



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: May 16, 2016

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Linda Joudrey |
| • Otis Scott | Ron Thompson |
| • Jerry Read | Reg Archibald |
| • Burt Schrader | Gary Mader |
| • Eugene Herman | Barry Kelley |
| • Greg Himmelman | Harley Conrad |
| • Billy Hirtle | |

50/50 Toonie Draw

Otis S. = \$13.00

Door Prizes:

*Washer Fluid – Ron T.
Book – Barry K.
Puzzle – Harley C.
Hat – Burt S.*

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:08. Eugene reviewed the minutes of the April meeting and moved for acceptance as read. Seconded by Barry K.

Old Business:

- **Big Brothers / Big Sisters Fishing Experience** was a great success. We had the most participants in the eighteen year history of SSWA doing this outing. There were 26 people registered with 47 trout and 10 goldfish caught, including one 17 inch trout and two 16 inch fish landed that day. SSWA provided sandwiches, a mixed fruit tray, and one tray of watermelon for their lunch along with juice and cookies. (The fruit was gone in no time!)
- Our other fun fishing day was for participants from two Support Services Groups along with attendees from the ARK. The morning group, fishing from 9:00am until 1:00pm, caught forty-one fish but only one large 16” one. In the afternoon, the SCLO group only managed to land 12 fish in 4 hours, and one lady caught seven of those, so it was a very slow afternoon. Still, all had a great time, and that’s what it is really all about! As a show of appreciation, we received a letter of thanks from directors of both Service Groups as well as a thank you card made by members of the ARK. And for us, that’s what it’s all about as well.
- **BCAF’s study of the Atlantic White Fish:** SSWA teams have tried a couple of times but the water is still cool. Therefore, no fish have been caught to date. Stay tuned!
- **Earth Day:** SSWA members collected a total of 122 bags of garbage this year in various areas of our county. Some of these areas already have so much new litter strewn that it looks like we were never there! What inspires people to intentionally throw their garbage out their car windows? If only we could do it in their yards! Maybe that would wake them up!

- **Protected Lands: Harley C. and Doug C. gave us an update as to what is happening with this controversy. Apparently there is nothing set in stone yet over the right of ways, and meetings are ongoing. They are attending an additional meeting, scheduled for June 6th with DOE, and will bring us a further update at our June meeting, and any new information in the upcoming months. Thanks gents.**
- **Stephen was wondering if we wanted to order more anti-littering signs to post along water ways, etc, as we have done for the last several years. We have only a couple of signs left. He touched base with RRFB, the dept. that assisted us last time around, but they are no longer funding these community efforts. He also contacted the DOE, who paid for the signs the first time around, and is still waiting word back from them. If there are no grants available, we will either purchase them ourselves, or drop the program altogether.**

Correspondence/Info:

In addition to lots of random material and newspaper clippings:

- **Our ad is in the local papers for booking tables at \$5.00 each for our Giant Flea Market on June 25th by calling the Michelin Social Club @ 902-543-5018.**
- **Eugene mentioned the letter of support to Ron Seney that he sent on behalf of SSWA, and Ron's reply.**
- **Bill S-223, the newest anti-gun bill attempt introduced by Senator Celine Hervieux-Payette, in a nutshell threatens a centralized lock-up of a portion of firearms and destruction of the rest.**
- **Bill C-246, a private members bill introduced to the House on April 12th called the Modernizing Animal Protections Act, threatens our hunting and fishing sports yet again. On the surface it appears innocent enough, but the legalities of it could impede your right to hunt and fish through prosecution. It apparently can be traced back to the animal rights movement. Enough said. Concerned members should be contacting your local MLA to investigate this. Now is the time to make your voice heard.**

Treasury Report:

Bank account balance to May 16th was \$3851.01.

