



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: October 21, 2013

<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey Eugene Herman • Greg Himmelman Burt Schrader • Gary Mader Ron Thompson • Lawrence Baltzer Otis Scott • Annette Mader Reg Archibald • Jerry Read Barry Kelley • Jeremy McEacern Albert Rafuse 	<p><u>50/50 Tonnie Draw</u></p> <p>Jeremy M. \$16.00</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p>Orange Hat - Barry Hunting accessories – Jerry Grab Bag - Albert</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 7:07 pm. Eugene moved that we accept the Sept. minutes as written due to having to finalize six resolutions and distribute the lobster tickets. Seconded by Burt. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Lyme Disease Education:** There have been two recent broadcasts, one Canadian and one from the USA, on black legged ticks and lyme disease. The Canadian documentary explored this newest threat from the early establishments in only two provinces, and showed how quickly it has spread and continues to. One of the main sources of information was Dr. Robin Lindsay, our contact that we assisted a few years ago. Robin is a Research Scientist with the Public Health Agency of Canada from Manitoba who was directing the collection of blood samples from deer kills a few years ago in an attempt to see how wide spread the EEE disease was that killed several horses in Lunenburg county.
- **Public Access to Church Lake:** It appears the Council for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has decided to postpone any decision on the public boat launch for now.
- **SSWA Resolutions for 2014:** Quite a bit of time was spent reviewing the six resolutions and making final adjustments in preparation for sending them to the Federation in December. Final drafts were approved and are included in these minutes for review by all members. Any queries or concerns should be directed to Stephen or Eugene immediately. These resolutions will be forwarded to Tony Rogers by end of Dec. in order to have them included in the 2014 AGM booklet. At the AGM in March our delegates will present and defend these on behalf of SSWA. Any resolutions approved at the round table discussions will then be forwarded to the proper government dept. for review and discussion, and hopefully inclusion in upcoming regulation changes for the province.
- **Lobster Mania Raffle:** Lottery License was obtained and tickets prepared for hand out. Several members took bags of tickets that Eugene had prepared. A few bags of tickets are still available to sell if anyone would like some. There are 15 books of three tickets in each bag. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Prizes this year are 3 separate lots of 10 lbs of lobster.

Correspondence/Info: Among the topics discussed were:

- ☆ California is the first state in the United States to ban the use of lead in hunting ammunition.
- ☆ Disposal fees at the waste facility continue to provoke illegal dumping. Ron suggested that SSWA prepare a letter of appreciation along with a couple of our anti-littering signs and take them to James Herbert. He is the thirteen year old who has started a personal campaign for clean-up on the Smith Road in Lunenburg County due to all the garbage being dumped there.
- ☆ Federal grant money has been approved to two NS organizations that will assist in improvements for local salmon migrations on the Lahave River.
- ☆ Helene Van Donninck continues to educate various groups on the hazards of lead in ammunition used to dispatch animals for human consumption. She has made a lot of headway in a very short time.

Treasury Report:

Eugene gave an updated report of a balance of \$3824.64

Oct. 02	Deposit			\$	20.00
Oct. 01	Interest			\$	0.10
Oct. 21	Deposit			\$	151.00

New Business:

Our annual food bank donation was discussed. Ron moved and Annette seconded that SSWA donate three gift certificates for \$50.00 each to three local food banks. Carried. Stephen will investigate the number of local food banks. We will wait to donate until early 2014 when food banks are more in need than they are over the Holiday Season.

Dates to Remember:

Lobster Raffle Draw

Dec.9th

End of Rifle Season for deer

Dec. 07th

NEXT MEETING: *December 09th 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, or to interested individuals. Tentative dates for 2014 meetings are Jan. 13 Feb. 10 Mar. 10 Apr. 7 May 12 Jun. 16 Jul. 14 Aug. 11 Sept. 15 Oct. 13 Dec. 15 No meeting in November.

These dates need to be confirmed by Sobey's Community Coordinator in early Jan.

SSWA Resolutions for 2014: Members wishing to discuss any of these should contact Stephen or Eugene asap.

