



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: August 11, 2014

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Barry Kelley
- Eugene Herman Lawrence Baltzer
- Ron Thompson Otis Scott
- Jerry Read Burt Schrader
- Gary Mader Annette Mader
- Reg Archibald Greg Himmelman

50/50 Toonie Draw

Otis = \$13.00

Door Prizes:

Barry = Whistle
Lawrence = Pencils
Annette = Hat

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Before Eugene could read the minutes from the June meeting, Ron moved that we accept the minutes as written based on the fact that everyone had just received and read the minutes at home. Motion was seconded by Annette. After a brief discussion the vote was taken and passed.

Old Business:

- Reg gave a report on how the Michelin Health & Safety Fair went. Numbers were down even further than last year. Roughly 200 attended. SSWA will decide next year whether we will participate or not. He said there was a lot of interest in lyme disease this year!
- Our Giant Flea Market was another huge success. We had 528 ticket buyers at the door plus young people come through. We took in a total of \$1381.50 and cleared \$955.45. Costs were for hall rental, new signs & advertising. In the eleven years we have been sponsoring this event we have raised over \$8,600.00 to be used for sending young people to camps and holding fishing events for both children and adults with special needs, plus other activities like the youth hunting camp.

Correspondence:

Stephen & Eugene reviewed several articles of interest from newspapers and email, including:
* There is a new tick on the scene. The "LONE STAR TICK" has been spreading across the United States with a rapid rate of speed. Some doctors have diagnosed two cases a day and others three new cases per week. It has also been found in Australia, France, Japan, Korea, Germany, Spain and Sweden. No bulls-eye rash this time but instead it carries a sugar called alpha-gal that humans do not have naturally. The sugar is found in red meat such as pork, beef, venison & rabbit. When you eat the meat this sugar is digested and therefore not harmful. However when it is transmitted through the

bloodstream as from a tick bite, it causes an immunity and therefore a reaction. When red meat is consumed the reaction takes place. Symptoms could be swollen hands with a burning sensation and itching, lips and tongue swelling, throat swelling shut and/or itching all over with hives! The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation lists the Lone Star Tick on it's website as a common species to be wary of. Go to their web site for more links or google it for more information.

* The Federal Gov. is planning to change the gun owner licensing rules. Several changes are being planned for late this fall. The 'Common Sense Firearms Licensing Act' will include:

- 1-Easing of restrictions for transporting firearms
- 2-Make firearm safety courses mandatory for first time gun owners
- 3-Prevent people convicted of spousal abuse from legally owning firearms
- 4-Combine both possession & acquisition licenses into one
- 5- Reduce the Chief Firearms Officers authority

* Our contact with Big Brothers Big Sisters has resigned to take another job. We have seen several new faces in this position in the last few years so apparently that will be the norm.

Treasury Report: Eugene reported we have a balance of \$4,406.90

			Expenses	Income
2014-06-16	Stephen Joudrey (flea market signs \$100) pics. \$46	89	\$ 146.00	
2014-06-18	50/50 Greg			\$ 14.00
2014-06-16	Donation from Bri. Elimentary School			\$ 75.00
2014-06-28	MSAC (Flea Market)	90	\$ 300.00	
2014-06-30	deposit (Flea Market)			\$ 1,381.50
2014-06-02	Interest			\$ 0.08
2014-07-02	Interest			\$ 0.08
2014-07-23	Bank Charges		\$ 2.00	

New Business:

- Eugene brought in the lobster lottery tickets for distribution. Three prizes of 10 lbs. of lobster or \$50 each. Winner's choice. Draw date Dec. 15, 2014.
- Trappers Rendezvous is scheduled for August 15th - 17th at the Hibernia camp grounds. SSWA will again host the BB/Pellet gun shoot. Eugene & Ron T. will again be the organizers They have acquired more guns & ammo as well as new targets. The shoot will start around 1:00pm Sat. the 16th of Aug.
- NSFA&H Banquet will be held on Wed. Sept. 24th again this year at St. Mary's Boat Club in Halifax. Stephen asked for interested parties who might like to attend on our behalf. SSWA will pay the \$40 ticket cost for up to 4 people. Eugene suggested we donate a framed print for an auction item.
- Gun Show: Otis brought in an article from a website indicating that we will have to acquire a permit from the provincial firearms office in order to host this event. Ron T will address this with Jeremy.

*** **Please Note:** *Eugene asked if we could reschedule the Sept. 15th meeting to the 22nd* as he will not be available for the 15th. All agreed, so if Stephen can reschedule the room for that day the normally scheduled meeting will be held a week later on Sept. 22nd.
(This is now confirmed)

NEXT MEETING: **September 22nd** 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 remaining meetings are: Oct. 20; Dec. 15.

Did You Know?

