



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: December 10, 2012

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey • Otis Scott • Jerry Read • Greg Himmelman • Burt Schrader • Gary Mader • Sheila Herman • Lawrence Baltzer <p>Regrets: Linda Joudrey</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Gary = \$19.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Sheila – Grab Bag</p> <p>Lawrence – 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 7:10 pm. Eugene read the minutes for the Oct. meeting and moved for adoption as read. Seconded by Barry.

Old Business:

- **Finally** – Stephen received word from Gerald Keddy's office that as of October 31, 2012 the long gun registry records have been destroyed for all provinces of Canada with the exception of Quebec, who are in a court battle with the Federal Gov. in an attempt to retain their records with the intent of establishing their own provincial registry. Therefore, for the first time since March of 2002, C-68 will no longer show up on a meeting agenda, and has been removed from the first section of our minutes titled C-68. Any future discussions on firearms will be shown under regular Old Business or New Business sections.
- **Anti-Littering Signs:** We voted to proceed with obtaining another 25 signs for distribution in the spring. Eugene to touch base with Tim Townsend for the name of the rep at Dept. of Environment who helped us the last time we had them made. (SSWA designed, ordered, and posted the anti-littering signs at various fishing locations where garbage contaminated the landscape – the signs were graciously paid for by the DOE) Ron T. will then contact DOE to see if they will help with the cost of having more signs printed.
- Stephen has submitted a proposal to Woody of NSFA&H to use the Wildlife Habitat stamp fund to cover costs associated with the road side deer survey our club takes part in. It would mean roughly \$500 a year to SSWA if they accept our proposal. (Assuming we can still rely on SSWA members to drive the routes and count deer at predetermined nights in late April early May.)
- Stephen, Eugene, Jerry, Ron T., and Gary will prepare a large mammal presentation to give to the Young Naturalists Club Sat Jan. 12th, 2013 at the MARC between 1:00 and 3:00pm. Stephen to find

out just what they're looking for and if we can show them pelts, mounts etc. to help explain the animals and give them a more hands-on kind of presentation. (We know that visual aids work very well when working with young children and adults alike.) We will likely talk about deer, moose and black bear, and possibly coyotes even though they are not classified as large mammals. Coyotes do have an important role to play in our society now, especially when it comes to interacting with humans. If we're lucky enough to have a little snow we can make tracks etc. for added effect.

Correspondence/Info: In a variety of news reports and email items reviewed by Stephen and Eugene, included were:

- An article regarding the RCMP and their coyote connection. Apparently the hoods of RCMP parkas worn in northern climates are lined with thick coyote fur and no other fur, real or synthetic, will do. A request for proposals for 2000 pieces, with an option for 1000 more, was issued in Oct. with a requested delivery of March 2013. The Association for the Protection of Fur Bearing Animals out of Vancouver is requesting the RCMP to switch to natural fibers and synthetic fur but is having no success in changing the specification.
- Target shooting clubs are now also switching to non-lead projectiles for shooting. They claim the non-lead are more consistent and more uniform. The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters recently took an unprecedented stand on supporting the voluntary move from lead ammunition. It will start an educational campaign that may be the first of its kind in Canada. Lots of studies are showing real hazards to wildlife and potentially humans from the consumption of game killed with lead bullets.
- **BEWARE:** There has been lots of coverage recently about Justin Trudeau and the gun registry. Remarks made by him vary depending on which end of the country he is speaking in, giving the distinct impression he is trying to appease both sides of the debate. However, be aware that he voted to retain the registry in past and has repeatedly defended it, as any good Liberal does. Lying to the gun community is a poor start in his leadership campaign!
- Stephen had the unpleasant task of reporting the demise of Trout Nova Scotia. At a special meeting being held on Dec.13 in Halifax, all members were invited to pass a special resolution authorizing TNS to apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies of NS to surrender its Certificate of Incorporation. Perhaps the comment that pretty much sums up all of our thoughts was best expressed by Ray Plourde:
"A sad day and a tremendous loss. TNS has been an outstanding and much needed voice for our wild trout resource for many years. But I understand that a few committed volunteers cannot carry the full weight indefinitely. So we mourn the loss of an important ally in the ongoing effort to preserve and protected our native biodiversity but send heartfelt thanks to the long-serving members of the TNS executive for your many years of service to the cause."

With best regards,

Ray

Raymond Plourde

Wilderness Coordinator

Ecology Action Centre

- Nova Scotia Community College has no plans on renewing the contract to deliver the Federal Firearms training this year. We will keep you informed as to what this entails when the info comes available.

