



South Shore Wildlife Association

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

Date: December 14th, 2015

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Linda Joudrey |
| • Doug Joudrey | Sheila Herman |
| • Belinda Eisenhauer | Gary Mader |
| • Kerry Eisenhauer | Eugene Herman |
| • Harley Conrad | Barry Kelley |
| • Otis Scott | Ron Thompson |
| • Lawrence Baltzer | Reg Archibald |
| • Greg Himmelman | Ron Johnstone |
| • Annette Mader | Blair Moland |

Regrets: Burt Schrader

Guest Speaker: Andrew Breen - BCAF

50/50 Toonie Draw

Belinda E = \$18.00

Door Prizes:

Xmas Hat – Greg H.

Teddy Bear – Barry K.

Xmas Bag – Annette M.

Sweatshirt – Otis S.

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:04 and requested we forego the reading of the last minutes because of the amount of items on the agenda needed to be dealt with at this meeting.

Barry K. moved we except the October minutes as issued to allow more time for our guest speaker, lobster draws, and resolution discussion. Seconded by Doug J.

Stephen then introduced Andrew Breen of the Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation. Andrew is the biologist charged with learning all he can about the endangered Atlantic White Fish inhabiting the Petite Riviere Water System from Minamkeak Lake, Milipsigate Lake, Hebb's Lake and Fancey's Lake down the Petite Riviere. These are the only places remaining on earth where this particular strain of white fish exist. Unfortunately, they are now also under attack by small mouth bass and chain pickerel, something of grave concern for Andrew. Studies have found some of the pickerel to have as many as six small fish in their intestinal track at one time. They will eat virtually anything moving that they can swallow. Andrew did an excellent presentation, and explained with the use of still photos and videos, what the white fish look like and what methods he is using to capture and count/study. He is looking for SSWA to get involved with some studies under his control in certain lakes. Several SSWA members are looking forward to helping out where they can. Stephen will work with Andrew to obtain more information on exactly what he is looking for in assistance, and perhaps request his attendance at a future meeting to follow up on his work. More will be discussed at our next meeting.

Old Business:

- **Resolutions:** Consensus on the alarming state of our deer herd this past season gave agreement that something needs to be done to protect the apparent diminished deer population. After a lengthy discussion, decisions were made that SSWA submit three separate resolutions to the NS Federation of Hunters and Anglers by Dec. 31 for their annual conference in March. They are as follows:

First Resolution: Shorten the length of deer season to no more than six weeks in total.

Second Resolution: Buck Law only for the upcoming 2016 season.

Third Resolution: Only one deer in any one zone using weapon of choice.

Stephen, Eugene, and Gary will work on preparing these in proper format before submitting to the Federation for entry into the 2016 Annual Convention booklet.

Correspondence: Stephen & Eugene reviewed newspaper clippings and website articles on various subjects such as coyotes, wolves, pending gun laws, shooting range closures due to irresponsible users, lyme disease (a new petition) and the spring bear hunt.

Treasury Report: Balance \$4945.94. Eugene will have a financial report ready for the Jan. meeting along with a proposed budget for 2016. Also the books for 2015 will be presented to the auditors for their scrutiny.

Huge thanks to all who bought or sold tickets for our lobster raffle. We took in \$557.00 before purchasing the lobster (\$195.00) leaving us a profit of \$362.00.

Winners of the lobster draw were:

- Kelsey Dorey, New Germany
- Mike Joudrey, Blockhouse (SSWA member)
- Jessey Slaunwhite, Middlewood

New/Current Business:

* Stephen gave some detail on the wonderful efforts being exhibited at Hope for Wildlife Society rehab center for injured or starving animals and birds. This center is located at Seaforth, on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia, and has received much exposure from the media covering various reports and stories on their gallant efforts to preserve the lives of injured and stressed wildlife. Eastlink TV has done numerous shows regarding the facility's expertise and methods of handling the various species brought into HFW. Countless volunteer hours assist with the staffing of the facility that handles over 2500 'patients' annually. It is only natural that SSWA, as a wildlife association, should show our support for such an important facility right here in our own province. It takes a lot of money to operate this place, raised mainly from donations and fundraisers. Otis moved that we donate \$100.00 to HFW to support the work they do. This was seconded and then further discussed as to the amount we should be giving. In the end, Ron Johnstone made an amendment that we increase this amount to \$500. Passed unanimously.

* Stephen had not prepared the clubs annual report in time for this meeting, but will have it completed and sent in by year end. (copy included with these minutes)

Many of you that have already renewed during the year are now paid up until at least Dec. of 2016. Those in arrears are due now. This is your second notice.

