



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: June 15th, 2015

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Linda Joudrey
- Otis Scott Doug Joudrey
- Ron Thompson Reg Archibald
- Burt Schrader Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman Eugene Herman

• Guests: George Newberry
 John Guest

Regrets: Barry Kelley

50/50 Toonie Draw

George N. = \$11.00

Door Prizes:

Key Tag = Gary

Pocket Knife = Otis

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:09. Eugene reviewed the May minutes and moved to accept them as corrected, seconded by Burt S. (Correction was made in reference to ACAP which has had a name change to ACAF - for Foundation.)

Old Business:

- Fishing Derbies: The CSSG, SCLO & ARK groups had a great time fishing on May 15th. The morning saw a total of 37 attending the CSSG/ARK outing. Two of these were NSCC volunteers, and two others were staff out of Halifax who came down to check out this fishing day that the participants are so happy with. Of the twenty plus individuals who actually fished, a total of 58 trout were landed, three being in the 15 – 16 ½” range. The CSSG staff put on a hot dog barbecue for everyone, including SSWA members. Out of the 120 wieners they cooked very few remained when all was done. In the afternoon, the SCLO group arrived with 26 people just as the morning participants were departing. Out of this group we had a total of 20 active fishermen who landed another 45 trout. Several of these were over a foot long, the largest being 16 ¼”. All of these folks in the three groups had a tremendous time. The weather cooperated nicely, and flies were not an issue. We later received letters of thanks from the groups expressing their appreciation for SSWA putting together such a wonderful day for their clients. Because it was hot and sunny this time, several SSWA members suggested we try splitting the groups into two half days another year, or having one group of volunteers work the morning and a different group work the afternoon. We will finalize these things before taking on another full day like that one.

- **Michelin Health and Safety Fair:** Stephen set up for our display Friday night and attended the fair on Sat. June 13th. He had visited the Dept of Health and Wellness and obtained new info on both old and new health concerns in the outdoors that was added into our display. He reported that it was a steady but not large turnout all day. This was the 30th anniversary for the fair so it was fitting that SSAW be represented once again. The time went quickly as lots of people were concerned about the lyme disease issue. N.S. has a website mapping of lyme disease areas of the province. There are five hot spots and we are in a group of four from Yarmouth to Halifax. The other one is near New Glasgow.
- **Lyme Disease** cases are on the increase in this province partly because doctors are now testing for it more often. In 2012 there were 52 confirmed cases, 2013-154 and 2014-114 new cases. People are also learning to protect themselves better and check more often after being outdoors. Perhaps the biggest boost for exposing this problem locally was the recent reports on our municipal Mayor being diagnosed with it. Pets also contract the disease but you can give dogs a tablet called Bravecto to help prevent the infection caused by tick bites. Dogs can also get another disease from the small deer ticks called canine anaplasmosis. It's a blood disorder that can come in two forms.
- **Earth Day:** Sixty-four bags of road side garbage were collected up by SSWA members in their respective areas, quite a reduction from last year. Although we get upset with how much stuff is thrown out car windows each year, it still makes us proud to know that we cleaned up the ditches and made everything look good for a little while! Unfortunately this clean look lasts a very short time in some areas!
- **Giant Flea Market:** A final review was conducted to nail everything down, from table delivery and set-up to canteen supplies to clean-up at the end. Stephen handed out colored posters for distribution among the three local town's bulletin boards (stores, malls and gas bars), and he will set up the two large A-frame poster boards in town several days prior to the event. He took a list of volunteers for both Friday set-up and Sat. Greg will set up the other four large A-frame signs in strategic locations early that morning directing people to the market. It is a system that we have developed over the years and it seems to work well, from the early advertising in the papers, to the Social Club taking bookings, to Stephen calling last year's vendors as a reminder each time. Our first attempt at this was July 10th, 2004 making this our 12th annual flea market. That day we ran it from 9:00am – 2:00pm with a total of 32 tables set up. We had 355 paid attendees that year. These days we are setting up 60 tables and are seeing more than 500 attendees in our 4 hour stint. Watch for a detailed report of the activity and results of this year's event in the July minutes.

Correspondence:

Stephen & Eugene reviewed newspaper clippings and website articles on various subjects pertaining to our interests, in addition to a few emails. Stephen also received a response from the NS Dept of Health and Wellness regarding his several queries asking for an update on lyme disease in Nova Scotia, including the rate of spread, the number of cases, have they ramped up their communication to the public, and the approach that doctors are now taking because of the increase in diagnoses. You will be pleased to know that as of Dec. 16/2014, a Federal Act came into force requiring the Federal Health Minister work with the provinces to develop a 'Federal Framework on Lyme Disease'.

