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Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club Pardoe Sportsmen's Association

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Next meeting is the Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 at Pardoe Sportsmen's Association

Meeting Date: September 28, 2011

Held at: Sandy Lake

Time Meeting Called to Order: 19:00 hrs

Time Meeting Adjourn: 20:43

Chaired By: President Fordyce

Number In Attendance: 12

Officers Present:

President Fordyce, Vice President Myers, Treasurer Tidd, Delegate McDaniel, Alt Delegate Anderson

Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:

Harthegig Conservation Club, Sandy Lake Sportsmen's Club, Hidden Valley, and Pardoe Sportsmen's Association

Resource Agency Represented:

Pa Game Commission, PFBC, and DCNR Forestry

Life, Associate, & Club Members and Visitors Present:

Ricky McDaniel, Dale McAdams, and Andy Klapac

Guest Speakers:

Dale McAdams: Provided a brief introduction. Announced he is running for Mercer County Sheriff. Mr. McAdams is a local graduate of Kennedy Catholic High School. He received his degree in Recording Engineering from The Sheffield Institute and municipal police certification from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has ten years of law enforcement experience, which includes working as patrolman with Shenango Township Police, Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, and Southwest Mercer County Regional Police. He is a member of the Mercer County CIRT team and the Fraternal Order of Police Union. He is a trained juvenile officer, certified in internet crime investigation, participated in undercover narcotics operations, and worked with the Mercer County Drug Task Force.

Last Month's Minutes:

- Motion made to accept the August 2011 minutes Motion was seconded and all approved

Northwest Division Minutes:

- Meeting was held on September 11, 2011.
- Minutes were not complete
- Election held and officers for 2012
President: Pete Dalby
V.President: Junior Eisenhuth
Treasurer: Harry Guy
Secretary: Steve Preston

State Resolutions:

- Club voting results: (4) Yea (1) Nay (1) Not Present
- Vote at state convention in September (11) Yea (17) Nay (2) Abstain Resolution failed

Resolution #1 Lawrence County – Youth Fish Early

Whereas:

We need to introduce youth to the outdoors, i.e. fishing, to ensure its future

Whereas:

You are at a disadvantage on the traditional opening day of trout season, due to the high number of anglers

Whereas:

The trout are stocked to be caught, why not give the youth the first chance?

Whereas:

The catch would not greatly affect the number of trout available for the opening day.

Whereas:

The game commission has introduced many successful youth programs

Therefore be it resolved:

That the PFSC will support and pursue with the PA Fish and Boat Commission that youth 15 years and under be allowed to fish for trout in approved trout waters on the Saturday and Sunday before the opening day between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm with a daily limit of 5 fish.

Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance was given
- Multiple expenses paid for Fair
- Motion to accept and second was given

State Delegate Report:

- State Delegate McDaniel attended the PFSC State Convention in September
- The General Delegate Session Minutes, PFSC Board Minutes, and PFSC Convention wrap-up is attached
- Price of PFSC building was lowered to \$150,000
- PFSC is running an event to increase membership. First three clubs from each county to obtain 30 memberships for the PFSC will receive the following: 1st Free state dues 2nd 50% reduction of state dues 3rd 15% reduction of state dues

Alternate State Delegate Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

***Membership Committee: No Report**

***Youth Field Day Committee:**

- At the PFSC Fall convention, it was discussed to change the name from “Youth Field Day” to “Family Fun Day”.

***Fund-Raiser Committee: No Report**

***Old Timers Dinner Committee: No report**

***Awards Committee: No Report**

***Legislative Committee:**

- The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen’s Club has updated the website. The site now list PA bills that need to be watched with a careful eye. Visit the Legislative site at <http://www.pfsc.org/LegislativeCenter/tabid/140/Default.aspx>.

