



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: September 16, 2013

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey • Greg Himmelman • Gary Mader • Lawrence Baltzer • Annette Mader • Jerry Read <p>Regrets: Otis Scott</p>	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Jerry R. \$10.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Hat - Lawrence Lure - Eugene</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 7:10 pm. Eugene read the minutes from the previous meeting and moved for adoption as read. Seconded by Ron T.

Old Business:

- **Trappers Rendezvous** at Hibernia Twin Lake Campground on Aug. 16, 17 and 18'th: Gary gave a short report that it was another successful event with about the same number of campers as last year. The weekend went very well. Ron T & Eugene worked the BB/Pellet Gun Shoot booth on Sat. afternoon. They set up a canopy for the young people to sit under while shooting which worked out well considering the day was hot and sunny. The shoot took 3.5 hours because there were so many participants – 17 in all. The only suggestion for another year is to have two shooting booths set up so the kids could take more turns. Several of these young folks in the age group between 9 and 12 showed not only great shooting skills but also a good understanding of safety awareness. One young fellow even volunteered to help out by registering the kids before they tried their skills. He had them pick out the targets they wanted to shoot at. All in all, we were impressed with the young people that took part in our target shoot this year.
- **Anti-Littering Signs:** Our cheque for the cost of the signs, minus the HST, was received from RRFB. SSWA is also working on an anti-littering resolution for the NSFA&H Convention in March 2014.
- **NSFA&H Banquet:** Due to last minute flue symptoms our delegates did not make it to the banquet in Sept. Eugene sent an email to Tony right away explaining the situation. Tony later responded back that he understood and that the banquet was a success once again.
- **Lyme Disease Education:** Stephen reviewed a full page email, in response to his inquiry, from Catherine Stevens of Communicable Disease Prevention & Control for N.S. Department of Health and Wellness. It basically said that the Dept of Health takes the lyme disease issue very seriously and she feels it is doing a good job in keeping the public informed. In the meantime, SSWA is 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. We feel more can, and should, be done!

- **Public Access to Church Lake:** Gary & Annette attended the open meeting about public boat access and were able to provide details of the evening. The meeting was orderly and went very well, and both sides had their opinions heard, but it was basically an information session and not a debate. The bottom line was that even some of the landowners were in favor of the proposed launch while one particular individual who lands his private plane on the lake said the water isn't deep enough for boating. The meeting was well attended by locals as well as several of the Councilors of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and local MLAs.

Correspondence/Info: Among the topics discussed were:

- ☆ More articles are showing up in newspapers regarding ticks and lyme disease.
- ☆ Eagles are falling prey to the large wind farms popping up across the US.
- ☆ Poachers in Zimbabwe have started poisoning water holes with cyanide to kill elephants for the ivory. At last report at least 91 elephants were killed this way in addition to various other animals using the same watering holes. Where are the animal activist groups when you really need them???
- ☆ Learn-2-Fish program coordinator Tara Marshall has transferred from DFO to a position with the DNR as of Sept. 16'th. No word on a replacement or if the L-2-F program will continue.
- ☆ Anti-lead bullet crusader Helene Van Doninck was invited to be a guest speaker at the South Dakota Wildlife Federation AGM in mid-Sept.
- ☆ Ammunition sales in the US have skyrocketed and manufacturers are having difficulty in keeping up with the supply working round the clock. Therefore there is a shortage across North America which in turn is driving prices up in some US stores. Manufacturers are concentrating on the most popular calibers such as .308, 30-06, etc so a lot of calibers, especially in copper, are not readily available.

Treasury Report:

Eugene gave an updated report of a balance of \$3512.81

Aug. 13	Deposit			\$	10.00
Aug. 13	50/50 Draw			\$	13.00
Aug. 13	Deposit			\$	15.00
Aug. 26	Deposit			\$	10.00
Aug. 26	NFA&H Banquet Tickets (2)	72	\$	80.00	
Aug. 01	Interest			\$	0.15
Aug. 23	Bank service charge		\$	4.00	
Sept. 05	Deposit			\$	40.00
Sept. 20	Deposit			\$	15.00
Sept. 20	Deposit			\$	15.00
Sept. 20	Deposit			\$	5.00
Sept. 16	50/50 Draw Jerry Read	-		\$	10.00
Sept. 20	Deposit			\$	20.00
Sept. 20	Deposit			\$	10.00
Sept. 20	RRFB Rebate for Anti-littering signs			\$	296.00
Sept. 16	Linda Joudrey Postage Etc.	73	\$	159.34	
Sept. 16	NFA&H Banquet Tickets (2) Cancelled (Sick)	72		\$	80.00
Sept. 3	Interest			\$	0.17

