

South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: June 13, 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 | Ron Johnstone |
| • Lawrence Baltzer | Bruce Delong |
| • Vincent Westlake | Doug Joudrey |

50/50 Toonie Draw

Ron J. = \$17.00

Door Prizes:

Coffee Mug – Billy H.
Puzzle – Eugene H.
Hat – Doug J.

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:05. Eugene asked Ron Thompson to read the minutes of the May meeting and move for acceptance as issued. Seconded by Vince W. Approved.

Old Business:

- Michelin Health & Safety Fair: Stephen had emailed the Fair committee weeks before the Fair date but did not get a response until he emailed them again 2 days before the fair. They apologized for not replying but said there was still lots of room. However, by then there was no time to properly prepare, so, for the first time since we started attending, we had to decline. According to reports, there were four empty booths this year and a low attendance. Although the intent of this Fair is very positive for the public, it would appear that monotony is taking its toll after the many years of repetition.
- BCAF's study of the Atlantic White Fish: The three SSWA teams have all been out several times each now and with mostly good success. We will likely each go two or three times more. Andrew has been booked to come to our Sept. meeting to review the results of the study. Garber Lake has produced 100% pickerel, Fancy Lake roughly 50-50 bass / pickerel and Wallace Lake 100% bass. However, one 19" pickerel was caught in Wallace Lake during the Italy Cross/Middlewood Fire Dept. Fishing Tournament June 4th so confirmation has been established for them in this system as well.

- **Earth Day:** SSWA received an honorable mention in an article in the South Shore Breaker May 4th. Our teams have collected a total of 129 bags this year in four communities.
- **CWTF:** There are now three chapters under the Canadian Wild Turkey Federation in Nova Scotia and they are looking for help in starting a chapter on the South Shore. Anyone interested in this subject is welcome to come to our July meeting as we have invited Terry Smith of the Canadian Wild Turkey Federation to drop in for a chat.
- **Protected Lands:** Harley C. reported that the meeting scheduled to be held June 6th with DOE was postponed to a date near the end of June. We look forward to new information at our July meeting.
- **Anti-littering signs:** Stephen was not successful in canvassing any financial support from the various government departments that supported this initiative previously, and we are not committing funds ourselves for these signs. A consensus was reached that we have enough anti-littering signs kicking around to meet our needs for this year. Stephen has one more contact to try.

Correspondence/Info: In addition to lots of random material and newspaper clippings:

- Stephen has been in communication with Tony Rodgers and Tony now has a radio show, www.communityradio.ca It airs on FM radio Sat 6pm and repeats Monday 12:30pm. You can find it on Face book: "Hunting and Fishing Heritage Show".
- Stephen reviewed a letter from the president of the NSFA&H describing a list of potential changes in the works for the federation, including a new framework for associate club dues relating to the number of members each club has. If accepted, it will reduce the cost of SSWA's annual payout.

Treasury Report: Bank account balance to June 13th was \$3917.05

New/Current Business:

- The 2016 Trapper's Rendezvous will be held from August 19 – 21 at the NS Guides camp in Hibernia again this year. SSWA will host the BB/Pellet Gun Shoot once again.
- After some discussion as to whether there will be any outstanding business requiring an Aug meeting, Ron T. **moved we cancel our August meeting**, seconded by Barry K. Passed. Please take note!
- Eugene has applied for a lobster ticket lottery license so he can have tickets ready for sale at our flea market. Last year we sold \$88 worth of tickets at the flea market.
- There was some interest from a few members who shad fish to exchange some of their lead shad darts for non lead darts. Stephen will co-ordinate the exchange. Anyone interested in participating can contact him. Even old darts with the paint chipped off will be exchanged for new darts for free!
- A letter received from the NSFA&H Firearms Committee was read by Stephen. It reviewed eight points **made by the committee** as follows:

1.) *In 2015 hunters were able to harvest 2 deer (1 muzzleloader / bow tag and 1 General Season tag). This is not only specific to muzzleloaders, as bow/crossbow had the same opportunity.*

2.) *Muzzleloaders have the ability to create undue pressure on low deer population numbers in some areas. Again, this is not only specific to muzzleloaders.*

3.) *Bad winters (ie: winter/spring 2015) provide extreme snowfall which causes increased deer mortality and a reduction of fawns being born. Once again not only muzzleloader specific, and possible solutions could include reduced tags.*

4.) *Deer harvesting seasons occur from Sept - Dec. each year. This should not be a reason to limit the muzzleloader season.*

5.) *There is a perception by "some" that muzzleloader owners are killing deer at more than 200 yards. In discussions with muzzleloader owners and vendors this perception is at best, very rare or hypothetical. In fact, muzzleloader owners realize that they only get one shot (one chance) so they generally take game at distances of around 50 yards or less. In order to re-load it takes at least 45 seconds to properly drop in pellets/powder, seat in a bullet and add a new primer into the breach plug. The reload time is greater than any other hunting tool, ie: rifle, shotgun, crossbow, bow. A further limitation can be the weather which affects powder in the barrel, especially in damp conditions.*

6.) *Overlapping seasons have been an issue for bear hunters, guides and others. Concerns have been voiced about muzzleloader hunters in the woods at the same time. The comments usually revolve around the extra traffic noise and gunshots. The committee determined that this should only be a concern for a few days as small game hunting begins Oct. 1 which produces a lot of shotgun activity. Last year, muzzleloader hunting began Sept. 27th and small game only 4 days later.*

7.) *Other comments include the perception that DNR is giving hunters false facts and DNR doesn't have any biologists who see the truth about deer herds. We find these statements baseless as proponents of these statements will not or do not have information to back up their assertions.*

8.) *Many have posted on hunting forums that 22% of 2015 deer kills were by muzzleloaders. Actually, less than 9% of deer kills (686) were harvested in the Crossbow/ML season.*

Our committee was able to determine some positive aspects for the inclusion of muzzleloaders in the early season after discussions with hunters and vendors: Our Committee is proposing 2 policy resolutions to the NSFA&H Annual Meeting:

1.) **The Federation reassess its policy on a shorter muzzle loader season with the muzzle loader continuing to have a place in the crossbow season.**

2.) That the NSFA&H will never support resolutions which unilaterally ban or restrict on-going hunting opportunities currently in place, unless major circumstances deem so along with support from DNR.

The committee recommends that the NSFA&H actively seek a voice (association/club) for muzzle loader hunters.

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 – *July 11th*. **NO MEETING IN AUGUST!**

The remaining dates are: Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Dec. 12

Dates to Remember:

Giant Flea Market Set-up anytime between 3-7pm

June 24th

Giant Flea Market

June

25th

Trapper Rendezvous at Hibernia Camp Grounds

August

19-21

SSWA BB/Pellet Gun Shoot (part of the above) (Ron T. & Eugene H.)

August

20th

DID YOU KNOW?

-Driver distraction is a factor in about four million motor vehicle crashes in North America each year!

- 80% of collisions, and 65% of near crashes, have some form of driver inattention as a contributing factor.

- Drivers who are talking on a cell phone are 4 to 5 times more likely to be involved in a crash or near crash.

- Drivers who text are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash or near crash.

Smile of the Day: - The key to happiness is a terrible memory.

- You know you're getting old when tossing and turning in bed is considered your workout;

- OR, when your train of thought starts leaving the station without you.

Thought of the Day: - What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

- Never miss a good chance to shut up.

- The wisest of men are those who take the time to follow three simple tasks – read, observe, and listen.

I Believe: - The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

- The first 40 years of childhood are the hardest.

- There are several theories to arguing with women. None of them work.