***Conservation Committee: No Report**

***Stoneboro Fair Committee:**

- Stoneboro Fair Meeting occurs first Monday of the month

- Financial statement from the fair was handed out and discussed. The President asked for some corrections and updates and another statement be available at the October meeting.
- Received kudos on the new building, how it was setup for the fair, and the cleanup after.
- Suggestion was made to have educational statements posted around the building next year. E.g. Pittman act provides X millions in hunter education.
- Suggestion to have signs made that state money raised is for the Youth Field Day
- A thank you letter will be sent to Whitetail Unlimited for the crossbow donation

***Poster Contest Committee: No Report**

***Audit Committee: No Report**

***Election Committee: No Report**

***Sam Aubel Committee: No Report**

Resource Agency Reports:

Pa. Game Commission:

- Hunters can add toll-free telephone reporting to the list of methods of submitting harvest reports to the agency beginning Monday, April 25. The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) harvest reporting system telephone number is 1-855-PAHUNT1 (1-855-724-8681).
- Refer to the PGC website for upcoming HTE classes
- Seedling order form was handed out and is due back October 20, 2011.
- Special Flintlock and archery Deer Hunt application for Pymatuning was handed out. Application must be received by 11/9/11 at 1pm. Drawing will be 11/12/11 at 10am.
- Hunting season will be coming in almost every Saturday now. Archery will start 10/1/11.
- Pay attention to fluorescent orange requirements
- The recent flooding that hit PA had dramatic effect on PGC. Many birds lost near Williamsburg location Stocking numbers will most likely cut. 3.5 million in damages to State Game Lands. This will need the Governor's approval to spend on the repair.
- New computerized incident system will be used by the PGC. Mobile office laptops to be installed in WCO vehicles will be coming soon. This will allow the WCO to get incidents quicker.
- New Northwest building is on schedule
- Bear check station for the Northwest will be at Moraine again for the 2011 Bear Season.

Pa. Fish & Boat Commission:

- Shenango River Watch October 1, 2011
- Fall stocking for Trout
 - Shenango River: 10/3/11 Rainbow
 - Cool Spring Creek: 10/3/11 Rainbow

Goddard State Park: No report

DCNR Forestry:

- Opening of the Kennerdell Road for the Archery season and closing after muzzleloader season
- Thousand cankers disease has been found in many Western States (figure 1). The first confirmation of the beetle and fungus within the native range of black walnut was in Tennessee (July 2010). The potential damage of this disease to eastern forests could be great because of the widespread distribution of eastern black walnut, the susceptibility of this tree species to the disease, and the capacity of the fungus and beetle to invade new areas and survive under a wide range of climatic conditions in the west.

US Army Corp of Engineers - Shenango Lake: No Report

Miscellaneous:

Old Business: No Report

New Business:

Good of the Order:

- Rep. Michele Brooks sent out a survey on Sunday Hunting. See her website for survey:
<http://repbrooks.com/Autumn2011survey.aspx>
- The Southwest Division of PFSC will be having a Banquet. Contact Rocco Ali at 724-822-3187 if you would like to attend.

- New Muzzleloader shop is opening in Grove City across from the Community Park
- The Hartheig Club casted a vote at their monthly meeting to move the Youth Field Day from the Grove City Sportsmen's Club. If this move would happen, the decision needs to be made before January meeting.
- Whitetail Unlimited is looking to have a banquet and would like some help planning
- Andy Klapec is the director of the Mercer County Youth Conservation Camp. Wants to have communications again with MCFSC and needs help getting the message out about the camp and help with fundraisers.

Club Announcements:

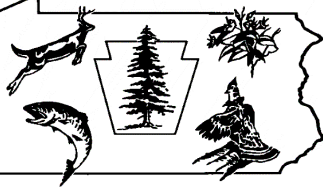
- Hidden Valley is having Turkey Shoots this year.
- PFSC Spring Convention will be March 9-11

Next Meeting:

Jan 26 2011	Greenville		July 27 2011	Fair Grounds	
Feb 23 2010	Hartheig		Aug 24 2011	Fair Grounds	
Mar 23 2010	Pardoe		Sep 28 2011	Sandy Lake	
Apr 27 2011	Hartheig		Oct 26 2011	Pardoe	
May 25 2011	Hidden Valley		Nov 16 2011	Coon Hunters	← 3rd Wednesday NOT 4th
June 22 2011	Hadley		Dec 21 2011	No Meeting	← 3rd Wednesday NOT 4th

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September 23, 2011

PFSC Holds Annual Fall Convention

Keystone Energy Forum and Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Hold First "Outdoors Forum" Focusing on Marcellus Shale Development

The Forum Addressed Marcellus Shale Development and Interaction with Penn's Woods

Camp Hill, PA — Saturday, the Keystone Energy Forum, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, held a first-of-its-kind "Outdoors Forum" focusing on Marcellus Shale development and its interaction with Pennsylvania's countryside, allowing outdoor enthusiasts, regulators and industry representatives to engage in a productive discussion about natural gas issues.

