



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: January 19th, 2015

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Linda Joudrey |
| • Tim Townsend | Otis Scott |
| • Ed Strong | Jason Strong |
| • Lawrence Baltzer | Ron Thompson |
| • Burt Schrader | Gary Mader |
| • Greg Himmelman | Eugene Herman |
| • Doug Joudrey | Billy Hirtle |
| • Reg Tanner | Ron Seney |
| • Vince Westlake | Regrets: Reg A. |
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50/50 Toonie Draw

Ed Strong= \$16.00

Door Prizes:

Ron S. = Calendar
Otis = Calendar
Lawrence = Beer Cozy

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:10. Eugene read the December minutes and moved to accept them as read. Seconded by Ron T. The strong turnout was acknowledged and appreciated. The show of support in meeting attendance provides the fuel for your executive to continue the drive for an active and committed club, the key that most clubs like ours no longer have. Thanks.

Old Business:

* Gun Show: The decision has been made not to attempt to sponsor a gun show this year. No further details are available at this time.

* Membership: The attempt to streamline our renewal process and reduce the workload for Stephen at renewal time that has been in effect for the past year was not as successful as we had hoped for. In a nutshell, we have lost dozens of members who simply did not take the time to renew when the notice was sent out using the trial 3 month window. After the grace period they were removed from our list. Discussion at the table resulted in a motion being brought forth by Otis stating: "That by October 31 of each year the secretary send out a form letter to all members (email or regular mail) stating that the annual dues are due on December 31 or before. If they are not paid by that time there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 and will also be due by February 28, at which time the member will no longer be a member in good standing." Seconded by Burt. After a lengthy discussion it passed by way of vote. Slight changes may be made to the proposal such as revising the notification process, and also likely not using the penalty clause. Several individuals around the table who belong to other organizations said that this system of all members coming due at year-end works well for their groups. Therefore, after 16 years of random

due dates it is time to make this change. Hopefully this will take some of the pressure off, and in theory all dues should be in and accounted for within two months – at least that’s our goal. Stephen and Eugene will work out a system to bring all members on line for year-end renewal. Currently we have members coming due in every month of the year so it will be a challenge. Watch our minutes over the next couple of months for the information on how we will achieve this.

Following this discussion, Ron Seney moved that SSWA members make the effort to sign up a new member. This too was seconded, and after some discussion passed. Applications are available on our website and from Stephen or Eugene, but we can work from just the information as long as you get the name, address, postal code, email address, phone # and the \$10 fee. Emailing minutes allows us to continue with the hard copy mail outs for those who do not have a computer, simply by offsetting the cost of mailing letters. As a reminder, hard copy mail outs cost us three times what the membership covers allowing for the fact that \$4 of each membership is forwarded to the Federation. Therefore, the more email contacts we have, the better.

Membership takes a lot of time and work, but it is important. SSWA had the distinction of being the largest individual club in the Federation, and that is something we can be proud of. If we forfeit the effort to hold that position and continue on this path, SSWA will wither like every other club in the province with declining numbers and receding commitment. That is not where we want to be. Hence we are on a membership drive to rebuild our numbers, and that is where you come in. Everyone knows at least one individual who SHOULD belong to an association like ours and be counted on our side when serious issues like a gun registry and confiscation threaten all of us. If we could build provincial memberships to levels where they should be, we could have a National organization in Canada powerful enough to challenge government threats and influence their outcome, similar to the way the NRA in the States has repeatedly proven a formidable foe during elections.

Please try to add a member or two through family or friends, and set the example for other member clubs in this province to follow. If we cannot get the next generation on board to carry on the fight, then we will lose the battle, and ultimately the war, and gun controls and restrictions and bans will surely consume our rights very quickly. Once lost they will never be recovered. It is really up to us.

* Copper Ammo Exchange: Stephen has been in communication with Mike Pollard of Halifax Wildlife Association and has been advised we are on top of the list for the next round of exchanges whenever the new stock arrives. We will likely have Mike give another presentation at that meeting to allow for members who missed the first one to sit in. Discussion took place regarding showing some financial support for Halifax Wildlife Association’s serious endeavors to educate Nova Scotia hunters on the health issues of lead bullets, and for their gallant efforts on the copper ammunition exchange program. Worthy of noting too, is that HWA also helps cover the costs for Helene to travel and do her presentation as well. Doug moved, seconded by Gary, that SSWA donate \$250 to help cover the traveling costs for HWA members who attend meetings around the province to implement the copper exchange program. Passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Stephen reviewed several articles of interest on topics including lyme disease, and also the many health benefits of angling. We received a letter from Nova Scotia Forestry Association asking for a \$500 donation. After discussion we chose not to donate to this group at this time.