A grace period to March 31 is to allow everyone sufficient time to renew. Outstanding memberships will be dropped after that time without further contact.

Membership is still \$10.00 each and \$5.00 for spouse and/or each dependent. This has not changed in 17 years! Can you say that about anything else? \$4.00 of each membership goes directly to the Nova Scotia Federation, so your dues are not a large profit maker for your club. If you have not already done so, please forward your dues to Stephen or Eugene, or mail to: SSWA c/o Eugene Herman, 1632 Camperdown Rd., Camperdown, N.S. B4V 6S5

Meeting dates for 2016 : Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th, Mar. 14th, April 11th, May 16th, Jun. 13th, Jul. 11th, Aug. 15th, Sept. 12, Oct. 17th and Dec. 12th. No meeting in November. All are Mondays so mark your calendars now. Stephen has these dates booked with Sobeys. We will meet 7:00pm in the same location "Sobey's Store Community Room, upstairs, back left corner by the dairy products.

Interesting Tidbits:

◆ NSFA&H have informed SSWA that the Crossman BB/pellet gun company will loan a tent and supply BB's, pellets, guns and targets for any club wishing to put on a shooting display. This is something we might want to explore before the Trappers Rendezvous next summer. Any help we can get from suppliers is always welcome. Canadian Tire has helped us in the past and hopefully still will with prizes or donations.

◆ Don't forget to send in your deer hunting report. Even if you didn't get a deer (many of us did not) DNR still would like to know how many hours you hunted, in what counties, using what weapon. Also there is room to write some comments on deer sighting, rule changes you'd like to see, etc.

◆ Do you remember the Asian Carp that everyone was talking about six years ago? They were coming up the Mississippi River heading for Lake Michigan. Well, they're still coming. All attempts to stop them have failed. More than \$300M U.S. have been spent on solutions to no avail. It's now predicted that within 2 years they will be in Lake Michigan and then there will be no stopping them from entering the other great lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway followed by rivers brooks etc throughout all of North America.

◆ Venison Marinade: For those with too much deer meat..... or it might even work for beef. This combination of wine and herbs penetrates far into the meat, relaxing and flavoring the tissue.

Ingredients: 750 ml red or white wine, 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1 tablespoon salt, 3 cloves garlic (peeled and roughly chopped), 2 onions (peeled and roughly chopped), 2 bay leaves, 1 teaspoon dried thyme, 1 teaspoon dried rosemary and ½ cup olive oil.

Directions: Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and add ground or cubed venison (up to 1 kg) - cover tightly and refrigerate overnight before using. This was copied from the Progress Bulletin Wed. Nov. 25, 2015. This can be used as a rub also but add a little coffee or ginger first. (A second bottle of wine for the cook could entice all kinds of unique flavors too)

Did You Know? There have been recent reports of pets picking up black legged ticks despite the winter conditions we are experiencing. The guideline given by people who are supposed to know these things was that the first good frost would put them away for the winter. Obviously this is as erroneous as the fact that they are only located in certain hot spots. It would appear that even the 'experts' do not have a good handle on these invasive and dangerous insects. The best defense is a serious offence, in that everyone should be very much aware that black legged ticks can appear anytime in just about any place, and we should be especially vigilant whenever spending time in the outdoors, be it forests or backyards.

- Winter can be a very difficult time for our feathered friends in the wild. Why not give some serious thought to helping them this year if you do not do so already. There are various types of feeders for the numerous species that spend winters with us, but if that is too much effort, just spreading birdseed on the snow or ground works very well for many types such as Blue Jays, Doves, Juncos, Sparrows, Chickadees, Goldfinches and Starlings to name some. It is best to spread the seed in areas with a bit of overhead protection such as shrubbery, thick bushes, or trees if possible, to both avoid predators from above as well as provide a safety refuge for them to rest in. A good camera on hand may well provide you with some brilliant nature photographs too. A word of caution - try to avoid attracting them to an area where large windows with their mirror effect appear to be open skyline for them. Small birds are no match for hard glass in a collision.

Smile of the Day: You know that little thing inside our heads that keeps us from saying things we shouldn't? A lot of us don't have it!!

Every day thousands of innocent plants are slaughtered by vegetarians. Help stop the violence. Eat red meat and pastries.

Some people need to slow down and take a deep breath – and hold it for half an hour!

Thought of the Day: When you're dead, you don't know you're dead. It's the same way for being stupid.

Personality and attitude are two separate attributes. Personality depends on who you are. Attitude depends entirely on the other person.

When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

I Believe: - One has to be very careful when following the masses. Sometimes, the 'm' drops off.

If minds could be read there'd be a lot of black eyes out there.

A lot of people speak their minds simply because it hurts to constantly be biting their tongue.