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Alex Zidock Photo

Barley Creek Brewmaster Tim Phillips describes the brewing process for POWA members during a special tour at the fall "Powwow in the Poconos."

Poconos Pow-WOW

Quality proves key for new conference format

By Alex Zidock, Chair
Powwow in the Poconos

The first Fall Powwow will be remembered for many things. Above all, it will be remembered by those who attended as a huge success in terms of story and photo material, albeit with an abbreviated agenda.

The format provided plenty of time for camaraderie and several opportunities to gather information for unique columns, feature stories and photographs. And, after all, isn't that what a "workshop" is supposed to provide?

But it wasn't all work. Thursday evening we got an education on how Barley Creek Brewing Company makes some of

the Poconos' most popular beverages. A brewery tour, samples and a great meal were a prelude to good conversation at the hospitality suite later that evening.

Friday morning and afternoon were good times to visit nearby Mount Airy Casino, wet a fly in a local stream or even visit The Crossing Outlet Stores. Exploring the Poconos is easy to do because every turn, from any hotel is a new adventure. In the evening 20 of us gathered at Smuggler's Cove, a seafood restaurant with a long Pocono tradition of serving some of the best and freshest seafood in the region. Writers report the Cove's reputation remains intact!

Sure, by some standards attendance was low. But, as Carl Wilgus, president and CEO of the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau so aptly put it, "As I get to

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Craft Award entries due Jan. 24, 2010

Members asked to review list of rules, 2009 work now

A number of changes have been made for the 2009 Excellence in Craft Awards.

One change in submission guidelines is that a member may now submit only TWO entries per category. It was previously THREE. Also, entries must NOT be bound, matted, changed in size, altered, edited or submitted in any form other than exactly how they were published and viewed by the public. Such entries will be disqualified. Let the entry stand on its merits, rather than its "packaging." Photocopies are permissible.

Also, in past years there were separate categories for black and white and color photography. This year that is not the case; the new categories are as follows: BEST PUBLISHED MAGAZINE PHOTO – COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE and BEST PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER PHOTO – COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE.

Please study all the category criteria and submission guidelines published in this edition of PowWow before submitting entries.

Contest entries must be **postmarked by January 24, 2010**. Winners will be announced at the annual POWA Awards Banquet in May. Tim Flanigan is serving as the Awards Chair. Entries should be mailed to: Timothy Flanigan; 221 Ritchey Ave.; Bedford, PA 15522.

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President's Message

by Tom Tatum



Gavel worthy – that phrase was on my lips when POWA President Harry Guyer, Jr. handed the classic symbol of office to me at the fall powwow of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association.

Yes, I hope my term as President of POWA proves gavel worthy – a way of stating my determination to uphold the rich traditions of a very proud organization, albeit an organization in transition and facing very challenging times.

With Harry Guyer my immediate predecessor, I find myself with huge shoes to fill, and a glance at the list of luminaries – legendary outdoor communicators such as Jim Bashline, Keith Schuyler, Tom Fegely, Bob Clark, and so many others who have served POWA in a presidential capacity over our storied 60-year history – makes the task that much more daunting.

Fortunately, with Bob Lollo serving as Executive Director, Harry Guyer

as Chairman of the Board, and Freddie McKnight as First Vice-President, I find myself surrounded by an extraordinarily capable team. I'd also like to express my gratitude to all those members who agreed to continue serving as committee chairpersons with a special thank you to others – Terry Brady, Laurie Lee Dovey, Don Knaus, Bud Cole, Ben Moyer, Bernie Fuller, Tim Flanigan, Ralph Scherder and Bob Clark – who stepped in to fill vacated positions.

As noted, ours is an organization in transition. In September the first-ever POWA Fall Powwow took place, an event designed to replace our former (and more formal) Fall Conference. The admittedly sparse attendance at our "Powwow in the Poconos" reflected some of the growing pains we can expect as our organizations moves forward.

Nonetheless, those of us who participated in this watershed gathering enjoyed a close-knit collegiality facilitated by the gracious hospitality of Alex and JoAnne Zidock who hosted the powwow.

Special thanks to the Zidocks for taking on this event on the rebound, and although some of the activities didn't quite work out as planned, the seminars were all first class and the hands-on reloading demonstrations provided courtesy of Supporting Member Robin Sharpless and

Redding Reloading Equipment were very well received.

And although there was no official business conducted at this powwow, our meeting provided the perfect forum for some valuable and wide-ranging brainstorming.

The next fall Powwow will take place in Ocean City, Md. next year. Connie Yingling and I will be busy putting all the pieces together for what we're sure will be a fun-filled get-together with fishing trips, sika deer hunting, Assateague Island wild horses, clamming, crabbing, beach combing and boat rides all on the docket.

But the next big event for POWA members is our Spring Conference and Awards Banquet slated for Wellsboro in May. Kudos to Don Knaus for all his efforts in putting together what promises to be an excellent conference. And speaking of awards, please study this year's Excellence in Craft Awards contest criteria listed in this issue of *PowWow* – there are some significant changes from past years.

There is also sad news for our membership with the recent passing of POWA Life Member Thad Bukowski. Thad was an award-winning writer who joined the organization back in 1960.

I will remember him as a thoughtful mentor and a spark plug who was never reluctant to stir the pot at our membership meetings. I join the rest of the membership in expressing condolences to the Bukowski family. Thad and his passion for the outdoors will be sorely missed.

Meanwhile, POWA's transition into the digital/internet age continues. Our vital point man in this regard is Brad Isles. As web master, *PowWow* editor, and POWA Secretary, Brad wears three very critical organizational hats. His efforts on all three fronts are much appreciated, particularly as we forge ahead with plans to publish *PowWow* up to six times each year.

Finally, Bob Clark reminds me that I'll have nine "President's Messages" to write over the course of my term. Somehow I suspect that, with eight more to go, there will be no shortage of topics to address over that time.



Contributed Photo

President Tom Tatum shows off a limit of summer flounder caught in Ocean City, Md., site of POWA's 2010 fall gathering.

Executive Director's Report

by Bob Lollo,
Executive Director



I was afraid we were going broke when I assumed the duties of Executive Director in March 2008. At the end of August 2009, our bank balance showed \$8,900.

Taking off our outstanding checks, our balance is still over \$5,000. We aren't rich but we are in a healthy position.

It is important to remember we are down at least 30 active members and 20 supporting members over the last two years so we do not have as large an income base to work with.

I will be sending out renewals in the first half of October. Dues will remain the same.

We will be having a \$5 raffle with half going to the winner.

Bernie Fuller is requesting all book writers send info to him to compile the material for POWA. I believe it would be nice to place it on the website to show off our abilities.

The third item in the renewal package is a second request for people who are willing to accept their PowWow electronically. The board requested this information because about half of you stated you would accept the newsletter electronically.

I ran the numbers and I think we can send the newsletter electronically and with hard copy for the other half and move to six issues per year within the \$7,500 cost that we are budgeting for now, publishing four copies per year. In the beginning the board may decide to send our newsletter both ways so each of you can decide later just how you want it delivered.

With publications going out of business and our members losing columns, the board would benefit from knowing whether or not we are meeting your needs as an organization.

If you will send me an e-mail with the subject "your needs" with a suggestion

(s) for offering more or different services than we currently do, I will compile them and see that each board member receives a copy for discussion.

The key is, "what can POWA do differently to help its members."

We are trying to develop a listing of e-mails so we are able to contact members easier and faster. We are having so many returned because the addresses have changed. Please make certain I have your latest e-mail address.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

We currently have 187 active members and the membership needing to vote on a new apprentice member. Our supporting member number is 111 with the membership needing to vote on one addition.

When we only have one membership meeting per year, it is necessary to vote on additions through e-mail rather than at a membership meeting. To make the chore easier, just send an e-mail if you disapprove of the following applicant. The time frame is one week after you receive PowWow with this report included.

NEW SUPPORTING MEMBER

Hunt's Photo and Video

100 Main Street Melrose, MA 02176

Phone: 800-924-8682 ext 2332

Fax: 800-336-3841

E-mail: digitalguygary@wbhunt.com

Web: www.wbhunt.com

Services: Digital cameras, camcorders, software, memory cards, bags, tripods, binoculars, etc.