The Supreme Court of Canada issued its ruling in November that most air guns are to be considered firearms for all purposes in the criminal code except for licensing and registration.

Concern is mounting over the massive appetite of NS Power's biomass boiler at Point Tupper. It is estimated that approximately 2790 hectares of woodland will need to be harvested annually to keep it fed, equating to around 670,000 green tons of wood fiber.

Treasury Report: Eugene reported SSWA had a balance of \$4,257.59 at year end, and \$4,8136.59 by meeting night - after ticket money, etc was deposited. There are some checks issued that haven't cleared the bank yet, and approximately \$1450.00 to be paid out this month (\$760 to NSFA&H for dues and annual convention delegates, \$100 to a local Food Bank, \$100 to South Shore Regional Health Foundation, and \$250 to Halifax Wildlife Association). Eugene then reviewed the 2014 financial report, budget verses actual costs, and we held our own. He also presented a 2015 budget projection for expected expenses verses expected income. These figures give a guideline as to what we can expect for year end finances barring too many unforeseen influences. Good job Eugene.

New Business:

-- Peter MacDonald, biologist for large mammals with DNR, will be our guest speaker at the March meeting to discuss our concerns and hopefully review the 2014 deer harvest results. It is hoped that any thoughts on our suggestions for changes to the upcoming season will be better presented to him directly rather than by the traditional method of a Resolution presented at the Convention.

-- Resolutions for the AGM: On behalf of the SSWA Waterfowl Committee, a resolution will be completed and forwarded to Tony Rodgers at NSFA&H for discussion at the AGM in March.

It reads as follows:

Whereas: Waterfowl hunters use goose and duck decoys to attract waterfowl;

Whereas: Some waterfowl hunters are leaving their decoys in front of their blinds 24/7, particularly in bogs and marshes, interfering with other hunters;

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) be requested to restrict, by regulation, the use of decoys to times when hunting is actually taking place in an occupied blind.

-- Annette & Gary Mader volunteered to be SSWA delegates again this year at the AGM being held at the Days Inn in Bridgewater in March.

-- Ron Seney also volunteered to vote by proxy on our behalf at the other three quarterly meetings of the NSFA&H where he will attend as a representative for NS Guides Association.

--Eugene brought in two large framed photos of eagles donated to SSWA by Dave & Yvette Sutherland of Kitpu Lane Camperdown. Kitpu stands for eagle in Micmaw. They will be used for auctions at some point in the future.

-- Youth Hunting Camp will be held again this year at McGown Lake March 16-17'th. Several members have volunteered to go help as instructors: Ron T, Gary & Annette, Greg H and Stephen.

-- Stephen reviewed his annual report to NSFA&H and asked for a critique. Everyone was happy with it as written. See a copy included with these minutes. Please take note of all that your club does in the run of a year. Also please take note of the very few members who continually volunteer to make these things happen. We are looking for new members because of the importance of being a strong organization in threatening times. Strength is reflected through membership, motivation is reflected through commitment, spirit and passion. Without the motivation of a handful of members, SSWA would not exist. A ten dollar membership to build that strength, and more importantly support that motivation, should not even be questioned.

Meeting dates for 2015: 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** Feb. and March which fall on Wednesdays.

Next meeting Wednesday Feb. 18'th, then Mar. 18'th, April 13'th, May 11'th, June 15'th, July 13'th, August 10'th, Sept. 14'th, Oct. 19'th, Dec. 14'th. Please mark your calendars now!

Did you know?

- Two Halifax brothers are charged with 121 criminal charges for having 34 handguns, 31 rifles and 7 shotguns, many improperly stored, along with thousands of rounds of ammunition spread around throughout their apartment and in a house on a separate property. All firearms and ammunition have been seized! This is the type of unwanted publicity that feeds the battle cry for stiffer gun control. Admittedly, this is not the kind of representation legitimate gun owners rally behind!
- In 1935, federal wildlife conservation officials expressed concern that the beaver was headed for the near-extinction list.
- The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.
- Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other pain killers, that is why it is found in some medicines.
- The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.
- The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.
- In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted. (I assume throwing it at her later was a quick divorce)
- Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.
- The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

Smile of the Day: Marriage: An institution of learning where a man loses his bachelors degree and a woman gains her masters.

Lecture: The art of transforming information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of students without passing through the minds of either.

Conference: The befuddlement of one man multiplied by the number present.

Thought of the Day: - The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

- Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.

- Worrying will not take away tomorrows problems, but it will take away today's peace!

I Believe: - That even when you have no more to give, when a child cries out you will find the strength.

- That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we alone are responsible for whom we become.

- Though sorry and grief may weigh you down, that weight will be lifted by the hands of time.