



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: January 18th, 2016

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Linda Joudrey
- Otis Scott Doug Joudrey
- Reg Archibald Annette Mader
- Burt Schrader Gary Mader
- Billy Hirtle Eugene Herman
- Blair Moland Vince Westlake
- Lawrence Baltzer

Regrets: Barry Kelley, Ron Thompson
and Greg Himmelman

50/50 Toonie Draw

Stephen J. = \$12.00

Door Prizes:

Puzzle – Reg A.
Calendar – Eugene H
Calendar – Billy H.
Calendar – Lawrence B

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:05. Eugene reviewed the December minutes and moved to accept them as read, seconded by Annette.

Old Business:

- As a follow-up on our motion in December, Stephen purchased \$500.00 in gift cards from Sobey's for "Hope for Wildlife Rehabilitation Center" on the Eastern Shore to assist in their gallant efforts to successfully return sick and wounded birds and animals back into the wild. Because hen's eggs are an important food source for just about all of the wildlife that HFWS helps recover, Stephen had hoped to work out a deal through Sobey's to supply eggs at a reduced cost to HFWS, thus giving a greater value to our donation. After discussing this with HFWS, they decided that a preferred local egg farmer/supplier is best for their needs. However, the need for greens and other food staples from stores like Sobey's is high on their list so they were very appreciative of our generosity. Therefore, the gift cards have been mailed, along with a covering letter, to Hope Swinimer at HFWS.
- Annette and Gary re-offered to represent SSWA again this year at the NSFAH Convention on the first weekend in April. Thanks for doing such a great job for us.
- The Federation is looking for nominations for board positions, namely President, Treasurer, and 2'nd Vice. Stephen asked if anyone had a nomination to present or if anyone had an interest in one of these positions. None were expressed.

Correspondence:

Stephen & Eugene reviewed newspaper clippings and website articles such as:

1. Big Brothers and Big Sisters are holding a pancake breakfast to raise money. Also there will be the annual “Bowl for Kids” coming up in Feb. and March depending on location. Anyone interested should call their office at 543-4435.
2. Stephen received an email letter from NSFA&H with a form for sending our dues etc. (Done)
3. After reading an email from Ron Seney (SSWA member) re: Sherbrooke Lake access, we had a lengthy discussion. Following this discussion Billy moved we draft a letter in support of this effort. Burt seconded. Passed. Eugene to draft letter and forward it to our team working on this initiative for comments prior to forwarding to the Municipality. (Done also)
Since our Jan. meeting there has been a handout delivered to mailboxes concerning 3 proposed public drop-in sessions to explore different options for developing public access on Sherbrooke Lake. You can attend any of these three meeting and/or go to www.modl.ca/sherbrooke and fill out a survey on line. The three drop in dates are Feb.08 at the New Ross School, Feb. 10 at the Canada Games Centre, 26 Thomas Raddell Dr., Halifax or Feb. 17 at the Parkdale-Maplewood Community Hall, 3003 Barss Corner Rd. This drop-in session runs from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information please contact Judy Payne, Director of Recreation, at 902-541-1333. Judy works for the MODL on Aberdeen Road in Bridgewater.
4. Ticks: There have been numerous ticks, both regular and deer ticks, found right up to the second week of January. Make sure you continue to check your pets and yourselves if you're outdoors.
5. Stephen received an email from CFI out of Ontario advising of an existing law there that requires ammunition retailers to collect the name, age and address of anyone purchasing said product. They are attempting to have this changed - for obvious reasons. It will be interesting to watch this one, as it may well be that proverbial first stone cast in the anticipated noose tightening for legit gun owners in Canada.
6. Parks Canada has announced a special award for people who purchase an annual pass for Canada's National Parks and historic sites in 2016. Included will be a free pass for the following year as well. This is in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Passes will be valid for 24 months from the date of purchase, according to a spokesperson.
7. Gary Mader brought in the latest Field and Stream magazine giving some alarming stats on a serious declining deer population problem in the US. Over the last five years the deer herd has dropped to half or less in many states. Coyotes are responsible for killing 80% of the fawns in the Southern States. Watch for more info on this in upcoming minutes.

Treasury Report:

Balance at the end of 2015 was a record \$5868.09. (Since then, we have spent \$195 for the lobster draw prizes, \$500 donation to Hope for Wildlife, and \$464 to NSFA&H for our membership dues.)

Eugene then handed out copies of his Treasurer's Report and explained our 2015 actual financial results compared to the 2015 budget, and also a proposed budget for 2016. After a few questions, the proposed budget was accepted by those present.

Eugene then passed over all financial records to Annette and Gary for auditing of the books again this year. It is very much appreciated!