Contact: Gary Farber

Sponsor: Bud Cole.

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Freelance photographer

Sponsor: Don Feigert.

Harry Guyer will receive a free year's membership for 2010 for signing three new members. Bud Cole will also receive a free membership for 2010. Bud has signed eight new members since September 2008. One additional member and Bud will receive a free 2011 membership too!

Don Knaus has been working very hard to put together a great spring conference. Since there is so much to do, we are starting Thursday morning with a turkey hunt. Don is just about finished with the details and you can read all about the program in another portion of PowWow.

Connie Yingling and Tom Tatum are at work setting up a fun weekend along the Maryland shore in early September for our next fall gathering. I hope this will include a party boat trip.

At the recent fall gathering, many indicated they would like to go to the State College area Spring 2011. I need to find a conference chair. We have few members in that area of the state.

For a Fall 2011 gathering I am leaning towards a trip for elk viewing. This is too far out to begin now or even approach the board.

Our 2009 meeting in Tannersville was a smaller meeting than I expected but we did have fun. The nice part of the meeting was the lack of pressure. Alex and JoAnne Zidock put together a good weekend for us with great food and lots of conversations. Our craft improvements were outstanding.

The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau treated us to a lovely breakfast Saturday morning and Reed Exhibitions furnished us with lunch.

I was surprised that all the members who strongly wanted to have a fall meeting were absent from our function. Many of those attending commented on this fact.

Pa.'s State Park System ranked No. 1 in the nation

The Pennsylvania State Park System joins the ranks of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Penguins, the Philadelphia Phillies as National Champions. On Oct. 14, in Salt Lake City Utah, the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks won the prestigious National Gold Medal Award presented by the American Academy of Park and Recreation Management in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association, and sponsored by Musco Lighting.

The Gold Medal Award, presented every two years, is the highest honor a park system can receive. Winners are determined by a panel of parks and recreation professionals that evaluate application materials with an emphasis on excellence in long-range planning, resource management, citizen support systems, environmental stewardship, program and professional development and agency recognition. Emphasis is given to addressing the needs of those served through the collective energies of citizens, staff, and elected officials.

The other finalists were the state park systems in Georgia, Michigan and North Carolina.

"The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation congratulates the Bureau of State Parks on their accomplishment," says Marci Mowery, President of the Foundation. "Their 1,600 dedicated full and part time staff work tirelessly to not only manage more than 300,000 acres of land for wildlife, water quality and recreation; but to meet the recreational needs of the citizen's through innovative programming, creative budgeting, and partnerships."

Pennsylvania has 117 state parks and three conservation areas that host more than 35 million visitors each year.

Some of DCNR's new and innovative state park programs include:

- *Get Outdoors PA*, which of-

fers hundreds of activities annually for people to learn about outdoor recreation opportunities such as kayaking, fishing and hiking, and learn about how the public can help protect Pennsylvania's natural resources, their role and why they should care.

- *Adventure Camp*--A joint effort of the Bureau of State Parks, city parks and recreation programs, and youth organizations that exposes urban area teens to experiences in nature. More than 150 kids attended camp in eight metropolitan areas last summer.

- A "green" parks initiative to address climate change and energy consumption in Pennsylvania's parks.

- New construction work on the system's first nature inn at Bald Eagle State Park to expand overnight accommodations and attract new visitors.

- A dedicated volunteer and Friends Program to assist state parks meet the demands of visitors.

"The selection of the DCNR Bureau of State Parks for the prestigious 2009 National Gold Medal Award, the "Oscar" of recreation and park agency recognition, provides independent confirmation of the high quality of the state parks system available to the citizens of the Commonwealth," says Robert Griffith, executive director of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society. "It recognizes quality professional management; significant financial investment such as from the Keystone Fund and Growing Greener; innovative outreach through efforts like "Get Outdoors PA" and urban initiatives; and contributions made by the state parks to tourism, health and wellness, and quality recreation opportunities. We certainly need to protect these state treasures for future generations to enjoy!"

"The Gold Medal Award confirms what the more than 35 million visitors to Pennsylvania State Parks already knew," says Mowery, "which is that our system is number one."

To see the eight-minute video about Pennsylvania State Parks that was part of the award application, visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us and choose the "Modern Day Legacy" icon on the homepage.

PA Wilds advisor to serve as liaison to Council on Hunting, Fishing and Conservation

Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell announced that he has named Dan Surra to serve as his primary sportsmen's advisor and to lead the Governor's Council on Fishing, Hunting and Conservation.

In January, Surra joined the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as a senior advisor on the Pennsylvania Wilds. He will continue to serve in that role, but expand his portfolio to include fishing, hunting and conservation issues.

Born and raised in the northern tier, Surra is a lifelong outdoorsman and possesses an intimate knowledge of state regulations and economic development. His efforts during 18 years in the legislature helped shape the PA Wilds initiative starting with the early promotion of elk watching in the region.

As a senior advisor to the DCNR secretary, Surra works with hunting and fishing organizations towards the stewardship and conservation goals embodied in the PA Wilds initiative and assists DCNR in addressing the balance between growing the region as a nature tourism destination and developing Marcellus Shale natural gas resources.

In his additional role as an advisor to the Governor on fishing, hunting and conservation matters, Surra will oversee matters affecting sportsmen and the management of Pennsylvania's natural resources by state agencies. The advisor acts as the state government's advocate for sportsmen and develops and implements, with the Governor's approval, policies and programs to support this mission.

As a liaison between the Sportsmen's Advisory Council and the Governor, Surra will convey council recommendations to Governor Rendell.

"It's a real honor for me to be able to serve Governor Rendell and the sportsmen and women of Pennsylvania in this role, which is certainly important to me personally as a lifelong outdoorsman, and to the Pennsylvania Wilds region that I currently serve," Surra said.

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meet the writers in attendance I can see that the quantity doesn't count because it's the quality of the writers I'm talking to that really matters."

The PMVB sponsored breakfast and Timothy Ladner, Assistant District Forester with the DCNR who shared information regarding the abundant opportunities in the Delaware State Forest. PMVB is a supporting member, and provided the registration bags that included among other things their new promotional fishing lure made by Thomas Lures (another supporting member) of Hawley, Pa.

Two other supporting members took part in the workshop. Robin Sharpless brought his reloading bench and supplies and showed us all how easy and economical reloading is when you use his Redding Reloading equipment. Sharpless, who is no stranger to POWA, once again has contributed to make another POWA function worthwhile to attend. Nearly all of those who were on hand for the weekend, including some spouses and guests, attended Robin's informative workshop on Saturday morning after breakfast.

Reed Expositions provided Saturday's generous lunch. Deb Tressler of Concept One, representing Reed, advised the group of several changes and upcoming events that will make it even easier to attend the 2010 Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show. She said news releases are being generated and soon would be in our e-mail boxes. The Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show will be in Harrisburg February 6-14, 2010.

Saturday seminars were tuned to present the melody of options an outdoors communicator can encounter in the Pennsylvania Poconos. Don Baylor, aquatic biologist and partner with Aquatic Research Consulting, brought trout fishing home to many with his presentation, "Pocono Trout Streams Past and Present." He talked about the glory days before the great flood of 1955 when



Brad Isles Photo

Robin Sharpless of Redding Reloading Equipment discusses proper reloading methods during a Saturday afternoon seminar.

hurricane Diane forever changed the face of some Pocono trout streams. He also brought everyone up to date about the current condition of the streams, their trout and the positive impact they will have on current and future trout fishing in the Poconos.

Mike Horne, watershed biologist talked about the newest Pennsylvania National Wildlife Refuge in Cherry Valley near Stroudsburg. His presentation included maps, charts and the promise of an outstanding addition to the NWR system. Horne, Cherry Valley NWR community liaison, is available should anyone show an interest in following this project from the ground up. He can be reached at the Great Swamp NWR in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Topping off the afternoon session Kathy Uhler, founder Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, and her husband Eric brought in The Big Birds of the Poconos. From the smallest saw-whet owl to their newest permanent

houseguest, an immature turkey vulture, writers were up close and photo-happy. Cameras clicked and flashes popped as one by one of the center's educational flock was presented and discussed. All the birds were cooperative. Saved for last, the big black vulture seemed to be the most photographed as he exited the cage and immediately extended his five-foot-plus wingspan for several minutes, and until everyone had the opportunity to take as many pictures as they wanted. Just a few months ago the vulture came to the agency as a white ball of fluff, just weeks old.

