



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: January 16, 2017

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Linda Joudrey
 - Otis Scott Ron Thompson
 - Lawrence Baltzer Burt Schrader
 - Gary Mader Eugene Herman
 - Greg Himmelman Reg Archibald
 - Barry Kelley Belinda Eisenhauer
- Guest: Ruth Tanner

Regrets: Vince Westlake, Doug Corkum

50/50 Toonie Draw

Greg Himmelman = \$14.00

Door Prizes:

- Ron T. - Calendar
- Lawrence B. - Calendar
- Barry K. - Calendar
- Gary M. - Calendar
- Burt S. - Pin

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:12. Eugene read the SSWA minutes for December and moved for acceptance as read, seconded by Barry K.

Old Business:

- Stephen reviewed the letter he drafted and emailed in support of the BCAF initiative for continued studies of the effects of Chain Pickerel and Small Mouthed Bass on the Atlantic White Fish in three lakes found in Lunenburg County (that they had requested).
- SSWA's Giant Flea Market has been scheduled for June 24, 2017 at the Michelin Social Club. Tables can be booked anytime by calling 543-5018.
- Stephen asked if we should put a notice in the Lighthouse Progress Bulletin announcing the winners of our recent lobster draw. The group in general felt it was a good idea. Eugene will write the announcement and get it publicized.
- Membership renewals are coming in gradually but please don't wait. If you haven't renewed yet please do so as your name will be removed from our mail out list if you haven't renewed but the end of March! Mail it to the SSWA address above or hand deliver it to Stephen or Eugene, or a member who can pass it on.
- NSFA&H have changed the way associate clubs pay their membership to the Federation. Instead of us paying \$4.00 for each member we now pay a set \$150.00 as a club. This saves us money that we can now use for other things such as making signs or giving

donations to local worthwhile causes. When our membership was high we paid as much as \$800.00, currently it would have been around \$460, so the savings are substantial.

Correspondence/Info:

Stephen/Eugene went through a stack of newspaper clippings that were relevant to our club's concerns and any internet items of interest. Some of these items were related to Blanding Turtles, Cougars in N.B., Colorado schools considering arming their teachers, the Federation's upcoming officer election nominations and Convention trophy awards explanations, and the Federation's upcoming first 'Wild Gear Swap and Shop' among other topics. Also covered were reports on the D.O.E.'s wilderness protection meetings. Stephen read a letter from Robert Cross stating there weren't enough clubs being allowed representatives to attend a meeting in the Lunenburg Provincial Building Jan.23rd about land use and protected lands of N.S.

Treasurer's Report:

Eugene gave a report that we now have \$4988.97 in our account. He also had prepared budget sheets for 2017 that he reviewed with the members present. He then passed the 2016 financial books to Gary Mader for he and Annette to audit at their convenience.

New/Current Business:

- Stephen read a Herald editorial entitled 'Money Well Spent' that encouraged donations to various wildlife conservation organizations in the Maritimes, including NS groups such as BACAF, Hope For Wildlife, and NS Salmon Association. He suggested it might be time to introduce an annual large donation from SSWA to a worthy recipient that we would pick each January. He asked for a list of potential organizations we felt we might want to make this one to, and other donations in 2017. After some discussion, Otis suggested we take some time to think about this and table the topic for another meeting. If any member has a suggestion for a donation, please let us know so we can entertain your idea.
- NSFA&H would like us to submit names of who we want to represent us at their directors meeting. (No one was interested in attending their quarterly meetings.) Annette and Gary Mader have offered to represent SSWA at the Federation's annual conference in March in Truro. Thanks you two.
- Stephen read his first draft of our 2016 SSWA Annual Report he prepared for the Federation. No one could think of anything to add, and no changes were needed. It was accepted to be forwarded to the Federation president for inclusion in the Convention booklet, and for review to determine if we are eligible for any of the trophy awards that are presented at the Convention banquet. See copy at end of minutes.
- As a follow-up to last meeting's suggestion from Ron Thompson to complement our Catch and Release signs with a letter to Dept of Fisheries, Stephen read the letter he prepared requesting their help in promoting to the public our recommendations for

safe and proper handling of fish that are to be released. Ron T. suggested to remove one sentence from the letter, and also to copy local MP Mark Furey with any correspondence. After further discussion, Stephen called for a motion and Gary moved that we except the draft letter with the one revision, and that we include cc'ing our local MP. Otis seconded the motion. Vote passed 11 to 1 in favor.

