



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: October 15, 2012

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey • Otis Scott • Billy Hirtle • Greg Himmelman • Burt Schrader • Gary Mader <p>Regrets: Linda Joudrey Ron Seney Ron Gardner</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Ron T. = \$11.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Eugene H. – Grab Bag</p> <p>Greg H. – Grab Bag</p> <p>Otis S. – 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></p> <p>sellherman60@hotmail.ca</p> <p><u>Web-Site:</u> sswa.chebucto.org</p>
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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:03 pm. Eugene read the minutes from the Sept. meeting and moved for adoption. Seconded by Ron.

Old Business:

- **Long Gun Registry:-** Still no confirmation on the progress of the destruction of our long gun registry records, but Oct. is the month it is supposed to commence. Also, there are some major concerns/confusion over what to do when selling a handgun or obtaining a permit to transport handguns.
- Stephen reviewed comments from Peter MacDonald, DNR's large mammal biologist, regarding our roadside deer surveys. In a nutshell the surveys are important and play quite a role in determining what hunting regulations are imposed for our area. As we did not do the survey last spring, he was very appreciative of the poll results Stephen assembled via phone and email for 2012 and stated he hoped we would be resuming the project next spring. It is our intention to assemble the required groups again in 2013 and continue the tally (count legs and divide by 4 ☺). These surveys are one of the stronger indicators DNR will depend on in determining deer herd health in Zone 102.
- The annual Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunter's Fall Dinner and Auction Fundraiser was held again this year in Halifax at St. Mary's Boat Club on Wednesday, Sept. 12'th. It was attended by Annette & Gary Mader, Burt Schrader & Eugene Herman. The evening went well. (Burt especially liked the smoked salmon appetizers

again.) None of them won any prizes this year but some purchases were made in support of the Federation. SSWA donated a beautiful framed photo of a very young spotted fawn for the silent auction that went for \$25.00.

Correspondence/Info:

- ☆ Our Zone 102 has been reported as having a modest size deer herd. Therefore no bonus tags have been issued for 2012. However you may shoot either a buck or antlerless deer under the one license. (No draw necessary for zone 102)
- ☆ Global TV/Shaw Media has eliminated all hunting shows, such as Canada in the Rough, from their Global and Shaw affiliate networks 2013 line-up. This is another unfortunate step towards the slow erosion of our shooting sports. If you want to voice your displeasure, you may email viewercontact@globaltv.com or call 1-877-307-1999.
- ☆ The Provincial Federations have been asked for ideas to put into a time capsule that the Canadian Wildlife Federation is assembling as part of their 50'th anniversary celebrations. We discussed possibly a picture of the white elephant which was designed and used by SSWA to show what a waste the costly long gun registry was right from the beginning, or perhaps a half burned gun registration, but opted out in the end and will leave it up to the NSFAH to suggest an item.
- ☆ Congratulations to SSWA member Ron Seney who is to receive the Diamond Jubilee Medal for volunteerism on Oct. 27'th.

Treasury Report: We have a balance of \$ 3376.11. Year-end is approaching and with it a hefty payment to the Federation for membership (\$4 per individual)

- **NOTE: About 70% of our 169 members are due or past due with their membership. Please help with this monumental task of soliciting these renewals. It falls on one or two of us – and you know who they are – to chase people EVERY year. HELP!!!!**

New Business:

- Stephen and Eugene need to follow-up on the roadside survey cost rebate for the years 2008/9 & 10.
- We discussed the quarterly meetings of the Federation and that SSWA, as is every club, is expected to send a representative to attend them. (Stephen is the assigned director from SSWA, as all club presidents are). Nobody wished to take part. The meetings are held in Truro and a \$50 travel allowance and \$10 lunch allowance is paid by SSWA. If anyone is interested in becoming our representative at the 3 quarterly meetings in June, Sept, and Dec. please call Stephen to discuss.
- We have decided to hold a Chinese auction at our January meeting. Auction items will be in the Dec. Minutes.
- During one of their winter meetings at the MARC in early 2013, the Young Naturalists Club would like SSWA to do a presentation/discussion and field walk on the topic of large mammals. Stephen, Eugene, Ron Thompson, and Gerry Read have expressed interest in doing this. In recent correspondence YNC indicated that there will be approximately fifteen young people between the ages of 6 and 10 yrs, plus parents, in attendance. As this will be a new undertaking, our

four volunteers may have to have a small meeting to decide how we're going to do this. Gary may be able to help also with props for making tracks and maybe even provide a sample pelt or two. The first step will be to confirm with the YNC as to what animals they would like discussed. Stephen will forward his email communication with the YNC to the other three volunteers to bring them up to speed so far. More discussion at our Dec. meeting.