Treasury Report: We have a balance of \$ 3465.94. Winners of our Seafood Raffle were: 10 lbs lobsters - Richard Hirtle of Lapland, 5 lbs scallops - Perry Zinck of Wileville and 10 lbs haddock - Jim Higgins of Blockhouse. After taking out the cost of haddock of \$55.00 we cleared \$506.00. Awesome! That will go a long way toward the roughly \$700 we need to send NSFA&H for our membership dues. A big thank you to Barry Kelly for donating the lobsters and Bruce Dulong for the scallops. Many thanks also to all those who sold/purchased tickets for our annual Xmas seafood raffle.

New Business:

- ☆ NSFA&H fully support Helene Van Doninck and her mission to educate hunters on the advantages of using non-lead ammunition. She and her husband have assembled a 2013 calendar as a fund raiser using pictures of wildlife from their veterinarian clinic. Costs are \$15 each. Ron T. moved SSWA purchase six in support of the cause and use them as gifts or door prizes, seconded by Doug J. Stephen to arrange.
- ☆ The new Wildlife Resources Card is still being worked on. Service Nova Scotia is conducting a Business Case Analysis of all DNR licenses, permits, and fees with the goal of harmonizing them into a computer system. Included in the system will likely be the Hunter Education Program, all special license draws (doe and moose, etc), and any other permits issued by DNR. The final desired product will be a card containing all this pertinent info for each individual in possession of one, and in theory should make life much simpler for the various depts. dealing with these things. We can only hope, knowing how new systems are rarely exempt from lots of start-up and running problems. Throw in government services and look out!!!
- ☆ Greg moved that we put in a resolution for more public education on lyme disease. It is spreading rapidly in and outside our area and many people other than hunters and fishermen are threatened by it. Seconded by Ron T. (Ron & Eugene to put it together)
- ☆ Doug moved that we also put in a resolution that trout season open March 1 because the lakes are often free of ice by then. Seconded by Barry. (Stephen & Doug to work on this one)
- ☆ Stephen read his annual report for 2012. We've had a very busy year! See report included at the end of the minutes.
- ☆ We will hold a Chinese auction at our January meeting. Auction items will be varied but include a home made carrot cake, a shotgun shell reloading kit and accessories, a box of 3" 12 gauge shot shells, a lovely hanging wildlife tapestry, and a humorous deer crossing sign.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

NEXT MEETING *January 14th* –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. Dates for the rest of 2013 meetings are Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13, Jun. 10, Jul. 15, Aug. 12, Sept. 16, Oct. 21 and Dec. 09th. **Please mark your calendars.**

Did You Know?

- ☆ Kelvin's Taxidermy, 18 White Birch Rd. Chester Basin has a coyote contest going for all hunters and trappers. One time entry fee of \$10 and every time you bring in a coyote and have a hole punched in the ear, your name will be placed in a drum to be drawn March 31. The more coyotes you bring in the more chances to win. First prize is 50% of the entry fees, second and third prizes are each 25% of the fees taken in. You can check it out at kelvinswinimer@hotmail.com or call 902-273-2237, 902-277-1980 cell.

- ☆ **Canada in the Rough™ lands on both feet with more viewer availability than ever!**
Peterborough, ON: Following the controversial decision by SHAW Media to drop all hunting shows from the weekend outdoor block on Global, Canada in the Rough, Canada's Most-Watched Hunting Documentary Television Show has bounced back with a purpose. Beasley Brothers Outdoors Inc., producers of the multi-award winning production are pleased to announce that Canada in the Rough will now be found on 7 networks across Canada and one in the United States of America.
Canada in the Rough will now be found on The Sportsman Channel in the United States and on the following networks in Canada: OLN (Outdoor Life Network), Sun News, Wild TV, CHEX, Ch12 Durham, CKWS, and for the first time ever, Canada in the Rough will be translated into French and aired on RDS (French equivalent to TSN, owned by Bell Media) for the francophone viewers.

Smile of the Day: - Having a smoking section in a bar is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

- 99% of car salesmen give the rest a bad name.

Thought of the Day: - No one is perfect - until you fall in love with them.

- If you want the rainbow you have to put up with the rain.

I Believe: - That maturity has more to do with life's lessons than it does the number of birthday celebrations.

- That two people can see the exact same picture with totally different views.

'South Shore Wildlife Association 2012 Annual Report'

As I enter into my 15'th year of issuing our club's annual report, we can finally breathe a sigh of relief with respect to the notorious long gun registry. A huge weight has been lifted from our shoulders, and I am proud to say that from the beginning SSWA was as active as any club in the long uphill battle against that crippling and potentially fatal drive against civilian gun ownership. Our white elephant alone saw a lot of activity. So finally: good bye.....and good riddance!!

