following the reading of Carl's letter, the floor was opened for discussion.

A very lengthly discussion took place, and a variety of concerns and fears were expressed. Bottom Line: The Board could not, in good conscience, adopt passage of proposed changes for the Constitution without seeing those changes in writing. However, it was the consensus of the Board that the PA Chapter should have the right to formulate its own Constitution and By-Laws subject to approval by the NWTF Board of Directors.

Along those lines, <u>a motion to have the PA Chapter Constitution and By-Laws</u>

Committee seek outside help from a parlimentarian to assist in the formulation of a Constitution and By-Laws for the PA Chapter was made by Bob Nodler, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

In regards to the PA Chapter tax I.D. number, a decision, by consensus of the Board, was made to forego any action, at this time, until more information is available.

Nearing adjournment of the meeting, a couple of items were brought to the floor for general discussion and the good of the order. Don Heckman expressed some thoughts concerning local chapter development within the state. Don felt the PA Chapter and National should work towards establishing a better set of guidelines for forming

local chapters, and making sure local chapters are getting what they need as far as direction and leadership from the state and national levels.

Ron Sandrus remarked that he didn't know the answer to solving the problems of our local chapter system. Ron was hopeful, however, that Constitution and By-Law changes along with guidelines, which should be forthcoming from National, will help to solve some of the problems.

Joe Krug spoke of a meeting he and Fred Webster had with a gentleman representing the Wildlands Conservancy. According to Joe, the Wildlands Conservancy needs help in knowing when and where land is available for sale. Joe felt that the objectives of the Wildlands Conservancy were worthy of our support, and he asked if the Board would consider supporting the Wildlands Conservancy in a financial manner.

Don Heckman remarked that the PA Chapter and Michaux L.C. had donated \$1000 to the Wildlands Conservancy for a land acquisition deal in Cumberland County. Don also mentioned he had supplied the Wildlands Conservancy with the names and addresses of local chapter presidents from that region of the commonwealth.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Gary Parker

R.D. #6, Box 627

Montrose, PA 18801

Al Szymanski

R.D. #2, Box 163-C

Ford City, PA 16226

ANNOUNCEMENT: The January Board of Directors meeting will be held January 13-14, 1989 at Herter's Spring Lodge in Centre County.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Nodler, seconded by Jim Roessner. Motion Carried.

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was adjourned at 2:39 p.m., on Saturday, August 13, 1988.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary Pennsylvania State Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

July 24, 1988

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the Minutes of our June 3-4, 1988 PA Chapter Board of Directors Meeting held at Laurel Hill State Park in Somerset County.

The next regular meeting of our PA Chapter Officers and Directors will be held on August 12-13, 1988 at the Keating Sportsman Club near East Smethport, PA. (The Keating Sportsman Club was the site of our November 1985 meeting). A map showing directions to the Keating Sportsman Club is enclosed for your reference.

Special Note: For comfort of arthritic bones and aching backs, please be advised to bring a cot and/or air mattress along with your other sleeping gear, as sleeping conditions consist of cement floors and wooden benches. We are, however, attempting to get accomodations at several camps in the area. But you should be prepared to rough it, as accomodations will be limited.

A special THANKS to Skip Schaich and members of the Blue Mountain Chapter for their arduous work and to all individuals and local chapters who helped to make the PA Chapter '88 Convention a huge success.

Let's all prepare now to give our support to Dallas Stewart and members of the Roger M. Latham Memorial Chapter, so that the '89 Convention is a huge success also.

Looking forward to seeing you . . .

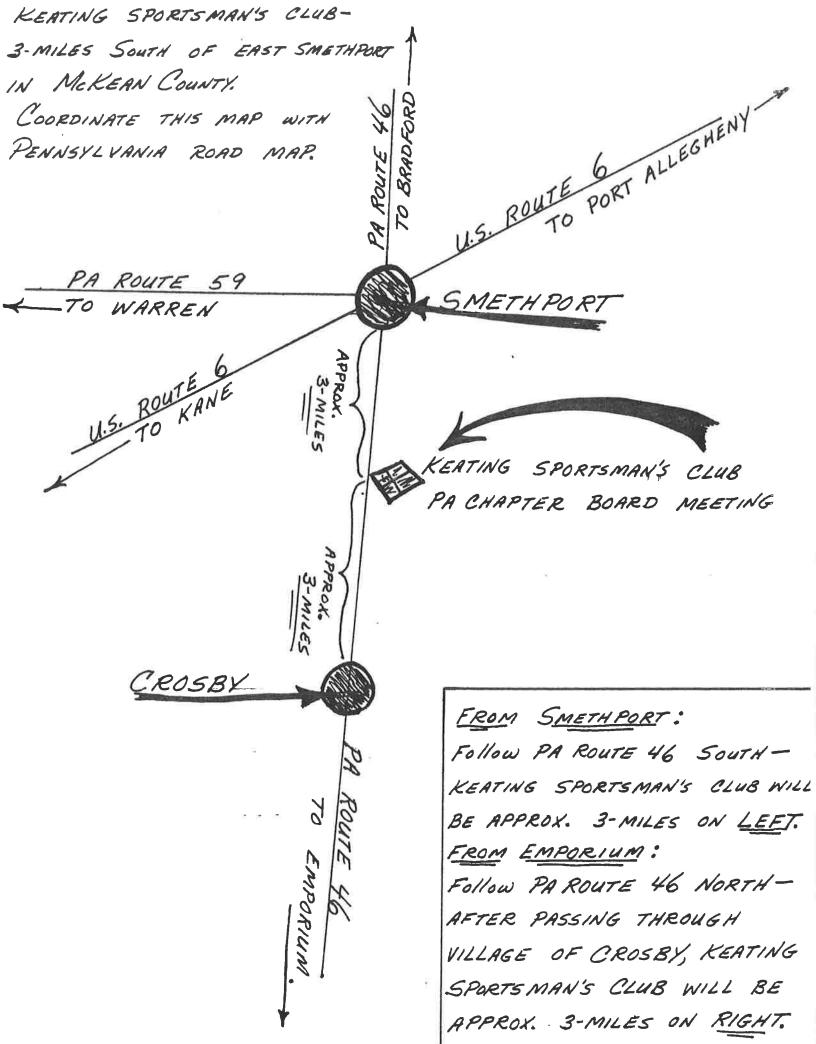
Sincerely,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary Pennsylvania State Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation

*EMERGENCY NUMBER: (814) 887-2003 ask for Paul Cumbs, manager Keating Sportsman.

ENCLOSURE:





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JUNE 3-4, 1988
LAUREL HILL STATE PARK - SOMERSET COUNTY

The June 1988 Board of Directors' Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Howard Meyers at 7:45~p.m., on Friday, June 3, 1988.

In his opening remarks, President Howard Meyers thanked Gil Shaffer and all the members of the Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers Local Chapter for hosting the meeting and providing the meals for the weekend.

Following an introduction of the group, it was noted that a quorum was present and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

At that time, Bill Barron introduced Paul Wigman of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to the group. Paul entertained the assembly with a slide program and lecture about the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

For the record, the interest of our group and willingness to work with the WPC was made apparent during the question and answer period which followed Paul's program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Howard Meyers participated in a turkey calling contest and hunter safety program at the Springdale Fire Hall in April.

Howard planted 500 trees and shrubs to help enhance turkey habitat in Armstrong County on April 30.

As reported, Howard, along with other members of the Board, met with the PGC in Harrisburg on April 20. It was noted that more information about the meeting would be given to the assembly under Old Business.

Howard attended the first Roger Latham Memorial Local Chapter's fund-raising banquet. He said the banquet was successful and would net approximately \$3500.

Along those same lines, Howard commended Chairman Martin Kapusta and the Laurel Highlands Committee for the fine job on their banquet which was held March 25. As reported, the Laurel Highlands Committee raised \$11,699.57 for the Super Fund and added 518 members to the PA Chapter rolls.

Howard also expressed his appreciation to the Susquehanna Local Chapter for their

\$1000 donation to the Super Fund.

Of special interest, Carl Brown informed our president that National reached it's 50,000 member goal for 1988 on May 10.

In his closing remarks, Howard reminded the group that volunteers will be needed to help with the 1989 PA Chapter Convention. Those interested were asked to contact Dallas Stewart or President Meyers.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tom Baldrige said he also attended the meeting in Harrisburg with the PGC. Tom felt the meeting was successful for all parties concerned, and mentioned that he was looking forward to attending the meeting again next year.

Tom reported that he has been active doing hunter safety classes and seminars along with members of the Mon-Yough LC. Tom said he had attended several fundraising banquets, with the most recent being the Roger Latham Memorial banquet. As noted, he also won a gun.

Tom mentioned he has stayed in touch with board members regarding PA Chapter concerns. As reported, he did, however, hunt every chance he got - (which to most standards is uncomputable).

In concluding his report, Tom said he is working with Earl Hower of the NRA Hunter Services Division in preparation for a turkey hunter safety clinic which is scheduled to be held in Monroeville on September 25.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tim Holtz began his report by informing the Board of his new address, which is as follows: Mr. Tim Holtz, R.D. #1 Box 77, Cloudersport, PA 16915 Phone: (814) 274-0329.

Since the convention, Tim has been working on the Super Fund Review Committee, and he has been in communication with Joe Krug regarding committee work on project proposals.

Tim mentioned he had some ideas for the fall gun raffle, and that he planned to discuss those ideas with the Executive Committee during the weekend.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Rick Moroney reported he had kept abreast of chapter activities through President Meyers and First VP Tom Baldrige.

As directed by the Board, he wrote two letters on behalf of the PA Chapter. On February 29, a letter was written to attorney Richard S. Wilt, acknowledging his appointment to represent the PA Chapter. On March 26, a letter was addressed to Lou Hoffman, editor of Pennsylvania Sportsman, concerning the article "Stalking Wild Turkeys" by Scott Elmquist.

As directed by President Meyers, Rick wrote a letter of apology to Keith C. Schuyler, chairman of the POWA Ethics Committee, on March 7. As reported, our apology was given for being in violation of the POWA code of ethics by offerring writers a matched set of PA Chapter prints in return for a tear sheet publicising our annual convention.

A motion to accept the January 1988 Minutes as recorded was made by Fred Webster, seconded by Ken Springer. Motion Carried.

A motion to accept the March 1988 Board Meeting Minutes as recorded was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Rich Weaver distributed a two-page report to the assembly. As reported, the balance sheet of March 31, 1988 showed our total assets were \$909.73. The statement of income for the period ending March 31, 1988 showed a gross income of \$3464.17, while total expenses for the period was \$8434.57, leaving a deficit balance of \$4970.40.

Rich's report also included the financial statement for the period April 1 to June 3, 1988. This report showed a total income for the period of \$9049.40, while expenses for the period were \$8816.97, leaving a total balance on-hand of \$1141.16.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Norm Schlosser, seconded by Ron Sandrus. Motion Carried.

VICE TREASURER'S REPORT - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman stated that 1019 names are maintained on the PA Chapter computer system's master file. Don was pleased to announce that, as of May 18, 1988, the PA Chapter membership total was 6963 - a record total for the PA Chapter. Don attributed this growth to two factors: the direct mail campaign and fund-raising banquets.

Don's report included a section on local chapter status, listing our locals as either active or inactive and noting if a zip code request had been filed with National and the PA Chapter Membership Secretary.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - No Report.

<u>TURKEY TALK</u> - Larry Smail reported that the spring issue of <u>Turkey Talk</u> had been delayed - probabbly due to a postal service foul-up. According to Larry, total cost, which includes shipping, was \$1093.91 for the spring issue. In comparison, the total cost of the winter issue was \$1526.57.

