



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: August 13, 2012

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey • Otis Scott • Gary Mader • Greg Himmelman • Ron Gardner • Burt Schrader • Albert Rafuse <p>Regrets: Lawrence Baltzer, Linda Joudrey Guest Speakers: Matt Fraser & Kevin Judo</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Greg H. - \$12.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Otis S. – Grab Bag Barry K. – Grab Bag Annette M.– Grab Bag</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. To save time for our special guests Ron S. moved we adopt the July minutes as written, seconded by Billy H.

Long Gun Registry: Quebec continues, through court injunctions, in its solitary stand to preserve the long gun registry records for that Province. In doing so they stand alone as the only Province in Canada to challenge the Federal law of mandatory destruction of all previous records in the long gun registry data banks. Too, they remain the lone Province to continue recording all sales of long guns within the Province. The court battle to protect Quebec's registry info is based on the argument of safety and also necessity in order to build a Provincial Registry. The Federal government refuses to relinquish any part of the registry and is determined to destroy all parts of it. They are advising Quebec to start from scratch should they so desire to start down that well beaten path once more.

Old Business:

- The two girls who went to the Junior Guides Camp in Hibernia haven't had a chance to prepare a letter to SSWA yet. We expect something by the Sept. meeting.
- The annual Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunter's fall Dinner and Auction Fundraiser will be held again this year in Halifax at St. Mary's Boat Club on Wednesday, Sept. 12'th. Tickets are \$40 each. SSWA will sponsor four people and donate a framed wildlife photo for the silent auction.

- The flea market was very successful again this year. Although it wasn't the best year to date, it was better than many years. In the nine years we've been doing this fundraiser, we averaged \$768.43 each market. This year we cleared \$854.41. (The last three years we exceeded \$1000.00 each year.)
- Shortly after our last meeting in July, DNR from Kentville contacted Stephen to ask where the data was for our roadside deer survey from this spring..... (no contact until then) He explained that with everyone previously involved from DNR being moved, retired or moved from the department and since no one had contacted SSWA, we didn't do it this year. He then scrambled around and canvassed a large number of club members from two clubs through phone calls and emails for their opinion on the deer herd as compared to previous recent years. Sixteen individual email comments, along with twenty-five phone contact results were then forwarded back to DNR. Apparently our input is quite important - we'll be doing a survey next spring and you can also bet DNR will not take us for granted next time.

Correspondence/Info:

- ☆ Stephen briefly reviewed several items of interest from email contacts and newspaper clippings provided by members in attendance.
- ☆ Trappers Association of Nova Scotia is scheduled to hold their Rendezvous August 17, 18, 19, at Twin Lakes Campground, Hibernia Road, Caledonia. SSWA will again be hosting a BB gun Fun Shoot on Saturday afternoon for the kids. Neither Barry nor Eugene would be available to work it this year so Stephen was left with finding some volunteers for the event as we will definitely be taking part again.
- ☆ Eugene wrote a letter on behalf of SSWA to the President of the NSFA&H, (Wilfred Woods) to get his take on what the Federation's approach will be to the two motions the provincial NDP made and passed supporting open pen fish farming and retaining the long gun registry records for Nova Scotia. Here are Woody's comments:

“The Federation has always focused on dealing with the Government and their policy not the policy of political parties. The only time we ask parties to state their policy on issues of interest to us is during elections when we use their responses to advise our members to consider their policies when they cast their ballot.

In this instance the party in question is also in Government so the party policy bears directly on Government Policy.

Regarding the retaining of long gun registry information; Ross Landry has stated that the Provincial Government will not be creating a provincial long gun registry and that they will comply with the Federal Government direction to stop collecting data from gun retailers about guns and who buys them. He also stated that they (NDP) would have liked the Registry to continue and it is only finances that prevent them from creating a NS Registry. Something we will actively remind our members and the voting public of during the next election.

Regarding Open Pen Salmon Farms. At the direction of the Board I wrote to Minister Belliveau pointing out our concerns and seeking a moratorium and transition to closed containment aquaculture. The Minister responded that the current methods were safe and viable way to farm salmon.

