



# South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: August 12, 2013

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Joudrey     Eugene Herman</li> <li>• Greg Himmelman     Burt Schrader</li> <li>• Gary Mader     Otis Scott</li> <li>• Lawrence Baltzer     Linda Joudrey</li> <li>• Annette Mader     Reg Archibald</li> <li>• Jerry Read     Doug Joudrey</li> <li>• Albert Rafuse</li> </ul> <p>Regrets fr: Ron Thompson &amp; Sheila</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Burt \$13.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Scissors - Otis Hat - Stephen Lure - Doug</p>	<p><u>Executive Phone List:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Joudrey (President) 543-9891</li> <li>• Eugene Herman (Sec/Treas) 543-2893</li> </ul> <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 previous meeting and moved for adoption as read. Seconded by Greg.

## Old Business:

- **Anti-Littering Signs:** Now that the signs have been made and distributed, SSWA will direct our efforts toward preparing a resolution for the Federations Conference in March 2014. We would like to see the NSFAH adapt our initiative on anti-littering and promote it through all of its member clubs, as well as utilizing the media at appropriate times, to put much needed emphasis on the littering problem. Ideally this would include educational programs in schools.
- **SSWA Flea Market:** We did very well on our annual flea market again this year. After taking out for kitchen supplies (\$62), new signs being made (\$80), advertising (\$26.73) and hall rental (\$223.11) we still cleared \$899.31. A very big thank you goes out to all the people who helped and/or donated items.
- **Lyme Disease Education:** Stephen reviewed a lengthy article from the Canadian Press reporting on the rapid spread of deer ticks and lyme disease in Canada. Our contact, Dr. Robbin Lindsay from the Public Health Agency of Canada, was quoted from the interview and he did not paint a positive picture. In just two decades Western black legged ticks are now spreading in BC, and black legged ticks have spread from a mostly localized area in Ontario to colonizations from Newfoundland to Alberta. These ticks can transmit as many as five disease causing agents including the most prevalent bacteria causing Lyme, however the second most prevalent bacteria shares similar symptoms and can be fatal. Human cases of Lyme nearly doubled from 2009 to 2011, and will continue to increase. According to Dr. Lindsay, this is the “new reality”. SSWA can take credit for our active approach in trying to get word out to the public. Lyme Disease is a serious matter, and black legged ticks are very difficult to detect – a bad combination. Many people who have become accustomed to wood ticks are very naive when it comes to deer ticks. SSWA feels it is important to advise everyone of the problems associated with these tiny but dangerous invaders. Stephen will be contacting a local pharmacist to see if she will attend one of our meetings to give a talk on this subject later on, but in the meantime we

will be working on a Resolution for the March 2014 Convention asking the Federation to take a proactive approach to this problem by publicly conveying Lyme disease information in the Province through membership clubs, the media, and the Dept. of Health. Although it was suggested that we write a letter to the Health Minister of N.S. requesting him/her to start an ad campaign to heighten awareness in our province, we have now come to a consensus to be proactive by submitting the resolution to increase education on Lyme disease.

- **Roadside Deer Survey:** Stephen finally did get contacted via email by Peter MacDonald from the DNR's Kentville office, looking for our deer survey results from the spring. Stephen ended up calling him to discuss the situation. In a nutshell, it has been left in his hands. If they are serious about our involvement, then we expect a bit more input from the DNR and the NSFAH. For starters, Stephen suggested Peter talk to Tony Rogers regarding the funding reimbursement that SSWA had requested many months ago, which would come out of the Habitat Fund. Also, he requested that Peter attend one of our meetings to better educate himself on the survey, and to show us the value of it to the DNR. As it stands, we do not feel that much importance is given to all of the work that goes into this annual job. With more cutbacks in the DNR it is getting more difficult for them to do proper deer herd studies. Peter is attempting to organize another feedback method utilizing a trail camera survey. He hopes to get deer sighting stats from trail camera users with the intention of developing this for future reference as well. We will keep you informed of this latest idea as it develops, but as you can see it is falling on us more and more, the people in the field, to provide accurate information regarding game surveys. When you think about it, perhaps this is how it should be done anyway!

#### **Correspondence/Info:** Among the topics discussed were:

- Helena Van Doninck, anti-lead bullet veterinarian crusader, has received a grant to help her in her cause to reduce the amount of lead ammunition used by hunters by educating them on the hazards to raptors and even humans. She has also been invited to talk to a wildlife federation in South Dakota regarding lead poisoning in wildlife. Helene also forwarded an article about the US Army moving away from lead ammo for public health and environmental reasons!!
- There was lively discussion on several of the hunting regulation changes for the 2013 hunting/trapping season. (15 in all)
- Bats are rapidly disappearing in northeastern North America. A fatal infection called white nose syndrome has killed millions in only a few years. DNR are requesting the public's help to report any bat sightings in an attempt to better assess the situation. How many bats did you see this summer? They are indeed low in numbers.
- West Nile Virus is raging in Central America. More people have died during the first half of mosquito season this year than all of 2012. The worst outbreak to date was in 2010, and cases tend to surge every three to five years. Standing water and large populations are the worst combination. West Nile is not new to Canada, but cases have been low and concentrated out West.
- Nova Scotia's NDP government recently purchased more land so that at 13% by 2015 will become second to B.C. at 14% as having the largest percentage of land set aside for protected lands.
- The Nova Scotia Big Game Society is considering implementing a new category in their record books for trophies taken with a crossbow. This will not appear for a few years so keep your info.
- The latest nationwide survey in the US regarding hunting gave the following results: Approve – 79%, disapprove – 12%, no response – 9%. This is the highest level of support since 1995.