- Eugene reviewed the 'Safe Handling for Catch and Release' bullet list he prepared. Revisions and additions followed but more work is required before a final draft will be accepted. We also need to design the sign itself. Stephen will get approximate costs for these up front so we can decide how much of a budget to allow. A final decision needs to be made by our March meeting to allow sufficient time for acquiring these by the start of the spring fishing season.

Meeting Dates:

Next meeting **Feb.13**, followed by meetings Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 15, June 12, July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 16 and Dec. 11th. All meetings are scheduled for the conference room of the Sobey's Store, Bridgewater. (Upstairs behind the egg section in the back left corner of the store.) All meetings are held on a Monday night and start at 7:00pm. An elevator is available if required, just ask for the key at the front desk.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The municipalities of Chester and Lunenburg have come to an understanding over public access to Sherbrooke Lake. Implementation will proceed in several phases. No boat launch will be considered in phase one. No Sea-Doos will be allowed, and boats no larger than 14 feet will be permitted once the boat launch is developed. The future intent is to encourage electric trolling motors only. (This information was taken from two sources: the Lighthouse Progress/Bulletin, Feb 1st edition, and Halifax Herald, Feb 2nd edition.)
2. In 2016 Toyota moved to second place world wide as the leader in new vehicle sales! Despite the negative press on emissions control cheating, Volkswagen has become the world leader by selling 10.31 million verses Toyota at 10.175 million. Cars made by Volkswagen also include brand names Audi, Porsche and Skoda. Toyota lead the world wide sales the last 8 years after taking the lead away from General Motors who ruled the roust for about 70 years!
3. Shubie Sam did not see his shadow on Feb. 02, therefore he does not predict another six weeks of winter! Yippie!
4. On Feb. 02, 2017 there were two major areas of open water in the middle of Minamkeak Lake, Camperdown, Lunenburg County.
5. There are still reports of Black Legged Ticks being found during these winter months. Do a thorough inspection before going to bed each night. Lyme Disease is nothing to fool with!
6. Bird numbers at local feeders are low this year in comparison to other winters – likely due to the more open and mild winter we are experiencing. It is still a good idea to provide some outside nutrition for our feathered friends.

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

- You take the dog for a walk and you use the tree before he does.
- You can entertain yourself for hours with a fly swatter.
- You come back from the dump with a bigger load than you took.
- You buy your grandmother ammunition for Christmas.

Thought of the Day:

- Happy people may not necessarily be thankful, but thankful people are generally happy.
- Perfection in people is directly related to the degree you have fallen in love.
- A well beaten path does not always constitute the right road.
- Being willing to learn and being willing to be taught are not always the same thing.

I Believe:

- A politician's character is like a picket fence; it cannot be strengthened with white wash!
- Some people always bring joy whenever they leave the room.
- While some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, most only gargle.
- Junk is something you throw out years after you've kept it and weeks before you need it.

A lady was frantically picking through the frozen turkeys at the local store trying to find one big enough for her whole family. Finally she called the stock clerk over and said "These turkeys are all too small. Do they get any bigger?" "No ma'am" he replied. "they're all dead."

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape so I got my doctor's permission to join a seniors fitness club. I decided to take the aerobics class. I bent, gyrated, twisted, jumped up and down and perspired for almost an hour. When I finally got my leotards on the class was over.

‘South Shore Wildlife Association’ 2016 Annual Report

We continue to meet monthly 11 times a year. Minutes of every meeting are issued to all members so that everyone stays current with their club’s activities.

