



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: June 11, 2012

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey • Otis Scott • Gary Mader • Ron Thompson • Albert Rafuse • Gerry Read • Barry Kelley • Belinda Eisenhauer • Ron Gardner • Doug Joudrey <p><i>Regrets: Bruce DeLong</i></p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Gerry R. - \$16.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Ron T. – Book Gary M. – T-shirt Otis S. – Flashlight</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 7:03 pm. Because we had a guest speaker arriving, Barry moved that to save time we accept the May minutes as written. Seconded by Annette. Passed.

Long Gun Registry: Ron Seney reported that at the provincial NDP Conference held last week at the old Oak Island Inn (Atlantica) a motion was tabled to protect all Nova Scotian long gun registry records from being destroyed. Motion passed by a narrow margin. (There will be more information from SSWA coming on this behind the scenes act as soon as we investigate it further!) Thanks to Ron for being on the ball with this important information!

Old Business: \$50.00 checks have been sent to reimburse two young ladies who attended the Youth Trapping and Hunting Camp at McGowan Lake Depot in March. They are: Valerie Cameron of Lockport and Jermy MacKenzy of South Brookfield.

- The other two young ladies who attended the Guides Camp last summer in Hibernia have already sent in their applications to attend again this year. SSWA has agreed to sponsor them again at a cost of \$127 each for the five day event.
- Earth Day cleanup: We have recently received a second response to Stephen's letter. This one was from MLA Pam Birdsall. Eugene read the letter. It was very well written and detailed explaining various ways the school curriculum touches on the environmental issues. She also touched on other activities within government levels that deal with this issue in a more behind-the-scenes approach. In addition, she was gracious enough to request statistics from the RCMP on littering fines and will share that info with us when available, and also relayed our letter to the Dept. of Environment with a

request that they respond to us as well. It should be noted at this point that of the four recipients who received our original letter, only two have responded to date, the first being Mayor Publicover of Bridgewater, and now secondly our MLA Pam Birdsall. Nothing has been issued from MODL's Don Downe, or MLA Gary Ramey.

- The Community Services Support Group fishing event held on May 16'th went very well. Everyone had a great time as always. Several nice trout were landed in addition to the dozens of smaller fish. CSSG did a hot dog barbecue for everyone, SSWA handed out some humorous prizes, and many pictures including group shots were taken.
- Our second, and it appears to now be annual, Bridgewater School Grade 3 MARC outing was held the following day on May 17'th. Three grade 3 classes consisting of about 78 students in total were introduced to fishing by SSWA as part of their outing activities. We entertained 3 groups of approx. 26 enthusiastic students for an hour each at the pond, supplying all the gear and bait in addition to our expertise and instruction. The teachers presented each SSWA member in attendance with a school mug and small box of chocolates, and presented the club with a very thoughtful thank you card which contained a \$60 gift certificate for Gow's Home Hardware Store. This was a really nice surprise and truly appreciated by us, as it expressed how grateful the teachers are to have us do this event for their students. It is their favorite part of the outing. One of the teachers told Stephen that the Grade 4 classes (last year's participants) were disappointed that they weren't taken part again this year!!!
- Our guest speaker, Veterinarian Helene Van Doninck, gave an excellent presentation on the growing concerns over lead fragments found in game after being shot by lead bullets. All indications are this is a health hazard to humans consuming these animals, and is supported by the study of the deaths of large birds of prey like bald eagles after consuming lead killed carrion. There is a lot of work going on in the US regarding lead fragmentation and the ill effects associated with consumption of these particles. All hunters should be aware of this issue. Lead bullets are gradually being replaced by copper. Woods Wise in Oakhill has some on hand currently. Helene is rapidly becoming an expert on this topic and has a lot of information and statistics to support these health claims. SSWA has some spare DVD's to loan out to anyone interested in learning more. You can also go to her website at "www.cwrc.net" or she can be contacted at her email address of hvandoninck@cwrc.net for specific inquiries. There is another web site where anyone can get more information on the studies in the USA on lead verses non-lead. www.huntingwithnonlead.org

Correspondence/Info: Stephen reviewed the Bulletin's article on Ron Seney's recent provincial recognition for his 30 years of service as a volunteer hunter education instructor. A well deserved round of applause was received. Congratulation Ron from all of us.

*An acknowledgement has been received back from Mahone Bay Area Food Bank thanking us for our recent \$50 contribution. No word from New Germany or Lunenburg food banks.