I would be remiss if I did not say what a great job The Chateau Resort and Conference Center did assisting with our needs after the Saturday session, originally scheduled to take place at a local rod and gun club, didn't work out. The Chateau is located on Camelback Mountain facing the ski slopes. Views are spectacular and to our benefit enhanced

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Brad Isles Photo

POWA members and guests photograph one of the many owls Kathy and Eric Uhler brought to an afternoon seminar at The Chateau Resort and Conference Center for the Powwow in the Poconos. The Uhlers own and operate the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center. Their seminar focused on the "Big Birds of the Poconos." Below right, Eric Uhler holds a black vulture featuring a five-foot-plus wingspan.



Brad Isles Photos

Above, Mike Horne, watershed biologist, discusses the National Wildlife Refuge in Cherry Valley.

Below, aquatic biologist Don Baylor talks about the many fine trout streams in the Poconos.



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by the changing of the leaves. Food, food service and general cooperation from Denise Burnley, sales manager, and all of the staff was a meeting planners dream.

Connie Mertz sent me an e-mail shortly after the conference to say, "I usually gauge conferences by the amount of story material presented, and I came home with at least three outdoor features that will more than pay for the expenses

I incurred."

Along with her tear sheets I'm sure we'll see many more generated from the "PowWow in the Poconos." As always, tear sheets count so don't forget to send them.

If you have a story idea that involves the Poconos please feel free to contact me and I'll send you in the right direction. Or call Alicia Quinn, director of public relations at the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau and she will make it all happen for you.

Awards

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1. All Active, Apprentice and Life members of POWA in good standing are eligible to enter.

2. A maximum of two (2) entries per award is allowed, unless otherwise noted. Edit yourself and only submit your best work. Additional entries will be disqualified.

3. Four copies of each entry are required for each award, (both originals and exact photocopies of the entry, just as the entry appeared to the public in print are permissible). Exception: for the Best Published Photo, Best Published Art and the Best Book/Radio-TV award contests, send one original each.

4. Joint bylines: Co-authored / photographed / produced entries may be entered only once. Joint bylines will be considered as an entry for each contributor. All entrants of co-authored entries must be POWA members.

5. A letter of verification from the editor/publisher must accompany materials not containing bylines, or containing pen names.

6. To be considered for an award, the published material must have been compensated for by cash, check, goods or services of value.

7. Members may submit an entry in only one Core Award* category, to eliminate the possibility of a person win-

ning multiple core awards for a single piece. For example: an item published in a newspaper may not be entered in both the newspaper column and the newspaper feature categories. In nearly every instance, such a distinction is obvious. On the other hand, a member may submit an entry for a writing award, and the accompanying photo/art for a photo/art award. A member also may submit an entry in one Core Award, and in any number of Specialty Awards for which it meets the criteria. Entries submitted for the wrong award will not be considered.

8. Entries must cover nature, wildlife, conservation or outdoor field sports such as hunting, fishing, camping and boating. Topics such as swimming, diving, golf, hang gliding, etc., do not qualify.

9. Entries must have been published in the prior calendar year, unless indicated otherwise in the contest description. One entry copy must identify publication, date of publication and author. The other three copies (see #3) must have all identifying marks, bylines, personal photos and references to you blacked out and rendered unreadable, with the exception of the book or video category.

10. Entries must NOT be bound, matted, changed in size, altered, edited, or submitted in any form other than exactly how they were published and viewed by the public. Such entries will be disqualified. Let the entry stand on its merits, rather than its "packaging." Photocopies are permissible.

11. Envelopes containing entries must be clearly marked on the front with the words "POWA 2009 Awards," followed by the name of the award for which the entry is being submitted. Do not combine entries for more than one award in a single package. All suitably marked separate envelopes may be sent in one package to the Awards Chairman.

12. Entries must be postmarked no later than January 24, 2010.

13. Contest materials will be returned by mail only if accompanied by a self-addressed envelope stamped with sufficient postage.

14. One copy of all entries will be available for pickup at the spring conference.

15. The winning entry in each category will be on display at the spring conference.

16. Winning entries constitutes a waiver of copyright restrictions on reprinting the entry by POWA for their website and printed publications.

17. The Excellence in Craft Awards Chairman will be the sole arbitrator on any dispute or question concerning the awards competition.

POWA CORE AWARDS*

1. BEST NEWSPAPER COLUMN (150 and plaque, no sponsor) – Entries must have been published in a daily or weekly newspaper column. To meet the "column" requirement, the author's work must appear as a column in the same publication at least 12 times each year.



"Pass It On" Award deadline also January 24, 2010

The Bass Pro Shops "Pass It On" Award recognizes and praises a POWA Active member who has been responsible for introducing people (novice adults, children or a group, audience or readership) to the outdoors or enhancing their appreciation of the outdoors.

The Bass Pro Shops "Pass It On" Award will be awarded to an Active POWA member in good standing and shall be given for the best (1) published newspaper or magazine article, (2) broadcast radio or TV program, (3) commercially marketed video, OR (4) published black and white or color photo or art, which most effectively promotes passing on the love and appreciation of the outdoors, natural resources and pursuits such as hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, camping, boating, bird-watching and nature appreciation.

The contest shall be judged by a panel of three judges selected by the POWA president. There will be only one winner for this award. The winner will receive a \$300 check from Bass Pro Shops and a plaque from POWA.

Entries must have been published and paid for between January 1 and December 31, 2009. Four copies of each entry must be submitted. Publication title, publication date and your byline must be on one copy. Remove your byline from the three judging copies. Photocopies are permitted.

Entries to the "Pass It On Award" must be postmarked by January 24, 2010.

Send entries to POWA Awards Chair **Timothy Flanigan**, 221 Ritchey Ave., Bedford, PA 15522. Include SASE for return of materials, if desired. The award will be presented at the Spring 2010 POWA conference.

Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the column appeared when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

2. BEST NEWSPAPER FEATURE (150 and plaque, no sponsor) – Entries must deal with a single topic and be either a single article or a series of not more than five articles about a single topic. The publication frequency example for the Best Newspaper Column applies here as well. Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the feature appeared when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

3. BEST MAGAZINE OR REGIONAL NEWSPAPER COLUMN (150 and plaque, sponsored by Coleman) – A “regional newspaper” is one such as Pennsylvania Outdoor News or Pennsylvania Outdoor Times, which publishes other than daily or weekly. The subject must be primarily of interest to Pennsylvanians or at least be applicable to Pennsylvania. For example, a column on buck hunting is appropriate even if it doesn’t mention Pennsylvania, as long as it is about white-tailed deer and the reader can relate the article to a comparable experience in Pennsylvania. A similar column on mule deer, however, would not be acceptable. It need not be an outdoor publication, as long as the entry qualifies. To meet the “column” requirement, the author’s work must appear in the same publication at least six times each year. Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the column appeared when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

4. BEST MAGAZINE OR REGIONAL NEWSPAPER FEATURE (150 and plaque, no sponsor) – The above definition of a regional newspaper applies here as well. The subject must be of primary interest to Pennsylvanians or at least be applicable to Pennsylvania. The entry may be a single article or a series of not more than three articles dealing with a single subject. Original tear sheets or exact photocopies as the feature appeared when published are acceptable. Submit four copies of the entry.

5. BEST PUBLISHED NEWSPA-

PER PHOTO, COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE (150 and plaque, sponsored by Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs) – This photography category is for best published newspaper, regional newspaper or other pulp-type photography award. Entries must be submitted as they appeared when published. The format the photograph was taken in—black & white or color—does not matter, only the published form. The photo credit, caption or outline must also be included with the entry, exactly as it appeared when published. The entry must include the name of the publication and the title of the story (headline) which was used, if applicable. The entry must NOT be mounted, matted or changed in any way from how the public viewed it as published. Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy. One award will be given for this category.

