



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: February 13, 2012

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey Eugene Herman • Otis Scott Gerry Read • Barry Kelley Lawrence Baltzer • Ron Thompson Ron Johnstone • Burt Schrader Linda Joudrey • Tim Townsend Dalton Fancy • Gary Mader <p>Regrets: Doug Joudrey, Ron Seney, Greg Himmelman</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Gary Mader \$12.50</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u> Gary M. – Hat Ron T. – Hat Burt S. – Pen-Lite</p>	<p><u>Executive Phone List:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey (President) 543-9891 • Eugene Herman (Sec/Treas) 543-2893 <p><u>Email :</u> sellherman60@hotmail.ca</p> <p><u>Web-Site:</u> sswa.chebucto.org NSFA&H link:</p>
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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. Eugene read the December minutes (there was no meeting in January), and then moved for adoption as written. Seconded by Barry.

Long Gun Registry:

After some discussion about the third reading we hope to hear some development by mid Feb. Introduction to the house was in October 2011, second reading was held in Nov. 2011 (and third reading Feb.15, 2012 passed by a vote of 159-130. Two NDP representatives voted in favor of the elimination of the long gun registry). According to MP Gerald Keddy, it may take a couple of months before the House of Senate tables bill C-19. After it passes the Senate, it will take time to arrange for the information to be deleted from the system.

Keep in mind that all other current regulations will still be in effect, including: all firearms will still need to be locked, secured or disabled and stored separately from the ammunition; Firearms owners will still need to be licensed to possess or purchase a firearm or ammunition. Also a hunter safety course will still be required to obtain a Provincial Wildlife Resources Card in order to obtain a hunting license.

Old Business:

- ☆ **Club Hats:** Stephen will order a dozen new orange hats and a dozen regular which he and Eugene will determine the colors of beforehand.
- ☆ **Fishing Supplies:** Stephen sent an email to LeBaron, asking for a possible deal on closed faced reels. They have not responded – as expected. He also approached Wal-Mart but was not successful in obtaining any assistance from the local store. Ron will continue to work with Canadian Tire.

- ☆ Last meeting Doug J. moved that we construct a resolution to shorten deer season and move it ahead earlier - seconded by John D. After lengthy discussion and time spent on this idea, it was felt that we could not get support from other clubs to help pass it because it would interfere with several groups, especially those folks who only have Saturdays to hunt. Therefore the resolution was pulled at the last minute for further evaluation.
- ☆ We spent a considerable amount of time re-discussing last year's topic of whether to host a local banquet/dinner similar to what the Federation holds in Halifax annually. Barry moved, seconded by Gerry that we do not do it based on several factors: Not enough businesses to support it, only a few people would take the time to help organize and collect items to auction and sell tickets, we didn't feel we could sell enough tickets at \$40 each to make it a success, etc. Vote was 10 for with two abstentions.

Correspondence/Info:

Stephen & Eugene reviewed several items/articles and letters to the editor on various topics such as: a seizure of more than 6 tons of Asian Carp by Canada Border Services this month en route to the USA where they are unwelcome. The CAW is calling on the Ontario Premier to demand protection of the long gun registry data and to even consider establishing their own Ontario registry. A special meeting of the NSFAH in Feb. to discuss the proposed changes to the Polletts Cove moose hunt. Also the Halifax Sport and RV show in March.

Treasury Report:

At year end SSWA had a balance of \$4533.15. Some large checks have to be issued out of this. An up-to-date report will be available for the March meeting.

Eugene reviewed the 2011 actual costs against the budget, followed by a projected budget for 2012. All financial books were handed over to Gary Mader for Gary & Annette to do the audit for 2011.

Waterfowl Committee Report: Tim reviewed some changes to the upcoming season;

1. Goose season was moved to two weeks earlier for southwestern areas but it is of no value as there are no geese flying that early. However the duck season was also extended by a week, which makes it better for our waterfowl hunters.
2. Our waterfowl committee was pleased that three of their suggestions were put in place either completely or in part. Example: Possession was a problem but now it has tripled meaning you are permitted storage of 3 times a daily bag limit.

New Business:

- There will be two "Youth Hunter and Trapping Camps" in March sponsored again by the DNR. We have offered once again to sponsor two youths to attend the one being held in McGowan Lake, Queens Co. Last year we sent two to the only camp in the Halifax area and it was extremely popular with the attendees.
- Stephen has been in communication with a coordinator for the Young Naturalists Club. They feel they have enough items planned that they do not need SSWA services for the first half of 2012, however when they resume in Sept. there are openings. The ages of these kids are 5-12 with the majority around 6-7. Ron T. moved that we support this club whenever we can, seconded by Burt S. Stephen to follow up.