Note: Most members have now paid up but we still have a few stragglers who have not renewed as of yet. Please drop off or send in your dues now or risk being removed from the membership list in March. Since there will be no minutes issued for Feb. this reminder is more important than ever. If you plan on remaining in good standing, don't wait!

New/Current Business:

- Last month we had Andrew Breen from BCAF as a guest speaker to talk about the studies he is conducting on several lakes in the area on the Atlantic White Fish. Later, he and Stephen discussed what help SSWA might be able to provide to him. Andrew would ultimately like to have us form four teams of two to catch fish in four different lakes, between 6 and 12 times per lake during May & June. All catches must be delivered to a member of his study team in Laconia for analysis. There was no need to canvass our membership, as three teams volunteered right at the meeting. Eugene H. & Ron T. to fish Wallace Lake, Annette & Gary Mader – Fancy's Lake, Stephen & Doug Joudrey - Garber Lake. This would leave Little Lake open depending on access. Maybe the teams could share this lake and fish it by canoe. According to Andrew, he wants the teams to use one particular type of jig head only, aimed at reducing other variables. At least two other members are interested in taking part as well so we should have enough people to fill in or cover the need in question. More details will be provided in the next few months. Eugene will start a list of questions for clarification. He will then circulate these questions to each team to be added to as needed before sending them on to Andrew.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Stephen has been advised by Sobey's that the store will be closed on our proposed meeting date in February due to the new Family Day holiday. After a lengthy discussion and difficulty finding a suitable replacement date, Burt moved we cancel the February meeting because we do not have a lot of items to deal with. 2'nd by Annette. Passed. Therefore, **NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY!!!**
- Stephen will try to get Peter MacDonald of DNR to drop in to our March meeting to discuss the deer harvest results for 2015 and what he thinks the 2016 season changes if any, might look like. Peter should have access to most of the stats at that time. **(Peter has been confirmed for our March meeting. Please make the effort to attend)**
- The question arose: Now that everyone is due for membership renewal in December, how do we charge new members joining between January and December? After a lengthy discussion, Lawrence made a motion, seconded by Reg, that we increase our annual dues from \$10 to \$12. That way we can make the dues rated at \$1.00 per month. Passed. One member voted against. Dependents remain at \$5.00 for the year regardless of when they join. The new change will go in effect May 1st, 2016. Anyone paid up longer than December 2016 will be grandfathered in at \$10 until their renewal comes due. Note: There has not been an increase in SSWA membership dues since it was started in 1993!
- Stephen to get in touch with his contact about the DNR Youth Hunting Camp in March to make sure of the dates, and do they want SSWA members to do the rabbit snare/skinning presentation again and can we sponsor several of the youth attending.
- Flea Market date of June 25th that we had hoped for has been booked therefore we needed to propose a new date. June 18 was chosen by those who work it. Stephen to confirm with MSAC. (Note: June 18th was also booked, but after a last minute change at the MSAC, we have now procured the June 25th date for our Giant Flea Market)

Meeting dates for 2016: We will meet on the following dates, in the same location - Sobeys' Store Community Room (back left corner by the dairy products). All meetings will be on a Monday. Our next meeting *March 14th* The remaining dates are: April 11, May 16, June 13, July 11, August 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Dec. 12. **No meetings in the months of February or November.**

Did you know?

- Mic Mac Rod and Gun Club will be hosting a Gun Show and Sale at the West Northfield Fire Hall on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

- One of our SSWA members has made the Halifax daily newspaper. Billy Hirtle of New Germany bought and handed out 900 hemlock seedlings to kids of parents who bought a Christmas tree from him. Over the years Bill has set up his tree yard in Dartmouth, Eastern Shore and Cole Harbour. He says "I guess one of the reasons that kept me doing it is the look on the kid's faces." Well done Billy!

- Atlantic White Fish: migrate into freshwater in early fall and move upstream in early October/November with spawning occurring in late fall or winter. They over-winter in freshwater and return to the ocean in spring. Spawning of the landlocked population also occurs in early winter. Anadromous (go to and come from the saltwater) Wild Atlantic White Fish gets to be about 38cm (15 inches) compared to landlocked populations only reaching 22cm. (8-10 inches). Minamkeak Lake, Millipsigate Lake and Hebb's Lake are considered landlocked although anadromous populations are also in these lakes to a lesser extent.

Smile of the Day: Wine is definitely healthier for you than milk. Drink a couple glasses of milk and try to move a wall. Now drink a couple of glasses of wine; the wall moves all by itself!

- My people skills are just fine; it's my tolerance for idiots that needs some work.

- The irony of life: By the time you get to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

Thought of the Day: Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

- The fact that there's a Highway to Hell and only a Stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic flow.

-If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

I Believe: I'm only responsible for what I say, not for what people understand.

- Some people may not be as lazy as they appear, perhaps they just enjoy doing nothing.

- You're never too old to learn something stupid.