6. BEST PUBLISHED MAGAZINE PHOTO, COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE (150 and plaque, no sponsor) – This photography category is for best published magazine or non pulp-type photography award. Photos published in pamphlets, brochures, on postcards, calendars, etc., are eligible, as long as they were published in the award year. Entries must be submitted as they appeared when published. The format the photograph was taken in – black & white or color – does not matter, only the published form. The photo credit, caption or outline must also be included with the entry, exactly as it appeared when published. The entry must include the name of the publication and the title of the story (headline) which was used, if applicable. In addition, an explanation of the use of the photograph to illustrate an article, column, etc., may be included, but is not mandatory. The entry must NOT be mounted, matted or changed in any way from how the public viewed it as published. Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy. One award will be given for this category.

7. BEST RADIO / TV AWARD (alternates with BEST BOOK AWARD) (150 and plaque, no sponsor) – These two awards alternate each year. Entries

for each award, when offered, must have been published in the preceding two years. The theme in both cases must be outdoor oriented. Submit one copy of each entry.

8. * BEST PUBLISHED ART AWARD, COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by GATCO Sharpeners/Timberline Knives) – * Published art work shall include magazines, newspapers, catalogues, brochures, or any other publication available to the public to convey the outdoor message. Published work may include limited or unlimited editions of fine art works, as long as the published form of the work is submitted for judging, the artist was compensated for the publication, the entry submitted was not self-published and the entry appeared in publication during the prior calendar year. The published art entry must be submitted as it actually appeared when published and was viewed by the public. The entry must NOT be matted, framed, bound, or altered in any way from how it appeared as published. Such entries will be disqualified. The entry must include the name of the publication and the title of the story (headline) which was used, if applicable. In addition an explanation of the use of the art to illustrate an article, column, etc., may be included, but is not mandatory. Submit one original tear sheet or an exact photocopy. One award will be given for this category.

POWA SPECIALTY AWARDS

1. PENNSYLVANIA DEER AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Deer Association) – This award will be given to the best published newspaper or magazine article featuring Pennsylvania white-tailed deer. Topics can include deer management, natural history, and both hunting and non-hunting stories about whitetails. Submit four copies of the entry.

2. PENNSYLVANIA TRAPPERS AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Trappers Association) – This award will be given to the best published piece that promotes

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From days gone by...



John Plowman Jr. Photo

Bob Clark contributed this picture from an opening day dove hunt he and John Plowman hosted in Cumberland County in the 1980s.

Pictured are six POWA members who became life members: Clark, Sylvia Bashline, Tom Fegely, Jim Bashline, Charlie Zames and Jim Ross. The latter three are now deceased.

Other POWA members pictured are Barry Gunter and Charlie Burchfield.

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interest in or education about trapping. Submit four copies of the entry.

3. TROUT & THE COLDWATER RESOURCE AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited) – this award will be made for the published magazine or newspaper story which best shows the importance of protecting and/or promoting our cold-water resource. The article may or may not include trout and other salmonids. Submit four copies of the entry.

4. WHITETAIL MANAGEMENT AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Trupe's Quality Hunting and Wildlife Management) – This award will be given for the best published piece dealing with management of the white-tailed deer. Submit four copies of the entry.

5. WILD TURKEY AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the Penn-

sylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation – This award will be made for the best published piece that promotes interest in the American wild turkey. Topics can include wild turkey and/or habitat management, turkey hunting, or hunter education programs designed for turkey hunters. Submit four copies of the entry.

6. YOUTH FISHING AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Expositions, Inc.) – This award will be given for the best published piece, magazine or newspaper, devoted to encouraging readers to introduce, or to further the involvement of children in fishing. Submit four copies of the entry.

7. YOUNG TREES AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by the Allegheny Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society) – This award will be given to the best published piece that showcases the declining wildlife species of conservation concern and how to create “young tree” habitat for these species of conservation concern. (The creation of habitat for grouse will

benefit more than one species.)

8. WILDLIFE ART AWARD (\$150 and plaque, sponsored by Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art) – Artwork may be original and in any media (i.e. oil, watercolor, pastel, etc.) Three-dimensional work such as carvings and sculptures are also eligible. Reproductions or lithographs of an artist's original work may be entered. No size restrictions. Entries must have been completed in the preceding two years. The subject may be any North American wildlife other than fish. Birds of prey, songbirds, non-game species and game birds, and animals are all suitable subjects. Previous winning entries in this category are not eligible. Artists may submit one entry and it must be present at the spring conference. Each artist is responsible for getting his/her work to and from the conference. Artists would be wise to have their entries insured. Arrangements will be made to collect all artwork at a common meeting spot for judging. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Board Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2009

Conference Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Harry Guyer Jr. Present were: President Tom Tatum, 1st VP Freddie McKnight, Secretary/PowWow Editor Brad Isles, Treasurer John Allen, Executive Director Bob Lollo, Board Chair Harry Guyer, Directors Steve Sorensen, Harvey Bauer, Don Feigert, Bud Cole and Mark Nale, Supporting Member Rep. Connie Yingling and Parliamentarian John Swinton.

Noted: No recorder set up.

* *Motion* to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2009 meeting. No vote.

Correspondence – Lollo: None.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairman's Report – Harry Guyer submitted the agenda as his report.

President's Report – Last month I took the reins of a very proud organization, albeit an organization in transition and facing very challenging times. With Bob Lollo serving as Executive Director, Harry Guyer as Chairman of the Board, and Freddie McKnight as First Vice President, I find myself surrounded by an extraordinarily capable team. I'd also like to express my gratitude to all those members who agreed to continue serving as committee chairpersons with a special thank you to others – Terry Brady, Laurie Lee Dovey, Don Knaus, Bud Cole, Ben Moyer, and Tim Flanigan – who stepped in to fill vacated positions. I'm still in need of a member to serve as Nominating Committee Chair and will try to recruit a candidate ASAP.

Ours remains an organization in transition. In September the first-ever POWA Fall Powwow took place, an event designed to replace our former (and more formal) Fall Conference. The admittedly sparse attendance at our "Powwow in the Poconos" reflected some of the growing pains we can expect as our organizations moves forward. Nonetheless, those of us

who participated in this watershed gathering enjoyed a close-knit collegiality facilitated by the gracious hospitality of Alex and JoAnne Zidock who hosted the powwow. Special thanks to the Zidock for taking on this event on the rebound, and although some of the activities didn't quite work out as planned, the seminars were all first class and the hands-on reloading demonstrations provided courtesy of Supporting Member Robin Sharpless and Redding Reloading Equipment were very well received. And although there was no official business conducted at this powwow, our meeting provided the perfect forum for some valuable and wide-ranging brainstorming.

The next fall Powwow will take place in Ocean City, Maryland, next year. Connie Yingling and I will be busy putting all the pieces together for what we're sure will be a fun-filled get together with fishing trips, sika deer hunting, Assateague Island wild horses, clamming, crabbing, beach combing, and boat rides all on the docket. But the next big event for POWA members is our Spring Conference and Awards Banquet slated for Wellsboro in May. Kudos to Don Knaus for all his efforts in putting together what promises to be an excellent conference. And speaking of awards, this year's Excellence in Craft Awards contest criteria are about to undergo some significant changes.

Meanwhile, POWA's transition into the digital/internet age continues. Our vital point man in this regard is Brad Isles. As web master, *PowWow* editor, and POWA Secretary, Brad wears three very critical organizational hats. His efforts on all three fronts are much appreciated, particularly as we forge ahead with plans to publish *PowWow* online six times each year. It should be an eventful eighteen months. Wish me luck.

Executive Director's Report – As posted in PowWow.

* *Motion* to accept the Officers' Reports. Bauer/Cole. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – As posted in PowWow.

* *Motion* to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tatum/Nale. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards – Changes pending board action.

Awards Review – No report

Constitution & Bylaws – Jim Fitzer: No current activity. No action has been requested of us from the Board of Directors.

Craft Improvement – No report

Duties Manual – No report

Editorial Review – No report

Ethics – John Swinton: The Ethics Committee had no issues to address during the reporting period and has no requests to make of the Board. Current Committee Members: Bob Ballantyne, Joe Gorden.

Finance and Budget – No report

Historical Archives – No report

Membership Audit – Ron Tussel: Sixteen membership audit letters were sent out. Only six were returned on time. Two were returned late. Of those returned, six have issues to be addressed by the board.

