



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: March 11, 2013

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey Billy Hirtle • Barry Kelly Bruce Delong • Greg Himmelman Burt Schrader • Ron Thompson Gary Mader • Doug Joudrey Otis Scott • Lawrence Baltzer Linda Joudrey • David Woodworth Annette Mader <p>Regrets from Reg Archibald</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Barry Kelly \$17.00</p> <p>Hat – Billy Hirtle Barbecue Spatula – Annette Mader</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 7:02 pm. Linda Joudrey filled in as secretary as Eugene was away on a trip. She read the minutes from the last meeting and moved them for adoption. Seconded by Ron.

Old Business:

- **Young Naturalists Club:** Despite our best efforts, we did not get to do the outing that we had been planning for months for this young nature club. The plan had been made to meet at Miller's Point Park at 1:00 pm on Sat. Feb. 16'th. Our members were packed and ready to go when the call came in that the event would have to be cancelled due to illness – just hours before we were to meet. No word has been received from the YNC since that day, giving the distinct impression that we no longer are on the hooks for any type of participation with them! In any event, all was not lost as we now have a presentation prepared for discussing large mammals. It can be assembled quickly for future needs with other organizations such as Big Brothers when the opportunity presents itself.
- **Anti-Littering Signs:** A price quote was received from Ian McCrea who advised he will do them at a lower cost than last time. Ron was unable to get much info from the DFO in time for our meeting but suggested we try to fit this venture under the Habitat Stamp fund. Stephen to follow up on this through the Federation. Ron is to try again with the DFO to ask for funding coverage for these signs.
- **SSWA Website:** Stephen tried to make contact with our site manager unsuccessfully. We need a simpler and more modern host service provider in order to facilitate maintaining the site up to date. Stephen will work with our manager toward obtaining a revised site host.
- **Amy Campbell's Request:** Bruce Delong gave a brief update on his progression to date. He has been in communication with Amy regarding her proposal to approach DNR with the intent of requesting an introduction of caribou on several coastal islands off of NS. He advised that to date there is no plan established, nor an idea as to how many animals she would expect to transplant. Bruce will obtain more info and give further reports as they develop. One interesting point he made was that in 1968-69

the DNR did attempt to introduce caribou to local areas but within two years they had perished for unknown reasons – (not to say that poaching was not a main contributor at the time.)

- **Memberships:** Linda Joudrey continues with our membership list to come up with a way to stay on top of expired memberships, breaking it out into a monthly renewal list. Each meeting will provide an opportunity to highlight expiries for that month with the expectation that no one will lag too far behind in their dues. It is important to have an up to date list so that we can have an accurate figure for paid members, as each member is a cost to our club in one way or another.
- **Lyme Disease Education:** Stephen was in contact with the research scientist for the Public Health Agency of Canada working out of Manitoba. He was asking for current data and info on Lyme Disease in this country but because there was so much to discuss the Scientist preferred phone contact. Unfortunately because of the 3 hr time difference and conflicting schedules that contact did not happen before our meeting. Stephen will keep after him and should have information to report on by the April meeting.

Correspondence/Info: Among the many topics mentioned or reviewed, included were:

- ☆ An article regarding the horrific toll that outdoor cats take on small animals and birds. This study conducted by the Smithsonian Institute and US Fish and Wildlife Service puts that number in the billions annually!
- ☆ Stephen reviewed some follow-up communication with Jim Gourlay, publisher of Saltscapes magazine, regarding our war on littering. He said he did have some positive feed back on that editorial he ran and thanked SSWA for their support. He has offered to keep the topic on the burner and may do some follow-up articles on it in future.
- ☆ Queens County Fish and Game's lengthy annual report in the Liverpool Advance. Some consideration was given to SSWA doing a similar thing locally.
- ☆ A note from anti-lead ammunition advocate Helene Van Doninck regarding a successful request getting approval in NS for a lead ammo exchange program to offset the cost difference. Also to advise that she will be giving her first presentation regarding the harmful effects of lead ammunition to a New Brunswick Gun Club in March.
- ☆ A report on the needless destruction of 1600 lbs of deer meat donated by hunters to homeless shelters, equivalent to about 1600 meals, in the state of Louisiana because someone complained about being fed deer meat. Despite the fact that hunters have been practicing this program since 1993, Health Dept. officials stepped in and enforced the previously ignored law by removing and contaminating the meat with Clorox to prevent further use of it!
- ☆ The Wild Turkey Federation is ramping up its efforts to become a credible force in the province, by becoming noticeably visible throughout the region through attendances and involvement in, and donations to, various events concerning the hunting and shooting sports.
- ☆ Gary Mader brought in a story originally printed in the Chronical Herald last Sept. regarding a successful moose hunt in Newfoundland for a 95 year old Yarmouth woman. Stephen to investigate this further. The story parallels the one years ago regarding our dear friend and honorary member Ruby Bower who turns a youthful 97 years old on March 25'th!! A very Happy Birthday Mrs. Bower from all your friends at South Shore Wildlife Association!!!