"Other than perhaps the landowners with gas leases, no other single citizen group is more widely affected by Marcellus drilling activity than Pennsylvania's outdoor sports community," stated Bill Stewart, Director of the Keystone Energy Forum. "It's extremely important to open and maintain good lines of communication among the industry, the regulators, and the millions of outdoor enthusiasts that enjoy Penn's woods year in and year out. Saturday's Outdoors Forum provided a solid foundation for a productive ongoing dialogue."

The day-long Outdoors Forum took place in Camp Hill, Pa. in conjunction with the semi-annual convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. The forum consisted of three panel discussions focusing on land activity, interaction with Marcellus Shale development and impacts on Pennsylvania's countryside. A lunch presentation was given by Dr. Jim Mosher, former executive director and current board member of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, focusing on communication between all parties and how to best interact on issues of importance to both the industry and sportsmen's groups, now and in the future.

"If you're going afield this fall on public lands and waters and want to know where the drilling activity is taking place and how to deal with it, Saturday's forum was the place to be," said Ted Onufrak, President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

"Officials from the PA Game Commission and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, representing nearly 4 million acres of public land, identified the areas of activity on state forests and game lands and any associated road closures. PA Fish and Boat Commission and Department of Environmental Protection employees explained all the activities that outdoor enthusiasts might encounter. Industry representatives were also on-hand to discuss impacts, concerns and better ways that all parties can communicate if there are questions about favorite outdoor spots, whether they're tree stands, fishing holes or hiking/biking trails."

"The Keystone Energy Forum is designed as a venue for concerned citizens, coalition groups and partners who are committed to improving the public's understanding of, and support for, both the many opportunities and challenges presented by the Marcellus Shale natural gas development here in Pennsylvania," added KEF Director Bill Stewart.

The KEF is focused on energy production in Pennsylvania. The Energy Forum serves as a resource for making local opinions count. The Forum will be available to Pennsylvanians as a venue to help create balanced energy policies. Visit www.keystoneenergyforum.com/ to participate in the forum and for facts on the Marcellus Shale, hydraulic fracturing and other Pennsylvania and national energy issues.

"There will be more than a million outdoor enthusiasts out and about this fall/winter in Penn's Woods. This forum was a good step in getting familiar with this industry and opening lines of communication so that we can continue to improve our role as stewards of our natural resources, to the benefit of the landowners, industry and all Pennsylvanians," concluded Onufrak.

Convention Wrap UP

Camp Hill, PA — The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs held their annual Fall Convention at the Harrisburg Radisson Hotel this past weekend. Friday consisted of board and committee meetings throughout the day. Saturday was set aside for the Outdoors Forum, followed by the annual Awards Banquet & Fundraiser. The PFSC delegates met Sunday morning for their formal General Session to vote on the current issues affecting our resources and outdoor heritage.

Dave Miko, PFBC Chief, Division of Fish Management, discussed the draft walleye management plan at Friday's Fish and Boat Committee meeting, mentioning it was posted on their website and even though the comment deadline has passed, they are still

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accepting comments. Tim Schaeffer, PFBC Director of Policy, Planning and Communications, discussed SB 1049, the proposed bill for license flexibility that would give the PFBC the ability to market family licenses, multi-year licenses, and the freedom to alter the structure of a license at the commissions will, but not raise the cost of a license. PFBC Executive Director John Arway updated PFSC members on flood related issues, Marcellus Shale issues and welcomed input through the fishing hole on their website.

John Kline, representing the US Sportsmen's Alliance on the Sunday Hunting issue, updated attendees on the status of HB 1760 during the Game & Trapping Committee meeting. The bill would give the PGC regulatory authority to promulgate Sunday hunting regulations. Joe Neville, PGC Information and Education Bureau Director, and Coren Jagnow, Human Dimensions Specialist, discussed Youth Field Days and their plans to update and improve the program to be incorporated into Family Field Days. PGC Deputy Executive Director Matt Hough also addressed the attendees and took questions from the crowd.