Following the rules of the audit I have rejected those not completing the forms and following the rules. I would ask the board to review these audits that have been rejected and make a decision on them. We cannot afford to lose members in my opinion. Some of these are easily mended, some perhaps not so easily. I apologize for not sending the package with all audit materials sooner, but will get these to Bob Lollo ASAP for board review and follow up.

(Board action: Don Feigert agreed to follow-up with those who did not complete the process correctly or failed to qualify for membership after their reviews.)

Membership Development – Don Feigert: Continued making telephone calls to prospective new members. Sponsored apprentice outdoor photographer Todd Puleo. In a recent PowWow, published an appeal to the membership about current opportunities to sponsor new members (the appeal has not yet

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generated any results).

Select a new Chair and new committee members. Feigert is willing to be the Board Liaison.

Current Committee Members: Brad Isles, John Allen.

Member Screening – Dennis Schradin: Reviewed applications for Ralph Sherder, active; Keith Harnish, apprentice; and Todd Puleo, apprentice. All applicants are fully qualified.

Current Committee Members: Dave Ehrig, Doyle Dietz.

Nominating – No report

Outdoor Education – No report

Past Presidents Council – No report

Scholarship – Jeff Mulhollem: The Scholarship Committee has accomplished its responsibilities for 2009 and looks forward to 2010. Joe Gorden has asked to be replaced and the committee has tentatively welcomed Laurie Dovey in his place, but I have yet to confirm her participation while I draw up a short list of procedures for her. In any event, the Committee has no request to make of the Board.

Sports Shows: Harrisburg – No report

Supporting Member Rep. – No report

Supporting Membership Approval Committee – John Kasun: Five supporting membership applications have been reviewed and unanimously approved. They are: Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation; Save Our Native Species, Inc. S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie; Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous; Susquehanna River Trail Association; Hunt's Photo and Video; and Tioga County Visitors Bureau.

Current Committee Members: Darl Black, Harry Guyer.

Supporting Member Development – Bud Cole. There are three additional supporting member possibilities at the moment.

Technology/Web Site – Brad Isles: Transitioned the old POWA website ownership from Tracy Watt in Montana

to myself. The framework for a new site is in place and will continue to be updated with more frequency than it was before. Due to the inherent nature of websites, this will be a work in progress but I feel it's off to a good start. I will be adding pages and the member's only area shortly. Please provide feedback on the website and voice any likes, dislikes or other concerns related to the website.

Ways and Means – Steve Sorensen: With the change to one full-fledged meeting per year, and that being a Spring meeting, the Ways & Means Committee has little to report relating to Fall 2010 activities.

The responsibilities of the Ways & Means Committee continue to be soliciting raffle prizes for our annual banquet, and considering other means of fund raising. For the Spring raffle I contacted 95 supporting members by e-mail and 14 by letter. Almost a third responded with gifts for the raffle, and we had a successful fund-raiser. (The remainder of the supporting members are not contacted because they have no products or services to offer, or have said they do not want to participate.)

I also managed the 50/50 Active Membership Renewal Raffle, a 100-square board on which all of the squares were sold, raising \$500 which was split between the POWA treasury and the winner. (Congratulations to Joe Byers.)

I proposed a W.R. Case Collectible POWA knife, and although I haven't made any progress on it yet I still plan on doing that and will pursue it with the W.R. Case people soon. Others have volunteered to help with the decision making on this, and I plan to have that ready for the Spring meeting. It will commemorate the 60th anniversary of POWA in 2010.

The next solicitation for products will be for the 2010 Spring banquet raffle. Since that event will be a full year after the previous raffle, it should be the one to prove whether our change to one large event per year will help to draw more responses from the supporting members. I'd like to see the participation increase to 50% of the companies contacted.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve POWA in this way, and am in my third year in this assignment. It is a big job, and I hope to continue serving for two more years before turning it over to someone else. It is an enormous help to have everyone quickly answer "Yes" when asked to help in any way.

Current Committee Members: Harvey Bauer, Harry Guyer, Kermit Henning; others (including spouses and children of members) also step up to help in too many ways to mention – all critical to the success of our fund-raising efforts.

POWA Spring Conference 2010
– (Wellsboro & Tioga County, PA; Wednesday, May 19 thru Sunday, May 23, 2010)

Don Knaus is hosting the 2010 Spring POWA Conference in his hometown, Wellsboro. This will be the first conference to go four (4) days. There are so many activities available that Don and the Board of Directors decided that our writers ought to have a chance to experience outdoor activities both Thursday and Friday. Hunt gobblers one day and catch trout the next; sneak up on brookies on Thursday and capture rattlesnakes on Friday; take a trail ride on a horse the first day and ride a bike down a rail-trail on day two. The line-up of possibilities should entice all POWA members.

For Thursday and Friday, POWA members will enjoy choices of activities that will include:

- Fly fishing on Pine Creek
- Brook Trout fishing in the "deep woods"
- Spring Gobbler hunting in secret spots
- Rattlesnake hunting
- Guided nature hike
- Crappie fishing at one of seven lakes in the county
- Bicycle tour of the PA Grand Canyon on the rail to trail
- Chuker hunt at a discounted per bird cost
- Four-hour horseback tour in deep woods
- Visits and guided tours of the Northern Appalachian Fish Research

Laboratory and the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

For conference housing accommodations, Don highly recommends the The Sherwood Motel. It is a nice motel with personable desk clerks. They do regular extensive rehabilitation of the rooms so that this motel is the most up-to-date in town. It is also the conference headquarters. Rooms will be available for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Sherwood will reserve rooms for all four nights. Friday and Saturday are first-come, first-served. The rooms will be "blocked" out of the motel's schedule, so POWA members MUST say that they are from POWA when trying to reserve a room.

Some may want to try The Penn-Wells Lodge which is the second best place in town and is right next door to the Sherwood Motel. Don will list all available rooming options to lodging places in the area. He will inform POWA members as to quality and costs of each place.

That said, there may be those who want to feel the atmosphere of the Penn-Wells Hotel. (It is an OLD hotel that was second to none in the 1930s.) If you want to pretend that you're in a Humphrey Bogart movie, the Penn-Wells is the place for you.

There are a number of QUALITY Bed and Breakfasts in the Wellsboro area. Some of the POWA members may wish to share accommodations with close friends. For that, we can recommend Bear Mountain. It is 5 miles out of town. The owner is only present to show you the place. It is a gorgeous log facility with bedroom space for one to four couples. So buddy up and enjoy.

The hospitality room will be open for business Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights as well as Saturday night after the banquet, our goodies and beer will be in room 115 of the Sherwood Motel. Stories will be swapped; be sure to wear your boots.

Dining for each meal will be a gourmet's delight. Each meal has been carefully planned to produce mouth-watering, lip-smacking good eats.

Spouses' activities are designed to be

enjoyable. Thursday May 20 is planned as "shop on your own" day for the spouses. The Tioga Visitors Bureau will have maps prepared that will highlight the various shops around town, what the shops feature as well as directions.

On Friday, May 21, Tony's Trolley will pick up participating spouses at 8:00 am. They will be transported to Colton Point State Park for a view of the canyon from the west side. Then they will be taken to Mountain Trail Horse Center where they will be taken by horse-drawn covered wagon down the floor of the canyon. The trolley will take them to the Nature Quest outdoor facility where they will meet up with POWA members and enjoy a barbeque lunch compliments of Nature Quest.

On Saturday, May 22, Tony's Trolley will take spouses to Leonard Harrison State Park where they will view the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon from the east side. A ranger will be available for a short presentation. Following the tour, the spouses will visit the Tioga Visitors Bureau where local artisans will lead a jewelry making class. When they see what they will leave with, they will want to participate. Lunch will be provided onsite by the Bureau.

Spring 2009 Conference Committee

– Marilyn Black: Following the April 30 – May 3, 2009 Conference in Oil City, many gracious thank you's were distributed and received. This Conference ran smoothly and provided multiple story and photography opportunities for attendees. All revenues were provided to POWA, except I'm not sure if the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce processed their tour sponsorships yet. All bills were paid to vendors. Conference files were finalized and forwarded electronically to the Executive Director for future reference. To date, relatively few tearsheets have made their way back to Marilyn at the Oil Region Alliance (main conference sponsor); Seven POWA members provided tear sheets so far; please continue to provide these, especially since each such story documentation is recognized by ORA.