Treasury Report: Balance \$3406.21

New/Current Business:

- **Club Hats/Vests:** With respect to the suggestion that we have some club vests on hand for SSWA functions done in public, Doug had a bit of information on vest availability and will pursue gathering more details for the July meeting. Ron T inquired about the possibility of getting some orange camo hats along with the plain orange. Stephen will investigate the costs for these. We have only one orange hat left and hunting season is approaching already! Hopefully some final decisions can be realized regarding hats and/or vests at the next meeting.
- **Lottery License:** Was applied for but not yet received for our lobster draw. Therefore tickets aren't ready. Hopefully everything will be set to go by our flea market date.
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- **August Meeting:** Ron T. moved that we do not have a meeting in August as there really isn't much happening with the club during the summer. Seconded by Eugene. Passed.
Therefore, take note that the August 10'th meeting for SSWA has been cancelled for a summer break (more for Stephen and Eugene than anybody!)
- **Guest Speaker:** Stephen had tentatively booked a speaker from ACAF for our Sept. meeting but was waiting for confirmation. At the Michelin Health and Safety fair that particular gentleman was present at their ACAF booth right next to our SSWA table, allowing for an excellent chance to meet other ACAF reps. Our guest, Andrew Breen, asked if he could attend our October meeting in lieu of Sept., so Stephen has scheduled him for an hour session in Oct. to discuss ACAF issues, including a report on the Atlantic Whitefish.
- **Trappers Rendezvous:** Ron T & Eugene volunteered to work the SSWA BB/Pellet Gun Shoot at the Trappers Rendezvous in August at the Hibernia Campgrounds. If anyone else is interested in helping out, we might be able to work with two shooting stations to give the kids more shooting time. This event takes place on Sat. August 15'th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm, or later depending on interest. Contact Eugene should this be of interest to you.
Eugene also purchased camo hats to give to the first 13 shooters. (That's all he could get.)
- Greg suggested that we invest in some new fishing rods and reels for the fishing derbies. Stephen suggested that we should have 40 good working sets to cover the number of participants, allowing for a few on hand if one fails under use. As a start, Ron T volunteered to approach Canadian Tire to see what can be offered to help us out. Everyone is to keep an eye out for a bargain at local shops as well.

Dates to Remember:

Set-up for Flea Market
Giant Flea Market at the Michelin Social Club
Trappers Rendezvous in Hibernia (BB Gun Shoot)
Lobster Ticket Draw

June 26, 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
June 27, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
August 15th at 1:00pm
December 14, 2015

Meeting dates for 2015: We will meet on the following dates, in the same location - Sobeys's Store Community Room (back left corner by the dairy products). All meetings will be on a Monday. Our next meeting **July 13th**: The remaining dates are: Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Dec. 14. (lobster ticket draw)

Did you know?

- That 20 years ago (June 13, 1995) the House of Commons passed the Long Gun Registry! It's been a **very loooong** fight! At that time even some liberals opposed the change but were not permitted to vote as their electors wanted them to vote. If you recall, SSWA was extremely active in battling this hated legislation. In addition to bringing LUFA (Law Abiding Unregistered Firearms Association) to Nova Scotia, as well as Gary Breitreuz, you may remember our '**White Elephant Campaign**' launched way prior to this, including a province wide petition, a White Elephant banner, and our huge infamous White Elephant Float that received loud applause during several local parades, and was displayed many times over the years at various events, especially prior to elections. In May, 2004, NS MLA Brooke Taylor introduced Resolution #1403 to the NS House of Assembly to "applaud the efforts of South Shore Wildlife Association in their persistence to have the Martin Government understand what a colossal waste of tax dollars the federal gun registry is."

- Canadian gun owners are hoarding bullets (especially 22 caliber) in fear of 100 million Americans buying up everything as it hits the shelves. Prices have risen dramatically over the last two years in the USA. In Truro, N.S., a dealer said a brick of 500 .22 shells that used to cost \$20 are selling for \$60 and \$70 now.

- **News Flash! C-42:** June 16, 2015. **Just moments ago, the Senate voted to adopt the Common Sense Firearms Licensing Act at Third Reading. It now awaits Royal Assent from the Governor General. This is expected very shortly.** The Possession Only License will be replaced by the Possession and Acquisition License. There will not be any paperwork or training requirement for the upgrade. It is expected that a letter will be mailed to your home address in your name shortly after the Governor General signs his Royal Assent (later this summer.) This letter should state when the changeover will happen, and how.

Smile of the Day: Some people just need a sympathetic pat on the head.....with a hammer.

Thought of the Day: When you leave this earth, will you be sitting in 'smoking' or 'non-smoking'?

I Believe: On sleepless nights, counting your blessings is more fulfilling than counting sheep!