Discussion during the Firearms Committee meeting focused on several pieces of Federal legislation. John Hohenwarter, NRA Legislative Liaison, discussed HR 822, the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011. The U.S. House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security recently held a hearing on the bill. John also reminded attendees that the HSUS is still pushing the pigeon shoot ban legislation, and we need to make phone calls to our legislators that we oppose the legislation.

Mike Zenzel, Columbia Co., was inducted into the PFSC Hall of Fame during Saturday evening's Awards Banquet. Mike has been active in the Columbia County Federation for over 20 years, currently serving as Columbia County Delegate and Club Delegate for Fishing Creek Sportsmen's Assn. He is active in the Central Division of the PFSC, previously serving as Division Vice Chair, and is currently Division Treasurer. Mike also serves on the PFSC Endowment Board and is Vice Chair of the PWF.

During Sunday's General Session, the delegates reiterated their support of transferring the regulatory authority of Sunday hunting from the legislature to the PGC, allowing the PGC to have the regulatory authority to decide if, when and where Sunday hunting would be allowed, based on a wildlife management decision like all other seasons and bag limits.

As a result of discussion that took place during the Outdoors Forum, the delegates passed a motion to petition DEP to mandate open frack impoundments be netted to protect avians from using the impoundments, and the delegates voted down a resolution from Lawrence County that would have sought an earlier opening trout season for youth under 15.

The delegates elected Chuck Lombaerde as President of PFSC, and due to the resignation of Member-at-Large delegate Les Haas, Mary Hosmer of Elk County was appointed to fill out the term. The PFSC Spring Convention will be held March 9 - 11, 2012 at Shadow Brook in Tunkhannock, Pa.

About Keystone Energy Forum

The Keystone Energy Forum (KEF) was formed in order to generate a public understanding of the economic development, job growth and energy independence opportunities presented to the nation by the vast Marcellus Shale natural gas reserves that underlie Pennsylvania and the other Appalachian Basin states.

The Keystone Energy Forum is an extremely diverse consortium of Pennsylvanians who recognize the potential this industry has on their communities and want to help educate their neighbors and fellow citizens on natural gas development within the Marcellus Shale region. The Forum, which includes members from all corners of the state with interests as varied as sportsmen to low income housing advocates, hopes to generate open dialog, expand knowledge and educate Pennsylvania's diverse communities on the natural gas industry in Pennsylvania.

Everyone with interests, concerns, curiosity and ideas is welcome and encouraged to join the Keystone Energy Forum and share their input with the natural gas industry and the millions of people in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation who will benefit from it.

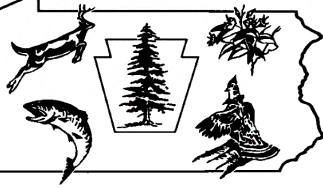
About Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs is an advocate for sportsmen and women, working as a catalyst for bringing sportsmen and conservation organizations to the table with our state wildlife, fish and conservation agencies and the legislature, making sure our voices are heard.

The Federation has almost 80 years of experience fighting for and protecting our outdoor heritage, the resources and our 2nd Amendment rights and privileges.

The mission of Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. is to provide a statewide, united voice for the concerns of all sportsmen and conservationists; to insure that their rights and interests are protected; and to protect and enhance the environment and our natural resources.

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GENERAL DELEGATE SESSION

Spring Convention – Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Inc.

Radisson Hotel

Camp Hill, Pa.

September 18, 2011

The General Session of Delegates for the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. at the Fall Convention opened at 8:30 a.m. with the invocation given by Lowell Graybill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge led by Chuck Lombaerde.

The roll call by the secretary indicated 31 voting members. Delegates present were from the following counties: Adams, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Butler, Cambria, Centre, Clarion, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Perry, Pike, Potter, Washington, Wyoming, and York. Other delegates: Member at Large, and Pheasants Forever.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Spring Convention were approved as written. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Passed. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: All reports are enclosed in the delegate's packet. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report including the 2011/2012 proposed budget as submitted. Motion passed.