"Floatation Devices"

Whereas: People die every year in water related accidents in Nova Scotia

Whereas: One floatation device per person is mandatory to be carried in all watercraft

Whereas: Seat belts are provided in most highway vehicles but are only effective when properly worn

Whereas: It is a known fact that many drowning deaths would not have occurred if the victims had been wearing a proper PFD

Let be resolved: That a law be passed to make the wearing of an approved floatation device mandatory for anyone in control of or a passenger in a recreation watercraft equal to or less than six meters in length, on all waters of Nova Scotia.

"Anti-Littering"

Whereas: Littering continues to be a province wide problem

Whereas: Littering spoils scenic beauty, remote nature locations, and tourist routes alike

Whereas: Few gains appear to have been made in the reduction of litter, despite existing laws and public education

Whereas: Litter can result in harm to wildlife and the environment

Whereas: The province of Nova Scotia relies heavily on the tourist industry

Therefore be it Resolved: That the NSFAH do an active campaign in publicizing the negative impact of littering, and encourage everyone to stop littering.

"Moose Draw Applications"

Whereas: There is an annual draw for a moose license in N.S.

Whereas: Every resident in N.S. that wishes to hunt moose in their home province should have that opportunity at least once in their lifetime.

Whereas: Many hunters who have applied every year for 30 plus years have not been successful, while others have been drawn several times.

Whereas: Other Provinces and States that have draws for big game animals use different types of point systems to increase the chances for unsuccessful long time applicants.

Whereas: The state of Maine has a proven system that could be adopted for use in Nova Scotia at minimal cost to the taxpayers.

Therefore be it Resolved: That NSDNR implement a system in that every year an applicant is unsuccessful they would have their application entered in the draw multiple times, for example, second year 2 times, third year 3 times, fourth year 4 times, and continue growing as long as the applicant is unsuccessful. When an applicant is successfully drawn and after their 5 year waiting period, they would start over just the same as a new applicant.

"Lyme Disease Education"

Whereas: Lyme Disease is a very serious health issue, and can seriously debilitate anyone infected, especially if not recognized for a substantial period of time

Whereas: Lyme Disease cases in NS have escalated in recent years not just in hunters and fishermen but in other residents who venture outdoors

Whereas: Black-legged ticks are no longer confined to fields and forests and have been found within towns and communities

Whereas: Black-legged tick establishments will continue to spread at an alarming rate, carried not only by deer but by other animals and birds

Whereas: Many NS residents are still unaware of their potential to come in contact with these ticks, and to very possibly contract this disease

Therefore be it resolved: That the NSFAH take a proactive approach immediately to encourage further public education on Lyme Disease through membership clubs, the news media, and the NS Dept of Health.

"Open lakes April 1st"

Whereas: Minamkeak Lake, Milipsigate Lake & Hebb's Lake are presently closed to sport fishing until July 1st

Whereas: There are no public boat launches to any of these three lakes and only very limited private access

Whereas: Chain Pickerel and Small Mouth bass populations are already established in some of these lakes

Whereas: Continual exposure to these predator fish will cause more damage to endangered Atlantic White fish stocks than the occasional sports fisherman

Whereas: Fishing these lakes and removing even a small portion of these predators would only improve the survival chances of the Atlantic Whitefish

Therefore be it resolved: That Minamkeak Lake, Milipsigate Lake & Hebb's Lake be returned to the original sport fishing opening date of April 1.

"Introduction of Walleye"

Whereas: The last few decades has seen the introduction of at least two non-native fish species to N.S. waters

Whereas: The last few decades have witnessed a serious decline in several native fish species including, in some areas, the most popular and sought after game fish - the Atlantic Salmon & Brook Trout.

Whereas: The sport of fishing has experienced a renewed interest, largely due to active encouragement in the school systems

Whereas: NS boasts an ample stock of lakes and watercourses to allow experimentation with establishing a new game fish species

Whereas: Walleyes are recognized as probably the choicest edible freshwater fish available in Canada, and would be a welcome addition to the freshwater sport fishing industry and an enticement to anglers

Therefore be it Resolved: That the NS Gov. introduce walleyes in specific water bodies of Nova Scotia with the intent of establishing a future and viable recreational walleye sport fishery.