New/Current Business:

- **Michelin Health and Safety Fair: Stephen and Reg will review what we have for material and decide if we actually want to set up a booth at the Fair if it isn't too late to send in our registration form. Interest was very limited within the group. Most question the effectiveness the safety fair has now since it has been running for about 20 years with much the same material year after year.**
- **Otis gave an interesting talk on his involvement in the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club. He described the shooting range used for all types of shooting. Trap shooting is something that he participates in a lot of Saturdays, either at their club site or by visiting other club shoots and competitions around the province. Apparently this is a major sport with literally hundreds of shooters taking part. You get to meet a lot of nice people and enjoy the fellowship as well as the competition. Beginners shoot against beginners, etc. Anyone interested in obtaining more info on this expanding shooting sport and related shooting schedules can go on-line under 2016 N.S. Trap and Skeet Shooting Schedule, or contact Otis Scott, Bridgewater, or the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club.**

- **Canadian Wild Turkey Federation (CWTF) director Terry Smith (also now a member of SSWA) would like to attend one of our meetings to discuss the future of wild turkeys in our province, and what we could do to help facilitate their arrival. There is at least one Wild Turkey Association in N.S. -the Blue Beards from Halifax. Terry will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting – Stephen to work out the details.**
- **The 2016 Trapper’s Rendezvous will be held from August 19 – 21 at the NS Guides camp in Hibernia again this year.**
- **Please note: We hope to be entertaining guest speakers at two of our next few meetings. Terry Smith with the CWTF is working diligently to have wild turkeys introduced legally into Nova Scotia woodlands with hopes of establishing a successful new game species for Nova Scotia hunters. He will be explaining the CWTF structure, their past efforts, and viable steps required to make this new species a reality. You may recall SSWA’s involvement many years ago, and the newspaper coverage we received at that time. Unfortunately, the attempt was struck down by the Provincial Government of the day. Many things have changed since then, and new evidence now supports the possibility of these game birds becoming a welcome addition to our lands. Also, Andrew Breen will be presenting BCAF’s findings on our ‘predator fish study’ input regarding predator fish in our lakes and streams. SSWA has 3 teams covering 3 different lakes and they have had some successful catches to date, all of which have been analyzed by BCAF staff. He will be giving a talk on their findings and highlights when their work is completed. Both of these topics are very interesting items – one regarding a welcome addition trying to be introduced, the other unwelcome additions trying to be eradicated or controlled. Why not plan on coming to one or both of these meetings?? Keep an eye on the minutes to know when.**

**Meeting dates for 2016: We will meet on the following dates, in the same location - Sobey’s Store Community Room (back left corner stairs by the dairy products). Meetings will generally be on a Monday. Our next meeting - *June 13th*.
The remaining dates are: July 11, August 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Dec. 12**

Dates to Remember:

Giant Flea Market	June 25th
Trapper Rendezvous at Hibernia Camp Grounds	August 19-21
SSWA BB/Pellet Gun Shoot (part of the above)	August 20th

DID YOU KNOW?

- Do you remember the “special moose hunt” in the Cape Breton National Park near Meat Cove? It caused all the controversy in the fall of 2015 when only Natives were allowed to go in and harvest 40 moose to reduce the over population. Well!!! Rumor has it that it appears the Canadian Tax Payers - you and I - were on the hook again for roughly \$490,000.00! It seems because no motorized vehicles are allowed in that protected area, all 37 moose harvested had to be airlifted out - at an average cost of over \$13,200 per moose! However, if it’s any consolation, two of these moose were given to Feed

N.S. to help support some of the people in our province who use the food banks! Question: Why couldn't the DNR have arranged for all this meat to be donated to the food banks and homeless shelters in N.S.? That would have helped ease the pain a bit.....still not justifiable, but then maybe that makes too much logic or is beyond what the experts in charge are capable of contemplating!!

- **Coca Cola was originally green!**
- **The percentage of Africa that is wilderness – 28%, the percentage of North America – 38%!**
- **The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer.**
- **Every king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king in history:**
Spades – King David
Hearts – Charlemagne
Clubs – Alexander, the Great
Diamonds – Julius Caesar

Smile of the Day: I don't mean to brag but.....I finished my 14-day diet in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

- **Remember back when we were kids and they closed school every time it snowed? No, me neither.**
- **A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money.....so I got up and searched with him.**

Thought of the Day: The Will of God never takes you to a place where the Grace of God will not protect you.

- **The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.**
- **You can often tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage them.**
- **Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being.**

I Believe: Inner peace begins the moment you choose not to allow another person or event to control your emotions.

- **One of the happiest moments in life is when you find the courage to let go of that which you cannot change.**
- **You must have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.**
- **You must forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but that you deserve peace.**