ENDOWMENT REPORT: Lowell spoke about recent flood damage, which was not as bad as it could have been. Susan and Denny will be meeting with the insurance adjusters in the upcoming weeks. Lowell thanked Denny and all those who helped in the recent flood emergency. He also spoke about investigating the possibility of changing the furnaces over to gas. This is to be done soon. We still have gotten no serious inquiries about sale of the building. In light of the continuing flat real estate market renovations to the building may not be wise. Asking price for the building has been reduced to 150,000.00 with us willing to owner finance. He stated that the endowment funds continue to dwindle.

PWF: Lowell expressed a need to have board members

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Gary Lewis, nominating committee chairman, presented the slate of officers to the General Delegate Session.

Endowment Board:

4 year term 2011-2015 – Denny Filmore

Fulfilling last 2 years of Ray Martin's 4 year term due to Ray's resignation 2011- 2013 – Ted Onufrak

The following names are suggested to the Board of Directors to consider.

1 year term – Dwight Weaver

1 year term – Art Fry

The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the above two four year terms.

The nominations for PFSC officers were presented as follows:

President – Chuck Lombaerde

1st Vice President – Lowell Graybill

2nd Vice President – Tony Rich and Lee Marsh

Secretary – Rocco Ali

Treasurer – Dorothy Protz

A secret ballot election was held for the 2nd Vice President with the following result: Lee Marsh is the 2nd Vice President. The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the other officers.

Gary relayed that due to the resignation of Les Haas as member-at-large, the President will appoint someone to fulfill the term until next year's election. The Member at Large is elected by ballot vote of the individual members. Mary Hosmer has expressed interest in the seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards Committee: Bill Leonard reported that Mr. Michael Zenzell III was inducted as the 108th recipient of the PFSC Hall Of Fame. He reported that no award applications were received. The draft criteria for the corporate/industry conservation award were discussed and the draft will be finalized and forwarded to the PFSC board of directors for consideration.

Conservation Committee: Pete Dalby gave Devin's report. He stated that Dan Donahue candidate for PGC commissioner spoke briefly. Pete then discussed the need for continuing efforts to preserve water quality in Clarion County watershed as well as Statewide. He mentioned to involve drilling companies in helping preserve water quality. He also mentioned that the PWF is a 501c3 and we can't afford to lose this.

Fish and Boat: Motion was made and seconded to support SB 1049 regarding flexibility in fishing licenses. Motion passed.

Resolution: The resolution involved working to get a Youth Trout Opening. Vote was: 11 yeas and 17 nays with 2 abstentions. Resolution failed. **Resolution:** This resolution involves the Shad run in the Delaware River. It contains many points. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion made and seconded to deal with each point separately at the next convention. Motion passed. This was done because the resolution was not submitted in time.

Game and Trapping: John Kline from USSA discussed HB 1760 the Sunday Hunting bill. The bill has 22 sponsors. There have been two informational hearings held in the state, the first was held in June at Seven Springs Resort and the second hearing was held this past Thursday in Bath, Pa. John stated that this a very sensitive and emotional issue. John is asking for the support of the PFSC to get this bill moved out of the House and into the Senate. Joe Neville and Coren Jagnow from the PGC discussed Youth Field Days. There are 75 to 100 held each year across the state with approximately 10,000 participants. This program is being refined and brought p to date and will be called Family Field Days. The goals of the program are: Increased retention, reduced lapsing, increased and expanded interest, teaching of new skills and improving existing skills, create mentoring opportunities by engaging friends and family. Matt Hough reported that there was 3.5 million dollars damage from the flood to PGC property in 13 counties. He reported that Loyalsock Game Farm lost 40% of it's pheasants or approximately 40,00 birds. After preliminary assessment the game farm will be repaired and rebuilt at its current location. Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) has been found in Northampton County. This sample was collected Aug. 18. EHD also has been confirmed in captive deer in Northampton County in the vicinity of the wild deer. Additionally, one captive deer in Erie County was confirmed to have died of EHD, based on a sample collected Aug. 13. On Wednesday Sept.28, 2011 the PFSC will be participating in the celebration of National Hunting & Fishing Day in the rotunda at the capitol with the PGC and other conservation organizations. Everyone will have informational displays setup. Chuck then discussed HB 1760 regarding Sunday Hunting. **ACTION ITEM:** After much discussion regarding the use of the word "shall" in the bills language, a Motion was made and seconded to recommend a change in the language of the bill to remove the "shall" mandate. Section 2303.1 subsection a to read: General rule—It shall be lawful for any person to hunt for any furbearer or game on Sunday as provided by regulations promulgated by the Game Commission. Section 2303.1 section b should be deleted. Motion passed.