President Meyers complimented Larry on the fine job he has done as editor of <u>Turkey Talk</u>, noting that Larry and the <u>Turkey Talk</u> Committee has been strapped to a reduced budget. The assembly showed Larry their appreciation with a round of applause.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - Skip Sanderson distributed a current inventory listing of promotional items to the group. Skip reported that the PA Chapter has \$733.50 worth of merchandise in its inventory as of June 3, 1988. It was noted that merchandise received from National would either be purchased and added to the inventory list or returned.

Skip did not have information regarding the sell of promotional items by the

Blue Mountain L.C., during the PA Chapter Convention. In concluding his report, Skip stated that he hopes to get rid of the remaining promotional items and only maintain a stock consisting of hats, patches, window decals, and license plates.

YOUTH - Terry Hyde reported the names of our "First Bird" patch recipients as follows:

TRAVIS KEAGY of Roaring Spring STEVE LEACH of Curwensville ANDY YOUNG of Clearfield BRIAN L. ROWAN of Brookville TYLER WEHNER of Kingsley RODNEY NULPH of New Bethlem

Our congratulations and hopes for many more successful and safe hunting seasons go out to these experienced, young hunters.

ART COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde gave his final report of our first conservation print. As reported, the first conservation print, "Mountain Music" by Jack Paluh, was printed in April 1986. At that time, projected gross sales income was \$22,500, with a breakdown of 400 prints - retail \$50/ea for a total of \$20,000 and 100 prints - dealer \$25/ea for a total of \$2500.

Actual breakdown and sell of the 500 prints are as follows:

3 prints - donated 0.00
25 prints - retained PSC 0.00
192 prints - dealer sales \$4850.00
280 prints - retail sales \$14000.00
NET GROSS SALES \$18850.00

As noted, 25 prints were retained by the PA Chapter for matching numbers with our second conservation print. These prints are now valued at 100/ea for a 2500 potential market value.

Total expenses for our first conservation print included: purchase of original painting, payment to artist per/print, mailing, boxes, printing, advertisement, etc.

TOTAL EXPENSES \$10348.91 NET PROFIT \$8501.09

As noted, our Net Profit of \$8501.09 can be increased by \$2500 with the sale of the 25 prints retained by the PA Chapter, giving a net figure of \$11001.09, which would represent a 55 percent of gross sales to profit figure.

In regards to the sale of the original painting, Terry felt the "Mountain Music" original should bring from \$3000 to \$4000 on the current market for Jack Paluh's work. Terry suggested that we should either sell the print outright or raffle it off as was done in the past.

Terry's recommendations for our second conservation print are as follows:

- 1.) Should be fall/winter scene. (3.) Limit to 500 prints & 75 APs.
- 2.) Done by artist invitation. (4.) Cost should be \$60.

In order to get the second conservation print off the ground, Terry said he would be responsible for getting letters of invitation to the artists, setting a deadline date for submissions of artwork, select judges, have contract drawn up to closely duplicate contract of first print, get bids for printing, and have print printed and delivered to PA Chapter.

In concluding his report, Terry stated that once the program for our second conservation print is set up he would like to turn the program over to a new Art Committee Chairman and be relieved of that post.

At that time, the Executive Committee was directed to destroy the printing plates of our first conservation print "Mountain Music" by Jack Paluh.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No Report.

SUPER FUND REVIEW COMMITTEE - Joe Krug reported that the DER Bureau of Forestry Projects had been pushed back until next spring. These projects include: Fowler Hollow Project, Michaux-Yellow Breeches Projects 1-2-3, and the Deer Lick Farm Project.

Joe felt the response from committee members was in favor of funding the Northern Cambria County LC proposal to produce and edit a turkey hunting safety video.

The Donald Wilson Memorial Project submitted by the James E. Wilhelm Memorial LC was rejected by committee. According to Joe, the James Wilhelm Chapter's proposal had some positive points about it and some good ideas, however, committee members didn't feel they were getting enough for the money - \$800. As reported, letters were written with suggestions to improve the project, and the James Wilhelm Chapter was asked to resubmit their project proposal.

The Deer Lick Farm Project was originally rejected because committee members felt it was "habitat overkill." The Deer Lick Farm Project proposal called for 83 tons of lime and fertilizer to fertilize a farm in an area that provides good brood habitat. This project has since been deleted from consideration because the DER Bureau of Forestry plans to build a dam in the area.

The Wilson F. Moore Memorial LC submitted a proposal to purchase firearms for \$1000 to be used at a sportsmen's club for hunter safety classes. As reported, this proposal was rejected by committee. The Wilson Moore Chapter's proposal, submitted by Gary Parker, was read before the Board and much discussion followed. A decision was made to conduct an Executive Committee meeting to discuss this and other matters of concern during a recess of the meeting.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION - Ron Fretts complimented the PA Chapter on the fine job we're doing trying to balance the budget. After twelve years of hard work and struggle, we are finally getting to a place where we have the money to do something significant for the resource, he said.

Ron used the Laurel Highlands Committee as an example of how the money is distributed from a fund-raising banquet. Of the \$21, 142.09 net profit raised, \$11,839.00 went into the Pennsylvania Super Fund account. National received

\$5074.00 for use in turkey-related national programs. The administrative fee to National was \$3382.00 - which covers expenses of NWTF representatives, Gary West's time, sending prints, NWTF supplies, etc. As Ron pointed out, this administrative fee is from a big banquet and probably just covers expenses. He noted that the cost of sending a representative from National to a smaller banquet is probably not recouped through administrative fees. Bottom Line: Approximately 80-cents of every dollar netted is spent for the direct benefit of the wild turkey as a result of the fund-raising banquets.

Ron informed the Board of National's need for a building addition to NWTF headquarters. According to Ron, there just isn't enough room to service our members — especially with the growth increase that the NWTF is experiencing.

In regards to the Super Fund, Ron said we need to develop a plan for proposed expenditures of Super Fund monies. He expressed the need for a major project to "hang our hat on" - a piece of public hunting ground that probably wouldn't be there if we hadn't purchased it for example. Along those same lines, Ron said he has been in touch with the PGC land acquisition department in Harrisburg, and that the PGC would be willing to meet with us about the possibility of working with them to purchase land.

Ron informed the assembly that National's Convention will be held at Nashville, Tennessee on February 17-18, 1989. At that time, Gary Tanner, Northeast Regional Director, was given the floor to follow-up on the NWTF Report.

In regards to our meeting with the PGC in Harrisburg on April 20, Gary said we should all be proud of the way our concerns were professionally presented to the PGC. As a result of attending that meeting, Gary felt the PGC was genuinely concerned and responsive to our causes.

Concerning fund-raising banquets, Gary said we were at a good point in Pennsylvania as to the number of local chapters doing a banquet. He remarked that about half of our active local chapters are carrying the weight to put monies into the Super Fund. Gary said we need a good program to sell our organization to the public, to get them to attend our banquets. As Gary and Ron Fretts noted, Super Fund monies afford us the opportunity to "hang-our-hat" on a program we can brag about.

According to Gary, the key to a successful banquet is getting out and selling tickets on a one-to-one basis. He noted, however, that one could have a successful banquet with only 50-people, providing costs our kept to a minimum.

Gary informed the group that the PA Chapter Super Fund account contains \$47799.38. As pointed out by Gary, however, money in the bank is not doing the wild turkey resource any good. It's one thing to raise the money; but it needs to be spent; it needs to be spent wisely. The Super Fund is a new concept; it's a concept that requires experimentation. We need to adjust and keep an opened mind about it. But it's a good program and; if we move carefully with it, the sky's the limit on what we can do for the wild turkey resource. I hope that, soon, every chapter in the state will be doing a fund-raising banquet, Gary said.

In his closing remarks, Gary said he will be getting in touch with those who have

not committed to doing a fund-raising banquet. We have plenty of time to do fall banquets. I'm here to help make your banquets successful. I hope you all will come to me with any problems, I'll certainly come to you with any problems that I might have, Gary concluded.

During the question and answer period that followed, Gary gave some insight and suggestions for ways of conducting a successful banquet.

<u>LEGISLATIVE</u> - Norm Schlosser was pleased to announce that House Bill 1818, p.n. 2270 passed the Senate 48-0, and is now on the Govenor's desk to be signed. HB 1818 was designed to protect shooting clubs from noise pollution-type legislation and/or ordinances.

Norm expressed his deep concern over HB 1685, p.n. 2095. If passed, this bill would set precedence to allow land speculators and developers to purchase public owned lands, i.e., state parks and forest, Fish and Game Commission lands, for private development. Norm asked all members and concerned sportsmen and women to VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE this bill and to write letters of opposition to:

Representative Frank Oliver, Majority Chairman, House Committee on State Government, Room 512-E-4-MC, The Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Norm asked for Board approval to address the following bills as per/his recommendations:

HB 2226, p.n. 2936 - Acid rain bill which calls for an increase in the control of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emmissions in Pennsylvania.

SUPPORT. A motion to accept Norm's recommendation on HB 2226 and to address this bill accordingly was made by Rick Moroney, seconded by Tim Holtz. Motion Carried. Address letters to: House Conservation Committee.

HB 1159, p.n. 1307 - Would permit the transfer of Project 70 lands to private developers. Project 70 lands are in Synder County in the Shamokin Dam area.

OPPOSE. A motion to accept Norm's recommendation on HB 1159 and to address this bill accordingly was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Skip Sanderson. Motion Carried. Address letters to: House Appropriations Committee.

HB 1013, p.n. 1862 - Provides for an environmental education program in public schools. SUPPORT. A motion to accept Norm's recommendation on HB 1013 and to address this bill accordingly was made by Rich Weaver, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried. Address letters to: House Appropriations Committee.

HB 2143, p.n. 2790 - Would allow the PGC to make direct purchases of game and game food, materials, supplies and equipment for refuges and game farms without prior approval of the Dept. of General Services. SUPPORT. A motion to accept Norm's recommendation on HB 2143 and to address this bill accordingly was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Larry Smail. Motion Carried. Address letters to: House Game and Fisheries Committee.

SB 528 - Municipal recycling Act. SUPPORT. A motion to accept Norm's recommendation on SB 528 and to address this bill accordingly was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

Norm would like a copy of any and all letters that are sent, pertaining to legislative matters. Send copy of letters to: Mr. Norm Schlosser, 8250 Bargain Road, McKean, PA 16426

In concluding his report, Norm explained the By-Laws change undergone by the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Coalition. According to Norm, the PSC changed their By-Laws in order to redefine their membership structure. Norm recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the PSC's By-Laws change.

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the adoption of the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Coalition's By-Laws change as recommended by our legislative chairman was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

1988 CONVENTION - Skip Schaich had each sub-committee chairman report on their respective committees. The following recommendations came from those reports.

- 1.) Should continue the practice of two-mailings for registration.
- 2.) Price to attend Friday and Saturday events, to exclude the banquet, should not exceed \$10.00.
 - 3.) Need the support of our local chapters to keep the Master's profitable.
 - 4.) Maintain access to mailing-lists in order to solicit donations.
- 5.) Address the problem of late mailings for the gun raffle-should continue two-mailings.
 - 6.) Should have a photographer for the convention and banquet.
 - 7.) Formulate guidelines and criterion for presenting awards.
 - 8.) Limit the art auction to 20-30 pieces.
- 9.) Nominations and awards should be paid for through PA Chapter General Fund.
- 10.) Convention chairman should maintain an understandable set of books for financial record keeping and ease of reporting.