- A spring fund raising ticket raffle will be arranged. Eugene to obtain a lottery license and print tickets for a money lottery similar to previous raffles. Four prizes will consist of: 1st prize \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50 & 4th - \$25. Tickets should be available for distribution at the March meeting. Draw to take place at June's meeting.
- The gift card for \$150 to the food bank was retabled for discussion. We decided to divide the amount into three cards of \$50 each and donate them to three branches of the food bank including New Germany, Mahone Bay and Lunenburg. This decision was based on the fact that SSWA has lots of members from these areas as well.
- Tim moved we donate \$100 to the pool tournament fundraiser to help with the Christmas party for residents of the Bonnie-Lea Farm. 2nd by Barry K. Passed.
- Sports/RV Show to be held March 9, 10 & 11th at Exhibition Park.
- NSFA&H Annual Convention to be held at Days Inn, Bridgewater on the weekend of March 23, 24 & 25th. Gary and Annette Mader will be SSWA delegates once again.

Dates to Remember:

Sports & RV Show	March 9, 10 & 11
NSFA&H Annual Convention	March 23,24 & 25
Earth Day (actual Earth Day is Sunday April 22)	April 18 th or 25 th
SSWA Raffle Ticket draw	June 11, 2012
Roadside Deer Survey (Tentatively)	April 25 & May 2
BBrothers / BSisters Fishing Event	May 5 th (rain date 12 th)
Community Services Fishing Event (Tentatively)	May 16 th

NEXT MEETING Please note the change - **Monday March 19th** at 7:00pm in Sobey's Store meeting room – back left corner by the washrooms and up the steps, or use the elevator (key required from front desk). Meetings are open to all members and friends. **Scheduled Dates:** We have now been able to book the room for the rest of the year thankfully. Meetings are scheduled for Mondays: April 16th, May 14th, June 11th, July 16th, Aug. 13th, Sept. 10th, Oct. 15th and Dec. 10th.

Did You Know?

- ☆ An American, George Foster age 54, was arrested at the USA/CAN border in Coutts Al. carrying 75 firearms in the bed of his pickup after declaring he had no firearms. Amongst them were 48 handguns of which 4 were loaded, a pistol styled crossbow, a blowgun and 12 high capacity magazines. He claimed he was on his way to Alaska..... Court date was set for Feb.23, 2012 in Lethbridge, Al.
- ☆ N.S. had 19 homicides in 2011, up from 11 in 2010. So far there have been 2 in 2012!
- ☆ Attempted murder went from 19 in 2010 to 32 in 2011! If these trends continue in 2012, those in favor of the gun registry will try to blame the increase on the abolishment of the long gun registry. We need to continue to educate those supporters that the registry does not help their cause!
- ☆ The state of Georgia has recently passed a law allowing the use of silencers for hunting! (mainly aimed at helping landowners deal with an over population of feral hogs. Illegal hunting with a silencer is subject to a 3 year ban)

Have you seen bats out recently flying in the daytime?

If you have, NS Department of Natural Resources would like to know about your sightings. Recently White-Nose Syndrome (caused by the fungus *Geomyces destructans*) was found in Nova Scotia bat populations. This causes them to come out of their hibernation state and burn excessive energy to keep warm. As a result they are often seen flying during the day and as a result they often perish of starvation. You can help! Reporting sightings of day flying bats will help NSDNR and academic researchers track the impact of White-Nose Syndrome in our province. Find your local office at this link: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp>

West Pictou Wildlife Association

12th Annual Gun Show April 14th & 15th, 2012 Admission is \$5.00

Come out and celebrate the 12th West Pictou Gun Show Lots of great guns. Lots of great deals. Lots of great people. New Location Northumberland Regional High School 104 Alma Road Alma, Pictou County, NS

Contact Ken at 902-396-3403 or Don at 902-485-8107 for more information.

New Online Hunter Education Course Available

New hunters in Nova Scotia can now go online to take a required hunter education course. The interactive course provides improved training, greater convenience, and is easier to follow. The new process is made simpler by the web-based, interactive course and tests that are completed and submitted online. A new hunter taking the online course must appear in person at a government office only when writing the final exam. Hunters can now also pay for and obtain their Nova Scotia wildlife resources card online or through phone options. The card certifies that the hunter successfully completed the hunter education course and allows the hunter to apply for a hunting license. The hunter must also have a federally regulated license to acquire and use a firearm. The fee for the wildlife resources card is \$7.14. The new online hunter education course is available for those who are at least 14 years of age, and up. Future hunters will have the option of the new online course or the classroom course that is currently being offered around the province. 12 & 13 year old participants will be required to participate in the classroom course only.

Check out the main NS DNR website for more information.

Smile of the Day - Why do some houses burn up, and others burn down?

- They say love is blind, but marriage will soon open your eyes!

Thought of the Day: - Friendship is like a book, it can take years to create but can be destroyed in moments.

- Don't let someone become a priority in your life when you are just an option in theirs!

I Believe: - That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

- That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.