



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: March 19, 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 • Burt Schrader Doug Joudrey • Gary Mader Annette Mader • Bruce Delong Greg Himmelman • Dr. Reg Archibald 	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Gerry Read \$14.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Gary M. – Coasters Gerry R. – Hat Reg A. – Hat</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</p>
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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:15 pm (after club paperwork was processed). Eugene read the February minutes and moved for adoption as written - seconded by Burt.

Long Gun Registry: No news on when the Senate vote will take place. With budget time coming soon all eyes will be focused on what will happen on that front. Keep your fingers crossed.

Old Business:

- Stephen sent an email to the coordinator for the Young Naturalists Club offering our assistance in Sept. We expect to do a short presentation on safety in the outdoors highlighting the various poisonous plants to avoid, and awareness of the escalating tick problem, Nile Virus, coyotes, and other items of concern. Every discussion requires a follow-up outing for the next weeks meeting so we hope to be able to do a short hike somewhere to pinpoint a few of these hazards.
- A spring fund raising ticket raffle has been arranged. Eugene obtained a lottery license and prepared the tickets. These were handed out at the meeting. There will be four prizes consisting of: \$100, \$75, \$50 & \$25. Draw to take place at June's meeting on the 11'th. Tickets are a loonie each or 3 for a toonie.
- Food Bank: Stephen has obtained three gift cards for \$50 each and prepared a letter to send to each of the food banks we had discussed previously.
- We are still trying to communicate with the Youth Camp Leaders to arrange for SSWA to reimburse two young people who attended the Youth Hunting/Trapping Camp in early March. Both camps filled up quickly this time and we were too late to register our own applicants but we still want to cover the costs of two attendees.

Correspondence/Info:

- A New Brunswick hunting organization, the Saint John Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, has applied to the DNR for permission to release wild turkeys in that province. They have hired a consulting company to complete a study which will be used in support of their plea. If they are successful it should put us a step closer to seeing a similar measure taken here in NS.
- SSWA has been invited by the Lunenburg/Queens Recreation Directors Association to participate in another "Outdoor Activity Sampler" at the MARC similar to what Stephen and Kevin attended last spring.
- Stephen has been in contact with a veterinarian from the Truro area who has taken on the task of volunteering to educate people on the dangers of using lead ammunition. Each year she sees an increase around hunting season in lead poisoning of eagles and hawks. Animal carcasses, etc, are inadvertently killing many large birds in North America. Many studies in the US support her findings as well. She is willing to come to a meeting and do a presentation on how these birds are ingesting lead fragments found in gut piles. As many as several hundred lead fragments have been found in just one carcass. Humans are also consuming this lead that may be slowly poisoning us! There is new ammunition on the market made with copper instead of lead. Woods Wise Outfitters in Oakhill has already started carrying a variety of these bullets. There will be more discussion on this topic in future editions of our minutes, and we will be entertaining this speaker at an upcoming meeting. Watch the minutes for a date. Call Stephen if you would like more info.
- Fish and Wildlife Officers in Alberta killed 145 black bears in the Fort McMurray oilsands in 2011 after becoming habituated to food and garbage around campsites and residences.
- A 37kg coyote was shot in Half Way Newfoundland. (~82 lbs.) DNR is conducting DNA testing to see if it was crossbred with a wolf.

Treasury Report: Annette and Gary reported the financial books were in good order. Eugene thanked them for their auditing efforts again this year. He then reported SSWA has a balance of \$3444.64 after sending a check for \$680.00 to NSFA&H for our 2012 membership dues (\$4 for every SSWA member)

Waterfowl Committee Report: No members in attendance

New Business:

- Stephen spent all day Friday and part of Saturday working a booth at the Sports/RV Show at Exhibition Park with 2 reps from CFI (Canadian Firearms Institute) out of Ontario. This is an active National organization attempting to organize individuals and clubs sympathetic to our rights of firearm ownership and use. They played an active role in defeating the long gun registry. Individual membership is \$40 annually which includes many perks such as \$5 million liability insurance, access to CFI legal defense network, a monthly news letter, and many more items. All wildlife associations should be helping support this large group so we have a louder voice when it comes to being heard in government. Burt moved that SSWA donate \$100 to support CFI, seconded by Gary. Passed.
- There will be a public sport and clay shoot on April 14th at Lunenburg Rod & Gun Club. Entry fee is \$25.00. If interested call Barry at 543-5783.

