



# South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey    Linda Joudrey
- Doug Corkum      Otis Scott
- Barry Kelly        Jerry Read
- Lawrence Baltzer    Ron Thompson
- Burt Schrader      Gary Mader
- Annette Mader      Greg Himmelman
- Doug Joudrey       David Woodworth
- Reg Archibald      Ron Seney
- Reid Joudrey        Ron Johnstone

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#### New Website:

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#### 50/50 Toonie Draw

Doug J = \$22.00

#### Door Prizes:

*Xmas Wreaths: Ron J  
Annette  
David  
Xmas Socks - David  
Book - Barry  
Motorcycle mini - Reid  
NWT Pin- Doug C*

Ticket returns for the lobster raffle created the usual confusion for the first little while of our year end meeting, but Stephen officially opened the meeting at 7:10. After acknowledging such a wonderful turnout for this meeting, and also the absence of our secretary who is on a trip, Stephen asked Ron Thompson to review the minutes from our October meeting. Ron then moved them for adoption as read - seconded by Burt.

#### Old Business:

\* As a follow-up to our motion from last meeting to donate \$100 to the DNR Youth Exchange Program, Stephen read an email received earlier in the day in response to his request to the DNR facilitator. This was done after our secretary advised him there had been no response to his initial inquiry as to where we should send the donation. As it turned out, the contact person is the same official who is responsible for the Youth Hunting Camps, and was well aware of South Shore Wildlife's efforts in assisting these camps. An official request to take part in 2015's camp was included with the requested info for the donation. This will be further discussed at our Jan. meeting. A \$100 check has been issued.

\* Stephen also advised the group that after the last meeting with our guest speakers, he and Eugene had discussed what to do to acknowledge their efforts, and it was decided to send each of them a \$25 Timmy's card along with a thank you letter. This has been done.

\* Copper Ammo Exchange: Stephen has sent an inquiry to Mike Pollard regarding the outstanding matter of completing the exchange because of the shortage of copper in several calibers when he was here. To date no reply has been received.

## **Correspondence:**

Stephen reviewed several articles of interest:

- \* He has been in contact with Acadia University regarding the \$15000 grant they received from the Habitat Fund for a policy review on white tailed deer management in Nova Scotia. Through emails and a telephone conversation he obtained the requested information as to what this study entails. Basically, they are analyzing the methodology and reliability of the DNR's annual PGI, or Pellet Group Inventory, for a major part of their assessment of the health of our deer population in early spring each year. The information received supports this method as a viable tool, allowing for some variances and inconsistencies as pinpointed in the report, but suggesting a few areas for improvement to further strengthen the reliability for future PGI's.
- \* Big Brother's is hosting a 'Pancake Breakfast' on Jan. 24'th. They are also sponsoring their annual 'Bowl for Kids' on March 7'th. Contact Chantelle at 543-4435 for info on these events.
- \* We joked about it during the long gun registry battle, but it is finally making news in Britain. British police have started a "Save a Life – Surrender Your Knife" campaign aimed at the removal of pointy knives in that country. So far, more than 800 knives have been turned in!
- \* Bill C-501 has received Royal Assent from the Senate. Conservative MP Rick Norlock's private member's bill to acknowledge the significant role that hunting, trapping, and fishing have played in the development of our nation, has resulted in the recognition of an official National Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Heritage Day on the 3'rd Saturday in Sept.
- \* Winners of the NSFAH's free lifetime hunting/fishing licenses are James Collins of Stewiacke and Jason Pickles of Meaghers Grant.
- \* There is a growing swell to oppose the proposed legislature to allow Sunday hunting. The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture may vote to join this movement.
- \* The proposed Aboriginal moose hunt for the Cape Breton Highlands National Park has been delayed, more likely due to public outcry than the quoted reason "the management plan needed more work".
- \* Striped Bass populations in the Northumberland Strait have seen a noticeable increase.

**Treasury Report:** Ron reported we have a balance of \$4,329.48

## **New Business:**

- **Deer Season 2014:** A discussion took place regarding the many changes that have taken place over the last few years with our deer hunting season. What once was, and not that long ago, a 5 week rifle only season has evolved into a 3 month multi-weapon, multi-tag free-for-all. Many hunters are not happy with these changes and would like to see more control in one form or other. Concerns were raised for the negative impact these changes can have on our deer herd, especially knowing the additional destructive potential large coyote populations have. Suggestions discussed included a shorter season; a single tag; December excluded; more overlap of the individual seasons, etc. It was suggested that we contact Peter MacDonald to be a guest at one of our next meetings to discuss these issues. Stephen to follow up on this.
- **Resolutions for the AGM:** Stephen advised that SSWA should be forwarding any resolutions to Tony by end of December, but since we had not discussed this prior to this meeting, none were available. It was determined that we would construct any ideas from members into resolutions and vote on them at our January meeting. Those accepted would be forwarded to Tony shortly after. Any thoughts on this can be forwarded to Stephen via email or phone as soon as possible.