Membership: In the packet a detailed incentive program was included. The purpose is to grow individual members for the PFSC. This is to be done by the clubs and appropriate prizes were listed. This is to include all clubs. The memberships could be individual or E-members. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion made and seconded to support the above incentive program. Motion passed. The office will finalize the program and distribute the details.

Firearms: Mike Protz spoke about M1 Garands that are stored in Korea and the administration has placed a moratorium on importing them from Korea. He urged us to write to our Federal legislators to have the administration repeal this moratorium. He also stated that these weapons should be distributed by the NRA or some other agency.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

1ST Vice President: Take ON TARGETS home

2nd Vice President: Look at the number of members. Voiced concern over decreasing numbers noting an increase in individual numbers.

Secretary: Spoke about the need to change the way PFSC does business so that we can survive.

Member at Large: Les said good bye and that he enjoyed his time with the PFSC.

STAFF REPORTS: Ben spoke about several bills that the PFSC is tracking on both the State and National levels. PFSC is tracking 273 bills currently; 53 game, 21 fishing, 112 environmental, and 41 miscellaneous.

OLD BUSINESS: Spring Convention 2012 to be held at Shadow Brook located at Tunkhannock, Pa. Fall Convention is still being worked on no details yet. It was stated that we might want to consider having an Energy Forum done on a yearly basis. It may not need to be as long as the one this year.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Lucas spoke about the need to have DEP changes in regulations to come up to speed with Marcellus Shale development. Begin with having impoundments containing frack water covered so that avians could not drink or use the impoundments. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion made and seconded to petition DEP to mandate open frack impoundments be netted to protect avians. Motion passed.

The SWD Tony Rich explained the planned banquet for the SWD and the PFSC. He explained how it would benefit the division as well as the PFSC state office. He stated this should be an example for other divisions to follow. The banquet will be held March 31, 2012 at Turner's Monaca.

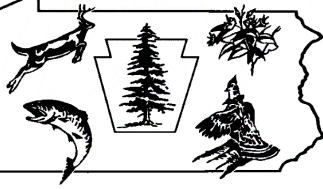
Raffle: A raffle will be planned and the tickets will be ready by the next board meeting. They will also be ready for the Eastern Outdoor Show.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Denny Filmore thanked everyone for coming; he complimented the hotel on their exceptional service.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocco S. Ali, secretary

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Board of Directors Meeting

September 16, 2011

Radisson Hotel

Camp Hill, Pa.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at The Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, Pa. September 16, 2011. The meeting opened at 9:04 a.m. The invocation was offered by Lowell Graybill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge by Chuck Lombaerde

The roll call of officers and board members present:

OFFICERS AND STAFF:

President – Ted Onufrak
1st Vice President – Chuck Lombaerde
2nd Vice President – Lowell Graybill
Treasurer – Dorothy Protz
Immediate Past President – Mike Protz
Secretary – Rocco Ali
Member at Large – Les Hass
Office Manager – Susan Hughes
On Target Editor – Melody Schell
Program Coordinator – Ben Koncewicz

DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES:

Southern – Denny Fillmore
Southwest – Bob Rittenhouse
Southeast – Lee Marsh
Southcentral – Vacant
Northwest – Steve Preston
Northcentral – Devin DeMario
Northeast – John Ord
Central – Gary Lewis

STATE ORGANIZATIONS:

Pa. NWTF – Absent
Pa. Trappers – Absent
Pa. Pheasants Forever – Chet Krcil
United Bowhunters of Pa. – Absent
Pa. Bass Federation Nation – Absent
Pa. Flyers Assoc. – Absent

MINUTES: Motion was made and seconded to approve the June 11, 2011 minutes as written. Motion passed. Motion was then made and seconded to approve the agenda for the board meeting of September 16, 2011. Motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was given by Dorothy Protz and Susan Hughes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. The 2011/2012 proposed budget was discussed and motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONVENTION: The Spring 2012 convention will be held at Shadow Brook Hotel located in Tunkhannock Pa. It will be March 9, 10, 11, 2012. The 2012 fall convention is still being worked on by the Southwest Division no dates are available as yet.

