



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: Sept. 12, 2016

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Bruce Dulong
- Otis Scott Ron Thompson
- Jerry Read Vince Boutilier
- Burt Schrader Gary Mader
- Eugene Herman Doug Joudrey
- Greg Himmelman Lawrence Baltzer

- Special Guest: Andrew Breen from
Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation

50/50 Toonie Draw

Jerry Read = \$20.00

Door Prizes:

*Wine Book – Doug
Hat- Vince
Business Card Book- Greg
Knife – Bruce*

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:05. He then introduced our guest speaker Andrew Breen of BCAF who is the lead coordinator for the study of the Atlantic White Fish, and advised everyone that we would conduct our actual meeting after Andrew's presentation and information session surrounding our efforts with his predator fish study. He then turned the meeting over to Andrew. Through a slide presentation, Andrew showed the results of all the fish caught by SSWA members of three teams on three lakes being studied. He showed how many fish were caught, by species by lake, what they were eating, and the sizes of the fish caught, along with lots of interesting tidbits of info. Wallace Lake produced 100% Small Mouth Bass, Fancy Lake 50 % Bass & 50% Chain Pickerel while Garber Lake was 100 % Pickerel. He also asked if SSWA would continue helping with the study next year on the same lakes to see if the population of each species changes from year to year and to help create a history. The response was a definite yes. Andrew also has been working with the Dept. of Fisheries discussing several factors that might improve the chances of survival for the Atlantic White Fish. Media coverage for this serious situation has included newspaper, radio, and TV reports, Paul Withers of CBC in particular. SSWA will also lend a hand with an inquiry to the Federal Fisheries Minister as to the obvious inaction on a species at risk.

Old Business:

- **Protected Lands:** Harley C. was absent from this meeting and no new information was passed on to anyone. Updates will be given when available.
- **The 2016 Trapper's Rendezvous:** Gary gave a brief report that the trapper's weekend went well. Although attendance was questionable again, the weather was great, and the canoe races were back on this time. SSWA did the BB/Pellet gun shoot again this year but

the numbers were down again. Only 8 participants between the ages of 3-12, plus about 6 adults. Last year we saw 15 shooters between 3 and 15 yrs. old. There seems to be other things going on that the young people are interested in.

- **Shad Dart Exchange:** Now that fishing season is ending there is no rush to collect the old darts and make the exchange but Stephen will co-ordinate during the winter months when things are slack. If you have any interest in this exchange please call Stephen.
- **CWTF:** Although everyone present at the last meeting was interested in what Terry Smith had to say about the wild turkey situation, there were no new developments to report on.

Correspondence/Info: NSFA&H are holding their annual banquet later in Sept. in Dartmouth. Tickets are now \$50 per person and even though SSWA was willing and able to sponsor two, or even four tickets, there were no members interested in attending.

- Remember the Asian Carp? They are the fish that are destroying all other species in the water systems in the USA, Illinois State and threatening out great lakes! The States are planning to reintroduce a fish known as the "Alligator Gar". These will eventually reduce the carp. The gar are known to grow to 8 ½ feet and weigh up to 100 lbs. Gar stocked in one lake six years ago are now over 4 feet in length. They are the second largest U.S. fresh water fish after the West Coast white sturgeon.
- The Premier of the Yukon, Darrell Pasloski, shot a large bull moose, and his son a Dall Sheep. These were the main courses for a private dinner served to the Provincial Premiers and their spouses recently.
- The Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club recently held a competitive shoot. Otis Scott gave a brief report on how things went. Shooters were on hand from other gun clubs, some traveling quite a distance to attend. This club has a very healthy membership and is quite active in competition events around the Province. We encourage anyone interested in the shooting sports to get more info on this club or drop by to check it out.

Treasury Report: Eugene reported a bank balance to Sept. 12th of \$4467.68 He just took out a new contract at UPS for 5000 photocopies at a cost of \$405.00.

New/Current Business:

- Resolutions are to be in for the October meeting. This is because we do not meet in November, so any resolutions will need to be discussed in Oct. and those accepted will be constructed in the proper format for final acceptance at our Dec. meeting. They will then be forwarded to the NSFA&H before the end of December in order to be in the 2017 Federation's annual convention booklet for presentation and a vote at the March Convention.
- Lobster Raffle Tickets were distributed to various members who are willing to sell them for our next fundraiser. Tickets are 3 for a Toonie or \$1 each. The draw will take place at our December meeting for three prizes of 10 lbs of lobster each.

