



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: Sept. 10, 2012

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey Eugene Herman • Belinda Eisenhauer Otis Scott • Sherman Faulkenham Billy Hirtle • Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley • Ron Gardner Burt Schrader • Annette Mader Clyde Buchanan • Albert Rafuse Ron Seney • Linda Joudrey Ron Thompson • Vernon Faulkenham Jason McInnis • Lawrence Baltzer Gary Mader <p>Regrets: Doug Joudrey Guest Speaker: MLA Pam Birdsall</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Clyde B. - \$24.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Burt S. – LED Light</p> <p>Albert R. – Knife</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></p> <p>sellherman60@hotmail.ca</p> <p><u>Web-Site:</u> sswa.chebucto.org</p>
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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:06 pm. To save time for our special guest, Barry K. moved we adopt the August minutes as written, seconded by Greg H. All agreed.

Long Gun Registry: - Destruction of records should commence sometime in October for all records outside the Province of Quebec. The legal battle continues on that front.

- The Minister of Public Safety announced on Sept. 07'th that the Government will repeal pending new Gun Show Regulations that were to come into effect on Nov. 30'th this year. These regulations were introduced under the previous Liberal Government and then deferred for further study, but were definitely another step in tightening gun control in Canada and would have added more red tape to dealers and event organizers. "Allowing redundant regulations to come into force would only introduce unnecessary burden on law-abiding citizens" said Candice Hoepfner, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister.

- The Canadian Shooting Sports Association has started a movement for registered gun owners to further drive nails into the Long Gun Registry coffin. Because of the resistance over the destruction of records from some groups and the Province of Quebec, spokesman for CSSA, Tony Bernardo, is encouraging gun owners to 'swap' firearms, (buy, sell, trade lend, etc.) This would virtually completely screw up any hope of even a small amount of trust in the system. Since the registry is no longer valid, owners can now 'exchange' firearms with

one another without having to go through the tell-tale accounting of who owns what, where, and how many!! If this were to catch on in this country, there would be no hope of ever referring back to any skeletal remains of the menacing, hated registry we have been subjected to for so long! Brilliant, or what ???

Old Business: Eugene read a letter from Jenna Nauss, one of the girls we sponsored to the Junior Guides Camp in Hibernia, explaining her week at camp this summer and expressing her desire to go again in 2013. Her appreciation and enthusiasm makes our commitment to promoting such activities with the youth extremely worthwhile. Thanks Jenna, from all of us. Well done.

- Trappers Rendezvous held August 17, 18, 19, at Twin Lakes Campground, Hibernia Road was attended this year for SSWA by Linda & Stephen who hosted the pellet gun Fun Shoot on Saturday afternoon for the kids. Next year SSWA will introduce some new ideas to make this event more comfortable and perhaps even more fun for the kids.

Correspondence/Info:

- ☆ Stephen briefly reviewed several items of interest from email contacts and newspaper clippings provided by members in attendance.
- ☆ Eugene reviewed a letter received from the New Germany Food Bank thanking SSWA for our timely contribution. They stated support is low this time of year but the demand remains high.
- ☆ DNR/N.S. reduces the antlerless deer tag draw by 25% for the 2012 season.
- ☆ NFLD/Labrador caribou numbers are declining very rapidly, and worse, unexplainably.

Treasury Report: We have a balance of \$ 3281.94, but year-end is approaching and with it a hefty payment to the Federation for membership (\$4 per)

New Business:

- The Young Naturalists Club would like SSWA to do a discussion and field walk on large mammals during one of their winter meetings at the MARC. Stephen, Eugene, Ron Thompson, and Gerry Read have expressed interest in doing this.
- 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. 12th. Tickets are \$40 each. SSWA will sponsor four people to go. The only members showing a desire to represent our club are: Annette & Gary Mader, Burt Schrader & Eugene Herman. We will donate a beautiful framed print of a very young spotted fawn for the silent auction.
- Eugene distributed bags of tickets for our annual seafood raffle. Draw will take place at the December 10th meeting. With no meeting in November 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. Anyone selling tickets please try having them back by the October meeting so we can separate them and have them ready before the Dec. meeting. It just reduces the noise and commotion during that meeting.

Special Guest Speaker Pam Birdsall, NDP MLA for Lunenburg, spoke to our group and fielded questions for well over an hour. We were impressed with her keen interest in our club and the comments she made after sitting through the initial part of our brief mini-meeting (it was her request to attend the full meeting in lieu of just arriving later for her session). She was organized and prepared with the responses to our queries emailed previously to her office, and took notes for follow-up on points that were unfamiliar. She hopes to attend a future meeting with more info and further discussion where grey areas exist. She also expressed a real interest in attending next spring's Big Brother's fishing derby. (Thanks to the members who made the extra effort to attend this meeting with our MLA – it was duly noted and appreciated).