#### **Treasury Report:**

Eugene gave an updated report of a balance of \$3438.66

Jul. 15	Deposit membership			\$ 20.00
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Jul. 15	50/50 Draw Deposit			\$ 11.00
Jul. 23	MSAC	71	\$ 223.11	
Jul. 23	Flea Market			\$ 1,229.75
Jul. 23	Deposit membership			\$ 20.00
Jul. 02	Interest			\$ 0.13

### New Business:

1. A meeting about Public Access to Church Lake was discussed. Apparently some local clubs as well as the general public wants the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg to install a public boat launch on land owned by the municipality but a group of landowners are against it. In general, the SSWA would like to see more boat launches installed on lakes to provide better access for fishermen and recreational users alike. Why should only landowners get sole rights to use public waters in this province?
2. A new guides training camp is preparing to open in September to train and certify more people as hunting and fishing guides. Unfortunately Ron Seney wasn't available to add any new information to what he had supplied via email, but stay tuned for more details.
3. **BB/BS Fall Outing:** Stephen has a list of 6 names from our club who are interested in doing this and will now see if we can change the tentative date from Sept. 21 to Sept. 28 with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. If that works, we will plan the outing at next month's meeting.
4. **The NSFA&H Banquet** being held on Sept. 11, 2013 at St. Mary's Boat Club will be attended by Mr. & Mrs. Reg Achibald representing SSWA. We have prepared a framed print of two spotted fawns taken by Annette, for the silent auction.
5. **Trappers Rendezvous** will be held Aug, 16-18<sup>th</sup> at Hibernia. Ron T. & Eugene H will manage the BB/Pellet gun shoot booth for SSWA. It is a popular activity for the young people.
6. **Resolutions:** Five draft Resolutions were reviewed at this meeting. The original one from Ron and Eugene on mandatory wearing of PFD's was tabled again. Gary Mader introduced one for modifying the annual moose draw method to increase unsuccessful applicant's chances each year until they are selected. Stephen and Lawrence submitted the one for trial Walleye introductions in NS, and Stephen read one for anti littering and one for Lyme disease to increase public awareness for both topics. These five drafts will now be emailed to a selected few members – Otis, Doug, Jerry Read, Greg, - in addition to the originators, for review and tweaking. From this it is hoped that five final drafts will be accepted in Sept. However we still have 2 more meetings to fine tune any or all to suit our requirements. These Resolutions will be submitted to Tony Rogers at year end to be posted in the Convention booklet next spring for discussion and voting at the round table.

### Dates to Remember:

Outdoor Show in Truro

NSFA&H Banquet

Trappers Rendezvous in Hibernia

SSWA sponsored BB gun shoot for kids

Tentative BB/BS Fall Outing

Friday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

August 16, 17 & 18

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:00(at the Rendezvous)

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, rain date Oct. 05<sup>th</sup>

## **NEXT MEETING**

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 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 Oct. 21 and Dec. 09<sup>th</sup>. **Please mark your calendars.**

## **Did You Know?**

1. There are increasing numbers of the large grey squirrels in Nova Scotia as well as the large black squirrels?
2. Air conditioners with the “energy Star” are up to 70% more power efficient?
3. These air conditioners only consume about \$2 to \$3 of electricity a day?
4. Using you clothesline can save up to \$8 a month in power costs?
5. Fans are an effective way to feel cooler? Ceiling fans cost about \$0.15 a day while portable fans use about \$0.20 a day of electricity. (According to NS Power)
6. In the ten years SSWA has been holding the flea market we have cleared \$7,815.15. This money is used to sponsor kids to camps, support our fishing derbies, allows us to send members to various outings such as the youth hunting and trapping weekend, NSFA&H Banquet and the Federation Annual Conference. SSWA also makes donations to various non-profit organizations such as BB/BS and the Food Bank.
7. The winner of our framed print at the flea market was Rosalea Sarty of Hebbville.

**Smile of the Day:** We'll be old friends till we're senile senior citizens.....then we'll be new friends.

Drinking alcohol during pregnancy can cause problems. Drinking alcohol before pregnancy can cause pregnancy.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row!

**Thought of the Day:** After the chess game, the king and the pawn go into the same box!

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

Never corner something that is meaner than you.

**I Believe:** A lot of life's problems would disappear if we would talk to each other instead of about each other.

Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

Every path has a few puddles.