PGC REPORT AND UPDATE: PGC quarterly meeting to be held at Elmerton Av., Harrisburg, Pa. October 3,4, 2011. There is an EHD outbreak in WMU

3D. The Southeast Division and the Central Division reported they were satisfied with the candidates running for PGC commissioners.

PFBC REPORT AND UPDATE: Lee spoke about no commissioners showing up at their division meetings.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: The meeting on Sunday Hunting held at Northampton, Pa.

Had testimony presented by Northampton Co. They were not representing PFSC. SB1049 regarding flexibility in fishing licenses will be coming up. SB1037 regarding removing County Treasurers from the issuing of antlerless licenses continues in the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee. SB1037, HB735, HB1066, and HB860 are to be considered at the Senate Game and Fisheries meeting on 10/25/11. On the national front HR 822, regarding carry permits to be recognized on a national basis will be discussed in US House Committee.

CASH RAFFLE: The profit from the cash raffle over Labor Day was 8120.00. A considerable amount of discussion followed on what to do for another raffle. Kathy Davis provided a sample of a ticket. This will be worked on at the State Office and it will be brought to the January Board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: The resolution from Lawrence County will be voted at the General Delegate Session on Sunday. The resolution from Northampton County will be voted at the September Convention due to the late filing of the resolution.

DIVISION REPORTS: Rocco explained the Southwest Division's banquet and how it would benefit the division and the State office. The ticket will also include a one-year's individual membership to the PFSC as well as several high-end guns and 4500.00 in cash. The ticket price is 100.00 which also include a prime rib dinner, beer, and soft drinks. The date is March 31, 2012 and it will be held at Monaca Turner's located at 1700 Brodhead Road, Monaca, Pa. The main goal is to increase the number of individual members.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS: Mel explained the proposal included in the packet. Basically, it is an incentive program to allow clubs to get a discount or free membership for one year to the PFSC if they get so many individual members signed up. Some discussion followed. It will also be discussed at the General Delegate Session on Sunday.

ACTION ITEM: Motion was made and seconded to support the use of this program for increasing individual membership. Motion passed.

HUNTING CLOTHES FOR FLOOD VICTIMS: The recent flood has caused some kids to lose hunting clothes and equipment. This has been on hunting Pa's website. Denny Filmore also suggested involving local clubs in the flooded area.

CREDENTIAL SHEETS: Steve Preston discussed needed changes to the credential sheet to make them clearer. No formal action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION: Lowell discussed the sale of the building and that only 2 calls were received from potential buyers. All other calls were from realtors looking to list the building. Estimates on renovations and demolition have not been gotten to date.

PWF REPORT: There have been renewals mailed out from the State Office.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ben Koncewicz discussed what he has found when contacting clubs as to why they have dropped out or not renewed their membership. The general theme is that the State Office is not doing enough to justify the dues. In addition, the lack of trust in the PFSC was a big problem. Discussion followed on how to dispel the above problems and how to increase individual memberships. It was felt the delegates need to do a better job at presenting the PFSC and its goals.

KEF OUTDOOR FORUM: There will be a packet handed out at the forum tomorrow.

OFFICER REPORTS:

1st Vice President – No report

2nd Vice President -- PFSC needs to have a refacing of its organization.

Treasurer – Commented on working with Susan.

Secretary – Reiterated the need to change the way the PFSC operates.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Southeast – No report

Southwest – Bob Rittenhouse said there would be a "Wounded Warrior" continental pheasant hunt held at his club.

Southern – No report

Northwest – They have had several successful Youth Field Days. Steve stated that he is missing 4 posters from the last contest and requested to have them returned. He spoke of vote accountability as well as rail to trail use. He also said that the upper Shenango River would have a paddle event.

Northcentral – Devin DeMario resigned as chair due to her moving back home to Westmoreland.

Northeast – No meeting due to flooding.

Central – Bloomsburg Fair cancelled first time in several years due to flooding. Gary also reported successful Youth Field Days.

Member at Large – No report.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING: The January board meeting will be 1/21/12 location not determined.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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