A minor policy change should be considered by the POWA Board. Presently,

POWA waives the entire basic conference registration fee for those people who attend only the Saturday night banquet. Since such attendees receive not only the opportunity to mingle at the banquet and participate in the awards/raffles/drawings, but also the conference welcome kit and related services, it seems like it would be appropriate to have some direct revenue to POWA from those in this scenario.

Current Committee Members: Marilyn Black, Darl Black, Harry Guyer, Bob Lollo, Bob Myers, Kirby Neubert, Regis Senko, Bob Steiner, Linda Steiner.

Fall Powwow 2010 – Tom Tatum: I recently spent a few days exploring opportunities for POWA to take advantage of in Ocean City, Md., as we plan our fall 2010 Powwow.

For lodging I would recommend the Francis Scott Key Family Resort. Our contact person there would be Kourtney D'Amore. She advised me that room rates through September hover around \$150 with a two night minimum stay. Rates throughout the resort are high through September since every weekend features some special event from Bike Week to Fallfest. However, rates drop significantly in October. Ms. D'Amore estimates rooms for our group at around \$80 per night then. For that reason, I would recommend the second weekend in October as our target dates – possibly Thursday, October 7, through Sunday, October 10, 2010. The Francis Scott Key is conveniently located in West Ocean City and can provide a conference/seminar room with coffee and water available. Contact information is 410-213-0088. Email at fskinoc@aol.com. Website is www.fskfamily.com. I should also mention that Connie Yingling will continue to explore other options here to see if we might secure better rates at this location or another.

Although they have many other amenities, Francis Scott Key can not serve meals; however, there are plenty of restaurants nearby. I would recommend the Sunset Grille/Teasers which is no more than a mile from the hotel. This restaurant

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offers spectacular views overlooking the Sunset Marina, can accommodate large groups, and boasts reasonable prices. Contact persons would be Buddy Trala and/or Patti Pace at 410-213-8110. Email is SunsetGrille90@verizon.net.

Outdoor activities include:

Fishing: Many party boats operate out of Ocean City these include the following:

Morning Star (Party Boat ~ Deep Sea Fishing, Ocean City Fishing Center, West Ocean City 410/520-2076. Capt. Monty Hawkins); Ocean Princess (Deep Sea Fishing Party Boat - Wreck Fishing, Dorchester St. and the Bay Ocean City, MD 410-289-6226. Capt. Victor Bunting); Deep Sea Fishing on the Judith M (Bahia Marina - 21st St & Bay, Ocean City MD, 410-251-5859. Capt. Mike Abbaticchio); Assateague Explorer (Sightseeing & Fishing, West Ocean City 757/710-2797); Bay Bee (Bay Flounder Fishing, West Ocean City, South side Rt 50 Bridge. 800-322-3065; 410-213-1121); Get Sum (Available for fishing, crabbing, and or clamming trips. Can accommodate up to six anglers. West Ocean City. Captain Nick Clemente. 410-213-1121.) Fishing from the Route 50 Bridge, the Oceanic Pier, the Boardwalk Pie, or the Assateague beaches are also options members might consider.

Sika Deer Hunting: I have spoken with one local bowhunter who avidly pursues sika deer and assures me he has a secret sika hotspot not too far out of town. He is willing to take just one bow hunter on a hunt. His name is Jeff Bauer and his contact information is 443-880-0023, esbc@dmv.com. Other possible sika hunting opportunities might also be available on Assateague Island.

Assateague Island National Seashore: The park office is about 8 miles from Ocean City. Park rangers offer programs to the public and would also be willing to accommodate our members. Programs include the following: Surf Fishing Demonstration (1½ hours); Clams and clam-

ming (30 minutes); Crabs and crabbing (45 minutes); Assateague's wild horses (40 minutes); Life of the Dunes Walk (45 minutes). Contact person is Liz Davis at 410-629-6087, email Liz_davis@nps.gov. Website is www.nps.gov/asis

Seminar Possibilities: Capt. Mark Sampson on sharks. Mark is an outdoor writer in Ocean City whose columns appear in numerous papers here. He is also the captain of his charter boat the Fish Finder specializing in shark fishing as well as "educational shark encounters." Mark recently published his book, "Modern Sharking," the definitive treatise on shark fishing. Mark can be reached at 410-213-2442. His website is www.Big-Sharks.com. Larry Jock on publishing. Larry is the editor/publisher of Coastal Fisherman, a free newspaper featuring fishing stories and photographs published each week from May through September. He might be willing to talk to us about the nuts and bolts of such an operation. Larry can be contacted at 410-213-2200 or Coastalfisherman@comcast.net Their website is www.coastalfisherman.net. Assateague Island. Park rangers might be available to provide presentations on various aspects of the natural history, etc., of Assateague Island.

Connie Yingling and I will continue to hammer out the details of this PowWow, but I feel that we have a pretty good start on it.

* *Motion* to accept committee reports. Cole/McKnight. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

New Member Applicants – Lollo: As posted in the Member Screening and Supporting Member Approval Committee reports.

* *Motion* to approve new members. Sorensen/Bauer. Approved.

Board of Directors and Officers Serving until Spring 2011 – The current slate of directors and officers should serve a one and a half year term because all business will be handled at the spring conference and none at the fall gathering.

* *Motion* to carry over officers until Spring 2011. Feigert/Nale. Approved.

Rewrite of Bylaws Article V and Article XI – Recommended changes include: Article V – ELECTIONS: ... "All nominees shall have timely notice of the decision by the Nominating Committee following the selection process. The membership shall be notified by ~~April~~ January 15 of the election year that a slate of candidates has been chosen.

... Voting shall be done by mail or electronic ballot.

Ballots listing candidates for all positions, accompanied by biographical information of each nominee, shall be prepared and mailed by the ~~Treasurer~~ Executive Director to active members in good standing no later than ~~June 15~~ November 15. Completed ballots must be postmarked and mailed or submitted to the ~~Treasurer~~ Board Chairman no later than ~~July 31~~ December 31.

Remove: "The ballots may be sent/received by the Executive Director should the Treasurer be unable to perform these tasks during the specified time."

The ~~President~~ Chairman shall designate a Teller's Committee...to certify the votes.

Article XI – ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held during the ~~second~~ first half of the year.

These recommended changes will be sent to Jim Fitser and the Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

Electronic PowWow and six editions of paper copy – Brad Isles made the recommendation to publish the paper edition of PowWow no less than four times and no more than six times per calendar year. Bob Lollo will send out a note with the renewal documents asking members their preference on how they'd like to receive PowWow (paper vs. electronic) and will ask members to provide current e-mail addresses.

Fall Meeting Format – It's difficult

to judge the success of an event like this after just one attempt with this new format.

* *Motion* to continue with this format for two more years before a decision on changing the format is made. Sorensen/Bauer. Approved.

Mandatory Meeting Attendance of Once Every Three Years – After a brief discussion about making POWA conference attendance mandatory once every three years, no motion was made by the board.

Website Update – As posted in the Technology Committee report.

Excellence in Craft Contest Changes – Awards Chair Tim Flanigan proposed a number of changes to the Excellence in Craft Award entries. Changes were approved by board vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Award Sponsors – We are still without sponsors for two core awards. Harry Guyer and Bob Lollo are working leads.

Possible Supporting Members as Speakers – Use potential supporting members as speakers at a conference. This could open the door to them pursuing membership once they get a feel for POWA.

Contacting Excellence in Craft Award Winners – Currently a call is made to inform individuals that they won Excellence in Craft Awards prior to the Spring Conference. Some feel this is a way to guarantee attendance at the conference. On other hand, it may have prevented others from attending because they didn't win an award. Some like the surprise. Some like to know.

* *Motion* to inform winners of Excellence in Craft awards at the conference (and not prior to). Tatum/Cole. Approved.

Reminder to Thank Sponsors – Members who win raffle items are reminded to send thank-you notes or letters to supporting members who contribute items. As Ways and Means Committee

Passing the gavel...



Brad Isles Photo

Immediate Past President Harry Guyer, left, passes the POWA gavel to the organization's new president, Tom Tatum, during the fall Powwow in the Poconos.

Chair, Steve Sorensen does this already. But winners of those items should do so as well as a sign of appreciation. Bud Cole agreed to write a small piece on this matter to be published in PowWow.