Dates to Remember:

* Deer (Rifle) Season	Friday	Oct. 26 th
* Remembrance Day	Sunday	Nov. 11 th
* Seafood Raffle Draw		Dec. 10 th

NEXT MEETING *October 15th* –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. The final meeting for 2012 is Monday: Dec. 10th. **MARK THE DATE!** Our Seafood Raffle draw is that night!

Did You Know?

- There are a mere 12,746 dairy farms in Canada (down from 145,000 in 1970 and 30,000 in 1996).
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%; the percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

Smile of the Day: - I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Thought of the Day: - You're never too old to learn something stupid.

- War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

I Believe: - Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.

- Life may not be tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Woods Shock Can Kill

A psychology lesson that could save your life

» **WHEN STEVE DUNN STUMBLED ACROSS THE FUSELAGE** of a bush plane sunk into the muck in the labyrinthine delta of Upper Russian Lake, the unease he had felt since becoming lost in the Alaskan wilderness turned to terror. "I'm going to die up here," he remembers thinking. Alone and cold, Dunn was catapulting into the third and most dangerous stage of the phenomenon psychologists call "woods shock," the confusion and fear that humans feel when they become lost.

As an experienced outdoorsman, he knew that the wisest action was to shelter in the plane wreckage and signal for rescue, or at least rest awhile and gather his wits. But being lost caused so much stress on Dunn's nervous system that he was not able to think logically.

Woods shock is a very real condition, and it happens often in survival situations. Understanding it can help you live. Otherwise, it can turn a bad situation into a fatal free fall.



[1] DISORIENTATION

The first symptom of woods shock is denial. If it seems to be taking too long to reach the trail, or if a location that's sup-

posed to be familiar appears different, your brain tries to bend what you see to fit its mental map of the country. In Dunn's case, he started to believe that the main artery of the inlet he wanted to fish was just beyond the next stream, and then, when he crossed that stream, the one after that. At precisely the point when you should backtrack to the last known place, you press forward. That's when you become lost.



[2] URGENCY

As you become progressively more confused, the walls of the forest seem to close in. Some people will feel claustrophobic or

experience vertigo. The silence becomes oppressive. William G. Syrotuck—author of *Analysis of Lost Person Behavior*—notes that as the feeling of being closed in increases, the impulse to act becomes overwhelming and people try to "break out" by running.



[3] PANIC

In full-fledged panic, the victim becomes frantic, stumbling over rough terrain, busting brush, often scrambling up hills to get a vantage. Sweating profusely, he may shed gear, pack, and clothing

in an effort to go faster. For a hunter, the rifle is the first to go. A Montana search-and-rescue coordinator told me that once rescuers begin to find discarded gear, their mission becomes a body search, as the odds of survival plummet precipitously.



[4] PLANNING

Exhausted and dehydrated, victims who survive the initial burst of panic without succumbing to injury or hypothermia

may belatedly try to form a logical plan of escape, to return to a place of familiarity on the mental map. For most, it's an exercise in futility, for they are both too befuddled and too far off the track to find it again. Dunn didn't stop to make a plan until he'd thrashed through brush for several hours and realized he'd gone in a circle and was back at the wrecked bush plane. The sight sobered him up. Convinced then that the trail was on the far side of the delta, he struck off in a straight line. He soon found himself up to his chest in the first tributary he came to, with his boots getting stuck in the mud.



[5] FATIGUE

Failure of the plan is the straw that breaks the spirit. Emotionally and physically devastated, often verging on hypothermia, victims finally admit to being lost with no chance of regaining familiar ground. Many are so disheartened that they make no effort to build shelter or fire, even if they have the means to do so. At this point, any hope of survival lies not around the next bend but in the character of the lost man.



[6] WILL TO LIVE

Why does one person lie down and die, when another, poised just as precariously on the brink of despair, regains

his composure and resolves to live? Case studies suggest that this depends on mental strengths that many survivors share: a sense of humor, the determination to see loved ones again, an ability to live in the moment rather than be engulfed by the seeming hopelessness of their situation. Survivors set and accomplish small goals such as building shelter, and then they do the next right thing. In this manner, they stay busy and focused, right up until the moment of rescue.

What course did Dunn take? He had the resolve to push through his fatigue and free himself from the mud and keep going. He never had to discover whether he had the reserve of will to overcome another setback, because his guess was right. He managed to cross three deep rivers, and on the far side of them was the trail leading back to his truck, where he met some hikers who gave him aid. Some luck saved him, for sure, but also a will to live.

Three Tips to Overcome Woods Shock

SPEND a few unprepared nights in the wilderness. The more times you build shelter and fire at nightfall, the more likely you are to succeed in a survival situation.

TUCK a photo of your wife and kids in your pack. Many survivors have drawn strength from looking at a picture of someone they love.

TAKE survival training. Studies suggest that although an emotional response always precedes a logical response, the brain does draw upon experience to shape its initial reaction to stress. —K.M.