



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: April 15, 2013

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey Ron Seney • Greg Himmelman Burt Schrader • Ron Thompson Gary Mader • Doug Joudrey Otis Scott • Lawrence Baltzer Ron Johnstone • David Woodworth Annette Mader • Jeremy McEachern Reg Archibald • Eugene Herman Barry Kelley <p>Regrets from: Linda Joudrey & Bruce Delong</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Reggie A. \$18.00</p> <p>Door Prizes:</p> <p>Labatt 'Copper' hat – Otis Easter/Fishing grab bag – Barry K</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 7:05 pm. Eugene read the minutes from the last meeting and moved them for adoption as corrected. (The DFO - Department of Fisheries and Oceans - referred to in the "Anti-Littering" section should have read DOE - Department of Environment.) Seconded by Barry.

Old Business:

- Youth Hunting Camp: Our attendees - Annette, Gary, Ron, Greg & Stephen – were very positive about how well the session went teaching the young people to set rabbit snares, and a demonstration of how to skin a rabbit donated by Gary (which was left for them to cook and enjoy). Gary did an excellent job with props and details. After the instruction part our reps took the participants into the adjacent woods and let them actually set their own snares. Although there was some scant sign of a rabbit or two in the area none were caught that night. Thanks to our group for the great effort! You can be sure we'll be called on again next year.
- Anti-Littering Signs: Although Ron has been getting the run around he is still working up the ladder of red tape. He has been handed from one level off to another and is now dealing with a lady in Halifax. Apparently things have changed since SSWA received the monetary assistance the last time from DOE. There is also still a chance of procuring funding through the Habitat Fund as well.
- SSWA Website: Stephen is working with Dan P. to get a new website set up that will be easier to manage and update. It is also hopefully a free domain. The transition may take some time to successfully create a user-friendly site so in the meantime the old one will stay functional.
- Amy Campbell's Request: Bruce Delong reported to Stephen by email previous to the meeting that he had no new information from Amy Campbell on the introduction of caribou.
- Lyme Disease Education: Stephen has been in contact with several sources in the Health Depts., starting with a half hour phone conversation with the Research Scientist for Health Canada in

Manitoba, Robbin Lindsay. Robbin clarified the fact that there has not been a vaccine available for Lyme Disease in Canada since 2002. He emailed his main contact for Nova Scotia Health and Wellness with our concerns and supplied Stephen's contact info requesting she speak to Stephen. That transpired into a 45 minute conversation, where lots of interesting info was exchanged. One of her suggestions was that Stephen speak to the local district Health Authority stationed in Bridgewater. Stephen then met with her for an hour as well. In a nutshell, here are some of the main points from all of the discussions:

- first detected in Lunenburg in 2003
- by 2012 there were also known established areas in Pictou, Bedford, Liverpool and Yarmouth
- vaccine 'LIMERIX' only marketed from 1998 – 2002, withdrawn by the company
- in Europe they are experimenting with a vaccine for animals but a human one is a long way off
- our fluctuating temperatures do not force them into dormancy
- impression has been given to NS Health and Wellness that the public is tired of hearing about Lyme
- residents in deemed newly infected zones are notified in the mail through the Municipality
- local physicians are brought up to date annually on stats, treatments, infected areas, etc
- bulls eye rash does not appear in every case
- treatment for Lyme requires oral intake twice daily for 21 days, and is not good for the stomach
- Lyme can be acquired any number of times despite successful treatments previously
- all agreed more info should be conveyed to the public, but the need does not appear to be there
- **NSFAH Convention:** Annette read a report prepared by her and Gary on the various mammals, birds, inland fishery and miscellaneous presentations and resolutions they partook of. (See attachment included at end). SSWA was the recipient of a beautiful trophy for "Having the Most Success Promoting Wildlife Conservation among Youth". Well done members!

