



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: July 16, 2012

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey Eugene Herman • Otis Scott Linda Joudrey • Gary Mader Billy Hirtle • Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley • Ron Seney Lawrence Baltzer • Doug Joudrey Burt Schrader <p>Regrets: Dr. Reg Archibald</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Ron S. - \$12.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Doug J. – Grab Bag Gary M. – Grab Bag Barry K. – Multi-tool</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. Eugene read the minutes from the June meeting and moved to approve as read. Seconded by Greg.

Long Gun Registry: At our last meeting Ron Seney gave a brief report on the provincial NDP Conference held the week before at the old Oak Island Inn (Atlantica) where a motion was passed to protect all Nova Scotian long gun registry records from being destroyed. This was discussed in greater length. It is not surprising that the local NDP party supports all efforts to retain any part of the long gun registry. They do, after all, have to follow the Federal Party's lead in any such debate. Fortunately for us, this motion carries little weight and the Conservatives in power can maintain their commitment to scrap these records.

Nonetheless, it becomes important to note the direction any other Federal party elected to govern will take, given the opportunity. We won a major battle with C-68, but the war will continue to smolder amongst the opposition parties. That is why it is so important to continue our assault against more gun control which, for the opposition parties, equates to registries and outright bans. We have to continue to preach common sense and convince the blind to see the light. Attacking innocent gun owners is not the way.

On another note, and to enforce the previous comment, recent gun play in Toronto has enraged a local councilor who has called for an outright ban on guns and ammunition within city limits. This seems to be the train of thought for these blinded folks, and the most dangerous of them all is the blind politician in power. Passing a law to ban all guns and ammunition within city limits will somehow miraculously make them disappear! In essence, what he is saying is - confiscate all legally registered firearms. Thus, the horrendous threat of any gun registry! The innocent would suffer, and the criminal element would have free reign, even flourish! Odds are these politicians can't even spell common sense!!!

Here endeth the lesson. St. Stephen, Chapter C68, verses 6 – 8!

Old Business:

- The two girls, Chloe and Jenna, whom we sponsored last year to the Junior Guides Camp in Hibernia, have agreed to take part once again this year. They left as of yesterday, the 15th of July, and will report to us after their trip, either by coming to a meeting or by handing a written report to Eugene.
- A report was given by Eugene and Ron S. on their opinions of how the Michelin Health & Safety Fair went. Both felt the attendance numbers were lower this year and several vendor spaces were not filled. Questions arose as to whether or not the fair has run its course after so many years. Maybe it needs a facelift to attract new visitors. SSWA will determine next spring if we want to continue to attend this annual event in 2013 or not.

Correspondence/Info:

- ☆ Stephen reviewed several items of interest. One was about a total of \$27,000 in fines being handed down to three individuals in High Prairie, Alberta for hunting infractions on Eagles etc. Also the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer is continuing a slow but steady spread westward from Saskatchewan.
- ☆ There will be a Social Evening for the public at the Lahave River Yacht Club on Friday August 17th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The evening includes a pick-a-prize auction, socializing, food and trivia.
- ☆ Eugene mentioned that after 14 months of investigation, four people from the Cheticamp area were found guilty on 32 charges of poaching, and fined a total of \$17,000. They also had to forfeit hunting equipment and face a 5 year ban from hunting. (Is that really long enough or should it be for life? Really!)
- ☆ SSWA has received a response letter from the Mayor of the Municipality of Lunenburg, Don Down, to Stephen's letter on roadside litter. Eugene forgot to bring that letter to the meeting so it will be reviewed at the Aug. meeting. We now have a reply from three out of four people. (MLA Gary Ramey seems to have disappeared.)
- ☆ The annual Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunter's fall Dinner and Auction Fundraiser will be held again this year at St. Mary's Boat Club on Wednesday, Sept. 12th. Doors open at 6:00 and dinner is served at 7:30. Tickets are \$40, \$300 for a table of 8. SSWA will cover ticket costs for a few members who would like to attend. Please contact Stephen or Eugene ASAP if you are interested.
- ☆ The Trappers Association of Nova Scotia is once again hosting their Annual Summer Rendezvous, August 17, 18, 19, at Twin Lakes Campground, Hibernia Road, Caledonia. Set-up and a meet & greet will take place on Friday, with a kids fishing derby slated for Saturday. A ring toss competition and a beaver & muskrat throw will take place on Saturday as well. These contests are open to everyone. After lunch on Saturday, a coyote trapping demonstration will be put on by trapper Lloyd along with an Archery Shoot hosted by the Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia. Our club, SSWA, will again be hosting a BB Gun Fun Shoot on Saturday afternoon for the kids. A dance on Saturday night starts at 9:00. On Sunday there will be a plank walk and a fly casting contest. Awards, prizes and trophies will be handed out on Sunday also. As a bonus they will have free coffee and doughnuts. We encourage everyone to drop by and take in part, or all, of the festivities. A lot of work goes into this event each year, and a good time is had by all. Admission is free to day visitors. Come for 5 minutes or 5 hrs, just come out. Support for all of our associations is more important now than

