



South Shore Wildlife Association

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<p><u>In Attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Joudrey Albert Rafuse • Greg Himmelman Eugene Herman • Ron Thompson Otis Scott • Doug Joudrey Annette Mader • Gary Mader Linda Joudrey • Ron Johnstone Burt Schrader <p>Regrets: Reg Archibald</p> <p><u>Guest Speakers:</u> Angela Taylor & Kirk Symonds of Waste Management for the Municipality of Lunenburg</p>	<p><u>50/50 Toonie Draw</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greg = \$12</p> <p><u>Door Prizes:</u></p> <p><u>Eugene = Shirt</u> <u>Otis = Hat</u> <u>Ron J = Mug</u> <u>Burt = Survival Whistle Kit</u></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> southshorewildlifeassociation@hotmail.ca</p> <p><u>New Website:</u> southshorewildlife.weebly.com</p>
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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Our guest speakers were already present so Stephen asked in the interest of saving time if anyone wanted to review last month's minutes. All in attendance were fine with accepting them as written. The first item of business on the agenda was the presentation from our guests, so Stephen then introduced Angela and Kirk from the Waste Management Facility in Whynott's Settlement. They in turn gave a further introduction by telling us what their roles are and how they relate to our concern on litter. For the next hour they addressed several areas of waste management including littering, tipping fees, difficulties in policing both illegal dumping and littering, Earth Day, etc. Questions from members were addressed as they came up. All in attendance felt it was interesting and a very good discussion. Many thanks to our guests for taking the time to do it. After our invitees left we continued with our regular meeting.

Old Business:

- **Youth Hunting Camp:** Annette, Greg, Ron and Stephen gave a description as to how the rabbit snaring and skinning demonstration went at the DNR McGowan Lake Depot last month. Annette gave the initial discussion on setting snares, along with a prop to give the visual affect. This year, in addition to the rabbit that Annette brought for teaching the skinning process, DNR provided several more for the youth to practice on. Unfortunately these were still frozen. However, the young participants didn't have an issue with that, and under the guidance of Ron and Greg they managed to clean all of the samples that were provided. After all of this was completed, the young people were taken out in the adjacent area in four groups of three, each group under the guidance of an SSWA member. Each participant got to set a snare with the hopes of catching a bunny or two overnight. Letters of appreciation from Nicole Wallis, DNR event organizer out of Lunenburg, and Sandra

Fraser, Hunter Education Coordinator with DNR in Halifax, were emailed to Stephen. They are looking forward to SSWA participating again next year during March break. One important comment made was "The program would not have been a success without SSWA participation." At Stephen's suggestion, Ron moved we reimburse the two drivers for taking their vehicles to McGowan Lake. Seconded by Burt. After a brief discussion about the amount, Eugene checked the books and found that we had allotted \$30 each last year for this, so that was the suggested amount again. Passed.

-Ron also moved that we give a \$10 gift card to each guest speaker we host as a token of our appreciation, seconded by Doug J. After a brief discussion this too was passed. Stephen to look after accompanying letters and disbursement of these thank you acknowledgements to the four guests that attended three of our four meetings this year.

-We are all very much aware that postage fees have increased as of April 1, 2014. If anyone can switch from a mail-out to email, or hand out to a member they know close by, it would help save us money.

-Our Federation Convention delegates, Annette and Gary, gave their reports on the Convention. A copy of that report is included in these minutes. Stephen gave credit to both delegates for their solid representation of our club. He took in parts of all three resolution workshops on Sat. afternoon, and was present for most of our resolutions when they were presented for discussion. SSWA won another award this year for our involvement with promoting our sports to young people through such things as our fishing derbies and youth hunting camps. SSWA had more Resolutions presented this year than any other club, and of the five we entered we are pleased to say that three of them passed.

Treasury Report:

Eugene reported we have a balance of \$3406.16. This is after the payments to the NSFA&H of \$600 for membership dues and \$260 for two delegates to attend the Federation's Annual Convention.

Correspondence:

Stephen & Eugene reviewed several articles of interest from newspapers and email. Moose draw applications are available now until the end of May. Individuals can apply in either of two ways:

1. Online at: <http://novascotia.ca/natr/draws/moosedraw/> (requires credit card)
2. By calling 1-900-565-3337 (application fee will be charged to your landline phone)

The license draw will take place on June 25'th at 11:00am in Port Hawkesbury.

- Eugene handed Stephen some mail from the Species at Risk Management Division Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the Atlantic salmon. Unfortunately too much time had passed and we missed the deadline for commentary, but Stephen will follow up on this item and report next month.

New Business:

*In Ron Seney's absence no Lahave River Pollution update was given.

*Jeremy was once again absent so there is still no update on the Gun Show we hope to sponsor.

*Fishing Derby Season is upon us once again. Big Brothers/Sisters is scheduled for May 03'rd, weather permitting. Stephen will look after putting it together. Several members volunteered to help again. One other group has asked for a fishing outing so far, but we expect more.

*Earth Day is April 22'nd. The community event is scheduled for Wed. April 23'rd. Discussion regarding SSWA involvement this year resulted in 4 groups volunteering to clean roadways in their communities instead of one single effort like before. We will report on the success of this next month.

*Our giant flea market date has been scheduled for June 28'th this year. Stephen suggested we get

some new signs made from Spitfire Sign Shop and it was agreed we purchase a few more, to either advertise roadside in town, or to direct traffic to our market on that day. He will look after it.

