



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: January 13, 2014

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Eugene Herman |
| • Greg Himmelman | Burt Schrader |
| • Gary Mader | Ron Thompson |
| • Otis Scott | Doug Joudrey |
| • Annette Mader | Linda Joudrey |
| • Barry Kelley | Ron Johnstone |

50/50 Tonnie Draw

Eugene \$11.00

Door Prizes:

Hat - Ron
Pic Frame - Otis
Coasters/napkins - Annette

Executive Phone List:

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:08 pm. He suggested that since we again had a guest speaker coming to our meeting, we review just the highlights of our Dec. meeting. All agreed, so Eugene read the Old and New Business sections and moved for adoption - seconded by Burt.

Old Business:

- **Website:** Stephen said things are starting to take shape and he hopes to have more to announce at the next meeting. He hopes to have a new site up and running shortly.
- **Thank You Letter:** Ron hasn't had a chance to visit James Hebert over the holidays but will do it soon and present him with a free membership and two of our anti-littering signs.
- **Gun Show Project:** Jeremy was not available. Eugene did comment on one possible rental building but didn't hold out much hope as the person in charge didn't have any answers to his questions. Jeremy will fill us in more at next meeting as to the progress he is making.
- **Food Bank Donations:** Stephen will purchase three \$50 Sobeys grocery cards and distribute them to three individual local food banks before the next meeting.
- **Resolutions:** Eugene forwarded them to Tony Rodgers who in turn queried as to whether or not we wish to proceed with all of them. As he pointed out, a couple are already in the Federation's Constitution from prior resolutions submitted by other clubs. He wanted to talk directly to Eugene to explain what could happen to those existing ones. After a considerable phone conversation, Tony agreed to forward the Federation's constitution to Eugene to help explain their position on various topics. He explained that if ours are tabled and approved they would replace the ones presently on the books. However, if ours are defeated, then the existing ones would also be removed from the Constitution and therefore off the table for future discussions. We spent time debating each Resolution in question. In the end those present decided to withdraw the one on the 'moose draw' points system because the existing one was very similar. However the one for mandatory floatation devices was left in because the existing one is directed toward motorized watercraft only whereas ours

is for all watercraft under a certain length limit, including canoes and kayaks. The other four were left as is. Eugene was to send a written response to Tony explaining this. (completed Jan. 15th, 2014)

- **Recycling Depot:** Stephen has made contact with the management and a representative has agreed to attend a meeting to explain the basics of the solid waste facility, and to hopefully answer any questions and concerns from the group. Stephen will arrange for her to come to the April meeting.

Guest Speaker: Stephen had requested our speaker to arrive around 8:00 but advised at the beginning of the meeting that we would interrupt our meeting whenever she arrived and finish after the presentation was over. As it happened she arrived a half hour early so we moved right into her presentation on Lyme disease. Susan Beresford, a pharmacist from Kinburn Pharmacy in Mahone Bay, gave a very interesting presentation, accompanied with slides, and answered any questions. She described the three various stages of the disease and the medications available to combat it. There were 120 confirmed cases reported in Nova Scotia in 2012. Thanks go to faithful attendee Burt S for suggesting we invite her.

Following Susan's departure, our meeting resumed with:

Correspondence/Info: Among the topics discussed were:

- ☆ Peter MacDonald, the large mammal biologist for DNR, will attend the March meeting to discuss several issues including the roadside deer survey, the new hunting regulations, etc.
- ☆ The two free licenses of a lifetime winners for 2013 were: Don Ferguson of MacKay Siding, Colchester Co. and Mike Drummond of Truro.
- ☆ Stephen reviewed a few newspaper clippings and internet articles including: a brief report on the few changes to the waterfowl regulations; a brief report on the 2013 deer season from Peter MacDonald; our NFA is delving into the remaining portion of the firearms program questioning if that money is being spent wisely; as of Dec. 20 2013 the Nova Scotia DNR has stopped using lead ammunition to dispatch any animal.

Treasury Report: Eugene gave an updated report of a balance of \$4315.81 after writing checks totaling \$290.13 for stamps and envelopes. The price is going to skyrocket so we're stocking up early. We now have about 8 months worth of mailing supplies ahead. Also Annette & Gary Mader have accepted the job as auditors again this year and have the books in their possession until the next meeting.