ever. Your attendance is such a small effort on your part, but such a huge show of support for our organizations – do your part, please!

Treasury Report: We have a balance of \$1509.81 in addition to over \$700.00 in floats in preparation for the flea market next week. Since last meeting, a check for \$255.00 has been written to the Guides Association of Nova Scotia for the two girls to attend camp for one week.

New Business:

- A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the flea market preparations and who would be available to help with the table set-up, delivering wares for the SSWA tables, sign making and poster distribution, canteen requirements, working at the market at the various stations, floats and cleanup. All seems to be well in hand! Eugene will have a full report of our results at the August meeting.
- The second item of contention from last months NDP convention was open water salmon farming. In a nutshell, many arguments were presented on both sides and it looked as if the ruling would be to condemn open pen fish farming. However, at vote time a large number of members who were not present at the discussion session came into the room and voted along with the rest. It subsequently passed. It was unfortunate, however, the way this motion made its way into acceptance by those voting delegates – and that’s all that will be said about that issue. We members at the meeting were given a bit of insight into how politics works at times. After some discussion at our meeting, it was decided Eugene would write a letter on behalf of SSWA to the President of the NSFA&H, to get his reaction on this and what the Federation’s approach - if any - will be to these two motions supporting open pen fish farming and retaining the long gun registry records for Nova Scotia.
- We discussed the possibility of entering a float in the Big EX parade but it was decided not to based on a few reasons. One is it’s always the same two - four people who have to design and build the float and take the time to attend the parades; it is 3 days after the flea market which takes a lot of time from these same individuals, as well as others. We really don’t have a clear vision of what the float should be about - we prefer to make it light and comical yet make a point about something pertaining to hunting and or fishing..... Maybe next year.
- Discussions on topics for our upcoming guests for the August and Sept. meetings assembled lists for both the DFO and our MLA. Stephen will forward these lists to our guests so they can come prepared to answer any concerns we have. Who would the club members like to see come to a meeting as a guest speaker? If anyone has an idea please let us know.

Dates to Remember:

* 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.

* Pam Birdsall – MLA for Lunenburg

* NSFA&H Banquet is scheduled for St. Mary’s Boat Club

August 13th

Sept. 10th

Sept. 12th

NEXT MEETING August 13th at 7:00pm in Sobeys' 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: Sept. 10th, Oct. 15th and Dec. 10th. **MARK THE DATES!**

Did You Know?

1. There is a change to the bonus doe tag for zone 102. This year there is **no antlerless bonus tag in Zone 102**, however you may take either a buck or doe. Zone 103 has a draw for 3000 antlerless deer tags but you must apply at a cost of \$7.40 plus HST (\$8.51) either by phone at 1-900-565-3337 or online at <http://novascotia.ca/natr/hunt> The application lines for the 2012 Antlerless Deer Draw will open at 7:00 am on August 2nd. Applications will be accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until August 31st, 2012 at midnight.

Zone	Deer Stamps Available
101	1000
102	N/A*
103	3000
104	1000
105	N/A*
106	500
107	N/A*
108	1000
109	1000
110	1000
111	0
112	0
Total	8,500

*Antlerless deer hunting stamp not required in this zone. May harvest either sex (antlered or antlerless).

2. Did you see SSWA member Ron Seney's editorial in the Halifax paper Sunday July 15th titled "Co-operative effort". He speaks about how the Hemford Volunteer Fire Dept. helped to control a wildfire caused by lightning, yet all credit was originally given in the paper to DNR who only had two forest technicians on scene before they called in two DNR helicopters to help. The fire burnt approximately 35-40 acres. Kudos to all our seldom recognized volunteers.
3. See article titled: *Unique technology, partnership aid firm*. Maybe this is the type of fish farming we should be doing for all types of fish in the Maritimes. Thanks to Gary M. for this information.
4. For any SSWA member who has email but is not on our email list please send Eugene your email address. There are often items of interest that you may not know about because we do not have room in our monthly minutes for extra stuff but those with email do have it sent to them faithfully. E.g. NSFA&H monthly newsletter, Canadian Firearms Institute material, and often other articles from newspapers, DNR, etc. etc. etc,

5. If your postal code changes and we do not make that change, you will not be getting our minutes until we are notified. Please keep that in mind.