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

- Highest exporters in the world for firearms are: USA, Russia, Germany and France. China has taken over fifth place, knocking Britain out of the top five for the first time since 1950.
- Hnatiuk's Hunting & Fishing Limited will now be the group administrating the Firearms Safety Course and the Hunter Education Course. They were the successful bidders, beating out the NSFAH and one other.
- There will be a DNR Open House Sat and Sun, June 1'st and 2'nd, at the Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park. Learn about everything the DNR is involved with. See the displays and hands-on activities, ask questions, check out career options at DNR, visit the wildlife park, etc!
- There is a nation wide ammo shortage in the USA, leaving many police depts. scrambling.
- PETA plans to purchase a drone to spy on hunters with modern camera technology
- Saskatchewan's deer and elk herds are being threatened by a slow spreading epidemic of CWD
- Gun licensing fees have been reinstated. Renewals will no longer be free.

Treasury Report: Eugene gave an updated report of \$2,999.83.

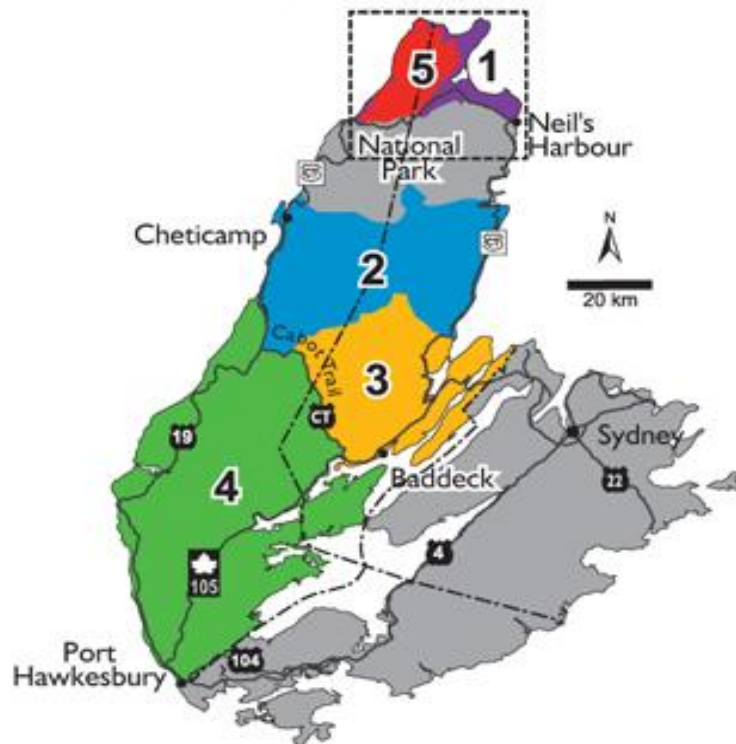
Mar. 04	Chebucto Web site renewal fees	58	\$	20.00
Mar. 04	Greg Himmelman gas	59	\$	30.00
Mar. 04	Gary Mader gas	60	\$	30.00
Mar. 04	Allied Insurance	61	\$	159.00
Apr. 08	Super Store Gift Card	62	\$	45.00
Apr. 16	Linda Joudrey (postage)	63	\$	180.53
pr. 22	N.S. Registry of Joint Stock Companies	64	\$	28.59

Moose Draw applications can be submitted now. There are 5 zones and 7 seasons to choose from. See www.gov.ns.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw/how2apply.asp for more information
 Cost of phone call \$7.83 + HST Call 1-900-565-3337

2013 Moose Hunting Licences Available						
	Motorized				Non-Motorized	
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	
Season 1 Sept. 30–Oct. 5	20	50	25	25	Season 1 Sept. 30–Oct. 5	15
Season 2 Oct. 7–12	20	50	25	25	Season 2 Oct. 7–12	15
Season 7 Dec. 10–12	25*				Season 3 Oct. 14–19	15
* The holder of a Season 7 licence may hunt in either Zone 1 and/or Zone 5; however motorized vehicle use is prohibited in Zone 5.					Season 4 Oct. 21–26	15
					Season 5 Oct. 28–Nov.2	10
					Season 6 Nov. 4–9	10

Moose Management Zones

(Effective 2010)