Meeting dates for 2016 : We will meet on the following dates, in the same location - Sobeys's Store Community Room (back left corner stairs by the dairy products). Meetings will

generally be on a Monday. Our next meeting – October 17th. **NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER!** The remaining date for 2016 is: *December 12.*

Dates to Remember: December is everyone's renewal date. *You may pass along your renewal fees to Stephen or Eugene, or a member who attends our meetings at any time from now on. Don't forget the membership is now \$12.00 per year and spousal/dependent renewals stay at \$5.00 each. (The change to \$12 came in effect early 2016 so we could charge \$1.00 per month for anyone joining throughout the year.)*

Did you know?

- According to Stats Canada – less than .01 of 1% of all crime in the country is committed by criminals using firearms? This is less than 1 in 10,000 crimes.
- The number of licensed firearms involved in violent crimes is approximately 0.01% of the overall 0.01%. (1 in 1,000,000)
- The firearms community in Canada contributes \$141 million per year, every year, to conservation and taxes simply by paying for licensing fees that are levied. This is 10 times more than any other sport or recreational activity.
- The firearms community spends over \$500,000 million via local hunters and hunting tourism. These funds are generated in mainly rural areas across the country providing much needed employment and income.
- In addition, firearms owners contribute well over 2.2 million volunteer hours dedicated to conservation efforts, saving taxpayers \$33 million or more annually.
- The number of licensed firearms owners is increasing dramatically! |This is an obvious result of the demise of the long gun registry. More young people are taking the hunter ed courses and getting involved in the shooting sports.

Smile of the Day: It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you place the blame.

- The way our youth are turning out these days, isn't it time for a 'Fountain of Smart'?
- Xerox and Wurlitzer have signed a merger to produce reproductive organs.
- The latest costly and time consuming Federal Government study has determined that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the population of Canada.

Thought of the Day: - God won't ask how elaborate your home was, but he'll ask how many people you welcomed into it.

- God won't ask how many friends you had, but he'll ask how many people you were a friend to.
- God won't ask how much money you accumulated, but he'll ask how many you shared your wealth with.
- Peace comes from within; do not seek it without.

I Believe: Life may not be fair, but it's still good.

- It's never too late to have a happy childhood, but the second one is definitely up to you.
- Don't save things for special occasions, every day is special in some way.
- Growing old may have it's disadvantages, but it still beats the alternative – dying young.

Bass Pro Shops has reached a deal to acquire outdoors retail competitor Cabela's and take the company private in a deal valued at \$4.5 billion, the companies said Monday.

The deal unites two outdoor supply superstores aimed at catering to every need of those who hunt, fish, camp or otherwise venture into the wilderness. It was not immediately clear whether the acquisition would result in any store closures, but the companies said in a statement that Springfield, Mo.-based Bass Pro Shops would "celebrate and grow" the Cabela's brand.

The deal comes about 10 months after Sidney, Neb.-based Cabela's effectively put itself up for sale at the urging of hedge fund Elliott Management, which had declared the hunting-and-fishing retailer undervalued and called for the company to consider a sale or reorganization.

Privately held Bass Pro Shops will pay \$65.50 per share in cash for Cabela's, representing a premium of 19.2% over Friday's closing price. Cabela's had 68,909,403 shares outstanding as of its disclosure in a corporate filing.

Cabela's shares rose 15% Monday, closing at \$63.18.

Long known for large-format destination stores, Cabela's has lost ground to smaller, nimbler competitors and online retailers. Sales at stores open at least a year fell 1.3% in the first half of 2016, compared to a year earlier, according to a securities filing. The number of purchases at Cabela's stores fell 8.1% during that period, reflecting a drop-off in foot traffic as customers bought less clothing and footwear from the retailer, although hunting sales increased and average revenue per transaction rose 8.2%.

The deal marks a dramatic expansion of the outdoor retailing empire controlled by Bass Pro Shops CEO Johnny Morris, who founded the company in 1972. The billionaire will lead the newly combined entity as CEO and will retain majority ownership. Bass Pro Shops has about 99 stores and 20,000 employees. Cabela's has about 85 stores and had about 19,700 employees at the end of 2015, according to a securities filing.

Representatives for Cabela's and Bass Pro Shops did not respond to requests seeking comment, questions about potential store closures or interviews with executives.

"The story of each of these companies could only have happened in America, made possible by our uniquely American free enterprise system," Morris said in a statement. "We have enormous admiration for Cabela's, its founders and outfitters, and its loyal base of customers." Cabela's CEO Tommy Millner said the company's board had unanimously backed the sale after "a thorough strategic review."

Bass Pro Shops said it plans to maintain Cabela's operations in Sidney and Lincoln, Neb. "and hopes to continue the very favorable connections to those communities and the Cabela's team members residing there."

The companies said they expect the deal to be approved in the first half of 2017.