Treasury Report: In Eugene's absence Stephen gave an updated report. Our current balance as of meeting night was \$3327.36. (\$3207.36 Feb report)

New Business:

☆ **Health and Safety Fair:** Our annual invitation to attend the Michelin sponsored event has been received. Stephen did a quick canvass for interested parties to represent us but all hands stayed tucked under the table! This will be shelved until the next meeting.

☆ **Winter Youth Hunting Camp:** SSWA will be represented by Gary and Annette, Greg, Ron Thompson, and Stephen the following morning (Tuesday Mar. 12th). They will arrive at the McGowan Lake DNR depot at 9:30 am to speak to the young attendees on the proper way to look for, catch, and clean rabbits. Gary is supplying lots of props for this instructional, and an actual rabbit he has kept frozen just for this event. It was discussed and approved to donate 3 of our hunter orange hats to the DNR for prizes at the end of the 2 day session. It was also approved at our meeting that drivers for this event – Gary and Greg – would receive \$30 checks for gas money.

☆ **March NSFAH Convention:** Stephen reminded the group that the Convention takes place this coming weekend at the Days Inn Convention Center in Bridgewater, and encouraged members to take in part of the experience, especially the Resolution discussions and voting on Sat. afternoon. Our delegates, Gary and Annette, will provide full reports at next meeting.

☆ **Earth Day 2013:** Discussion on what our input should be this year for the Earth Day Clean-up ended in the decision that we would, for a second year, opt out of an actual clean-up effort and instead again concentrate our efforts toward reducing the amount of roadside litter the best way we know how – through the media. It was decided Stephen would write a letter to the editor on behalf of the club, and also meet with Vernon Oickle at the Bulletin office to discuss further involvement from his perspective. If you recall, last year we issued a letter to the two mayors and two local MLA's, all of whom replied with a basic agreement to our opinions, but did not back anything up with any action. Therefore one year later we are no further ahead in our war on littering. We will try to get proper coverage in the Bulletin, perhaps through a story on the disgraceful conditions alongside some roadways in our county. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words.

☆ **Fishing Derbies:** We have declined the one new request from Big Brothers for a summer fishing experience as part of their Kids for Kops Program. We felt the timing was too late in the season to have any success at fresh water fishing. That leaves us with four fishing derbies to host at the MARC in May. Stephen will confirm requirements and availability from the groups and then we will finalize the details and schedule at our April meeting.

Discussion from the floor: Gary brought a booklet to our meeting entitled 'Our Parks and Protected Areas, A proposed Plan for Nova Scotia' that he picked up at one of the regional meetings he attended. Some discussion followed on the seriousness of this initiative from the Provincial Government, as it could well mean the loss of access to certain lakes and rivers for sport fishing for instance. Members are cautioned to obtain information on this and to attend future public meetings if possible to get more information.

After our monthly 50/50 and door prize draws the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

NEXT MEETING April 15 –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 May 13, Jun. 10, Jul. 15, Aug. 12, Sept. 16, Oct. 21 and Dec. 09th. **Please mark your calendars.**

Did You Know?

- ☆ Trail coordinator and SSWA member Laura Barkhouse has received permission from the D.O.E. after a 6 year long assessment to finally start utilizing old asphalt shingles in a mixture for trail bedding on our regions hiking trails. Well done Laura.
- ☆ It is time to return your fishing report card info to the main office in Pictou. Either fill out the card and mail it for free, or go on line to do it, just do it. These reports help establish the guidelines that attempt to manage our resources.
- ☆ There are more than 100 angling derbies annually in Nova Scotia – 45 for brook trout, 52 bass tournaments, and numerous pickerel, rainbow trout, and striped bass derbies plus several ice fishing ones as well.
- ☆ The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.
- ☆ To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.
- ☆ Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair. (Probably explains why hair turns grey as we age – the intelligence we accumulate brings out the zinc!!)

Smile of the Day: - There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments" answered the lady.

- A pastor announced to his congregation one morning: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have enough money to do the repairs to our church. The bad news is that it's still out there in your pockets!"

- People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

Thought of the Day: - Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.

- God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead, so why should we?

- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

I Believe: - You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

- Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation bangs on the door forever!

- The best sermons are lived, not preached.