



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: February 10th, 2014

In Attendance: Regrets: Eugene and Sheila

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Lawrence Baltzer |
| • Greg Himmelman | Burt Schrader |
| • Gary Mader | Ron Thompson |
| • Otis Scott | Doug Joudrey |
| • Annette Mader | Linda Joudrey |
| • Barry Kelley | Billy Hirtle |
| • Reg Archibald | Ron Seney |
| • Tim Townsend | Albert Rafuse |

50/50 Toonie Draw
Reg A \$15.00

Door Prizes:
Hat - Billy H
Pic Frame - Otis
Mini album - Albert

Executive Phone List:

- Stephen Joudrey (President)
543-9891
- Eugene Herman (Sec/Treas)
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New Website:

southshorewildlife.weebly.com

Stephen opened the meeting at 7:08 pm. As our secretary/treasurer Eugene the Nomad was away traveling through the States Linda stepped in to act as meeting secretary. She read the minutes from last meeting and moved for adoption with one minor spelling correction. Seconded by Doug.

Old Business:

- **Website:** Our new site is up and running. Stephen and Dan Pittman spent many hours creating and building this over the past few weeks. Many thanks to Dan for his knowledge and ability to switch us over from the old Chebucto site and recover some of the original material. We'd appreciate any comments, good or bad, or suggestions for improvements. Google: southshorewildlife.weebly.com Check out the many photos in the Album pages, and our Activity page highlights.
- **Thank You Letter:** Ron still hasn't been able to deliver the letter and signs to James Hebert but it's on his 'to-do' list.
- **Gun Show Project:** Jeremy was not available for this meeting again so we are not able to provide any news on this project. He is gathering info needed for us to make a decision if it's a go or not.
- **Food Bank Donations:** Stephen has purchased three \$50 Sobeys grocery cards and added a letter to go with them. Annette took the one for Mahone Bay in hopes of delivering it shortly. Doug will deliver the one to Lunenburg, and Linda will drop off the Bridgewater donation. Thanks to all.
- **Resolutions:** We did a review of our Walleye resolution after legitimate concerns were raised as to the potential consequences of such a project should it be accepted and implemented. Everyone at the meeting agreed that Walleye would provide a great new sport fishery for anglers, but the introduction of another predator fish is something to be very much aware of. The discussion was contributed to by several members from around the table. After a fair bit of debate it was decided that we would let

our resolution stand as is, based on several facts: we are asking for a controlled introduction in a contained body of water, to be decided on by fishery biologists in order to eliminate natural spread into other water courses, which in the case of any predator fish is a big concern in most States and Provinces; Walleye however, as a predator fish, would likely help control other predator species like Smallmouth and Pickerel which are already causing problems with native fish stocks; Yellow Perch are a favorite food source for them; Walleye, in future years, could well help fill the void being left due to the slow and unfortunate demise of native trout and salmon stocks.

Correspondence/Info: Among the articles presented were:

- ☆ Over the last seven years, more than 100 weapons have been stolen from our Defense Dept. Even worse, they have lost over 700 items in total worth \$227,000. The lost weapons included 53 rifles, 2 machine guns, 3 handguns, 26 knives, 19 air rifles, and ammunition.
- ☆ As of Feb. 01/2014, Big Brothers have relocated their offices to #821 King Street, Unit 7.
- ☆ Response from Tony regarding our Resolution query provoked lots of discussion and ended in Barry moving, seconded by Reg, that we send a reply as to our dissatisfaction. Stephen to follow up.

Treasury Report: In Eugene's absence, Stephen reported we have a balance of \$3305.81 after issuing cheques for Federation dues, delegates to the Convention, and food bank grocery cards totaling \$1010.00.

New Business: Reminder that the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Annual Convention will be held in the Bridgewater Days Inn, March 21 to the 23rd. Gary and Annette Mader are attending as our voting delegates, but Stephen reminded everyone that interested members can drop by on Sat. afternoon to take in the workshops where all resolutions are tabled and debated before being voted on. Only our delegates can speak on any issues, and vote on behalf of our club. Visitors will be strictly silent spectators sitting off to the side.