Smile of the Day: - Before you criticize someone you should walk a mile in his shoes. That way, when you do criticize, you're a mile away and you have a new pair of shoes.

Thought of the Day: - Anybody's looks can be instantly improved simply with a smile.

I Believe: - The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; They just make the most of everything they have.

Unique technology, partnership aid firm

Fish farming on dry land sounds like an oxymoron, but a company in Burlington, Hants County, is making it work and developing game-changing innovations, Kirk Havercroft, CEO of **Sustainable Fish Farming Canada**, says one of the benefits of their firm's giant tank system is the ability to raise the type of fish they want, including those that can't live in Nova Scotia's waters. For fish, water temperature is key; it has to be just right for them to grow. Swimming in 1,000 tonnes of temperature-controlled water, the Mediterranean fish raised by the company under its Sustainable Blue brand are a great alternative for Canadian chefs seeking freshness and high quality.

Sustainable Blue's gilthead sea bream and European sea bass could not be raised in Nova Scotia using a traditional fish farming setup. (The bass are a different fish from the striped bass commonly found in Nova Scotia.) Essentially, the company is able to decide which fish species to concentrate on, unbound by the restrictions of our climate and geography. When dealing with chefs and buyers, Havercroft explains, this is an important advantage. "You can tell us what you would like." Moreover, the tanks employ a high-tech recirculation and filtration system that keeps water clean and oxygenated. Fish waste is caught by a septic system; none is released into streams or oceans.

"Land-based aquaculture has to be nearly 100 per cent efficient at getting the pollutants out of the water," Havercroft explains. If the system is not able to filter the pollutants out and get appropriate amounts of oxygen back into the water, the levels can go dangerously haywire within a matter of hours, potentially poisoning the fish with their own waste. Because the company's ability to survive depends entirely on the success of the water recirculation system, they have invested heavily in getting it right. The system has been perfected over the past couple of decades, Havercroft says. "We have been operating here now for over three years, and we've never once discharged any waste into the ocean."

The firm's environmental credit gets a boost from the involvement of celebrity chef Michael Howell, of Wolfville's Tempest restaurant. Howell, author of the cookbook

Atlantic Seafood, is known for his advocacy work in ocean sustainability. Howell's affiliation with Sustainable Fish Farming is a stamp of approval that means something in the Maritimes.

"Michael has been a very, very important influence," Havercroft says, "He was quite instrumental in educating us on the demand that is out there for sustainable product. To have him on board with us has been a perfect fit." Aside from the sustainability aspect, Havercroft adds, Howell was intrigued from the start by the quality breakthrough possible in this type of fish farming.

Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters

Meet & Greet August 25, 2012 11:00AM-3:00PM

DNR Training Center, Shubenacadie

Wildlife Park Entrance

Light Lunch Provided

RSVP via email if you will be attending. We are expecting a larger than normal crowd so get your seats reserved early. Email to: nsach@eastlink.ca

Check out the nsach.ca website for more details.

NSFAH Affiliate Club Listing:

All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia

Archery Association of Nova Scotia

Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia

Bowhunters Instructors Association of Nova Scotia

Bras D'or Wildlife Association

Cape Breton Wildlife Association

Conservation Enforcement Officers Association of Nova Scotia

Delta Waterfowl Association

Digby East Fish & Game Association

Halifax Wildlife Association

Hants West Wildlife Association

Kings County Fish & Game Association

Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers

Lansdowne Outdoor Recreation Development Association

Lunenburg County Wildlife Association

Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters

Nova Scotia Guides Association

Nova Scotia Houndsmen Association

Nova Scotia Bear Hunters Association

Mic Mac Rod & Gun Club

Port Morien Wildlife Association

Queens County Fish and Game Association

Scotian Longbeards Association, NWTF

Shelburne County Fish & Game Association

South Shore Wildlife Association

The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia

Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia

Trappers Association of Nova Scotia

West Pictou Wildlife Association