Income and expenses of the convention were as follows: Total income was \$45,268.15 with expenses of \$26,763.76, leaving a net income of \$18,504.39 for a 41 percent gross to net profit.

1989 CONVENTION - Dallas Stewart was unable to attend the meeting, however, President Meyers gave a report on his behalf. Howard reported that the '89 Convention will be held at the Greentree Marriott in the Pittsburgh area on March 17-18, 1989. It was noted that the hotel had agreed to pay for a convention ad in Turkey Talk.

Howard concluded his report by stating that the committee is looking for suggestions of possible speakers for the convention and support from the local chapters.

CONSERVANCY - The Conservancy Report was given at the opening of our meeting.

PAPER SUPPLIES - Dennis Strawbridge reported that he had letterhead and envelopes available for those who needed them. Dennis said he would have information regarding the PA Chapter brochure for New Business.

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORT - Ron Sandrus stated that a lack of communications has caused a problem in gathering information as to who our local chapter presidents, officers, and directors are. Along those same lines, Ron mentioned that some of our local chapters are not complying with their By-Laws, particularly Article III Management Sections 1-2-3-4, and Article IV Board of Directors Section 5.

During the brief discussion that followed, Ron agreed that it will be difficult for some local chapters to comply with their By-Laws as stated, especially if only

ten or less members are actively involved. However, it is important for all Local Chapter Presidents and Chairman of the Board to take the necessary steps to comply with their By-Laws as soon as possible. (Local Chapter Presidents - this and other matters of importance will be discussed during the July meeting at Trout Run).

As reported, Ron worked up a new Local Chapter Map and Directory for <u>Turkey Talk</u>. Also, new contacts for possible local chapters were made in the State College and Danville areas, during a meeting of the POWA. Along those same lines, Ron talked to at least seven individuals about the possibility of organizing local chapters.

Ron is still working on organizational meetings in the following areas: Blain, Beech Creek, Glen Mills, Glenmore, Huntingdon, Renova, Ridgeway, and Scranton. Ron said plans had been made to attend the organizational meeting of our 38th Local Chapter, which will be located in the Roscoe area.

In closing, Ron pleaded with all local chapter presidents to send a list of officers' and directors' names, addresses, and phone numbers whenever elections are held. Send to: Mr. Ron Sandrus, 3022 Spruce Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.

Before moving to recess the meeting, President Meyers asked that all Head Directors poll the Directors in their regions as to whether the Directors plan to remain active. Those Directors who are unable to remain active and/or attend meetings should prepare a letter of resignation to take effect at the August meeting of the PA Chapter Board of Directors.

The Pennsylvania State Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m., on Saturday, June 4, 1988, and was called to order by President Howard Meyers. It was then noted that a quorum was still in effect, and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

HEAD DIRECTORS - The following reports were presented.

Southeast Region - Dennis Strawbridge Southcentral Region - Ron Sandrus Southwest Region - Joe Krug

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

Allegheny Mountain
James E. Wilhelm Memorial
Michaux-Yellow Breeches
Roger M. Latham Memorial
Mason-Dixon
Northern Cambria County

Allegheny Sultans
Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers
Blue Mountain
Scattered Flock
Fort Armstrong
Northfork Turkey Talkers

COMMUNICATIONS - There were no communications to be read before the Board.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> - Under the first item of Old Business, President Meyers reported on our meeting with the PGC, which took place in Harrisburg on April 20. According to Howard, our agenda contained 20-items which were discussed during the meeting.

Items on the agenda included among others: turkey hunter education/safety, wild turkey stamp, PA Chapter Super Fund, PGC policy on flourescent orange, status of PGC turkey research programs, and an update of trap-and-transfer program.

Special Note: Items on our agenda are for discussion purposes only. Decisions and/or policies are not based solely on the opinions put forth. However, our meetings with the PGC allow both parties the opportunity to brainstorm, so that we may better serve the needs of the wild turkey resource and the sport of turkey hunting.

In other business, Ron Sandrus reported to the Board concerning our NRA membership code. As an NRA affiliate (#Z0020) each member is eligible to use the \$2.00 discount when renewing their NRA membership. They must affix #Z0020 to their renewal application/notice and submit the difference of \$18.00 payable to the NRA. No rebates are available, so these preceding instructions must be followed at the time of renewal.

NEW BUSINESS - Terry Hyde reiterated his recommendations regarding a second conservation print. A motion to proceed with the development of a second conservation print, as per Terry Hyde's recommendations, was made by Skip Schaich, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

Once again, we are looking for a person to chair the Art Committee, as Terry has expressed an interest to step-down from that post. Terry said he would work with anyone who's interested in chairing the Art Committee.

Ron Sandrus spoke of the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America's program "Protect What's Right By Working With Youth," and our possible involvement with the program.

Ron then suggested that we order hunter safety pamphlets from National. A motion to order 10,000 hunter safety pamphlets, at two-cents apiece, from National was made by Skip Schaich, seconded by Larry Smail. Motion Carried.

Along those same lines, a motion to order 5000 updated PA Chapter pamphlets was made by Fred Webster, seconded by Don Heckman. Motion Carried.

Dennis Strawbridge reiterated a suggestion that we donate a conservation print to the PGC. Following a brief discussion, a motion to donate an artist proof of our first conservation print to include a plate stating Donated by Pennsylvania Chapter - National Wild Turkey Federation and to have the print presented by a PA Chapter representative was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Joel Bock. Motion Carried.

Dennis Strawbridge and the Mason-Dixon Local Chapter graciously volunteered to donate the cost of having the conservation print matted and framed.

President Meyers then announced that the Executive Committee had met and had approved a pie-graph proposal to divide the Super Fund Committee into four sub-committees. Chairmen for the sub-committees are: Joe Krug - Habitat Enhancement, Dan Roessner - Hunter Safety Education, Ron Fretts - Land Acquisition, and a Miscellaneous Committee comprised of the sub-committee chairmen.

As reported, each proposal submitted to the sub-committee will be reviewed by the

Executive Committee.

President Meyers, Terry Hyde, and Tom Baldrige discussed before the Board the findings, suggestions, and recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding the Wilson Moore Chapter's proposal for \$1000.00 to purchase firearms for use in hunter education classes. Following this discussion, a motion to accept the recommendation of the Super Fund Review Committee to reject the Wilson F. Moore Memorial Local Chapter's proposal was made by Tim Holtz, seconded by Larry Smail. Motion Carried.

Joe Krug mentioned that the Susquehanna Local Chapter would consider providing a meeting place for the November meeting, providing another local chapter agrees to cover the expense of hosting the meeting.

Joe then expressed an interest to be relieved of the responsibility of locating meeting places for the PA Chapter. Alan Keagy volunteered to take on that responsibility.

ATTENTION LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

A Local Chapter Presidents meeting has been scheduled to coincide with the NWTF Northeast Regional Presidents meeting at Trout Run on July 29-31, 1988. The NWTF will conduct the Northeast Regional meeting Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday. The PA Chapter will conduct a Local Chapter Presidents meeting on Sunday.

It is very important that \underline{ALL} Local Chapter Presidents make every effort to attend these meetings during the weekend. Matters that have a direct bearing on the health and future of our organization will be covered.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Rich Weaver. Motion Carried.

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was adjourned at 2:55 p.m., on Saturday, June 4, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary Pennsylvania State Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

May 10, 1988

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the Minutes of our Annual Membership, Election, and Business Meeting held at the Bershire/Sheraton Inn, Reading, during the Pennsylvania Chapter's Convention on March 19, 1988.

Our next Board of Directors' meeting will be June 3-4, 1988, at laurel Hill State Park Camp #9 in Somerset County. Enclosed is a map showing the location of the June meeting for your convenience. Please plan to be in attendance, as this meeting will cover several important items of interest for the good of our organization.

President Howard Meyers has asked that all board members consider possible candidates for nomination of the NWTF Roger Latham Award and for the office of NWTF Board of Directors. As was pointed out to us by Rob Keck, there's no reason why a candidate from Pennsylvania should not get enough votes to be elected to this important position. Bottom Line: We need a Pennsylvanian on the NWTF Board who understands our needs and viewpoints when important decisions are made that effect the NWTF and the wild turkey resource.

Wishing all of you a successful and safe season. At this point, I'm scoreless again — but so is our president! Looking forward to seeing you in June . . .

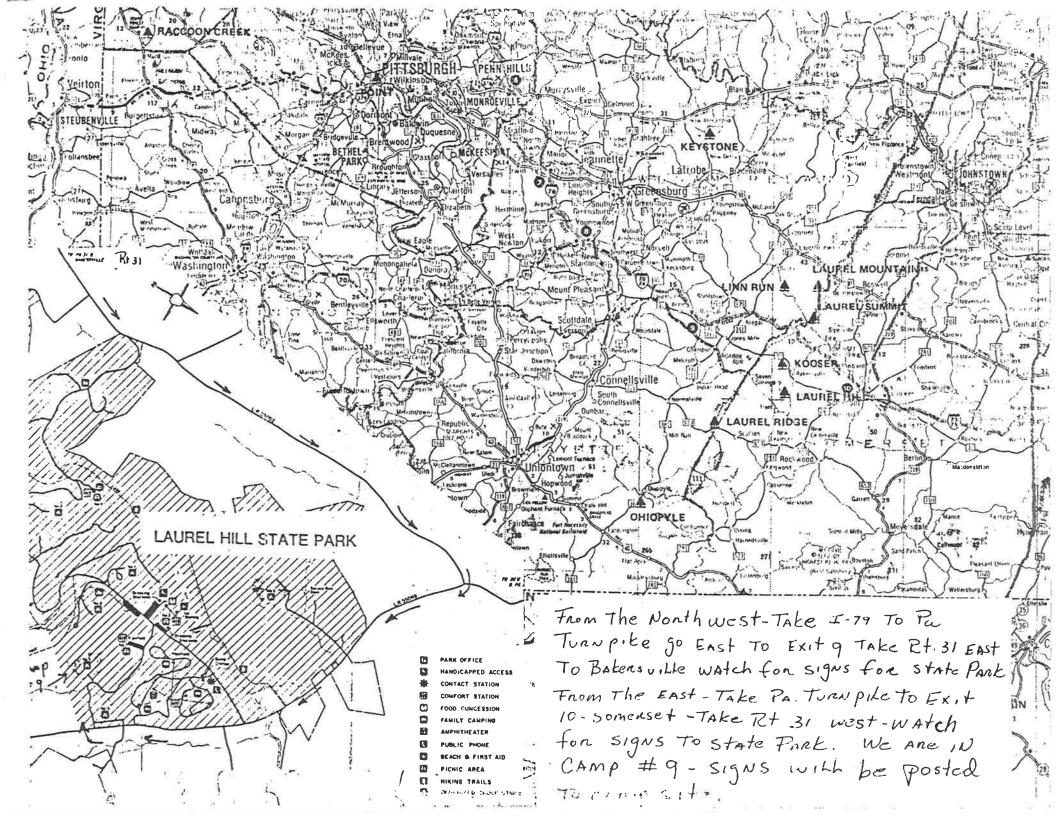
Sincerely,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary Pennsylvania State Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation

EMERGENCY NUMBER: (814) 445-7725 - Laurel Hill State Park Office We will be meeting at Camp #9 in Laurel Hill State Park.

ENCLOSURE:





PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION MEETING
MARCH 19, 1988
SHERATON/BERKSHIRE INN - READING, PA

The March 1988 Membership and Election Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Howard Meyers at 7:31 a.m., on Saturday, March 19, 1988.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chapter, President Meyers welcomed everyone to our 13th annual Membership Meeting. Following an introduction of the group, it was then noted by the secretary that a quorum was present, and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE PA CHAPTER, NWTF: - Howard Meyers reported that the state of our chapter is probably in the best shape it's ever been, noting that our treasury account was \$1898.00 in the black at year's end.