Dates to Remember:

* Seafood Raffle Draw

Dec. 10th

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. No meeting for the month of November.

NEXT MEETING *December 10th* –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. Dates for the 2013 meetings will be scheduled in Dec.

Did You Know?

- N.S. DNR issued a “COYOTE WARNING” Nov. 05th in Laurie Park area on Highway 2 just outside Halifax. 18 signs were posted and traps set in a 5km radius of the park.
- Winnipeg offers cameras for guns - a \$250 gift certificate for working guns and \$75 gift certificate for replicas and non-working firearms. (Sound familiar?)
- “Bull Moose Mangles RCMP Car” – A Prince George, BC, officer was writing a report in his car when he saw two moose crossing the road. He pulled his car up to try and stop another vehicle from hitting the moose when the bull rammed the front grill and bumper of the police cruiser, then walked up over the hood and onto the roof. The moose was stamping his hoof when a hoof shattered the driver's side window and hit the officer. The moose then slowly walked down over the trunk before making its getaway.
- Costa Rica is set to become the first country in the American Continent to ban recreational hunting. The Bill, that bans hunting for sport but still allows for culling and subsistence hunting, passed in the legislature by a wide margin of 41 to 5! Hunters violating the ban would be subjected to a fine of up to \$3000.

Smile of the Day: - One good thing about the NHL strike – Toronto hasn't lost a game yet!

- My wife and I were happy for 25 years – and then we met.

Thought of the Day: - You will never hear winners say “It's only a game”

- Reading the fine print gives you an education, not reading it gives you experience!

I Believe: - Sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones that help you get back up.

- Doing nothing is very hard to doyou never know when you're done.

“BREAKING NEWS AS OF DECEMBER 01, 2012“

Trudeau calls long-gun registry 'a failure'

Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau called the long-gun registry "a failure" during an Ontario campaign stop in the Conservative riding of Glengarry–Prescott–Russell on Friday. "The long-gun registry, as it was, was a failure and I'm not going to resuscitate that," Trudeau said while visiting the DART Aerospace plant in Hawkesbury. "We will continue to look at ways of keeping our cities safe and making sure that we do address the concerns around domestic violence that happen right across the country, in rural as well as urban areas in which, unfortunately, guns do play a role." "But there are better ways of keeping us safe than that registry which is, has been removed," Trudeau said.

The Liberal leadership hopeful made the comments after he was asked for his view on the now-defunct long-gun registry. "I grew up with long guns, rifles and shotguns," explained the son of former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. "Yes, the RCMP guarding me had handguns and I got to play with them every now and then," said Trudeau, quickly adding that the RCMP was "very responsible" around him and his siblings.

Trudeau went on to say, "I was raised with an appreciation and an understanding of how important in rural areas and right across the country gun ownership is as a part of the culture of Canada. I do not feel that there's any huge contradiction between keeping our cities safe from gun violence and gangs, and allowing this important facet of Canadian identity which is having a gun." Trudeau, who worked as a high school teacher before jumping into politics, said he once took a school group hiking across Greenland armed with a gun. "It was one of the only times that I ever taught with a loaded 30-06 slung over my shoulder. You don't usually think of teaching with a heavy-duty rifle on your shoulder, but when you're in polar bear country, you have to be aware of that."

Trudeau blamed not only the Conservatives but also previous governments for polarizing the gun debate. "We have a government, or successive governments, that have managed to polarize the conversations around gun ownership to create games in electoral ways — when you don't have to have a conflict," the MP from Quebec said. "There is no concept, no idea that gun ownership is ever going to be under attack for law-abiding hunters and farmers across this country. But we need to keep the cities safe. And I don't see that that's an unsolvable solution," Trudeau said. While the federal government has destroyed millions of records of registered long guns, it is currently appealing the Quebec court ruling blocking it from destroying the data from Quebec's portion of the federal long-gun registry.