New Business:

- ☆ **Health and Safety Fair:** Our annual invitation to attend the Michelin sponsored event has been received. Reg volunteered to work the table this year.
- ☆ **Earth Day 2013:** Stephen prepared a letter to the editor in jest but everybody liked it. (Published in the Progress Bulletin April 23.) A must read!
- ☆ **Roadside Deer Survey:** It was decided by those present that SSWA would not conduct a survey this year because of several factors. 1/ Stephen has not heard from DNR about new maps etc., 2/we heard the money to cover expenses for the last few years was paid out to NSFA&H but never handed down to SSWA 3/ LCWA wants nothing to do with it therefore leaving it all up to SSWA to not only organize but also to supply the drivers and recorders.
- ☆ **Giant Flea Market** set for July 20th
- ☆ Stephen presented Gary and Annette Mader with Federation 'Black Hats' in recognition of their outstanding contributions to SSWA. They are faithful attendees, are great resources for information, have been involved with many of our activities, audit our books annually, and have been our Convention reps for several years. Well done, and a huge thank you!!

Dates to Remember:

Big Brothers / Big Sisters Fishing Experience	9:00	Sat. April 27 (Rain date May 04)
Community Services Fishing Experience	9:00	Wed. May 01 (Rain date May 02)
LaHave Manor Fishing Experience	2:00	Wed. May 01 (Rain date May 02)
Bridgewater School grade 3 Fishing Experience	10:00	Wed. May 15 (no rain date)
Michelin Health & Safety Fair	10:00 – 2:00	Sat. June 22
SSWA Giant Flea Market	8:00 – 12:00	Sat July 20

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

Did You Know?

1. There were a total of 3381 coyotes harvested in 2011-2012, an increase of 682 or 25.3% over 2010-2011. Average price dropped from \$27.39 to 26.94 for the same time frame. (numbers not available for 2012-2013)
2. Bobcat harvest was down by 15% to 1023 animals in 2011-2012 but the average price went up from \$147.24 to \$197.24.
3. Beaver harvest increased by 25.3% to 5155 animals. Their value also increased by 57.1% from an average of \$22.56 to \$35.45
4. Number of people taking the Fur Harvester Course last year was 127, Crossbow 209, Bow 252 and Hunter Education 606.
5. There are deer farms in New Brunswick now. N.S. DNR claims this will not be starting up here anytime soon!
6. You can now book a rifle range online. However you must have a signed waiver filed with DNR. Range can be booked for either 1 hour or 2 hour sessions - no more than 2 people at a time.

Smile of the Day: Talk is cheap – except where a lawyer is concerned.

Thought of the Day: Relations are like a seesaw – they work best when they are balanced.

2013 Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters 83rd Convention Report

The theme for this year's convention was Anglers and Hunters – Natures helping hand. The NSFAH was held in Bridgewater on March 22, 23 and 24th. As usual it was an interesting weekend. I was in the Fish and Birds room. Our first speaker was Steve Chase from the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Fund representing NS, NB, PEI, Que. and NL. There is money available to groups who outline a plan to help wild salmon stocks. Some of the things that have been done in the past by some organizations are barrier removals across rivers or streams, silt removal and additions of digger logs. The organization is open to proposals. Their Website is www.salmonconservation.ca their office is in NB.

Our next speaker was Colin Buhariwalla who is a University student doing a study on Striped Bass in the CB area. He has put a tracking device in some 14 striped bass through an incision in their underside, which they stitch up after. The bass are not harmed as the give them a deadening agent and keep them in a tank until they recover. They use something called Acoustic Telemetry to track them. The largest recorded bass was 129 lbs. caught in North Carolina. The largest in the CB region was 57.9 lbs.

Greg Stevens of DFO says they have not yet decided to implement a marine license. They estimated that 5-8 thousand anglers are fishing for striped bass in NS for this past year. Unfortunately they have designated striped bass as an endangered species but they are that in name only. It will take at least 2 years to formalize that designation. A marine license would give them more of an idea whether they are right in naming them endangered.