As reported, we had a membership increase of 728, mostly due to the fundraising banquets and individual efforts to sign-up new members. We must continue to grow in numbers, if we are to meet our goals and objectives, Howard said.

Our first conservation print, "Mountain Music" by Jack Paluh, was reported to be sold out. Howard informed the assembly that the Art Committee is formulating plans to have another print made for the coming year.

We had a Fall Gun Raffle for the first time, which proved to be financially successful for the PA Chapter. And, as a result of having netted \$3979.00 on the gun raffle, we were able to fulfill our \$5000.00 commitment to the Super Fund, Howard reported.

Our Hunter Safety Committee, under the leadership of Dan Roessner, has been working with the PGC in an effort to develop a more comprehensive safety program. As reported, plans are being formulated to establish a public service announcement on turkey hunting safety, which will be aired throughout the commonwealth.

Our Super Fund/Habitat Committee, under the leadership of Joe Krug, developed a set of habitat guidelines to help facilitate the approval process of requested funds through the committee.

Howard expressed his appreciation to the board for allowing him the opportunity to represent the Pennsylvania Chapter at the National Convention in Atlanta.

On behalf of the PA Chapter, Howard said he was proud to accept the L.A. Dixon Jr., Award for first runner-up in the Outstanding Chapter competition. Along those same lines, Howard said he was pleased to see two of our local chapters garnish awards in the competition. Particularly, Local Chapter #1 for winning the Outstanding Local Chapter competition, and the Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers for being awarded the second runner-up.

Noting that the PA Chapter only lost by 2000 points to the South Carolina Chapter, Howard charged the membership with the objective of regaining our "rightful place" of number one in the Outstanding Chapter competition.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - Tom Baldrige reported that he has been working with the Mon-Yough Chapter on hunter safety programs, trying to do as many programs as possible.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - No Report.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT:</u> - Rick Moroney read the Minutes of the 1987 Annual Membership and Election Meeting held at Howard Johnson's in Monroeville.

A motion to accept the Minutes of March 1987 as read was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Fred Webster. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Rich Weaver reported on the Financial Statement of the PA Chapter for the period January 1, 1988 - March 19, 1988.

As reported, the balance on hand as of January 1, 1988 was \$5879.13. Income for the period was \$3131.07 with expenses for the period being \$8323.65, leaving a net balance as of March 19, 1988 of \$686.55.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as prepared was made by Ken Springer, seconded by Jim Roessner. Motion Carried.

<u>VICE TREASURER'S REPORT:</u> - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: - Don Heckman submitted his January 1988 Board meeting report as his final report for the 1987 calendar year.

As reported, we had 5958 members for year-end totals, a growth of 728. As of February 15, 1988 our membership was 5990, according to Don. In concluding his report, Don requested all local chapters to send the local chapter president's name and address to Ron Sandrus and himself. This information needs to be compiled for inclusion in the summer issue of Turkey Talk.

Mr. Don Heckman 14 Slate Hill Road Camp Hill, PA 17011 Mr. Ron Sandrus 3022 Spruce Avenue Altoona, PA 16601 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT: - Dan Roessner reported that he and Ron Sandrus met with the PGC on January 26-27, 1988 to address the issue of turkey hunting safety in Pennsylvania. As reported, an agreement has been reached between the PA Chapter and the PGC as follows:

- (1.) PGC will assist PA Chapter in the production of a public service announcement for distribution to the media throughout the commonwealth.
- (2.) PGC will devote an entire page of the Hunter Game Law Digest to turkey hunting safety.
- (3.) PA Chapter will work with PGC to coordinate turkey hunting safety news releases to be published in local papers.
- (4.) PGC is interested in converting our safety module into a film strip and to expand the distribution of the film strip.
- (5.) PA Chapter will provide the names of individuals who are interested in assisting the PGC with their Hunter Education classes.
- (6.) PA Chapter has committed to utilize more support materials from the NWTF and the NRA, relating to safety.
- (7.) PGC has agreed to the concept of developing a patch-type, safety logo.
- (8.) PGC has, at this point, declared the mandatory wearing of flourescent orange a non-issue. It would appear that the PGC has, for now, accepted our belief that instruction and education rather than legislation is the answer to lowering accident rates among turkey hunters.
- (9.) PGC would, however, like to expand on the voluntary concept of wearing flourescent orange to and from hunting areas and/or calling sites.
- (10.) PGC may consider the concept of flourescent orange bands to be wrapped around a tree at the hunter's calling site, and possibly funding such a development.

NWTF REPORT: - Rob Keck informed the group that Missouri's PSA on safety would be made available for our use. According to Rob, the PA Chapter would be able to air Missouri's PSA on safety this spring, and we would also be permitted to affix the PA Chapter name to the credits.

Rob expressed his congratulations to Local Chapter #1 for garnishing first place honors in the Outstanding Chapter competition. His congratulations were also extended to the PA Chapter for being named first runner-up, with membership over 1000, in the Outstanding Chapter competition.

Rob predicted that NWTF's membership will surpass the 50,000 mark within two-weeks, due mainly to the response from the direct mail campaign and fund-raising banquets. Along those same lines, Rob asked for our assistance, in obtaining the turkey hunter report card listing from the PGC. As noted, this information would be a tremendous help to National in their efforts to focus the direct mail campaign on Pennsylvania turkey hunters, which ultimately will increase the growth of our organization.

In 1987, the Super Fund Program generated nearly \$500,000.00 with over 100 projects being funded, according to Rob. Some states raised as much as \$75,000.00 through direct donations and banquets. That can happen right here. It's going to happen right here, Rob concluded.

<u>Special Note:</u> Due to the time constraint on the meeting, Rob was unable to fully report on the NWTF information he had prepared.

<u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:</u> - As reported, the slate of officers and directors for the coming year was submitted to the Board by the Nominating Committee, and was mailed to the membership under the direction of Chairman Fred Webster.

Fred read the slate of nominations for Officers and Directors of the Pennsylvania Chapter for 1988. A motion to elect the slate of Officers and Directors as proposed by the Nominating Committee was made by Crist Newcomer, seconded by Joel Bock. Motion Carried.

In other business, Rob Keck advised the Board to begin selecting a nomination for the NWTF Board of Directors. He emphasized that we should prepare to back our nomination with votes, noting it's hard to believe that a chapter with 5000 members can't get their candidate elected for lack of votes.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Leach, seconded by Alan Keagy. Motion Carried.

The Annual Membership and Election Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m., on Saturday, March 19, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary Pennsylvania State Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER, N.W.T.F. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MARCH 19, 1988 SHERATON/BERKSHIRE INN - READING, PA

The March 1988 Board of Director's Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Howard Meyers at 8:20 a.m., on Saturday, March 19, 1988.

It was then noted that a quorum was present, and the PA Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - Howard Meyers reporting on the need for more support of the portfolio program said: If anything is done under the name of the PA Chapter or for the PA Chapter, write it down and see that the Portfolio Committee gets the information. We need the support of all our local chapters if we are to compete in the L.A. Dixon Jr., Award program for Outstanding Chapter.

On January 29, Howard helped to man a booth for the Laurel Run Highlands L.C., at the Johnstown War Memorial.

February 5-7, Howard made the bus trip to NWTF headquarters along with 25 members of Local Chapter #1.

February 11, Howard visited the Greentree Marriott with Dallas Stewart to finalize convention details for 1989.

February 17-20, Howard worked with members of the Mon-Yough L.C., in conjunction with the Quaker Boy sponsored Greater Pittsburgh Open turkey calling contest. He also helped to man the Mon-Yough Local's booth during the Outdoor, Sport, & Travel Show at the Expo Mart in Monroeville.

February 25, Howard attended the NWTF convention in Atlanta, Georgia. As reported, he was very proud to represent the PA Chapter and to accept the L.A. Dixon Jr., Award for first runner-up in the Outstanding Chapter competition.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - No Report.

<u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:</u> - No.Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: - No Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Rich Weaver thanked Lou Mamone for very graciously donating a hand-made clock to help off-set the costs of our January board meeting.

In regards to accountability, Rich requested of those who serve on more than one committee to specify which committee a requested reimbursement should be credited to. If a request is made for reimbursement of long-distance phone calls, for example, Rich needs to know which committee budget should be billed for that account. Under the new budget system, each committee chairman is accountable for all expenditures of that committee, according to Rich.

VICE TREASURER'S REPORT: - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: - No Report.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT: - No Report.

TURKEY TALK: - Larry Smail was unable to attend the meeting. However, Rick Moroney read a written report before the Board, which had been prepared by Larry.

In his report, Larry said the spring issue of <u>Turkey Talk</u> was sent to Nupp's Printing, and he expects the proof-copy to be in the hands of the editors within a week. According to Larry, the spring issue will be eight-pages and will contain a lot of information on safety and ethics.

As reported, the Dutch Fork Gobblers L.C., graciously donated \$100.00 to help off-set the costs of publishing <u>Turkey Talk</u>. President Meyers expressed his appreciation and that of the PA Chapter to the Dutch Fork Gobblers for their generous donation, and to Larry for all the work he has done for our organization.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: - No Report.

YOUTH: - Terry Hyde reported that five "First Bird" patches had been awarded since the January 1988 meeting.

ART COMMITTEE: - Terry Hyde was pleased to report that our first conservation print "Mountain Music" by Jack Paluh had been sold out. Of special note, it's been reported that our first conservation print has been selling for \$400.00 in the Erie area.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: - No Report.

SUPER FUND/HABITAT: - Joe Krug reported that our super fund account holds \$35,022.81. Since its conception, \$40,745.96 has been raised for the super fund account, with \$5723.00 being spent on habitat projects to-date. As noted, matching funds were added to our funds, giving a total value of approximately \$11,000.00 for habitat work.

Joe distributed copies of the eight-page Local Chapter Habitat Project Guidelines. As reported, a copy of the guidelines will be mailed to all local chapter presidents

Local chapter presidents and/or Habitat Committee chairmen should read over these guidelines with care and attention. If followed carefully, the guidelines will provide information for doing quality projects that will maximize the benefit to the wild turkey. As noted in the guidelines, any additional information or clarification should be addressed to: Mr. Joe Krug

R.D. # 1, Box 380 Portage, PA 15946 (814) 736-3953

Special Note: Page three, Paragraph three of the guidelines - It was recommended to use a fertilizer mixture of 10-20-20 rather than 10-10-10 before seeding mixtures of grass and legumes. With the 10-20-20 fertilizer, it will not be necessary to use 300 to 400 pounds of fertilizer per/acre. However, the required amount is not known at this time, but should be clarified at the June meeting, according to Joe.

Page five; guidelines' chart: Those species with an asterick (*) are approved by committee for use on super fund projects. All others tend to be finicky and should be planted in small experimental amounts only.

<u>LEGISLATIVE</u>: - No Report.

'88 CONVENTION: - No Report.

'89 CONVENTION: - Dallas Stewart reported that the '89 Convention will be held at the Greentree Marriott in the Pittsburgh area. President Meyers asked for the help and support of our local chapters in the Southwest Region to assure the success of our '89 Convention.

CONSERVANCY: - No Report.

<u>PAPER SUPPLIES</u>: - Dennis Strawbridge informed the group that he has letter-head and envelopes available for those who need them. Dennis also mentioned that he and Don Heckman have been working together to update information for the habitat brochure in preparation for printing.