- Lun. Co. Wildlife Assoc. requested SSWA assist with snacks for the Friday and Saturday night social at the NSFA&H convention. Barry moved, seconded by Bruce, that SSWA spend up to \$100 for Lunenburg Co. pudding and other snack foods. Passed
- After discussing the Earth Day cleanup, it was decided Stephen would write a letter from SSWA to local politicians complaining about the amount of garbage being thrown out car windows and falling from garbage trucks. Cleanup for SSWA – if we do one - will be Wed. April 18th (within a day) pending rain.
- Roadside deer survey is also right around the corner. We're hoping that everyone who participated the last few years will do their same routes again this year. Contact will be made with all drivers once we get closer to the actual date. Hopefully we'll know by the April meeting.

Dates to Remember:

Earth Day (actual Earth Day is Sunday April 22)	April 18 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 April 16th 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 and are scheduled for Mondays: May 14th, June 11th, July 16th, Aug. 13th, Sept. 10th, Oct. 15th and Dec. 10th.

Did You Know?

1. You can apply for a moose license by calling 1-900-565-3337 or online at www.hmcgroup.ca/moosedraw. Fee will be \$7.40 plus HST = \$8.51
2. The long gun registry is on its way out but you still need a PAL to buy a firearm, and a PAL or POL to buy ammunition. Just make sure you renew either license before it expires or you will be required to take the two day course to replace it with a mandatory PAL (possession and acquisition license).
3. Are you aware that if you had a registered ATV previous to 2007 you were grandfathered in from taking the OHV Safe Driving Course? Well now you may have to prove it, if you are stopped by DNR. For proof they are looking for an old registration from 2007 or earlier, OR a Certificate of Registration. If you don't have either of these papers you can go to Access N.S. and request a search for proof. They will then supply you with a letter of proof (fee of \$12.00). The first offence for not having this proof is \$399.91. (Well worth the \$12 if you can't find the right papers.) Contact Eugene if you have any questions.
4. Do you have an ant problem every summer? Try putting a package or two of Aspartame or NutraSweet near where the ants are active. (Aspartame was originally designed as an ant poison.) Maybe other sweeteners will work too?

Smile of the Day - The length of a minute is directly related to which side of the bathroom door you are on!

Thought of the Day – One should never complain about getting older – it beats the alternative.

I Believe: - *That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.*

2011 Deer Harvest Results by Zone

Zone	ADHS	Antlerless	Bucks	Total
101	1500	223	767	990
102	n/a	1176	593	1769
103	4000	508	733	1241
104	1000	156	277	433
105	n/a	175	261	436
106	1000	125	331	456
107	n/a	668	1068	1736
108	1000	159	357	516
109	1500	240	569	809
110	1500	133	245	578
111	0	n/a	253	253
112	0	n/a	20	20
Total	11500	3563	5474	9071

1 kill of unknown sex in total.

N.S. Black Bear Harvests from 2001-2011

Year	Resident License	Non-Resident License	Total Harvest	% Success	Snare Permits	Snare Harvest
2001	544	101	226	35	155	54
2002	584	84	284	42.6	197	96
2003	1322	87	393	27.9	156	39
2004	1510	82	741	46.6	195	101
2005	2015	86	573	27.3	182	81
2006	2693	59	932	33.8	199	128
2007	3046	75	615	19.7	180	61
2008	2921	51	623	20.9	154	66
2009	4150	84	998	23.6	185	68
2010	5161	108	800	15.5	312	76
2011	6123	113	1065	17.4	278	123

These are calculated numbers because only about half of the hunter reports were returned!