Donation to Pocono Wildlife Rehab Center – Alex Zidock wishes to send a \$100 check to Kathy and Eric Uhler for their big bird presentation at the Fall PowWow in Tannersville.

* *Motion* to send \$100 check to Pocono Wildlife Rehab Center. Tatum/Cole. Approved.

Bass Pro Shops logo Merchandise – Bass Pro Shops will place the POWA logo on various products. It is \$90 to set up the two logos for hats and other clothes. Each logo on a cap will cost an extra \$4.25 and on other clothing it will cost \$4.80. There is another small company near Bob Lollo that has the capability to do this as well.

* *Motion* to use Bass Pro Shops for logo merchandise. Bauer/McKnight. Approved.

Apprentice Membership – For Apprentice Members who failed to qualify for membership under the old guidelines, they may re-establish themselves as Apprentice Members under the new guidelines.

* *Motion* to allow re-applying Apprentice Members to qualify under new guidelines. Nale/Sorensen. Approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

* *Motion* to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Sorensen/Guyer. Approved.

-- Respectfully submitted by
Brad Isles, Secretary

Market News by Freddie McKnight



Fur-Fish-Game magazine is looking for hunting and fishing stories, particularly feature-length stories of 1,800 words or more. Small game or predator-hunting stories that might interest the more experienced outdoorsmen are of particular interest. No back-to-basics or beginner instruction, please.

Be sure to include enough information in your query so that the editors can determine if the story will be a good fit for their readership. Include information about what kind of photo support you may provide. FUR-FISH-GAME pays \$250 for feature articles with photos and may offer higher pay for articles of special interest. Shorter stories without photos receive proportionately less pay, but those stories are needed too.

Write to: Mitch Cox, FUR-FISH-GAME, 2878 Main St., Columbus, OH 42309. The website is: www.furfishgame.com. Or e-mail: mitchcox@furfishgame.com.

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For more information, contact Linda Martin, Production Coordinator, Shotgun Sports Magazine, P.O. Box 6810 Auburn,

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Shooting Sportsman magazine caters to discriminating bird shooters and connoisseurs of fine shotguns. It publishes nonfiction, humor and photo essays. Features range 1,500 to 2,500 words. Payment, typically upon acceptance, is for first North American serial rights to manuscripts. Contact editorial offices for rates. Query first and provide photo support, if available. Contact editorial@shootingssportsman.com. For complete guidelines, visit www.shootingssportsman.com and click "About Us" link.

Petersen's Bowhunting, the world's largest archery magazine, is now accepting submissions for its 2010 editorial calendar. Bowhunting covers all aspects of archery hunting, with a particular emphasis on gear tuning, shooting tips and how-to hunting strategy.

Although the majority of Bowhunting's coverage pertains to whitetail deer, the magazine also has regular needs for articles involving Western game such as elk, mule deer and pronghorn antelope. Other areas of need include hunting for bears, mountain lions, sheep, goats, hogs and African and exotic game, as well as bowfishing.

Bowhunting is focused on educating its readers, so all articles should have a how-to slant that explains particular strategies and techniques for successful bowhunting. Both queries and completed manuscripts are accepted. Manuscripts cannot be considered unless accompanied by a minimum of a dozen quality, high-resolution photographs. Features generally run from 1,500-2,400 words. Photography-only submissions of bowhunters and/or game animals in field

settings also are welcome. Bowhunting maintains an extensive photography file for ongoing consideration.

For complete writer and photographer submission guidelines, including payment rates, contact Editorial Assistant Sally Burkey at sally.burkey@imoutdoors.com. No phone calls, please.

Pennsylvania Game News is the official voice of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. It is designed to promote hunting and other wildlife-related recreation in the state, and what the agency is doing to manage and enhance these opportunities. They consider nearly any outdoor subject except fishing and boating. Their primary feature subject is hunting, but they also run wildlife natural history accounts and conservation-related articles. All material must have a Pennsylvania locale or be of such a nature that location is not relevant.

Freelance material is rarely used on technical subjects about guns and archery, as these are covered by columnists. Likewise, most wildlife management issues and problems are covered by agency specialists.

One of the goals is to teach and encourage young hunters to hunt in a safe and ethical manner. Stories must never show a person acting in an unsportsmanlike manner. "How-to" or other informational articles should be factual, to the point and basically educational. Features typically run from 1,500 to 2,500 words. Good photos are a big help with all articles.

Decisions on material are usually reached within six to eight weeks. Payment is on acceptance, at a minimum rate of 6 cents per word and \$15 per photo. With a few exceptions, first North American serial rights are purchased. Manuscripts should be typewritten, double spaced, on one side of the paper only and have your name and address on page 1. We welcome submissions on PC-formatted disks, preferably in Word format; be sure to include a hard copy, too.

Material is scheduled up to a year in advance; seasonal or timely subjects,

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Supporting Member News

by Supporting Member Representative
CONNIE YINGLING, PR Coordinator,
Maryland Office of Tourism Development



The pages of my wall calendar seem to turn over with alarming speed these days. Wasn't it just yesterday when I accepted the position of supporting member liaison for the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association? No, it was September — five years ago!

In that time I've observed POWA Board members (volunteers all) guide the organization and am constantly amazed at the time and effort that they donate to POWA and the numerous committees. Awards, craft improvement, finance and budget, scholarships and technology/website are but a few of the committees that are staffed with caring and giving journalists.

I've also watched supporting members reap the benefits by attending conferences, displaying at the breakouts, donating products for the raffles, underwriting awards and sponsoring meals. I'm often overwhelmed at the generosity and forward thinking of my fellow supporting members and their employers.

In these five years some things have changed. For example, when I first became a member of POWA, there were two opportunities during the year to meet and greet the active members with conferences held in various cities in Pennsylvania. But, due to diminished

attendance and increased competition for members' time, in 2009 the Board implemented an organization shift by going to one formal conference per year.

Looking forward, the 2010 conference is scheduled for May 19-23, 2010 in Wellsboro, PA; mark your calendars now and please plan to attend.

Instead of a second conference, POWA members are invited to attend an informal "powwow" held in fall. The first meeting with this format was held in the Poconos Mountain region in September (and by all accounts was very successful); the 2010 get-together is planned for Ocean City, Md. Dates are to be determined.

As we move into the next decade, many things will remain the same while other things will change. Here's hoping that the qualities that make POWA a great organization to be a part of will remain constant and that future change will continue to make POWA a stronger organization for all.

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such as spring gobbler hunting, should be submitted at least six months prior to appropriate season.

Questions or comments, contact: Bob Mitchell, Editor, Pennsylvania Game News, Editorial/Administration Office, 717-787-4250, ext. 3312 or robmitchel@state.pa.us.

Bowhunter magazine publishes nine issues annually — six regular issues and three special issues. January/February emphasizes late-season whitetails and hunt planning. March/April focuses on the pursuit of bears and turkeys. May/June covers whitetails, bowfishing, and small game hunting. Gear Special, as the name suggests, dwells strictly on equipment and industry trends. Most stories in Gear Special are staff written or assigned. August/September highlights elk hunting and other early-season bowhunting pursuits. Big Game Special contains bowhunting adventures for all big game species across North America and around the world. October/November revolves

around whitetail hunting throughout the season. Whitetail Special explores and celebrates America's most popular big game animal. December promotes late-season whitetail hunting, along with products for the Christmas season.

For stock usage, the magazine does buy some photos and artwork separately from manuscripts. These include wildlife photos, as well as general hunting scenes such as bowhunters in treestands, stalking, glassing and so forth. Pay is about \$100 for fractional-page photos and \$150-\$200 for full-page and spread usage. The magazine pays \$750 for cover photos. Photos must be submitted through art director at the address listed below. For more detailed information, see "Guidelines for Digital Photo Submission."

Bowhunter buys first North American serial rights to publication, and pays upon acceptance. Most manuscripts are published about one year after acceptance.

Send all submissions to: Bowhunter, 6385 Flank Drive, Suite 800, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Brief queries via e-mail are accepted at bowhunter_magazine@intermediaoutdoors.com.

Changes & Corrections

Ken Hunter has a new e-mail address: kehunter47@yahoo.com



In Memoriam

Thad Bukowski

By Harry Guyer

The Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association lost one of its most senior members on Oct. 3, 2009, with the passing of Thaddeus A. "Thad" Bukowski.