The position of the NDP government is extremely clear and consistent. In their Aquaculture Strategy they set out their plans to triple the size of the industry and that intention is supported by the \$25 Million they announced to assist Cooke Aquaculture expand their operation in Nova Scotia. This Government has too much tied up in political and financial capital to change their mind. I don't see us having any more success than the massive number of groups that have already tried to change their mind.

We can only hope for an election and that the new Government will view this issue from our perspective. We will actively remind our membership and the voting public of the NDP position on aquaculture during that election.

As you are aware I successfully presented a resolution at the Canadian Wildlife Federation AGM in June calling for a combined effort by the CWF, the Wildlife Federations of NB, PEI, Nfld, BC and the NSFAH to advocate for a transition to Closed Containment Aquaculture and to mount a campaign to inform CWF's 600,000 members of our position and the problems with current practices.

We have discussed strategy and currently the CWF Biologists are putting together a communications plan with supporting, peer reviewed science, to support each of the key elements of our Advocacy and Public Information plan. I expect to teleconference with the members of all those groups next week to review and approve the plan and implementation timetable. Once that plan is in place I will be in position to advise Federation members of how and when they can support the implementation.

Sorry for being so long winded but these two issues deserve the attention."

**Wilf Woods
President
Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters**

Treasury Report: We have a balance of \$ 3187.83.

Eugene will start the process for the lottery license for our annual seafood raffle tickets for the Sept. meeting. Draw will take place at the December meeting. We only have Sept. and Oct. to get tickets out there for sale. Without continued activity in fund raising, we would not be able to continue supporting all the various functions that we have on the go.

New Business:

- **We have MLA Pam Birdsall coming to our Sept. meeting. Please show support for our club and attend this meeting so that our MLA will appreciate the strength of our club and the obvious potential for working with us on important issues. A small audience implies the exact opposite!**
- **Special guests, DFO officers Mathew Fraser and Kevin Judo, attended our meeting and put on a very informative presentation on the various types of salt water fishing - including ground fishing, dragger fishing, long line fishing and seine fishing. They answered questions from the floor and gave practical examples of their experiences and of different types of illegal fishing that go on everyday. They talked about shad in the Annapolis & Nictaux Rivers, salmon in the LaHave River and even the massive power generating turbines in the Bay of Fundy. Stephen stopped the very interesting**

Q and A session after 2 hrs as it was getting late and the potential for much more was evident. DFO expressed an interest in returning to continue at a future date.

- The Young Naturalists Club would like SSWA to do a walk and discussion on large mammals maybe in the winter months on the trails at the MARC.

Dates to Remember:

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| * Pam Birdsall – MLA for Lunenburg | Sept. 10 th |
| * NSFA&H Banquet is scheduled for St. Mary's Boat Club | Sept. 12 th |
| * Seafood Raffle Draw | Dec. 10 th |

NEXT MEETING September 10th – Lunenburg NDP MLA Pam

Birdsall will be guest speaker - 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: Oct. 15th and Dec. 10th. MARK THE DATES!

Did You Know? The remaining 2012 Canadian Firearms Safety Courses for long guns will be held as follows: (check online @ coned.nsc.ca for current info)

Sept. 08 and 09th at the NSCC, Bridgewater

Sept. 15 and 16th at Liverpool and Upper Northfield

Sept. 29 and 30th at Upper Northfield

Oct. 06 and 07th at East River

Oct. 13 and 14th at Upper Northfield

Oct. 20 and 21st at NSCC, Bridgewater

Dec. 08 and 09th at Liverpool

All courses are held on weekends, Sat. and Sundays, from 8:00am – 5:00 pm. Cost \$50.

A Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course will be held Dec. 15 at NSCC, Bridgewater, from 8:00am – 5:00 pm. Cost \$50.00.

Individuals must register in person at NSCC Campus on High Street, Bridgewater.

Smile of the Day: - If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

- If all is not lost, exactly where is it?

Thought of the Day: - War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

- Learn from the mistakes of others because you'll never live long enough to make them all yourself.

I Believe: - We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

- Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.