LOCAL CHAPTERS: - Ron Sandrus thanked everyone for their cooperation in the local chapter system during the past year. Ron expressed a special thanks to Steve Lecorchick for his help as Assistant Local Chapter Coordinator, noting that Steve has been doing a "tremendous job."

Ron was pleased to announce the reorganization of the Evergreen Flock L.C., on March 9, 1988. A lack of communication was credited as the cause for our need to reorganize the Evergreen Flock. Ron emphasized our need to keep the communication lines open between our locals and the state chapter.

As reported a possibility exist for the organization of three local chapters in the near future.

Sharpsville/Sharon area......contact Dan Porter Greensburg/Centerville area.....contact Ron Baron Pottstown area......contact Joe Martin

Ron mentioned that some local chapters have not sent a notice of their new slate of officers and directors to him as requested. Ron further reported that plans are being formulated for a local chapter presidents meeting for sometime late in June if possible.

HEAD DIRECTORS: - No Report.

LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: - No Report.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>: - No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: - Bob Nodler questioned the placement of the Fort Armstrong Long Beards L.C., in the Northwest Region. President Meyers stated that the Fort Armstrong L.C., should be listed in the Southwest Region and would be clarified as such at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: - No Report.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, <u>a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Roessner</u>, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was adjourned at 8:55 a.m., on Saturday, March 19, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Moroney, Secretary

Pennsylvania State Chapter

National Wild Turkey Federation



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

February 12, 1988

TO: ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Enclosed, for your review and reference, please find one copy of the Minutes of our January 15-16, 1988 PA Chapter meeting held at Herder's Spring Lodge in Centre County.

I certainly hope that everyone is as anxious and excited as I am about the upcoming PA Chapter Convention/Awards Banquet/Master's Invitational and, of course, the Annual Meeting to be held at Sheraton/Berkshire Inn in Reading, on March 18-19, 1988.

Our Annual Membership meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m., on Saturday, followed by our Board of Directors' meeting. Due to the time constraint, President Meyers would like all committee chairmen, officers, and directors to be as brief as possible, and to limit your reports to the business at hand. Important business on the agenda includes the election of officers and directors, so please make every effort to attend.

Convention Chairman Skip Schaich, committee members, and local chapters have been doing a great job in preparing for the PA Chapter Convention. Let's give them our support and help to make this year's convention the best ever.

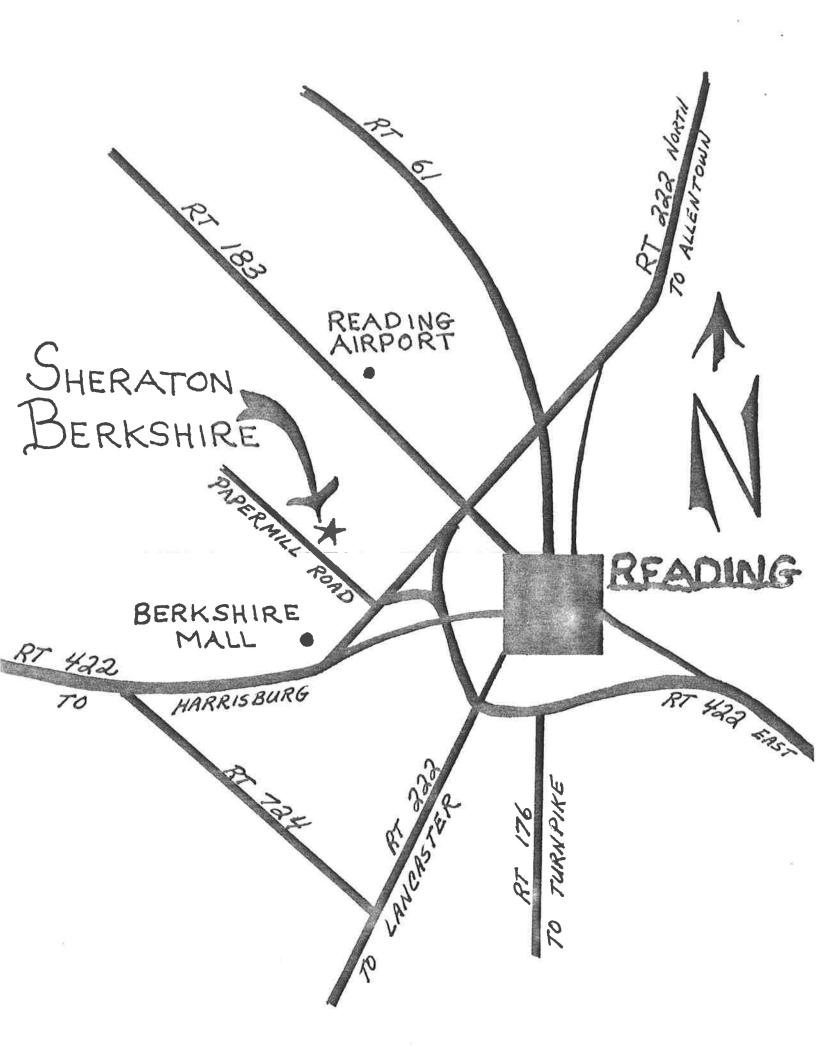
A map showing directions to the Sheraton/Berkshire Inn, site of the PA Chapter Convention, is enclosed for your reference.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Reading on March 18... .

Sincerely,

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

ENCLOSURE:





PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

ORGANIZED 1975

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER, N.W.T.F.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
JANUARY 15-16, 1988
HERTER'S SPRING LODGE - CENTRE COUNTY

The January 1988 Board of Directors' Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was called to order by President Howard Meyers at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, January 15, 1988.

In his opening remarks, President Howard Meyers thanked Joel Bock and all the members of the Scattered Flock Local Chapter for hosting the meeting and providing the meals for the weekend.

Following an introduction of the group, it was noted that a quorum was present and the Pennsylvania State Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Howard Meyers reported that he plans to attend National's Covention in Atlanta.

Howard said he has been in touch with Rob Keck and Carl Brown about getting material and information from them on hunter safety/education.

Howard has been in contact with National to get copies of the NWTF Board Meeting Minutes sent to him. He informed the assembly that he has received a copy of National's Minutes and that he would be on the mailing list to receive Minutes from now on.

It was noted in Howard's report that National is in the process of interviewing people for the position of Northeast Regional Director, and that a selection should be made soon.

Howard urged the assembly to send in their ballots to National and to cast a vote for Jan Bausinger, who was nominated by the PA Chapter Board for directorship on the NWTF Board. Howard cautioned the group that, if our members don't cast a vote for Jan, he may not be elected and Pennsylvania would be without representation.

Howard said he worked on the PGC seasons and bag limits proposal. He informed the group that Rich Weaver had served as our delegate to present views of the PA Chapter to the PGC Board of Commissioners, pertaining to seasons and bag limits for 1988.

Howard sent a letter to Pete Duncan, Executive Director PGC, informing him

of our stand on the rifle issue and use of large shot-size for turkey hunting. It was noted that this was done in accordance with recommendations made by the PA Chapter Board of Directors during the November 1987 meeting.

In concluding his report, Howard said he and Rick Moroney would work together to formulate a letter which would address an article published in The Pennsylvania Sportsman about stalking turkeys with a rifle. Ethics and safety aspects of this article will be addressed in accordance with recommendations made by our Board of Directors.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - No Report.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tim Holtz reported that, since the November meeting, he had been working on the Gun Raffle and Awards Committees.

Concerning the gun raffle, Tim said the good news is we made approximately \$3900.00, and the bad news is we could have made several hundred dollars more if all the tickets were sold.

Tim distributed an itemized account sheet of the 1987 Fall Gun Raffle, which showed 930 of the 1000 tickets were sold for a total gross income of \$9300.00. After the expense of paying for the guns, shipment of the guns, postage and supplies, our net profit was \$3989.45.

It was noted that the PA Chapter retained two guns, Winchester 1300 - 12 ga. shotgun and Mossberg 12 ga. shotgun, because two winning numbers were among the 70 unsold tickets.

Tim thanked all those who bought and/or sold tickets for the gun raffle. He expressed a special thanks to Reed Johnson and Ken Springer for their help as committee members. It was a group effort, and it paid off, Tim said.

In concluding his report, Tim said he feels real good about the raffle, noting the fact that 930 tickets were sold. But it was mentioned that he feels even better knowing that all the tickets can be sold the next time around with the experience that was gained from our first attempt.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Rick Moroney reported that he had sent a letter by certified mail to Robert Weisgerber, informing him of action taken by the Board of Directors to relieve him as PA Chapter attorney. In accordance with the motion made during the November 1987 meeting, it was requested that Robert Weisgerber return all materials belonging to the PA Chapter to Ron Sandrus.

Rick said he wrote a letter on behalf of the PA Chapter to Carl Brown, extending our thanks for National's involvement which resulted in the dedication of the Wilson F. Moore Memorial Area.

As reported, a letter was written to Gary West, on behalf of the PA Chapter, to extend our congratulations to him on his appointment as Director of Marketing for the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Concerning Organizational Paperwork of our local chapters, Rick said that Carl

Brown had copies made from the original paperwork and that these copies were delivered to his home on January 15.

In regards to the status of our Constitution and By-Laws, Rick said Carl Brown had informed him that Claibourne Darden is working on a Constitution and By-Laws to be presented to state chapter presidents during National's Convention in Atlanta.

As reported, it is hoped that the formulation of a new Constitution and By-Laws will be adopted by all state chapters and will be made consistent with National's. Rick then suggested that the Board forego any decision to revise or amend our Constitution and By-Laws until we receive more information from National.

*Included in the Secretary's Report was a report from the Portfolio Committee.

During his report, Rick thanked committee members Howard Meyers and Tom Baldrige for their assistance in helping to put the PA Chapter portfolio together. He extended the thanks and appreciation of the Portfolio Committee to all local chapters who sent a portfolio and/or information that will hopefully help the PA Chapter regain the Number One position of Outstanding Chapter in the United States.

As reported, portfolios were received from the following local chapters: Kinzua Allegheny Longbeards, Michaux-Yellow Breeches, Allegheny Sultans, Fort Chambers, Mason Dixon, Wilson F. Moore Memorial and Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers.

The following local chapters provided portfolio material for use in the PA Chapter portfolio:

Local Chapter #1, Northern Cambria County, Susquehanna, Scattered Flock, Fort Armstrong Longbeards, Allegheny Mountain, and Blue Mountain.

At the conclusion of the Secretary's Report, President Meyers asked if there were any corrections or additions to be noted in the November 1987 Minutes. The following correction was noted and recorded in the Minutes:

Page three, second paragraph - Concerning Minutes, Crist Newcomer volunteered to contact Jerry Thompson about the 1976 Annual Minutes, . . . was corrected to read Concerning Minutes, Bill Barron volunteered to contact Jerry Thompson about the 1976 Annual Minutes, . . .

A motion to accept the November 1987 Minutes as corrected was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Jim Leach. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Rich Weaver distributed the Statement of Income and the Balance Sheet for the year-ending December 31, 1987 to the assembly.

As reported, the Balance Sheet showed our year-to-date income was \$1898.80, and our fund balance was \$3970.54 with donated assets of \$1.00, for total assets of \$5880.13.

The Statement of Income showed our year-to-date gross income was \$24,059.57

and our total operating expenses were \$22,160.77, leaving a net income of \$1898.80 for the year-ending December 31, 1987.

In noting that the actual year-to-date budget does not fall in line, Rich said he would address the problem during his budget report under New Business.