- N.S. bear season is Sept. 8 to Dec. 06 for hunting, and Oct. 01 to Dec. 06 for snaring.
- General deer season runs from Oct. 31 to Dec. 06 and archery/muzzle loader season from Sept. 08 to Dec. 13.
- There is now a minimal size of mackerel you can keep. Even though it was not passed in time to put in the fishing rules summary books, it is in effect now and DOF are checking and warning people this year. The minimal limit for a mackerel that you may keep is 10.5 inches in length.
- Veinotte's Gone Fishing store on Login Rd has closed. They are now selling the pellet stoves from the basement of their home, but no longer handle fishing supplies.
- Canadian Tire will soon be opening its new 'sportsmen' section of their store and will have an enlarged selection of firearms and hunting supplies along with many other items of interest.

Smile of the Day: A lady to doctor: My husband has a habit of talking in his sleep! What should I give him to cure it? Doctor: Give him an opportunity to speak when he is awake.

Doctor: Madam, your husband needs rest and peace, so here are some sleeping pills.

Wife: When should I give them to him? Doctor: They are for you!

Thought of the Day: - Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

- Opportunity may only knock once, but temptation bangs on the door forever.

I Believe: - Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

- Some people are kind, polite and sweet spirited.....until you try to sit in their pew!

"Risks of Ocean Based Salmon Farming" continued from last month

- The feed pellets eaten by unmarketable/dead fish, again, don't count when the supporters of this industry announce feed conversion ratios of wild fish fed to caged fish. ISA for example can be found and not found virtually at will due to the subjective nature of the list of symptoms now required by CFIA before the fish are condemned. Infection with the actual virus, again, simply doesn't count, nor result in any action.
- Yes, you read that right, CFIA simply can't deal with virtual outbreaks of ISA, so the fish can stay in the water even after genetic tests confirm the ISA virus is in the fish and they are shedding the virus! Nothing stops the ocean cage production, not even the deadliest salmon virus. If sulphur levels in the meter deep water feces choking off the ocean floor rise above acceptable levels, no action is required yet again. Our ISA outbreak started in 2011 and as the time of this writing may still be present with the last officially condemned/compensation fish (condemned on Nov. 7), finally leaving the water in mid-January, 2014. However, ISA was

detected yet again on Dec. 06th and 7th, so 2014 looks like yet another year of yet more mutated strains of ISA. I would list and discuss the many other viruses and bacteria and parasites – over 50 – found to be affecting the millions of sick caged fish, but we'd need a whole issue dedicated to just this subject.

- Many anglers have concerns that sick fish are being shipped all over the Island to the outer estuaries of exploits, Gander Bonavista and now Codroy Bay rivers to be processed at fish plants with ineffective filters or washed down kitchen and cabin sinks.
- With no one watching and millions at stake, first hand reports of illegal pesticide uses are coming from the workers. One company was fined \$500,000 after killing hundred of lobsters with an unapproved pesticide.
- World wide land based salmon farms of various types are being operated and built in places like B.C., N.S. Denmark, China, Scotland, USA, UAE, KSA etc., but are unable to meet consumer demands for sustainable salmon. Moreover, operational production costs are the same as ocean based production, but the product gamers a higher price. The world leader in RAS facility design and construction – that designed our current RAS smolt rearing hatcheries and growth facilities are feverishly investing in the gold rush of land-based aquaculture. In fact the most profitable salmon farm in the world in 2013 was land-based.
- They are also claiming the world's first environmentally friendly and sustainable salmon farm, leaving us with the “hotdogs” of the meat world to try and sell.
- The premium price our government hoped for by pretending to be green has been taken from us, leaving us and our suffering wild salmon behind. However, building this demanding infrastructure negates the ability to simply shift revenues to other operations in countries with poor environmental laws like China.
- Our recent premier said that “You can't ask someone to investigate themselves.” Many people would agree with our premier when asking DFO and DFA to be both promoter/investor & watchdog. It seems many things simply don't matter.
- Here's a switch; let's make them matter. Instead of paying ocean feedlot practitioners for making the sick fish, escapes, not cleaning up manure, killing off wildlife, lice outbreaks, etc. \$1000 a fish is a typical fine for a salmon violation; let's start there when making things count. Norway has a legal lice limit of 0.1; how about \$100 per fish for every day they over? Tuna \$10,000 each?
- If we lose the unique run of salmon from just one river such as Conne or Little River, how do we get the results of that 10,000 years of selective breeding back? We can't! Extinction is forever. Norway has lost over 40 rivers due to a hatchery disease.
- I can make a few suggestions for adding numbers and factoring risk, and I think the voting age owners of the 16,000 annual Newfoundland salmon licenses would agree.
- Salmon anglers have a long and successful history of protecting our watersheds and the fish in them, and the politicians who ignore this fact do so at their own peril. ***

NOTE: This article was taken from “Sportsman” magazine from Newfoundland/Labrador. It was written by Bill Brydon of Cornerbrook NL and it is solely his opinion, not necessarily the opinion of SSWA. (although many of us may agree as individuals). Next month we will hear the other side of this interesting debate. Titled “*The Facts about Salmon Farming*” by Miranda Pryor executive director of the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry.