



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
B4V 6S5

Date: September 22, 2014

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Barry Kelley
 - Eugene Herman Lawrence Baltzer
 - Ron Thompson Otis Scott
 - Jerry Read Burt Schrader
 - Gary Mader Linda Joudrey
 - Albert Rafuse Greg Himmelman
 - Doug Joudrey
- Regrets: Reg Archibald

50/50 Toonie Draw

Stephen = \$13.00

Door Prizes:

Ron T. = Hat

Albert = Water Bottle

Stephen = NWT Pin

Gary = Motor Cycle Mini.

Executive Phone List:

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. Eugene read the minutes from the Aug. meeting and moved to be accepted as read. Seconded by Doug.

Old Business:

- Ron gave a report on how well the BB/Pellet Gun Shoot went at the Trappers Rendezvous. He and Eugene operated the booth on behalf of SSWA from 1:00pm until after 4:00pm, and would have gone longer had they allowed it to. They supplied two pellet rifles and a BB gun. There were 24 participants between the ages of two and sixteen. Some kids got to shoot as many as 3 times with five shots per turn. Also, as a bonus, a lady of about 75 years old from Maine, another one close to 85 from Mass., and a 75 yr. old gentleman in a wheelchair from Conn. all asked if they could try it. All three fired two shots each and all had bulls-eye groupings! They even asked if they could pay for the opportunity.... of course the answer was no. Our members thanked them for stopping by and wished them a safe journey. They commented on what a great thing we were doing for young people by showing them gun safety, and how to take part in a fun outdoor sport. This was a very memorable session, perhaps the best since we started doing this shoot.

- Gary Mader, who organizes this event, then talked about how the Trappers Rendezvous has been in decline over the past several years and that now the camp grounds management is squeezing them out. More private campers are coming in as seasonal thus using up most of the space. The Trappers used to have a supper followed by a dance. Now neither event is part of the Rendezvous. Gary mentioned that before next year's Rendezvous is planned, there may be a decision to just have a private gathering elsewhere for this weekend. Should this actually happen, it will mean the end of a longtime sporting event that was once extremely popular and well attended. To say it would be a shame is such an understatement because in a nutshell, the demise of the Trapper's Rendezvous would sadly be a true reflection on the future outlook for most of our shooting/trapping sporting

events - and directly, organizations such as ours. To be even more direct – we are letting it happen. Everyone is too busy to show any interest in supporting these events, too selfish to take out a membership is one of the affiliate clubs, too inconsiderate to consider those few who are trying to preserve the hunting culture for us all, and too willing to stand back and let it all happen! We are losing the battle. Next year will likely bring on a new war regarding the firearms debate. As Wildlife Associations gradually decline in support and memberships, who will be left in years to come to carry the torch and rally even a small opposition to impending restrictions and confiscations? Few, if any. Some of the loudest criers will be those who did nothing to help prevent it. Remember this, all it takes for evil or injustice to prevail, is for good men to do nothing!!! (Here endeth the lesson!)
 - Last meeting Reg talked about a poster he saw at the Health & Safety Fair about PFD's being compulsory to be worn. He did some investigation of the subject but due to him not being available for the Sept. meeting, we deferred it to Oct. Stay tuned.

Correspondence:

Stephen reviewed several articles of interest from newspapers and email, including:
 * A new support group has been formed in Lunenburg County for individuals with lyme disease.. The first meetings were held on Sept. 03rd & Sept. 08th at the Bridgewater Super Store.
 * Gary brought in a paper from the N.S. Big Game Society stating that even though they've been around since 1988, they are having the same issues concerning the lack of interest as other organizations. There are presently seven members on their Board of Directors, many of whom are older and may soon be stepping down. If some new people don't get involved, the Big Game Society may be dissolved. Here again, is another nail in the coffin!

**NOTE: If anyone has their lobster tickets sold, please return them at the October meeting so we can separate them and have everything ready for the Dec. draw.*

Treasury Report: Eugene reported we have a balance of \$4,465.02

| | | Expenses | Income |
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| 2014-08-12 | Deposit (Tickets \$30, 50-50 \$13, Hat \$15 | | \$ 58.00 |
| 2014-08-01 | Interest | | \$ 0.12 |

New Business:

- Stephen addressed the issue of our current hunting seasons, and information was discussed and exchanged to clarify what the current regulations are for 2014 regarding big game, bow, crossbow, muzzleloaders, and rifles.
 - We are still looking to fill our tickets for the Dinner and Auction sponsored by the Federation. Stephen will try to find members who will attend on our behalf.
 -Stephen also addressed an email received from Helene Van Doninck regarding the serious problem of using lead bullets to harvest wild game. Progress has been made since Helene gave a presentation to our club last year regarding the rapidly developing change-over to copper ammo. Halifax Wildlife Association has now received assistance from the habitat fund (hunting stamp that we all contribute to) to aid in the exchange of ammo for hunters in N.S. Helene and HWA's Mike Pollard will travel to various parts of the province to give a presentation to clubs and also do an ammo exchange for interested parties. Stephen asked if there was any interest in this to

our attendees. Discussion was quite favorable, so Stephen was assigned the task to make it happen if possible. The good news is that it has been confirmed. Helene and Mike will be guests at our October meeting, to both speak on the lead issue, and do an exchange for copper ammunition with those that wish to trade in their lead ammo. SSWA has started putting a list together in preparation for an exchange. Stephen has requested answers to several questions and will get as much information as possible asap.

The initial step now is to assemble a listing of all of the types of high powered center fire ammunition that interested members of SSWA would like to exchange.

Unfortunately not all calibers are available, so Stephen and Eugene will develop a workable listing from all respondents. This information needs to be relayed to them no later than Friday, October 10th, so ample time can be given to Mike to procure the necessary copper shells. Here are a few questions and answers that might help:

Q. - Do we have to have full boxes?

A. - Partial boxes, within reason, will be traded.

Q.- What calibers are available to exchange?

A. -300 Mag, 30-06, 308, 30-30, 7mm Mag, 270, 7x57, 25-06, 22-250, 243, 223 are currently available. Other calibers can be requested, and if possible, included in this list.

Q.- How many boxes will be accepted?

A.- Again, within reason, several boxes per individual.

Q. - Can I trade in one caliber for a different one?

A. - Yes, a box of lead 30-30 for instance can be traded for 30-06, 308, etc.

Q. - How does someone from SSWA arrange for a trade?

A. - Because we're trying to get this done before the start of hunting season for rifles, we don't have time to spare. So please call Stephen 543-9891 or Eugene 543-2893 by noon Friday, Oct 10th to get your name, caliber, and quantity on the list. We feel if numbers are high we may want you to pass your old ammo on to these two people in advance to our Oct. 14th meeting and reduce the confusion when the trades are made. However, we need to know ASAP what you want to trade so we can arrange for Mike to bring the proper supply with him that night, or to advise you that particular ammunition is not currently available in copper.

NEXT MEETING: October 20th 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: Dec. 15.

For Sale: 12 gauge over & under in excellent condition. Call 543-8040 for details.

Smile of the Day: Do you know how to prevent sagging? Just keep eating until the wrinkles fall out.

Thought of the Day: To realize the value of a sister or brother, ask someone who doesn't have one.

I Believe: A lot of life's problems would disappear if we would talk to someone instead of about someone.

The Facts about Salmon Farming

In response to the article “Risks of Ocean-Based Salmon Farming” we will now republish the other side of the story as written by Miranda Pryor, executive director of the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry. Here's her side: (Part #1)

Hope for the future. That's what comes to mind when I think about salmon farming in Newfoundland and Labrador. Each year there are 75 million more people to feed around the world.

The amount of food that will be consumed in the world in the next 50 years will exceed ALL the food eaten in the rest of human history. Think about that! It's startling!

This population growth comes at a time when we are also seeing fresh water resources diminish and land suitable for food production shrink. The United Nations says that in 10 yrs. Two-thirds of the world's population will live in areas plagued by fresh waters shortages.

Why should we care about this? Because we need to become more innovative to feed the world's growing population. We can't do that with existing wild capture fisheries and on land alone. We have a moral imperative to learn how to grow more food in the marine environment.

Aquaculture – the world's fastest growing food production system – is crucial for supplying the world's food needs. Newfoundland and Labrador is poised to reap the benefits of aquaculture's potential and revitalize its rural, coastal communities.

We've got an abundant natural ocean environment that provides optimal conditions for the well-being of farmed fish and the sustainability of the environment. We want to continue the family's century old tradition of working on the water.

Let me tell you about salmon farming: Our salmon farms are owned and operated by Atlantic Canadian families who have helped build this industry over the last 30 years, becoming recognized leaders in sustainable and environmentally responsible finfish production. Our farmers are local people who care about where they farm. They are your friends and neighbors. They are committed to maintaining the environment in which they work and live, following the highest farm management practices and producing one of the healthiest foods you can eat.

They know all too well that pristine seawater isn't just important for lobsters and other marine life: it's essential for production of healthy, high quality salmon. The documented increases in wild salmon return rates for the Conne River simply do not support the claims being made against the salmon farming industry. Farmers actively support the ongoing research being conducted by the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans and Memorial University along the South Coast. Salmon farm sites are carefully chosen: for example, the closest one to the Conne River is over 30km away and are maintained to provide the best conditions for fish well-being and to ensure environmental sustainability. Salmon farmers follow strict codes of practice regarding fish health, waste management, escape mitigation, monitoring environmental performance and are reducing reliance on forage fish used in feed. All farming companies are involved in third party certification. All too often, opponents of our industry say, look, we don't oppose salmon farming and or the jobs and economic benefits it brings to our province, but we just want all the farms to move to land. Our farmers are experts in Recirculation Aquaculture Systems (RAS) because our fish spend one-third of their lives in tanks. In fact, two of the largest and most state-of-the-art facilities in the world are located right here in Newfoundland and Labrador.

To be concluded in the October minutes.....