Tim Holtz raised a question on the floor concerning our pledge to the Super Fund. Rich said we still owe \$2500.00 on our pledge made to National. President Meyers remarked that the \$2500.00 owed on our pledge should be paid from the profits of our gun raffle. In the discussion that followed, Rich informed the Board that he would be able to pay the \$2500.00 owed on our Super Fund pledge, without causing an adverse affect on our treasury account between now and the convention.

There being no corrections to be noted, a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Tim Holtz, seconded by Skip Schaich. Motion Carried.

VICE TREASURER'S REPORT - No Report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT - Don Heckman reported that the PA Chapter computer system maintains 992 names on the master file.

As reported, the master file updates for election of officers and directors and the newsletter address changes will be made by March 31, 1988. Don requested all local chapters to send presidential election information to him, so that the correct names and addresses of local chapter presidents could be included in the update. Send information to: Mr. Don Heckman, 14 Slate Hill Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Don said membership totals were 5958 as of December 15, 1987 as compared to 5230 members for the same period in 1986, which shows a membership growth of 728 for the year-ended December 15, 1987.

As noted, our membership totals for 1987 were 5955. Of this total, we had 592 new members and 2928 renewal members.

During Don's report on local chapter memberships, Steve Lecorchick raised a question on the floor, concerning how a local chapter goes about relinquishing zip codes to another local chapter. As answered, if an entire zip code area is being transferred from one local chapter to another, you should send the zip codes in question along with your request to Don. He will then turn this information over to National to have the zip codes assigned to the other local chapter.

During his report on local chapter status, Don indicated that he plans to reassign zip codes of inactive local chapters to the PAOOO code for computer purposes. It was noted that 13 of the 36 local chapters were listed as inactive.

Don concluded his report by giving information on the membership levels and

rebate figures for the six-year-period of 1982 - 1987. Don expressed his concern over the decline in rebates for the period.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REPORT - Dan Roessner said most of the work he has done since the November meeting involves committees he serves on and in particular hunter safety/education. Dan said he would report more fully on those activities under the Committee Report for Hunter Safety.

TURKEY TALK - Larry Smail reported that the January issue of <u>Turkey Talk</u> had been printed, and 500 copies were distributed during the premailing of overrun issues.

As reported, the Turkey Talk Committee had been working on guidelines for bid sheets to be sent out to print shops for costs estimates to print <u>Turkey Talk</u>.

As suggested during the November 1987 meeting, Larry contacted Gene Smith, editor Turkey Call, regarding sponsorship for Turkey Talk. Larry read a letter from Gene, which addressed the problem of sponsorship, before the Board. It was indicated in Gene's letter that it would be difficult to get sponsorship for Turkey Talk without advertisement.

Larry sent inquiries to the PA Deer Association, Ruff Grouse Society, and other conservation organizations, asking for information about the organizations for possible inclusion in <u>Turkey Talk</u>. Since there has been no response, there's either a lack of interest or the matter has to be brought before the respective Boards, according to Larry's ascertainment.

Larry mentioned that Terry Hyde has agreed to write a future article for Turkey Talk about the history of the art print program.

Larry indicated that all issues of $\frac{\text{Turkey Talk}}{\text{for } \frac{\text{Turkey Talk}}{\text{Talk}}}$ would be 10-pages or less due to the constrictions of the budget for $\frac{\text{Turkey Talk}}{\text{Talk}}$.

New Address: Mr. Larry Smail 481 Butler Road

Kittanning, PA 16201

(412) 548-2042

In concluding his report, Larry expressed a special thanks to Skip Schaich and Dan Sullivan for their help and assistance and for agreeing to stay on as Associate Editors of <u>Turkey Talk</u>.

TURKEY TALK ADVERTISING - Larry Smail suggested establishing a certificate of appreciation for sponsorship of Turkey Talk.

Before considering Larry's suggestion, the floor was opened for discussion when President Meyers questioned Larry, regarding the ½-page ad that Levi Garrett was to get in return for their sponsorship of the Master's Invitational. Larry said he did not know that Levi Garrett's ad was suppose to be included in the January issue of Turkey Talk.

At that point in the meeting, Dan Sullivan asked the Board if they would address the issue of advertising in <u>Turkey Talk</u>. Dan remarked that the idea of eliminating advertisement was to cut the costs of that expense to <u>Turkey Talk</u>. Although we were paying for the space used by advertisers, we weren't making a lot of money on it according to Dan. (An advertiser is charged \$150.00 for a full-page ad. The costs for printing a full-page is \$125.00, leaving a net balance of \$25.00.)

Bottom Line: The amount of work required of the Advertising Manager in soliciting ads and the Editor in laying-out those ads for publication is not justified by the net balance gain of advertising. This is especially true when one considers the costs reduction measures that have been taken and the difficulties this would impose upon the Advertising Manager in soliciting ads for the future.

Ron Sandrus agreed with Dan that we should eliminate ads, but he cautioned the group to allow consideration for sponsors who request ad space in return for their sponsorship.

It was noted by Larry Smail that he turned down requests by four-advertisers for ad space in <u>Turkey Talk</u>. (As recorded in the November 1987 Minutes regarding advertisements: . . . it was suggested that, for the time being, we eliminate all advertising with the provision that we don't owe any ad space to advertisers who may have paid in advance.)

Rick Moroney suggested that if we are required to provide ad space to sponsors, such as Levi Garrett, the costs of the ad should be paid by the committee it affects and not be counted as an expense to the Turkey Talk budget. In the case of Levi Garrett's request for ad space in return for sponsorship of the Master's Invitational, the Convention Committee would be responsible for paying for the ad, Rick said.

Ron Sandrus commented on Levi Garrett's request for ad space by pointing out that Levi Garrett would probably want the ad in <u>Turkey Talk</u> prior to the convention and would also want a free booth. As reported by Larry Smail, the January issue of <u>Turkey Talk</u> was already printed, and the spring issue would not be out until April. Skip Schaich said he had taken care of getting a booth, but he had not received a hard-copy advertisement from Levi Garrett nor was there mention of an advertisement in Carl Brown's letter.

President Meyers asked Skip to contact Carl Brown about Levi Garrett's ad and possible sponsorship of the Master's Invitational.

In regards to sponsorship of <u>Turkey Talk</u>, Dan Sullivan suggested a certificate of appreciation and publishing the name of the sponsor in <u>Turkey Talk</u> rather than providing a full-page ad for sponsorship.

Ron Sandrus felt we would not be able to get sponsors unless we provide ad space. Ron indicated that it has always been a policy of sponsors to demand ad space in return for sponsorship.

After some discussion, Dan said if the Turkey Talk Committee was able to secure \$1000.00 for sponsorship, they would be willing to provide ad space for the sponsor. As pointed out, Dan's main concern and question to the Board was: Do we want to have an Advertising Manager sending out notices, letters, and openingly soliciting ads for \$25.00?

President Meyers expressed the general concensus of the Board by stating that we would not retain the services of an Advertising Manager, but would continue to seek sponsorship for <u>Turkey Talk</u> through the Turkey Talk Committee.

The matter of securing sponsorship was referred back to the Turkey Talk Committee by President Meyers. He directed members of the Turkey Talk Committee to work on a sponsorship program and to formulate guidelines as to what we would be willing to give in return for sponsorship of <u>Turkey Talk</u>.

President Meyers also directed the Turkey Talk Committee to revise and approve guidelines for bid sheets, in committee, before sending bid sheets out to print shops for costs estimates to print <u>Turkey Talk</u>.

For informational purposes along those same lines, Dan Sullivan informed the Board that we haven't had an increase from Nupp for printing in years, with the exception of a two-percent increase for paper that was also placed on Nupp Printing. According to Dan, printing costs for <u>Turkey Talk</u> are the same today as they were five-years ago. Dan said if we checked on the bids we received from other companies when he took over as Editor, we would probably find that their costs proposals for <u>Turkey Talk</u> will have increased during the same period.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - Skip Sanderson was unable to attend the meeting. Dennis Strawbridge had a list of promotional items that Skip has an inventory on. According to Dennis, Skip wanted to know if we planned to have a commemorative item for the convention. President Meyers said we would discuss the possibility of a commemorative item under New Business.

ART COMMITTEE - Terry Hyde reported that we did not sell any prints or stamps in the three-month period following the November 1987 meeting. As reported, we have approximately \$7500.00 in the Art Committee account.

In an effort to liquidate our last 52 Conservation Prints, Terry plans to try and sell prints at the Eastern Outdoor Show. Along with that effort, Terry plans to promote the sale of Conservation Prints by putting on a "Show Special" in conjunction with the PA Deer Association and PA Trappers Association for people interested in purchasing matching numbers of state conservation prints.

According to Terry, the PA Chapter has retained seven artist proofs for use at the convention and 25 prints of our First Conservation Print to match numbers of future prints.

In concluding his report, Terry said he gave out two "First Bird" patches - one to Alan Keagy's son and the other to Jim Leach's son.

<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS</u> - Rich Weaver reported that he represented the PA Chapter during the PGC's meeting on seasons and bag limits for 1988.

On January 10, Rich presented proposals and recommendations for consideration in development of the 1988 schedule of seasons and bag limits. He also included comments on related areas of concern for the resource and safe hunter involvement.

Although Rich made recommendations and proposals which involved the statewide spring gobbler season and the fall season in Management Areas #1, #2, and #5, his main concern and testimony focused on two points: hunter safety and opposition to the possible weakening of Regulation 58 PA 137.2, which governs the release of turkeys into the wild in Pennsylvania.

A paraphrase of Rich's presentation on safety is as follows:

The PA Chapter's objective is to reduce the number of hunting accidents, both spring and fall, in Pennsylvania . . .

For the Commission to consider the adoption of either banning the rifle or the mandatory wearing of flourescent orange for turkey hunting to simply relieve pressure from the public and political sectors would be, in the opinion of the PA Chapter, an irresponsible quick fix approach to a complicated issue.

However, the PA Chapter feels it's time for all parties to join together and take an indepth look at all options including education and penalties assessed on the irresponsible hunter, and to conduct indepth research and review of all available data. It is this combined, responsible approach that will ultimately help to achieve the goal of making the sport of turkey hunting safer for all participants.

Of special interest: Harrisburg is receiving a lot of heat on the issue of hunter safety from the political and private sectors. It appears as though the Commissioners are split down the middle on the issues of banning the rifle and the mandatory wearing of flourescent orange during turkey season, according to Rich.

A paraphrase of Rich's presentation regarding the possible weakening of Regulation 58 PA 137.2 is as follows:

The PA Chapter will not condone any action by the Commission or legislative bodies which would endanger the wild resources of Pennsylvania . . .

To risk the future of the wild turkey resource with the possibility of disease infestation as a result of interaction between wild populations and pen raised birds is unthinkable. The PA Chapter strongly opposes any form of compromise when weighing the needs of the wild turkey resource with those of private enterprise — "Bucks for Birds" game breeders.

For informational purposes: Regulation 58 PA 137.2 is designed to prevent the sale and/or release of pen raised birds into the wild, without first obtaining

a permit from the PGC and having the birds examined for disease infestation. Game breeders in the state have approached Rep. Rhoades, through an attorney, in an effort to weaken this regulation and to do away with the issuance of a permit and physical examination of pen raised birds prior to the sale.

In concluding his report, Rich expressed his concern of having learned that correspondence from the PGC to National, regarding Regulation 58 PA 137.2, was initiated in July 1987 and had been very heavy.

According to Rich, the fight to weaken Regulation 58 PA 137.2 is not over. We will have to keep our eyes on it and, hopefully, this unfortunate situation will tighten the lines of communication between National and the PA Chapter when serious matters of this magnitude begin to unfold, he said.

HABITAT/SUPER FUND - Joe Krug reported that the DER Bureau of Forestry District #9 project in Clearfield County for spring seep improvement had been approved by the committee and would be sent to National for the necessary signatures and final approval.

A request was submitted by the Wilson F. Moore Memorial Chapter for \$841.00 to pay for the purchase of seedlings which were used on a habitat improvement project last year. The Wilson Moore Chapter's request had been approved by the committee, and the check should have been mailed, according to Joe.

Joe apologized to the group for the delay in getting Super Fund requests approved. He assured the assembly that guidelines were being formulated which would, hopefully, speed the process. Following possible revision of the guidelines by Jerry Wunz, all local chapter presidents should receive a copy, Joe said.

Super Fund projects still under consideration are as follows:

Evaluation of clearings for wild turkeys

submitted by Jerry Wunz

requesting \$ 1050.00.

Fowler Hollow Project submitted by DER Bureau of Forestry District 3 - \$ 5275.00.

Deleware State Forest submitted by DER Bureau of Forestry District 19 - \$10700.00.

Also a suggestion had been made by Jerry Wunz to allocate monies from the Super Fund to have seedlings raised in a nursery by a retired member of the state nursery, Joe reported.

It was mentioned that the PGC is considering the possibility of eventually getting out of the nursery business of raising seedlings. With that in mind, Joe said we should seriously consider Jerry's suggestion because it would be cheaper than purchasing seedlings, and we could raise seedlings that we can't get from the PGC — such as autumn olive and Japanese barberry among others.

As reported, Joe had a call from James Earl Kennamer. James Earl had asked Joe to apologize on behalf of the NWTF for the delay in processing Super Fund requests through committee. James Earl asked for our patience and for anyone to feel free to call him if they became frustrated due to the processing of Super Fund requests, according to Joe.

A question was raised on the floor by Don Heckman, regarding turn-around-time for receiving a check from National for Super Fund monies. In reply, Joe said he didn't think getting the check has been the problem. He felt the problem has been that project proposals have required some type of revision and/or streamlining before being approved by the committee and sent to National. If good quality projects were submitted, that did not require revisions, the turn-around-time would probably be two-weeks, according to Joe.

A discussion followed inwhich the concerns of our members were expressed, regarding the delays in having Super Fund requests aproved. It was suggested that Joe should send a notification of approval letter when a request for Super Fund monies is approved by the committee.

NATIONAL - Howard Meyers said Ron Fretts had planned to attend our meeting but that he had been called to National to help interview candidates for the Northeast Regional Director's position.

Having been in contact with Carl Brown, Howard learned that the results of the questionaire sent to local chapters, pertaining to fund-raising banquets, indicated that the local chapters were in favor of making it mandatory to host fund-raising banquets. Carl, however, informed Howard that National has no intention of making fund-raising banquets mandatory, but were pleased to have received voluntary donations from local chapters all over the country after the questionaire had been sent.

<u>LEGISLATIVE</u> - Norm Schlosser reported on legislative matters of great concern to the PA Chapter and all sportsmen and women of the commonwealth.

A list of House and Senate Bills that require our attention, and Norm's recommendations for action by our members are as follows:

Senate Bill 125, p.n. 130: Noise pollution bill protecting sportsmen's clubs and ranges. This bill passed the full Senate on November 24 by a 48-1 margin. It is now in the House Judiciary Committee under Chairman Ralph D. Pratt.

Strongly Support.

House Bill 449, p.n. 487: Sister bill to S.B. 125. This bill is still in the Game and Fisheries Committee under Chairman Russell P. Letterman.

Strongly Support.

House Bill 1818, p.n. 2270: This bill is a strengthened version of noise pollution bills S.B. 125 and H.B. 449. H.B. 1818 is in the Game and Fisheries Committee under Chairman Russell P. Letterman. Support.

Senate Bill 833, p.n. 1004 and House Bill 1634, p.n. 2038: These two bills are anti-trapping bills which are buried in their respective committees and, hopefully, will die within the committees.

*Letters were sent to the respective committees on behalf of the PA Chapter, reinforcing our pro-trapping stand as per our resolution.)

House Bill 1685, p.n. 2095: If this bill passes, it could set precedent by allowing the sell of public owned lands and riparian rights to private developers. We could also be in danger of loosing Fish Commission access areas, game lands, state parks, state forests, and any other public owned lands. H.B. 1685 is now in the House Committee on State Government. Norm strongly urged everyone to get involved and write letters to Rep. Frank Oliver, Majority Chairman and Marvin Miller Jr., Minority Chairman.

VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE.

House Bill 455: To ban live bird shoots. This bill is still in committee. OPPOSE.

House Bill 466: Seven-day waiting period for handgun. Still in committee. OPPOSE.

House Bill 486: To bring barrel lengths in compliance with federal regulations. Still in committee. SUPPORT.

Senate Resolution 93, p.n. 1215 and House Resolution 168, p.n. 2262:
Both Resolutions urge the State Board of Education to mandate an environmental education program in the elementary and secondary schools of the commonwealth. S.R. 93 is in the Senate Education Committee under Chairman Sen. Ralph Hess. H.R. 168 is in the Rules Committee under Chairman Rep. James Manderino. STRONGLY SUPPORT.

House Bill 1208, p.n. 1380: Deals with regulation of ATV's to resolve the problem of trespass by ATV owners which results in destroying private property.

STRONGLY SUPPORT.

PGC Unit Management System - Will not become a legislative matter. However, Norm urged the assembly to write letters to the PGC in opposition of this concept for the following reasons:

1.) People have not been able to reach PGC personnel to check on poaching activities, as they occur.

2.) Does not allow for personal input between District Game Protectors and the sportsmen and women of our commonwealth.

3.) Puts the Farm Safety Program in jeopardy by not allowing the District Game Protector to budget his/her time for such activities.

4.) Forces concerned sportsmen and women to make Toll-calls in an effort to reach Game Protectors on matters of concern.

Norm suggested foregoing any action by our members until our next meeting, when he should have more information on the matter from the PGC.

It was brought to the attention of the Board by Joe Krug that some of the problem possibly stems from a union and management struggle within the structure of the PGC.

Norm asked for Board approval to address the following bills as recommended in his report: S.B. 125, H.B. 1818, H.B. 1685, S.R. 93, and H.R. 168.

After some discussion, a motion to give Board approval to Norm Schlosser to address Bills as stated in accordance with Norm's recommendations and that of the Legislative Committee and to make our position on the issues known by way of letters to be sent on behalf of the PA Chapter to the respective committees was made by Steve Lecorchick, seconded by Rich Weaver. Motion Carried.

Combining of the Fish and Game Commissions: Norm reported on the "strong rumor" that the Fish and Game Commissions will be combined as a single agency within the next three-years. Norm informed the Board of what were, in his opinion, the pros and cons of this concept.

After a lengthly discussion, it appeared to be the concern and fear of our Board that combining the Fish and Game Commissions, as a single agency, would be a "backdoor approach" by the state legislators to funnel the monies of the Fish and Game Commissions into the General Fund — ie., the Levdansky Amendment to House Bill 585. As Norm mentioned, this could also possibly cause the loss of funds from the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid to State Fisheries Act and the Pitmann-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act.

As reported, a Bill has not been introduced, at this time, to combine the Fish and Game Commissions. However, strong talk to that affect has been circulating throughout the commonwealth, according to Norm.

Bottom Line: If we do not address the issue and voice our concerns now, the opportunity exists for an amendment to be attached on a Bill from Aids to Zip-lock Baggies without our knowledge.

Based on our opinion that monies will be funneled from the Fish and Game Commissions and placed in the General Fund, Norm recommended that we oppose any combining of the Fish and Game Commissions, at this time. Norm further cautioned the group that, if and/or when a proposal to that affect is introduced, we would have to scrutinize any proposal as well, if not better than our scrutinization of House Bill 585 and its amendments.

In conclusion, Norm agreed to draft a letter addressing our concerns of joining the Fish and Game Commission as a single aggency, and to present this letter to the Board for approval at our next meeting.

1988 CONVENTION - Skip Schaich reported that the first ticket mailing was sent out with a return of \$5029.00 to date. However, there appeared to be a problem with some of our members not receiving tickets, according to Skip.

For the period July 1 to December 31, 1987, total income for the 1988 Convention was \$7594.90 with expenses of \$1430.43, leaving a net balance of \$6164.47 in the 1988 Convention account, as reported by Skip.

As of January 1, 1987, additional expenses included payment of the guns and miscellaneous expenses for a total of \$1815.40, leaving a net balance to-date of \$4349.07.

To-date, the Master's Committee has received \$1250.00 in donations. It was noted that Steve Lecorchick is sending invitations to the callers, judges are being lined up by Scott Bashore, and donations are being solicited by Mark Bansner.

Skip's report included a run-down of the committees and members who serve on those committees for the '88 Convention. As noted, Skip was pleased to announce that all exhibitor booths have been sold.

For making reservations at the hotel by phone: Please call the Sheraton/Berkshire Inn at (215) 376-3811. Room rates are \$54.00 for a single and \$64.00 for a double per/day.

1989 CONVENTION - Ron Sandrus reported that he had contacted the Genetti/ Lycoming Hotel, regarding the possibility of considering the Genetti as a site for the '89 Convention.

Ron made it clear to the Board that his main concern was to assure a convention for the PA Chapter and its members. Beyond the dollars we need to make for the organization, we owe it to our members to have a convention, Ron said.

Depending upon the ability to work out a deal which would include use of the Capitol Theater, open dates for the convention would be the weekends of: March 17-18 or March 24-25, according to Ron.

Ron emphasized the point that, after having chaired three conventions already, he would rather have someone else step forth and volunteer to chair the '89 Convention, but he does not plan to sit back and watch the year go by without a PA Chapter Convention.

At the conclusion of Ron's report, President Meyers asked if anyone would be willing to look for another convention site and/or would be interested in chairing the '89 Convention.

At that point in the meeting, it appeared as though there wasn't anyone prepared to step forth to chair the '89 Convention. Ron then suggested that we wait until getting to the New Business portion of the meeting before making a decision.

CONSERVANCY - Bill Barron reported that a representative(s) of the Conservancy would like to attend our meeting on June 3-4, 1988 at Laurel Hill State Park. President Meyers directed Bill to work with the Conservancy to make arrangements for a representative(s) to attend our meeting.

<u>PAPER SUPPLIES</u> - Dennis Strawbridge reported that he had letterhead and envelopes available for those who needed them.

During Dennis's report, the suggestion of revising our letterhead before ordering more was discussed. It was determined during the discussion that this would be too costly and the consideration was tabled.

<u>LOCAL CHAPTER</u> - Ron Sandrus said he has made a lot of contacts by mail and phone, and he has been sending out information and issues of <u>Turkey Talk</u> to individuals interested in organizing a local chapter.

Ron mentioned that he plans to contact our new PA Chapter attorney, Richard S. Wilt, regarding the problem we have experienced with the Roof Garden Gobblers Local Chapter.

Ron attended the Allegheny Sultans December meeting. He has met with Carl Halfpenny and Bryan Bigler to discuss problems the Mid-State Chapter has been experiencing.

Jim Leach contacted Ron about his efforts to reach local chapter presidents in the Northcentral Region. Ron commented on the fine job that Jim is doing as Head Director of that region.

In talking with Carl Brown, Ron learned that some changes will be forthcoming from National that will directly affect the chapter system.

As reported, Ron is still working on the possibility of establishing local chapters in the following areas: Huntingdon, Hawley, Glenmore, Glen Mills, Scranton, Ridgeway, Renova, and Beech Creek.