New Business: The Nova Scotia Federation of Angers and Hunters annual convention will be held in the Bridgewater Days Inn, March 21 to the 23rd. Gary and Annette Mader have once again agreed to represent SSWA to present and argue our five resolutions. Many thanks to both of them.

NEXT MEETING: *Feb. 10th 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. **Scheduled** dates for 2014 meetings are: Feb. 10; Mar. 10; Apr. 7; May 12; Jun. 16; Jul. 14; Aug. 11; Sept. 15; Oct. 20; Dec. 15. **No meeting in November.** Mark your calendars now!!!

Buy/Sell/Trade: If anyone has or knows where there is a .22caliber target rifle for sale please call Barry at 521-9908. This is a good time to remind members that we will include in

our minutes certain ads (within reason) pertaining to our sporting interests. If you have something to sell or even give away, or are looking for something to buy, etc. please contact Stephen or Eugene. Accepted entries will be drafted in the following month's minutes.

Of Interest: There have been several reports from the Oakhill, Blockhouse, Mahone Bay and Lunenburg areas of abnormal deer activity this winter in that they are showing bolder than normal tendencies in approaching near and around residential areas looking for food sources such as acorns, plants and shrubbery. As we know this winter has been more extreme than we have been used to over the last number of seasons. If we are noticing and complaining about the winter, try to imagine what our friends in the wild have to contend with. If anyone has thought about perhaps hanging a bird feeder or two and never gotten around to it this would be a good winter to take that step. Equally for wood lot owners perhaps supplying a bit of natural browse through some selected tree falling would be a good idea as well.

Upcoming Events: A new year is upon us. As a club, SSWA tries to stay active and involved with volunteer activities as well as community issues and fund raising. We will soon have a new website up and running and hopefully it will be kept up to date with these issues. In the meantime, following are some of the upcoming expected activities for your club. We suggest marking your calendars now for anything that may be of interest.

****March 10'th:** Special guest Peter MacDonald is scheduled to attend our SSWA meeting to discuss wildlife issues, hunting regulations, roadside deer survey, resolutions, etc. This may be one meeting that you will want to attend, especially if you have any concerns in these areas.

****March 11'th:** SSWA will be putting on a rabbit snaring presentation at the Youth Hunting Camp being held at McGowan Lake DNR facility. We have been asked by DNR to help in their efforts to put on this 2 day course for the young registrants who pay a fee to participate.

****March 21 – 23'rd:** SSWA will send two representatives to the 2014 NSFAH Annual Convention to take part in this 3 day event. In addition to presenting and defending our club's resolutions, they will be taking notes and preparing reports on wildlife issues and other matters of interest from information obtained from the various guest speakers and activities.

****April 07'th:** Special guest speaker from the Whynott's Settlement Waste Facility at our meeting. This is in conjunction with our anti-littering efforts.

****May:** Four fishing derbies hosted by us for the usual organizations.

****June:** Annual Michelin Health and Safety Fair. SSWA has entered a booth here since the very beginning, with handouts for various outdoor dangers including coyotes, ticks – both kinds and including lyme disease, poisonous plants, sun exposure, etc.

****July:** Our annual Giant Flea Market fundraiser - exact date to be determined.

****September:** Fall Activity Day for Big Brothers. This has yet to be confirmed but is planned into their 2014 activities schedule to be organized with us.

In addition to these items SSWA hopes to be hosting a gun show and sale sometime this fall if suitable space can be found locally. Also, we will do our annual spring and fall ticket raffle fund raisers so be prepared to help out with those.

Did You Know?

- Nova Scotia's largest county is Halifax at 1.4 million acres. The smallest county is Richmond at 323,950 acres.

- The earliest recorded air photograph in Canada was taken from a balloon above Halifax in 1883.

- Nova Scotia has the second highest percentage of privately owned land in Canada at approximately 73%.

Smile of the Day: If Superman could stop bullets, why did he duck when someone threw something at him?

Why did they put an 's' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, were the apes left behind just slow learners?

Thought of the Day: You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.

- What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

- The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

- When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!

I Believe: - Losing ones sight is bad.....but losing ones vision is even worse.

- New friends are diamonds, but old friends are gold. Diamonds are far less appealing without that base of gold.

- Just like a car's windshield is larger than the rear window, life's views are greater looking forward than looking in the past.