Now, please be informed of the following activities of SSWA in 2012:

Fraternity Involvement:

- To help promote a national organization protecting our rights as gun owners, we helped man a booth for the Canadian Firearms Institute at the Sport and RV Show, Exhibition Park, in March. An open invitation was extended from CFI, CEO Jim Newman, to “work with me anytime”.
- SSWA was again represented at the March NSFAH Convention by two delegates, and had 2 resolutions passed. Additionally we co-sponsored the local snack foods for an evening.
- In July we sponsored two participants to the Junior Guides Camp in Hibernia.
- In August we hosted our annual BB/pellet gun shooting booth for young people at the Trappers Rendezvous in Hibernia, Queens Co.
- We had four members attend the Fall Fund Raising Banquet for the Federation in Halifax, and donated a framed wildlife picture for auction that evening.
- Additionally, in March we attempted to again sponsor two young people to the Winter Youth Hunting Camp put on by Natural Resources. Unfortunately the courses were filled quickly and we were unable to send our own contacts. Still wanting to support this valuable and very popular event, SSWA paid for the registrations of two local young attendees. Checks were issued to the happy recipients after they finished the event.

Community Involvement: - Earth Day clean-up took on a different role this year for us.

After taking part since 1999 and picking up the same amount of debris along the same stretch of roadway every spring we decided to boycott the clean-up, and take a different approach to combating the littering epidemic. A letter was drafted and forwarded to mayors of both the Town of Bridgewater, and the Municipality of Lunenburg, as well as to our two local NDP MLA's. The letter explained our position, and our reasoning to exempt ourselves from this annual event, and questioned why more emphasis was not being put on fines and enforcement, education, advertising and road signage as methods to curb this on-going issue. Replies and encouragement were received back from all four recipients.

- We hosted our annual booth at the Michelin Health and Safety Fair, trying to bring awareness to the public on various outdoor hazards such as wood and deer ticks and lyme disease, poisonous plants, coyotes, and various other topics.
- In May we entertained a variety of people over the course of three fishing events at the MARC ponds again. In addition to other things, SSWA supplies all the fishing gear and bait, instruction and supervision. The first was for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. This continues to be their favorite event out of all their activities. Twenty-four children had a wonderful time catching a total of sixty-nine trout and two goldfish. Twenty-two of the trout caught were between 13 -18 inches, some over 2 lbs each! We once again provided a certificate, refreshments and lunch, and member Barry Kelly again supplied hats for each of the young attendees. Big Brothers Director Sandra Murray gave us a heartfelt thank you speech and presented us with a lovely plaque of appreciation after the event.
- Our second adventure was with the Community Services Support Group the following week on May 16'th. 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.
- The third event, for a second year in a row and now appearing to be another annual, was with Bridgewater School Grade 3 class 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 the 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 the favorite part of their outing. One of the teachers told me that the Grade 4 classes (last year's participants) were disappointed that they weren't taking part again this year!

- We were contacted by a Halifax rep of the YNC to ask if we would give a presentation and perhaps a field trip for the South Shore chapter on local animal species. Due to conflicting circumstances we were unable to accommodate them this fall but have made arrangements to follow through with this in early 2013, and perhaps additional talks later in the year.

Guest Speakers: - At June's meeting, 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.

- At our August meeting DFO officers Mathew Fraser and Kevin Judo put on a very informative presentation for over 2 hours 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.

- At our Sept. meeting 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 fact she asked to sit in on our meeting prior to her presentation.

Fundraising and Donations: - In addition to the donations mentioned elsewhere, SSWA issued \$50 gift cards to three local food banks, gave \$100 to the Bonnie Lea Farm, and sent a \$100 donation to the CFI to show support in their efforts to protect our rights to the firearms sports.

- We held two ticket raffles, one in the spring and one in the fall to generate funds. We also held our annual giant flea market in July again which netted approximately \$850 for us in 4 hrs.

Other Notes:

1/Our Migratory Waterfowl Committee were very pleased to see some of their recommendations adopted for the upcoming season for the South Western half of N.S.

2/ SSWA maintains a steady core of members in the 170 – 180 range, continues to meet monthly eleven times a year, stays in contact with members through monthly minutes from the meetings, and is constantly looking for ways to promote our club through community events and organizations. We take particular pride in working with young people to encourage protection of our future in the outdoor sports.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Joudrey
President, SSWA