On January 10, 1988, Steve Lecorchick and Ron attended the organizational meeting of the Northfork Turkey Talkers Local Chapter in the Brookville area.

<u>Local Chapter Presidents</u>: Please send the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all new officers and directors to: Mr. Ron Sandrus, 3022 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Ron has requested and, at times, pleaded for all local chapters to keep in contact with him and Steve Lecorchick. Let us help if you have a problem. Don't wait until it's too late. We can't help you if we're not aware of your problems, Ron said, in conclusion of his report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Fred Webster presented the slate of nominations for officers and directors of the Pennsylvania Chapter for 1988 to the Board. Fred also noted those positions which remain open and will need to be filled.

The Pennsylvania State Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting reconvened at 9:01 a.m., on Saturday, and was called to order by President Howard Meyers. It was then noted that a quorum was still in effect, and the Pennsylvania Chapter could conduct the business to come before it.

President Meyers informed the group that Lou Mamone had graciously donated a pictured, deer clock, which was raffled-off to help reduce the cost of the meeting.

HUNTER SAFETY/EDUCATION - Dan Roessner reported that he made contact with committee members by way of a memo dated November 11, 1987, asking for input pertaining to the goals and objectives of the Hunter Safety/Education Committee.

Dan said he plans to meet with the PGC on January 27 in Harrisburg. As reported, I&E Directors and Jim Filkosky of the PGC will be present at the meeting to discuss hunter safety practices in Pennsylvania. It is hoped that the meeting will bring a commitment from the PGC to work with the PA Chapter in the development of news releases and public service announcements on hunter safety, according to Dan.

In concluding his report, Dan said he hopes to have a report for the convention, pertaining to turkey-related hunting accidents during the fall season.

The floor was then opened for discussion when Dan asked the group for their input, as to what points of hunter safety the PA Chapter would like discussed at the meeting in Harrisburg. As indicated during the discussion, the PA Chapter would stress education rather than regulation at the PGC meeting on hunter safety practices in Pennsylvania

HEAD DIRECTORS - The following reports were presented:

Northwest Region - Bob Nodler Northcentral Region - Jim Leach Northeast Region - Jan Bausinger Southwest Region - Joe Krug Southcentral Region - Ron Sandrus Southeast Region - Dennis Strawbridge

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

Local Chapter #1
Allegheny Mountain
James Wilhelm Memorial
Susquehanna
Michaux-Yellow Breeches
Roger Latham Memorial
Mason Dixon
Northern Cambria County
Tamarack Turkey Talkers

Allegheny Sultans
Wapiti Roost
Fort Chambers
Mon-Yough Boss Gobblers
Blue Mountain
Wilson F. Moore Memorial
Scattered Flock
Kinzua Allegheny Longbeards
Fort Armstrong

Northfork Turkey Talkers

Clarence Deitz of the Roof Garden Gobblers was introduced to the group. Clarence attended the meeting for the purpose of informing the PA Chapter Board of reasons why a decision was made by the officers and directors of the Roof Garden Gobblers to dissolve their local chapter of affiliation with the PA Chapter and National Wild Turkey Federation.

For the record: Procedures taken by the PA Chapter to obtain a close-out bank statement of the Roof Garden Gobblers have been recorded in the Minutes, beginning with the Minutes of the Aug. '86 meeting to the present.

Following a lengthly discussion of the matter, a motion to have the PA Chapter attorney send letters to all officers of the Roof Garden Gobblers, requesting a close-out bank statement of their account and all materials belonging to the PA Chapter be sent to Ron Sandrus was made by Jim Leach, seconded by Reed Johnson. Motion Defeated, with a hand-count showing 8-in-favor, 15-opposed, and 5-abstentions of the motion.

Ron Sandrus stated that until the PA Chapter and National provides him with direction and guidelines, as to what steps should be taken to enforce the By-Laws and signed Terms of Application of local chapters, he will not process the paperwork to finalize the organization of local chapters.

COMMUNICATIONS - There were no communications to be read before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS - Under the first item of Old Business, Don Heckman announced that National was already committed to a convention site for 1990. According to Don, the next date available for National's Convention is 1991. It was suggested that Don should send a letter to National informing Rob Keck of our wish to host National's Convention in 1991.

New Address: Mr. Alan Szymanski, R.D. 2 Box 163C, Ford City, PA 16226.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - Jerry Wunz advised the Board to realize the importance of fighting any attempts to weaken Regulation 58 PA 137.2.

In the past several months, the PGC has been in the process of formulating long-range plans for all wildlife within the state. As part of the PGC plan regarding turkeys, Jerry insisted that Regulation 58 PA 137.2 be included and possibly strengthened in the future.

Concerning Management Areas, some of our members expressed concern over the possibility of Armstrong County being closed to fall turkey hunting in Management Area #2.

In reply, Jerry felt that neither Armstrong or Indiana County would be closed, but the possibility existed for Butler County to be closed to fall hunting in Management Area #2. Jerry then informed the group of the procedures and information utilized by PGC personnel to establish recommendations for opening or closing and/or shortening or lengthening seasons of certain counties within Management Areas.

It was mentioned that PGC personnel were planning to uproot approximately 40,000 crabapple trees, 3-year-old stock, at the Howard Nursery. Jerry suggested that someone within the PA Chapter should be appointed to coordinate efforts to have our members get the crabapple trees before the trees are destroyed.

Joe Krug volunteered to send letters along with Super Fund guidelines to all local chapter presidents, notifying them that the crabapple trees will be available.

Aspects of hunter safety were discussed, pertaining to the use of rifles and large-size shot for turkey hunting. It was mentioned that a problem exists with ammunition manufacturer's ability to develop shot with increased energy behind it, thereby extending the distance of killing potential.

Bottom Line: Competition between ammunition manufacturers to develop shot with increasing killing potential could prove detrimental to our efforts of addressing the issue of large-size shot for turkey hunting, as it relates to safety.

In concluding his report, Jerry informed the group of finding a new shrub, Japanese Jet Bead, which is utilized by turkeys and is not browsed over by deer. In the past, it was believed that wildlife did not utilize the fruit of Japanese Jet Bead, which is similar to Japanese Barberry, according to Jerry.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> - Under the first item of New Business, Rich Weaver presented the Board with a report on the proposed budget of the PA Chapter for 1988. The proposed budget was then discussed on a line item basis.

After corrections and additions were made, a motion to approve the PA Chapter Budget for 1988, as adjusted, was made by Norm Schlosser, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried. (The approved Budget of the PA Chapter for 1988 is included and a part of the Minutes.)

President Meyers read a report before the Board, regarding information given to the PGC by a concerned sportsman which led to the arrest and conviction of two outlaws attempting to illegally kill turkeys out-of-season.

A motion to pay a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of two individuals who were attempting to illegally kill turkeys out-of-season was made by Dan Sullivan, seconded by Jan Bausinger. Motion Carried.

Ron Sandrus asked if anyone had considered chairing the convention for 1989. After some discussion, it was suggested that Ron should continue to check on possibilities of having the convention at the Genetti/Lycoming Hotel while Dallas Stewart checks the Greentree Marriott in Pittsburgh as a possible site.

In other business, Ron Sandrus reported that the organizational paperwork of the Northfork Turkey Talkers Local Chapter was in order. A motion to accept the Northfork Turkey Talkers Local Chapter as the 37th and newest local chapter of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Steve Lecorchick. Motion Carried.

At that time, Herb Bullers, president Northfork Turkey Talkers, was introduced by Ron and presented with a check for \$100.00 to help our newest local chapter get started. Herb spoke briefly about the organization of his chapter and some of their plans for the future. Herb and the Northfork Turkey Talkers were then welcomed to the flock with applause from the group.

A general discussion and suggestion for Board action, concerning local chapter participation in the portfolio program was tabled until the June meeting.

Don Heckman questioned the Board on the status of updating our habitat brochures and other pamphlets. It was suggested that we use Super Fund monies to update the habitat/education type pamphlets. After some discussion, President Meyers appointed Dennis Strawbridge and Don Heckman to check on prices for updating our pamphlets and brochures.

LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS: The PA Chapter is making arrangements to hold a Local Chapter meeting in July. The importance of having a representative(s) from all of our local chapters in attendance at this meeting cannot be overstated. Local Chapter Presidents will be receiving more information about the meeting when the details have been worked out.

In other business, Skip Schaich suggested the possibility of having a commemorative item for the convention. Skip said he would make every effort to get a commemorative item but, due to the lateness of time, he could not make any guarantees.

In regards to awards, it was suggested that Rich Weaver work with Richland Industries to assure that our awards are made to our specifications, and that information and billing is sent through the proper channels.

President Meyers appointed Ron Sandrus, Steve Lecorchick, Dan Roessner, and Rick Moroney to work on proposals and guidelines which would include procedural steps for enforcing the By-Laws and Terms of Agreement of our local chapters.

In concluding business, President Meyers thanked Jack Croyle of the Scattered Flock for the fine meals he prepared, as head chef, over the weekend. Along those same lines, President Meyers presented Joel Bock with two Certificates of Appreciation — one recognizing the contributions of the Scattered Flock members, and the other recognizing the contributions of the Herter's Spring Lodge members.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Sandrus, seconded by Dennis Strawbridge. Motion Carried.

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was adjourned at 3:40 p.m., on Saturday, January 16, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

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

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION APPROVED 1988 OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME:	. 050 00	EXPENSES:	ф 7 000 00
CHAPTER ALMINISTRATION Donations \$ 100.00 Interest \$ 150.00	\$ 250.00	CHAPTER ALMINISTRATION Telephone \$ 600.00 Postage \$ 350.00	\$ 7,000.00
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES NWIF Rebates \$8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	Supplies \$ 400.00 Travel \$ 700.00 Sec. Expense \$ 450.00	
ART COMMITTEE Cons. Print Sale \$1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	Portfolio Ex. \$ 200.00 Acct. Service \$ 800.00	
SUPER FUND WITHDRAW	\$10,000.00	Meetings \$ 800.00 Insurance \$ 400.00	
CHAPTER CONVENTION	\$38,000.00	Legal Fees \$ 300.00	
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	\$ 1,000.00	File/Register \$ 500.00 Mem./Donations \$ 500.00	
FUND RAISING RAFFLE	\$10,000.00	Promo. Functions \$ 500.00 Rewards \$ 500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$69,050.00	MEMBERSHIP SERVICES Oper. Expense \$1,200.00 Computer Ex. \$1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
		LOCAL CHAPTER DEVEL. Oper. Expense \$ 400.00 L.C. Establish. \$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
TOTAL INCOME \$ 69,050.00		HABITAT	\$ 7,200.00
TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 61,247.00		Oper. Expense \$ 200.00 S.F. Projects \$7,000.00 Chap. Funded Proj 0 -	
TOTAL NET BALANCE \$ 7,803.00		FUND RAISING RAFFLE	\$ 6,000.00
		TURKEY TALK Oper. Expense \$ 350.00 Printing \$8,000.00 Post./Handling \$3,190.00 Advertising \$ 100.00	\$11,640.00
		CHAPTER CONVENTION	\$22,000.00
		HUNIER SAFETY/ED. Oper. Expense \$ 122.00 S.F. Projects \$3,000.00 Chap. Funded Proj 0 -	\$ 3,122.00
		LEGISLATIVE Oper. Expense \$ 350.00 Dues/Subscrip. \$ 150.00	\$ 500.00
		PUBLIC RELATIONS Oper. Expense \$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
		PROMOTIONAL TIEMS Oper. Expense - 0 - Invent. Purchase - 0 - Sales Tax \$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$61,247.00