Dates to Remember:

1-Big Brothers / Big Sisters Fishing Event 9:00-12:00	May 03'rd
2-CSSG/SCLO Fishing Event	May 13'th
3- MARC Public Fishing Event	May 24'th
4- Bridgewater Elementary Fishing Event	May 27'th
5- Michelin Health & Safety Fair 10:00 – 2:00	June 21'st
6- SSWA Giant Flea Market 8:00 – 12:00	Jun.28'th

NEXT MEETING: May 12th 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. Scheduled dates for 2014 remaining meetings are: Jun. 16; Jul. 14; Aug. 11; Sept. 15; Oct. 20; Dec. 15.

Did You Know:

- There are *“No burning permits being issued in NS”*. Instead, there is a color coded map on line to check each day to see if you can safely burn in your area. The site is updated daily at 2:00pm - simply follow this link. www.novascotia.ca/burnsite
- There is a new community website being developed by our recreational Dept of the Mun. of Lun. It's called www.southshoreconnect.ca
- It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times.
- Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Notice: - Our most senior member, Mrs. Ruby Bower from Lower Ohio, celebrated her 98'th birthday on March 25'th. SSWA extends her belated but sincere wishes for peace and health.
-Thanks to Kerry E. for the latest 'In Memoriam' donation to SSWA for a departed loved one.

Smile of the Day: - Signs: On a restaurant door – “Don't stand there annoyed and hungry; come on in and get fed up.”
On a Podiatrists door – “Time wounds all heels.”
On a septic tank pumper – “Yesterday's Meals on Wheels.”
On an Optometrist's door – “Don't see what you're looking for? You've come to the right place!”
On a maternity room door – “Push, push, push!”

Thought of the Day: - Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.”
- Don't interfere with something that's not bothering you.

I Believe: - It doesn't matter how many resources you have; if you don't know how to use them you will never have enough.
- In many cases the value of a possession before getting it, or after losing it, far exceeds its value while having it.

The 84th Annual Convention of NS Federation of Anglers and Hunters
March 21, 22 and 23 2014
SSWA Delegates Report

The theme of this year's convention was "Let's not take Nature for granted." John Ford, the second vice-president of the Canadian Wildlife Federation gave a talk on bats. Three species are almost extinct in Canada. One reason why is 'white nose syndrome'. Bats eat a large amount of insects so it is very serious that they are becoming extinct. Besides the CWF, Hinterland Who's Who is involved in trying to bring them back. You can get more information about this at www.helpthebats.ca

Sally Steele from the Department of the Environment talked about Protected Areas. By 2015 12% of landmass in Nova Scotia will be protected. A lot of people wanted to know about access to Protected Areas for hunting, fishing and trapping. There are a lot of these areas that are not available to us. If a rare plant is found in a particular area, it is not fair that hunting is not allowed, but photographers can tramp all over the area. We feel that they are no more careful not to trample an area than hunters. She said she would "look into that" for us. You can find what areas are protected by going on the www.ns.ca/parksandprotectedareas

Rebecca Ryan, who works for KC Irving at Acadia University, is collecting seeds from the Acadian Forests, of endangered plants and freezing them for future replanting.

Just a few statistics from Hunter Education Coordinator, Sandra Fraser, and the Gun Range bookings now done on-line were at 9000. Hunter education course was 593 in 2012 and 773 in 2013. On-line Hunter Education was 717 in 2012 and 923 in 2013. For the Bow Hunting course on-line 303 took it, up from 294 last year. Crossbow course on-line 862 up from 276. The trapper's course was taken by 180 people, up from 127 in 2012.

Fish and Birds

They are looking to change the age for free fishing licenses from 16 to 19. They are hoping to get more young people involved in fishing by doing that. They are hoping to have electronic fishing licenses by 2015. Nova Scotia has 6,700 lakes, 100 rivers and 7,442 kilometers of coastline. There are 38 species of freshwater fish, 3000 salt water species. In 2010 there were 64,112 licensed anglers and an estimate of 14,000 young people under the age of 16 who fished bringing the total to 78000. The average age of anglers was 52 of those 91% were men. In 2013 there were 62 LTF programs involving 1960 youth. The rules for fishing striped bass will not change before 2018. There are 7900 anglers who fish for striped bass. The legal length for keeping them is 26.8 inches and up. The reason for that is, by that size they have spawned once. 98% of striped bass caught are released.

For anyone who is interested, a good place to see a large amount of striped bass in May is at the bridge in Enfield just past the Big Stop. This pool is closed to angling.

Salmon tags are being reduced from 4 to 2 in Nova Scotia. The Department of Fisheries say there is nothing that can be done in freshwater to bring salmon back to fishable levels. Atlantic white fish spawn in December and January.

Canadian Wildlife Service's Migratory Birds have two different seasons to be able to choose from. For Zone 2, one season starts for ducks on October 8th, the other on October 22nd. In 2013 it started October 22nd, 2014 it starts October 8th and in 2015 it will start October 22nd.

The new executive of the NSFAH is President-Ian Avery from the Crossbow Hunters, 2nd Vice President Louis D'Entremont, from Shelburne Fish and Game, treasurer Jamie Blom from Halifax Wildlife and 3rd Vice President Travis Macleod from Traditional Archers Association.

Of the five resolutions SSWA put forward, three passed.

As always, it was an interesting and informative weekend very much enjoyed by us. The Convention will be held in Bridgewater again next year. Ian wants to move it in 2016, possibly to Truro.

Submitted by Gary and Annette Mader