Dr. David Cone gave a talk on fish parasites. Basically all fish have them and it indicates the fish are healthy. Fish parasites do no harm to humans and most of the time we are not even aware of them. A discussion was held on new fishing regulations. There are too many to mention here but I will mention some that affect us. There are to be no live fish in your possession. When you catch a fish you must make a decision right away if you are releasing it or keeping it. If you are keeping it you must kill it immediately. There are to be no live stringers or live fish in the live wells in your boat. The exceptions are fishing tournaments. You are allowed live bait, buckets of live clams or mussels. The smallmouth bass spawning season restrictions have been dropped in regions outside Special Bass Management Areas. On the LaHave River, from Silver Hill Brook upstream to the South end of Wentzells Lake the bag limit for speckled trout is reduced to three fish per day, none of which can be over 35 cm or 13 ¾ inches. I urge everyone to read their regulation book.

Tara Marshall of L2Fish taught 1800 new students in 48 classes in 2 ½ months. Anyone interested should sign up early as classes fill up fast. She plans to put on an L2Camp class this year.

Bruce Pollard gave a talk on bird regulations. Some of the delegates wanted the goose season pushed back 2 weeks due to cottagers still being present while hunters were shooting birds. As long as regulations were being followed this should not be necessary. Usually the first part of the season is when the most birds are shot. One of the resolutions involved maybe seeing if a season could be added

for shooting morning doves. He says he does not think the population would allow this. Bird regulations have not changed for 30 years so some changes are in the works for the 2013-14 seasons. Some of the season times may change in various zones.

Regarding the resolutions, the one that SSWA brought forth failed 1-7. It was regarding opening the fishing season 2 weeks earlier than now to March 15th. Several people seemed to agree with me, but one said people using ATV's would mess up the roads going to the fishing grounds. I countered that a lot of people walk to their favorite fishing holes. Also it was mentioned that last year was unusually warm weather, but I pointed out that this year was unusually cold. There were 10 resolutions in Fish and Birds. One was withdrawn due to it having passed last year, one had no mover, three failed including the one from SSWA. Five were carried.

The main topic discussed in the mammal room was our parks and protected areas being proposed by NS Department of Environment. This plan involves over 13% of Nova Scotia's landmass. The protected areas are divided into 3 classes, Wilderness Areas, Nature Reserves and Provincial Parks. Each class allows different types of use and access. The subject is too huge to write about in this report. The Federations stand on the subject is that hunting, fishing and trapping and access for these uses be included for all these areas. All user groups or individuals who have concerns in any of these areas need to attend one of the public meetings or go to the website and tell your concerns. All concerns must be received by May 1, 2013. The website is www.novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas It is still unknown who will be delivering the Hunter Safety Course for NS. NSFAH put a bid forward to take it on but no decision has been made.

Mammal Workshop

DNR discussion on wildlife issues filled the whole morning session. Here are a few highlights.

Number of people taking courses

Hunter Education in classes	606
Hunter Education on line	795
Bow Course	252
Crossbow Course	209
Trapper Course	127

You can now book a provincial gun range on line. They will be booked for 1 hour intervals with a limit of 2 hours at a time. Everyone must sign a waiver before booking. This waiver can also be done on line. The waiver is a onetime item. It will stay on record.

It was reported that deer farming has been legalized in NB. This is a concern because where ever deer are farmed diseases usually follow. Chronic Wasting Disease is one of the most concerning that could affect wild deer and moose. This will need to be monitored.

Coyote Harvest 2011/12--- 3288

Deer Harvest Zone 102----872 Lunenburg County---- 1510

All indications are that the deer herd across the province is in good health.

In the afternoon there were 5 resolutions discussed. There were only 2 that passed. One was forwarded by Queens County to move the western boundary of Zone 102 from the Medway River to the LaHave River and the land west of the LaHave River be added to Zone 103. This passed 16-1. We will have information on the other resolutions and mammal statistics at the next SSWA meeting.

Annette & Gary Mader