- **SSWA Annual Report:** Stephen has it drafted but not completed. This too will be presented at the January meeting before forwarding to Tony for the 2014 Convention booklet.

- **Business from the Floor:** Ron Seney gave a detailed report on several issues, including:

\*A province wide poll from Research Associates determined that 38% of those opposed to Sunday hunting wanted one day each week of safe passage for recreational use. Also, 20% opposed Sunday hunting for religious reasons.

\*Waterfowl and nuisance black bear kills are being proposed for donations to Feed Nova Scotia.

\*The Habitat Conservation Fund procurement for clubs is cumbersome and needs improvement.

\*2016 AGM location is under review. Several proposed locations have been submitted.

\*Next NS Hunting and Fishing Guides Course will be held in Liverpool Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Federation boat and motor raffle tickets are available and Stephen was given the SSWA allotment.

\*On behalf of the SSWA Waterfowl Committee, Ron presented a Resolution for us to entertain regarding the open guidelines that currently allow waterfowl hunters to leave unattended decoys in position for extended periods of time. This resolution would request the CWS regulate these times to only when actual hunting over them was taking place. Resolution carried unanimously.

**Lobster Raffle Draw:** Winners of this years raffle were:

1/ Margie Scott who took the \$50.

2/ Jerry Read who took the \$50.

3/ Steve Laferrnier who took the 10 lbs of lobster.

**Many thanks to all who sold and/or purchased tickets to support our annual fund raiser.**

After the lobster draw we did our 50/50 and door prize draws. Special thanks to one of our great supporting members, Barry Kelly, for donating three fir Xmas wreaths for door prizes in addition to our normal menagerie. Door prize winners are listed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> box at the start of the minutes.

**Please note:** Meeting dates for 2015 were not available at the time of our December meeting. It has now been confirmed that we will meet on the following dates, in the same location - Sobey's Store Community Room (back left corner by the dairy products). All meetings will be on a Monday EXCEPT March which falls on Wed. Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars now! Also, there is an elevator available to get to the meeting room should that be a requirement. Ask for the key up front.

**Of Special Note:**

\* At the 2013 Annual Convention awards night, SSWA was presented with the Valley Shield Trophy for our efforts in advancing fresh water sport fishing through our fishing derbies each spring. This trophy dates back to 1978 when it was first presented to Yarmouth County Wildlife Association. Some clubs have won it several times over the years. This is the second time for SSWA. Stephen looks after getting our name and date inscribed on these awards by taking them to a local engraver. Woodwise Outfitters/Choice Awards has been doing this now for a couple of years. This time however, the trophy plaque was no longer able to receive new engraved labels for lack of space.

Therefore, Choice Awards and Woodwise Outfitters took it upon themselves to redo the entire plaque, removing all the old engraved name plates and replacing them in an organized and professional manner with new smaller plates listing all recipients from 1978, and allowing spaces for new winners for the next 2 decades. Because Alex at Woodwise is a member, SSWA received recognition as well for the refurbishing. Well done Linda and Alex. Many thanks from this club, and I hope special thanks from the Federation at the Convention for your excellent work.

### Did you know?

- If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.
- Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.
- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the New Year.
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450 F.
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.
- The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.
- Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

For Sale: \*\*Browning BAR 270 semi-auto, Belgium made. Never fired.  
\*\*30-30 Marlin model 336. \*\*Winchester XTR 30-06, checkered stock, with 1.75 x 4.5 scope. \*\*Savage MK 1, laminate stock, Accu trigger, no sights or scope, but mounts included. For info on any of these contact David at 529-1440.

Smile of the Day: Words with two meanings, depending on the gender:

- Remote Control:* Female.... A device for changing from one TV channel to another.  
Male... An electronic marvel for scanning through 375 channels every 5 minutes.
- Communication:* Female... The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.  
Male... Leaving a scribbled note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.
- Vulnerable:* Female.... Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.  
Male.... Playing football without a cup

Thought of the Day: - A smile is a curve that can set everything straight.  
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.  
- If you're riding ahead of the herd, better look back once in a while to make sure it's still behind you.

I Believe: - Common sense is like deodorant; the people who need it most never use it!  
- That pleasing everyone is impossible; however, offending everyone is way too easy.  
- That having money may not bring happiness, but not having it definitely will not!