



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: December 12, 2016

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Linda Joudrey
- Otis Scott Ron Thompson
- Jerry Read Doug Corkum
- Burt Schrader Gary Mader
- Eugene Herman Doug Joudrey
- Greg Himmelman Ron Johnstone
- Sheila Herman Barry Kelley
- Belinda Eisenhauer

50/50 Toonie Draw

Burt Schrader = \$16.00

Door Prizes:

- Ron J – Christmas Place mats*
- Gary M - Christmas Tie*
- Burt S – Christmas Candle*
- Doug J. - Thermometer*

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:22 after the raffle tickets were organized for the draw. Ron Thompson read the SSWA minutes for October and moved for acceptance as read, seconded by Greg H.

Old Business:

Robert Cross Request: Since this has been an inactive topic for some time, it was suggested that we remove it from the agenda until action takes place and there will be some news to report on it.

- **Resolutions:** There was only one resolution submitted for this year. It was submitted by Gary M. and tweaked for a final draft before being accepted at this meeting.

Whereas: Striped bass have size and bag limit restrictions;

Whereas: Regulations dictate any release of striped bass must be done immediately and in a manner that minimizes any harm to the fish;

Whereas: There have been many accounts from concerned fisherman who have witnessed improper handling and poor releases of various species of fish, likely resulting in a high mortality rate;

and Whereas: There can be many reasons for said improper handling of released fish, from not caring to inexperience;

Therefore be it resolved: That the NSFAH request that the DOF begin an immediate educational program to all recreational fishermen, to promote proper handling and live release techniques for all species of sport fish. Material should include how and why improper handling of fish can result in death to the fish, the stress of survival that several species are currently living under, the urgency that this one factor alone can have for the health of future fisheries of some species, and the reasons why past generations of sport fishermen were not subjected to the many concerns we face today . Educational material should be included with all fishing licenses, be displayed at all fishing supply retail outlets, and promoted through fishery officers in the field. Posters could also be displayed at popular fishing locations. Additionally, individual Federation clubs could also promote this agenda throughout the Province.

Correspondence/Info: In addition to the variety of deer pictures and stories circulating at this meeting, Stephen read a copy of the letter he prepared to send to the Federal Dept of Fisheries Minister Dominic Leblanc in regards to the near extinct Atlantic White Fish in our area, and the rapid spread of invasive species predator fish. BCAF has also requested SSWA send them a letter of support to help them obtain funding to assist in the continuation of their study. Stephen will draft a letter and send it to BCAF within the next week as requested. Eugene then read a letter he wrote to thank the N.S. Trappers Assoc. for their donation to SSWA, and also one to the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign to accompany the \$300 donation SSWA made in time to help out at Christmas. Eugene and Gary gave a very brief report on the special Recreational Fishing Advisory Council meeting that was held in Bridgewater in November. Basically there was little to pass on to club members as it was not a Q&A session as expected. See the ‘Did You Know’ section. Stephen also gave a brief report on the concern a member had over improper logging practices. The member was not at this meeting so this will be carried over until the New Year.

Treasurer’s Report: Eugene reported that we have \$4261.42 in our bank account.

New/Current Business:

1. Don’t forget to send in your big game hunters report card either electronically or by snail mail by the end of December. Also if you are not planning to do any ice fishing then you should send in your fishing report card now while you think of it.
2. Flea Market date was chosen now so we can book the Michelin Social Club. The date decided on is June 24, 2017. Stephen to confirm with the MSAC.
3. Eugene prepared a bullet list for the safe release of fish, to start a discussion on designing a sign. A team of five members volunteered to help refine this list and then we can apply for prices to make signs to place around common fishing holes. Work group includes Jerry Read, Ron Thompson, Gary Mader, Stephen and Eugene.
4. Stephen put together a list of possible meeting dates for 2017. He will now confirm if the meeting room is available and book accordingly. Proposed dates are: Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15, Jun 12, July 17, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 16 and Dec 11.

5. **Lobster draw:** Based on recent lobster prices being around \$5.50 a pound, we agreed to offer the winners the choice between taking 10 lb of lobster or the \$55.00. Lucky winners were:

- Lloyd Penney
- LR Mader
- Douglas Barry (tickets bought for him by a kindhearted Santa Claus!) :)

Please note: Several people who normally get tickets to buy/sell for the lobster raffle did not this time simply because there were not as many tickets printed. Unfortunately there were a lot of unsold tickets returned for the draw - which could have been sold - so we need to have a better distribution system next year.

Meeting dates for 2017 : We will meet on the above dates, once confirmed, 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 – *January 16th*.

Membership Reminder: *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 but 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?

- Five members of SSWA attended a meeting held by the N.S. Recreational Fishing Advisory Council held at the Best Western in Bridgewater. At that meeting it was discussed that there will be a Salt Water License in the not too distant future. This will cover Clam digging, mackerel fishing as well as other salt water species with bag limits.
- Atlantic White Fish were hatched in the biodiversity in Milton and released in Andrew Lake near Dartmouth in 2006. A followup on these white fish took place by DFO in the fall of 2016. No white fish were found!
- Six people have been arrested in New Brunswick following an eleven month investigation into the illegal procurement and commercial sale of moose meat. Police say eight search warrants were executed by Miramichi and Neguac areas last week. During the searches a quantity of moose meat, moose antlers and meat cutting equipment was seized. Police also seized restricted weapons, long guns, ammunition, deep freezers, undersized oysters, stripped bass, four wheelers and a quantity of cocaine, marijuana and unidentified pills.
- Among many new California laws going into affect Jan.01, 2017 are: Anyone owning magazines holding more then 10 rounds of ammunition must turn them in by Jan first. Buyers must undergo a background check before purchasing ammunition and will be barred from buying new weapons that have a device known as a bullet button. Gun makers developed bullet buttons to get around California's assault weapons ban, which

prohibited new rifles with magazines that can be detached without the aid of tools. A bullet button allows a shooter to quickly dislodge the magazine using the tip of a bullet. Law enforcement officers will be required to follow the same rules as civilians by securely storing handguns in a lock box out of plain view or in the trunk if the weapons are left in an unattended vehicle. This move came after stolen guns were used in high profile crimes.

Smile of the Day: You might be a redneck if:

- Your blood alcohol content has ever exceeded your IQ.s
- You have a home that's mobile, and 3 cars that aren't.
- You heat your house with old motor oil and bacon grease.
- You use a toilet seat as a picture frame.

Thought of the Day: - Make peace with the past so it won't screw up the present.

- Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey was all about.
- Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy clothes. Don't save them for a special day. Everyday is special in some way.
- Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart that understands.

I Believe: - Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

- No matter how you feel, get up ,dress up, and show up.
- Not getting outside everyday is to lose out a bit in life.
- That being kind is often more important than being right.

A Real Singles Ad from the Atlanta Journal:

Single black female seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who loves to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pick-up truck, hunting, camping, fishing trips, and cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll meet you at the door when you come home from work wearing only what nature gave me. Call xxx-xxx-xxxx and ask for Daisy.

Over 15000 men answered this ad. They found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8 week old Labrador Retriever.