New Business:

- **Waterfowl Committee:** Again there were no Waterfowl Committee representatives present so Stephen read highlights of the report he received from the Migratory Bird Committee of Canada. It included a list of changes that are in effect for the 2013 hunting season, including season date changes.
- **Seafood Mania Tickets:** It was agreed to try a slightly different approach to this years prizes. We will have three prizes of 10 pounds of lobster each instead of the variety of seafood as in past draws. The reasoning was two-fold: it was felt that most people buy the tickets because of the lobster, therefore perhaps increasing sales potential, and also it is easier to get the prizes from one supplier instead of the four different directions required in the past raffles. It's now called our "Lobster Raffle" and Eugene will have the tickets ready at our Oct. meeting - still \$1 each or 3 for \$2.
- **BB/BS Fall Outing:** Stephen had prepared an agenda for this event and the BB/BS organizer was quite excited about the whole idea. Unfortunately, after a couple of weeks of canvassing, there was not enough interest from the 'littles' to assemble a group for it this time. Although very disappointed over the poor responses, she plans on scheduling this into their 2014 activity list for next fall so that there will be ample time to prepare for it.
- **Resolutions:** There are presently six resolutions being worked on. When they are finalized in an acceptable form, (target date is the Oct. meeting), we will issue them in our minutes to all members for viewing. These take a lot of time, not only to get the concept right, but also the wording. The smallest error can often derail a resolution from passing even if it is an acceptable idea.

Dates to Remember:

Lobster Raffle Draw
Rifle Season for deer

Dec.9th
Oct. 25th

NEXT MEETING *October 21st at 7:00pm in Sobeys'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, or to interested individuals. Date for the last meeting of 2013 is Dec. 09th. **No Meeting in November**

Did You Know?

1. NSFA&H are running a large newspaper ad encouraging N.S. Federation of Agriculture to form a registry where they would offer hunters permission to use their land to hunt/trap to reduce the numbers of nuisance wildlife whether it be raccoons, bear, coyotes or deer, etc.
2. New York: Two people are recovering when a six-point buck jumped through the rear side window of their minivan, went over a 16year old passenger, and out through the other rear side window as they were driving. The deer died, but the people suffered only minor injuries – plus some undergarment cleaning!
3. Another cougar sighting in N.S. - Tues. Oct. 01, 2013 Halifax Herald: A man with a degree in biology saw a cougar in broad daylight off trunk # 14 in Centre Rawdon on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29, while walking his dog. Mark Elderkin of DNR said they receive about 25 to 50 reported sightings a year but they still have no solid evidence. They want the public to call as soon as possible after a sighting so they can gather photos, tracks, hair or scat. The number to call is 1-800-565-2224.

4. A saturated frozen sponge in a zip lock bag makes an ice pack that won't drip all over when it melts.
5. Adding a small amount of water in a glass when heating pizza in a microwave will keep the crust from getting chewy.
6. A potential new world record moose was shot in the Yukon on Sept. 25'th by Dawson City resident Heinz Naef, using his old open sighted British .303. The animal is estimated to weigh at least 1250 lbs with a spread of 75 1/4". Official measuring will take place on Dec. 02 after the minimum required 60 day drying period.
7. Minor dehydration can slow down ones metabolism by as much as 3%. Lack of water is the #1 trigger for daytime fatigue, and a mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short term memory.

Smile of the Day: A husband takes his wife to a disco. There's a guy on the dance floor living it large - break dancing, moon walking, back flips, the works. The wife turns to her husband and says: "See that guy? 25 years ago he proposed to me and I turned him down." Her husband says: "Looks like he's still celebrating!!!"

My friend thinks he knows everything. He said onions are the only food that will make you cry. So I threw a coconut at him.

I wasn't planning on going for a run today, but those cops came out of nowhere!

I told the cashier I'd like to open a joint account. Apparently 'with anyone who has lots of money' doesn't work like I hoped.

Thought of the Day: Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

In life you will realize that there is a purpose for everyone you meet. Some will test you, some will use you and some will teach you. But the most important are the ones who bring out the best in you, respect you and accept you for who you are. Those are the ones worth keeping around.

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

I Believe: Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

You shouldn't interfere with something that's not bothering you.

If you don't learn to laugh at yourself, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.