*Stephen asked Ron Seney to give a brief outline of 2 points of interest from the NDP Conference that will be discussed in more detail at our next meeting. The first was on the motion to retain the long gun registry records for Nova Scotia, and the second was on a defeated motion to support only closed containment for salmon farming in provincial coastal waters.

*Also briefly discussed was the May 16 Bulletin article on the still existing littering problem.

Treasury Report: We have a balance of \$1775.19 after writing \$250 worth of checks for the lottery draw, \$460 for hats, postage, pictures, and envelopes, and \$50 travel expenses for our guest speaker Helene to come from Truro. (The five floats set aside for the flea market are not included in that total.)

New Business:

- ☆ SSWA has reason to believe that the two girls who attended the Hunter/Trapper Camp at McGown Lake may also be interested in attending the guides camp Level 1 held in Hibernia this summer. Ron T. moved SSWA sponsor these two girls if they wish to go. Seconded by Gary M. Passed. Stephen will touch base with them.
- ☆ Stephen made up a variety of photo displays of pics taken at the fishing events and presented one to each SSWA member who took part in the event. A very nice gesture Stephen, thank you from each of the recipients, and a big thank you to all the recipients who helped out in any way! Pictures were also made for the three groups for whom we held the events for.
- ☆ As a result of that NDP motion concerning the long gun registry, Billy Hirtle coyly suggested that since the registry is finally gone we try to do something with the white elephant again at the Big Ex parade. If anyone has ideas or suggestions please call Stephen or Eugene at the numbers above.
- ☆ Money Lottery was drawn for at the end of the meeting. Winners were:
First Prize of \$100.00 went to Joanne Veinot
Second Prize of \$ 75.00 went to Kevin Mailman
Third Prize of \$ 50.00 went to Greg Himmelman
Fourth Prize of \$ 25.00 went to Doug Joudrey
Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all who sold tickets. SSWA cleared \$282.00 after prizes were paid out. This was \$8.00 more than the last time we had a money lottery. One of our biggest ticket sellers, Leroy Wile, was sorely missed this year. Rest in Peace Leroy.

Note: Just as a follow-up on our annual roadside deer survey, no one from DNR or Lunenburg County Wildlife has been in touch to date. As suspected it may have fallen between the cracks since the retirement of Tony Nette and the resignation of Sarah Spencer.

Dates to Remember:

- * Giant Flea Market at Michelin Social Club (workers needed) **July 21st**
- * Reps from Department of Fisheries and Oceans are scheduled to attend our August meeting. Please try to be there with whatever questions you might have for these folks, or to listen to an interesting presentation put on by Matt Fraser, DFO. **August 13th**

NEXT MEETING *July 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: Aug. 13th, Sept. 10th, Oct. 15th and Dec. 10th. We hope to have NDP MLA Pam Birdsall at our Sept. meeting. **MARK THE DATES!**

Did You Know?

* As of June 10th 2012, the following waters on the LaHave River system are closed to angling of all species of fish by any method:

Cooks Falls reference # 376806 to 4917557

Veinotte's Pool reference # 376184 to 4918849

Oak Run reference # 375273 to 4921271

Bruhm's Bridge Pool reference # 373436 to 4922768

Dauphinee's Run reference # 371936 to 4923192

Wentzell's Eddy reference # 364344 to 4932690

Foot of Wentzell's Lake reference # 370680 to 4924974

Cemetery Pool reference # 362586 to 4934080

Fancy's Pool reference # 370149 to 4930012

This applies up to and including October 31, 2012. For further information please call your local Fisheries Dept. and refer to Maritimes Regional Fishing Closure Time Variation Order 2012-066.

- * The length of Nova Scotia from Yarmouth to Cape Breton is 573 kms.
- * It is 175 kms from the NS/NB border to Little Harbor, Halifax County.
- * Nova Scotia's salt water coastline (excluding islands) is 10,455 kms long.
- * The highest point of land in Nova Scotia, Bakeapple Barron, is 528 meters and is found in Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

Smile of the Day: - You know you've reached middle age when your broad minded narrow waisted stature change places.

- As your brakes gradually wear out, shouldn't your horn gradually get louder?

Thought of the Day: - A birth certificate shows that we were born. A death certificate shows that we died. Pictures show that we lived – take many through life so memories last long after that final certificate.

- Always avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

I Believe: - That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes, you have to learn to forgive yourself.

- That one of the hardest things to learn in life is which bridges to cross, and which ones to burn.