Thad had been a member of POWA since 1960. Only Mark Passaro exceeds him in seniority.

Thad was born April 11, 1920, in New Castle, the son of Stanley and Sophie Gajda Bukowski. On Aug. 7, 1943, he married the former Eleanor E. Danoff, who survives.

A veteran of World War II, he held the rank of staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in the European Theater, including France, Germany and Austria. He spent four years in the service of his country.

In addition to his writing, Thad worked for 31 years at Shenango High School as a biology teacher and director of curriculum. He held a master's degree in education from Slippery Rock University. He retired from education in 1980.

A highly respected outdoorsman and writer, Thad's column ran in the New



Castle News for more than 50 years – more than 2600 articles. He also covered high school sports, as well as freelancing for numerous state and national publications.

He loved the outdoors, hunting, traveling, camping, and especially fishing which he pursued throughout Pennsylvania, many other states and Canada.

Thad joined POWA in 1960 and was awarded life membership in 1993. He also belonged to the Writers Association of America, Great Lakes Outdoor Writers Association and National Education Association.

He won numerous writing awards, including the Roger Latham Memorial Environmental Writing Award, two Keystone Press awards, two Sea Grant awards and several POWA awards. He was named to the Lawrence County Sports Hall of Fame in the outdoors division in 1989.

In addition to his wife, Eleanor, he is survived by son Jeffery A. Bukowski, and daughter, Elizabeth A. Bukowski, along with two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Thaddeus Bukowski.

PGC Commissioner and POWA mem-

ber Ralph Martone writes, "As a young man growing up in Lawrence County, my knowledge of the world outside our little western Pennsylvania county came from Thad's column.

He wrote about trips, adventures and places of which many a young boy and girl could only dream. For those interested in the outdoors, the adventures and places described in Thad's writings became part of our hopes and dreams for the future. It is hard to imagine how many hunting and fishing trips, vacations and outdoors adventures [his] columns inspired.

"As an outdoor writer for over a half a century, each week Thad shared his knowledge and love of the outdoors with his readers. During that time he taught us new skills, carried us to exotic and faraway places and shared with us the beauty of a natural world in our own back yards. For more than fifty years, Thad shared his insights in the outdoors and for that we will be eternally grateful. Thank you, Thad."

I can only echo those sentiments. I met Thad as a novice writer at my first POWA conference, and he was one of those people who went out of his way to make a newcomer feel welcome. I last talked to him at our Butler conference, and although he had slowed down physically, he was as eager as ever to talk about the outdoors.

He will be missed.

SPONSOR 3 NEW POWA MEMBERS IN 1 YEAR ... AND YOUR NEXT YEAR'S DUES ARE FREE!

What a deal! Help your professional outdoor media organization to grow; help someone else to benefit from membership in POWA; and help yourself to a free year of membership ... on us.

This special "1 GET 3; YOURS IS FREE" membership offer applies to all POWA membership types – active, apprentice and supporting. You may sponsor three in one membership category or mix categories.

Who can sponsor a new member? POWA active members and supporting members (the latter with an active member co-signer).

Where to get applications? POWA individual and supporting member applications can be printed from the POWA Web site, www.paoutdoorwriters.com. Information on the value and benefits of membership is on the Web site, too.

For more information, contact Executive Director Bob Lollo.

Member News

Frye authors two books on top hikes near Pittsburgh

Bob Frye, outdoors editor of the Tribune-Review and a POWA member since 1997, is the author of two new hiking books.

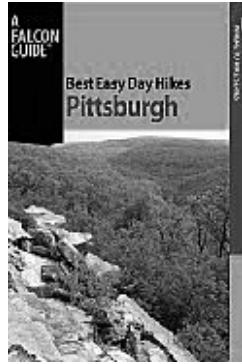


“Best Hikes Near Pittsburgh,” a 209-page guidebook profiling 70 hikes in western Pennsylvania, was published in May. A 102-page companion book, “Best Easy Day Hikes:

Pittsburgh,” came out Sept. 1. Both books are published by Falcon Guides.

The hikes described in the “Best Hikes” book average close to seven miles each. They include everything from a hike through Riverview Park, a city park that’s full of deer, squirrels, hawks and other wildlife just minutes from downtown Pittsburgh, to a hike through Quebec Run Wild Area, a wilderness area south of Uniontown.

Thirty-five of the hikes are described



in detail, with turn-by-turn directions, maps and color photos taken by the author. Another 35 get “honorable mention” status.

The “Best Easy Day Hikes” book, meanwhile, features

18 hikes averaging about three miles

each. Half of them are different from those in the “Best Hikes” book. It also features maps, directions and more. Both books contain hikes not previously described anywhere else.

The books are available at outlets like Barnes and Noble, Borders Books, Amazon and elsewhere.

Frye previously authored “Deer Wars: Science, Tradition and the Battle Over Managing Whitetails in Pennsylvania,” which examines the controversy over the state’s deer management.

Treasurer’s Report

By John Allen, POWA Treasurer / Expenditures as of August 31, 2009

<u>Income Accounts</u>	<u>Budget 08-09</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Active Members	12,375	9,125	74
Supporting Members	12,000	11,190	93
Auction Income	0	9,259	0*
Merchandise Sales	35	174	497
Awards	2,100	1,800	86
Raffle	250	250	100
Miscellaneous Income	0	376	0*
Conferences Net Income	5,169	3,886.53	75
Interest Income	0	1,466.08	0*
Temp Restrict Interest Income	0	219.57	0*
TOTAL INCOME	\$31,929	\$37,746.43	118%

<u>Expense Accounts</u>	<u>Budget 08-09</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Member Awards	3,150	3,500	100
Youth Education Awards	0	9,500	0*
Executive Dir. Stipend	9,404	9,403.92	100
Plaque Expenses	500	466.91	93
Pow Wow (Print/Edit)	7,500	5,739	77
Website	1,250	688.90	54
Member Directory	2,200	1,554.96	71
Postage, General	1,000	823.96	82
Executive Dir. Office	2,200	1,389.20	63
Insurance	525	502	96
Professional Fees	2,400	500	21
Credit Card Fees	600	690.24	115
Interim Board Meeting	500	427	85
Miscellaneous	200	0	0
Bonding	500	0	0
Travel	0	555.20**	0
Auction Expense	0	1,771	0*
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$31,929	\$37,142.29	116%

Net Income 0 \$604.14

* Non-budgeted items

** Reimbursed expenses to Bob Lollo for Outdoor Writers Summit.

Cash Accounts as of June 30, 2009: General Fund, \$8,697.20; Youth Education Fund, \$778.88; WT Johns Scholarship Fund, \$3,235.68; Scholarship Fund, \$51,346.57; Emergency Fund, \$9,117.91. Total: \$73,176.24.

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Events Calendar

January 24, 2010: Deadline for POWA’s Excellence in Craft Awards; Deadline for the Bass Pro Shops Pass it on Award.

February 25-28, 2010: ASA Greater Philadelphia Outdoor Sportshow.

May 19-23, 2010: POWA Spring Conference and Awards Banquet. Activities will be held in and around Wellsboro, PA in Tioga County.

Fall 2010: Fall Powwow in Ocean City, Md. This gathering is likely to take place in early October.

Chairman's recognition...



Brad Isles Photo

Immediate Past President Harry Guyer, left, gives a certificate of recognition to Ron Tussel at the fall Powwow in the Poconos. Tussel recently served as chairman of the POWA Board of Directors.

DCNR plans to lease additional state forest lands for natural gas exploration

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources acting Secretary John Quigley unveiled a responsible plan for leasing state forest lands that, he said, balances the state's environmental and fiscal obligations on behalf of the public.

The department will open six tracts of land, totaling approximately 31,967 acres, for a lease sale of subsurface oil and gas rights. The tracts are located in the Elk, Moshannon, Sproul, Susquehannock and Tioga state forests in Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton, Potter and Tioga counties.

In announcing the plan, Quigley said the department was especially diligent in evaluating which tracts to make available and that the nearly 32,000 acres constituting the upcoming lease sale represent just a small fraction of the state's 2.1 million acres of state-owned forest land.

For more information visit the DCNR's website: www.dcnr.state.pa.us.



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