Fund Raising and Donations:

- In June we hosted yet another annual giant flea market that saw vendors tables filled in the gym to capacity. Once again over 500 people paid at the door to enter. We netted over \$800 in just 4 hours, but it does require a lot of time and effort from our volunteer members to make it happen. We also repeated our successful Xmas lobster raffle at year end, netting \$360 with minimal effort.
- For our donation list this year, in addition to awards or prizes for Big Brothers fishing derby and the TANS Trapper’s Rendezvous BB Gun Shooting Booth, SSWA contributed the following amounts:
 - \$500 to Hope for Wildlife Rehab center
 - \$300 to the Salvation Army Kettle campaign
 - \$188 to sponsor 3 participants at the DNR McGowan Lake Youth Hunting Camp

Guest Speakers:

- March:** Peter MacDonald, large game biologist, to discuss the deer herd situation and the multiple extended seasons, also his trail camera survey efforts.
- July:** Terry Smith and Lisa Godin from Canadian Wild Turkey Federation to discuss their efforts to advance introductions of birds into Nova Scotia.
- Sept:** Andrew Breen of Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation to give a follow-up report, with slides, on the results of the Atlantic Whitefish study, in particular the stats/stomach contents of the predator fish we caught.

Fraternity Involvement:

Youth Hunting Camp: This was held March 15/16’t. Five SSWA members met locally at 8:00 am and car pooled to the DNR depot at McGowan Lake, Queens County, to do the rabbit snaring presentation, something we have taken part in for 4 years now. After last year’s extreme winter conditions for that camp, we were thankfully blessed with mild weather and no snow this time around. We provided lots of animal hides and skull props for the young people to examine and discuss, as well as instructions in making and setting snares, and actual field experience hanging snares. Time was rushed this time however as the schedule was altered to cut our time enough that we could not include the rabbit cleaning part of the demonstration. We presented three checks (an annual event now in memory of late member Greg Tanner) to cover the course fees for three of the twelve participants. These were randomly drawn for on the final night of the camp when parents were in attendance. SSWA was acknowledged by the DNR staff for our participation and dedication in this program, as well as our generosity for the sponsorships in past and present.

Annual Convention:

In March, we once again sponsored two delegates to the Convention, in Truro this time. We submitted three resolutions to be discussed. Unfortunately none of them passed. SSWA received the Vice President's Award for the club which best promoted the objectives of NSFA&H.

BCAF Assistance:

SSWA had the privilege of working with members of Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation, at their request, in their efforts to save the now almost extinct Atlantic Whitefish. These fish are found in local waterways in Lunenburg County and no where else in the entire world. Existing stocks are fragile at best. Invasive species have entered the equation now, so SSWA was assigned certain lakes to fish under controlled conditions, to help staff of BCAF in their quest to prevent yet another extinct species. In addition to our physical involvement, SSWA has issued a letter to the Federal Fisheries Minister in a plea for help with this serious situation.

Trappers Rendezvous: SSWA again sponsored the BB/Pellet Gun Shoot booth at this annual event in August. Participant numbers were down this year despite agreeable weather but those that took part enjoyed the experience. Hats were given out to the young people who tried their skill with pellet or BB guns..

Community Involvement:

Earth Day: One hundred twenty nine bags in total of road side garbage were collected by SSWA members in their respective areas. This year we received mention in a local paper to acknowledge our extensive efforts.

Fishing Derbies: 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" trout and two 16" fish landed that day. SSWA provided sandwiches, a mixed fruit tray, and one tray of watermelon for their lunch along with juice and cookies.

- Our other fun fishing day was for participants from three Support Services Groups. The two morning groups, fishing from 9:00am until 1:00pm, caught forty-one fish but only one large 16" one. In the afternoon, the third group only managed to land 12 fish in 4 hours, 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.

I take great pleasure in mentioning that our most senior honorary member of SSWA, Mrs. Ruby Bower of Lower Ohio, turned the century milestone of 100 years old on March 25'th this year. Three members of SSWA made the journey to visit Mrs. Bower on that special day to deliver flowers and gifts to a very remarkable lady who has been a loyal member of our club since 2007. We wish her continued health.

Yours in conservation

Stephen Joudrey – President