



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: October 17th, 2016

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Linda Joudrey
 - Otis Scott Barry Kelley
 - Burt Schrader Gary Mader
 - Ron Johnstone Eugene Herman
 - Ron Thompson Billy Hirtle
 - Greg Himmelman Reg Archibald
- Regrets: Doug Joudrey & Lawrence Baltzer

50/50 Toonie Draw

Eugene H. = \$11.00

Door Prizes:

Yellow Knife Pin = Greg H.
Candles = Ron T.
Watch Strap = Burt S.
Key Chain = Burt S.

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

Old Business:

- At a previous meeting, Gary Mader, on behalf of the Trapper's Association of NS (TANS) presented SSWA with a check for \$100 in appreciation for our sponsoring the BB & Pellet gun shoot for a number of years. Eugene was to write a thank you note to the Trappers Association of N.S. This has now been done!
- No news on the land protection controversy as far as Barry K. knew.
- Lobster raffle draw will be at the next meeting, Dec. 12th.

Correspondence/Info:

1. 70 hectares of wildlife habitat is under the protection of the Natural Conservatory of Canada. It is along the Musquodoboit River. The purpose is to help save the Snapping Turtle, Wood Turtle and the Chimney Swift.
2. CBC radio recently broadcast an investigation on deer carrots. Apparently many individuals, including the hosts and reporter, thought deer carrots were different from store bought carrots. As we all know, the only difference is the so-called deer carrots are not store quality carrots because they are too large, too crooked, too small, misshaped or broken. The proper name for them is cull carrots, but because hunters have been buying them by the truckload for deer bait, they have long been referred to as deer carrots. Now

that the report was aired, a lot of people who do not hunt will be purchasing them for household consumption because they are a lot cheaper - fifty lbs for \$9+/- vs 3 lbs for around \$2.99. The big grocery stores will love the competition for sure!!

3. **Bill C-246:** *As you know by now, our efforts to defeat C-246 have been successful, as Parliament voted by a margin of 198-84 to stop this terribly flawed legislation from moving forward. This legislation would have opened the door to animals rights and threatened legitimate and accepted animal use such as medical research, fishing, livestock farming, hunting and trapping. Defeating this legislation was truly a team effort and I want to thank you very much for playing such a major role in our success. This is a perfect example of what can be done when like-minded groups step up to the plate and work to protect a way of life. But we must never forget that the animal rights zealots will stop at nothing to destroy our way of life. We must be vigilant. I am proud of the work that has been done on this particular file and look forward to continuing to work together to promote and protect traditional outdoor activities such as hunting, angling and trapping and to ensure the continued success of our farming and ranching industries in Canada.*

Thank You,

Robert Sopuck, MP Critic for Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Parks Canada.

This email was received by Stephen in Oct. as a general information mail-out to connected personnel.

4. **Billy Hirtle** discussed problems he has encountered with poor tree cutting practices by large forestry companies. He would like to see some action on bringing this more to the public's eye. Stephen will try to get some more info on this matter through DOE and other resource contacts.

Treasury Report: Bank account balance for October - \$4499.73

New/Current Business:

- The topic of SSWA donations arose. After some discussion, Otis suggested for something different this time around, that we donate \$300 to the Salvation Army Kettle Program. He then made it a motion, seconded by Ron T. After more discussion, motion passed unanimously. Eugene to write a letter on behalf of SSWA and deliver the letter and check to their office on Pleasant St.
- **Resolutions:** Only one was presented for discussion. Gary Mader introduced a resolution that would support new regulations for much improved practices for the proper handling of released fish. After discussion this motion was accepted to be forwarded to the Federation for inclusion in the 2017 Convention booklet in March. A final draft will be presented in Dec.
- Following this, Ron moved, and Barry seconded, that SSWA draft a letter to Dept. of Fisheries expressing our opinion on safe handling of released fish in any species. In our opinion, this is causing major mortality rates among fish being released. The fishing rules summary booklet should provide details and suggestions for the proper handling of live fish to be returned to the waters. We have all witnessed, perhaps even taken part in, improper methods of releasing fish, anything from holding the fish down with a rubber

boot and yanking out the hook before kicking it back into the water, to improper gripping and squeezing the fish, to improper hook removals causing fish to bleed, to where fish are kept out of the water for excessive periods of time, etc. etc. We understand that some people just do not care, but some simply really do not understand that they are doing harm to the fish they are supposed to be saving. There is a reason why catch and release is practiced, obviously so we can maintain a healthy sport fishery for future years and not put trout and other species at the same risk as our Atlantic White Fish. A suggestion arose from this discussion that we adopt our anti-littering signs campaign method, by designing and purchasing safe catch and release signs that we can post at popular fishing locations. Eugene to draft a bullet list of safe handling/release techniques to be further discussed over the next couple of meetings to create an acceptable sign that we can order for next spring's seasons.

- A letter has been drafted by Stephen to Dept of Fisheries to support BACAF on what can be done to help the survival of the Atlantic White Fish in the Petite Riviere Watershed. Members comments/suggestions are to go to Stephen before the Dec. meeting so that a final draft can be accepted and forwarded to proper officials.
- Stephen asked for input or ideas of what we wanted on our activity list for 2017. The usual items remained the same; fishing derbies, BB gun shoot, Youth Hunting Camp, flea market, lobster raffle tickets, continue helping with the Atlantic White Fish Study. However, the Earth Day clean up is in question because frustration is setting in amongst some members. There appears to be increasing amounts of trash despite our efforts, and no action from law enforcement or Municipal leaders who are in charge of controlling this problem. Perhaps the loudest voice could be saying nothing at all! A decision will be made prior to the 2017 clean up. We also need to decide what guest speakers we would like to entertain this year (one suggestion is to have reps from DNR/DOF enforcement in to discuss their activities). If you have a suggestion please let Stephen know.

Do not forget that all memberships are now due in December. Renewal fees are now \$12.00 instead of \$10 but spousal and dependents remain at \$5.00.

Final Meeting for 2016: We will meet on the following date, in the same location: Sobey's Store Community Room (back left corner by the dairy products, then up the steps). Our next meeting Monday, *December 12th*. The proposed dates for 2017 are to be discussed at the Dec. meeting.

Dates to Remember:

Lobster Ticket Draw

December 12

Did You Know? The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times when knights in armor raised their visors to identify themselves.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show they were unarmed.

Avocados have the highest calorie count of any fruit at 167 calories per 100 grams.

The moon moves about 2” away from the earth every year. (If anyone says they noticed this, stop buying alcohol immediately)

Nine out of ten living things are found in the oceans.

Smile of the Day: I don’t need a personal trainer so much as I need someone to follow me around and slap unhealthy foods out of my hand.

Why is it the one who snores the loudest is always the one who falls to sleep first?

Calories are living organisms who live in your clothes closet and get together each night to sew your clothes tighter. Some of us have a more appealing environment for them to live in and hence a lot more of them congregate in those living spaces.

It’s not my fault that I have a double chin. When the good |Lord was giving them out I thought he said ‘gin’ and I said I’ll have a double.

Thought of the Day: Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

Sometimes you get, sometimes you get got.

No one can wallow with pigs and expect to stay clean at the same time.

A cruel or mean word, once born, will live forever.

I Believe: The journey to be the person one wants to be lasts a lifetime.

That failing to control your attitude can quickly empower it to enslave you.

Compassion, honesty, decency, and trust are credentials that cannot be acquired from any earthly Institution.

That true happiness has more to do with attitude than possessions.