Also a reminder of the upcoming DNR Youth Hunting Camp next month of which we are again taking part. Stephen will meet with the DNR organizers prior to our next meeting to firm up any loose ends. We will be doing a repeat of last year with the rabbit snaring and rabbit cleaning presentation on Tuesday morning so that the young participants will be able to set snares with our assistance at the end of the presentation in hopes of obtaining one or two of their own that night. We will also provide a few prizes for the group, which have yet to be determined. Stephen will arrange for them.

Stephen reminded the group that postage fees are taking a sharp rise on April 01'st. A quick estimate works out to approximately another \$150 cost to SSWA. We have no intention of raising dues to cover this, but if there are any Canada Post recipients who could switch over to email minutes it would be appreciated. In the meantime, we will look for ways to reduce the mailed out copies.

Ron Seney addressed several issues of concern that he has been dealing with in the capacity of Chairperson of the Lahave River Watershed Enhancement Foundation. As a member of SSWA, he wanted to advise us of the Foundation's efforts to:

1/ Make public officials aware of problems with public access to specific provincial waters for recreational use, particularly for trout fishing.

2/ Request involvement with the MODL in regards to a conflict with the Lahave River trail development interfering with the Cookville Provincial Park which the Foundation is currently responsible for.

3/ Bring to light the Foundation's concerns with the on-going problem of raw sewage effluent emptying directly into the Lahave River.

Ron also wished to advise everyone of a Nova Scotia Guides Association course being held at the end of next month. See the NOTICE section next page for full details.

NEXT MEETING: *March 10'th 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: 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. Now 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. Spouses are not going to be listed, so stop asking.

Reminder: ***Special guest speaker at our March meeting will be Peter MacDonald, Large Mammal Biologist, Wildlife Division, Nova Scotia Dept. of Natural Resources.

***Also, April's meeting will host a guest from the Whynott's Settlement Solid Waste Facility to discuss waste handling issues and hopefully answer any questions raised from the floor.

Did You Know:

Gout is a form of arthritis that tends to start in the joint of the big toe. One way to avoid gout is to cut back on animal proteins like meat. The maximum daily serving of protein recommended is 4 – 6 ounces. Anyone who has experienced this painful condition will have no problem adapting to whatever it takes to avoid a re-occurrence.

The smell of peppermint is purported to reduce food cravings. However, eating a peppermint candy or chewing peppermint gum does not work for that purpose. (In reality, if this really worked, wouldn't Jenny Craig have invented peppermint scented clothing by now?)

The first woman to climb Mt. Everest was Junko Tabei of Japan on May 16'th, 1975.

The height of satellites used for marine and land surveying is 20,000 kms or 12,428 miles.

Sable Island is 176 km off the Nova Scotia mainland, and is approximately 40 kms long.

NOTICE:

**Nova Scotia Guides Association will be conducting Hunting and Fishing Guide Courses at White Point Beach Lodge, Friday to Sunday, March 28'th to March 30'th.
Check the White Point website for information on an accommodation special for registrants.**

Times are as follows: Friday, March 28'th: 9:00am – 9:00 pm
 Saturday, March 29'th: 8:00am – 9:00 pm ((1 ½ hr supper breaks)
 Sunday, March 30'th: 8:00am – 3:30pm

Participants are required to have: - Wildlife Resources Card
 - First Aid/CPR
 - Gun Safety course
 - Recreational Boating Certificate

Cost: \$200 per individual which includes coffee and lunch, and a free first year membership to the Nova Scotia Guides Association.

Participants are asked to bring a good quality compass or handheld GPS. There will be guest speakers on many topics.

Instructors for this course will be Bradford Crouse, Ron Seney, and Vinal Smith.

To register, contact Vinal Smith at 902-356-2498, or email vinalsmith@yahoo.ca.

Smile of the Day: The second week of a diet is a lot easier - by then most people are already off of it.

Did you ever consider that a good listener is actually just an addicted day dreamer?

If you are going to try cross-country skiing for the first time, better start with a small country!

Thought of the Day: - The clue to happiness is being interested in life.

- Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it sometimes takes to sit down and listen.

I Believe: - Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but rather by what courage and determination it took to conquer the opposition you met along the way.

- If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably have no sense at all.

- There are worse things than getting a wrong number call in the middle of the night. For one thing, it could be the right number!