



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: March 13, 2017

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Linda Joudrey |
| • Otis Scott | Ron Thompson |
| • Lawrence Baltzer | Burt Schrader |
| • Gary Mader | Eugene Herman |
| • Greg Himmelman | Reg Archibald |
| • Barry Kelley | Belinda Eisenhauer] |
| • Blair Moland | Harley Conrad |
| • Jerry Read | Ronnie Johnstone |
| • Reg Archibald | |

50/50 Toonie Draw

Harley C. = \$19.00

Door Prizes:

Gary M. - Hat
Reg A. - Flashlight
John Nauss - Lock
Otis S. - Pin

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:05. Eugene read the SSWA minutes for January. Ron T. advised to change MP Mark Furey to MLA Mark Furey. Eugene then moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Doug J. Passed.

Old Business:

- Stephen obtained a ballpark estimate for our Catch & Release signs of about \$6.00 each depending on the number ordered. Now we have to complete the list and design of the sign and agree what we want on them so they can be ordered. (Eugene, Jerry, Ron T, Stephen and Gary are the committee working on this)

- SSWA's Giant Flea Market has been scheduled for June 24, 2017 at the Michelin Social Club. Tables (\$5.00 each) can be booked anytime by calling 543-5018. Contract needs to be signed and dropped off. (Eugene) Done.
- Most membership renewals have come in but if you haven't done yours please do so now. The end of March is the deadline we have set to be an active member. After that, members in arrears will be removed from our list. Mail dues to the SSWA address above or hand deliver it to Stephen or Eugene, or a member who can pass it on. At the very least advise one of us that it is being looked after so we don't delete you by mistake.
- NSFA&H Annual Convention will be held in Truro March 24-26th. Gary & Annette Mader are registered to attend. If need be Eugene volunteered to be a backup.
- Gary & Annette will not be able to assist with the BCAF Fish Study on Fancy Lake this summer. We would like a team of two people with a boat and boating license to help out six or seven times between April and the end of season. The Maders actually caught both Small Mouth Bass and Chain Pickerel in this lake last year, which turned out to be the only lake in our study that had both invasive species. Contact Stephen if you are interested. Groups must fish under controlled guidelines as far as lures are concerned, and details must be logged for weather conditions, temperatures, species caught, etc.

Correspondence/Info: Stephen/Eugene reviewed various articles of interest such as:
 *NSFA&H are looking for someone to be a Regional Director for Southwest N.S. Stephen has someone in mind, and also a couple of other suggestions arose, so he will make contacts to see if he can locate a good candidate for this position.

*Stephen also reviewed a response he received from the Provincial office of Species at Risk for Fisheries and Oceans in reference to his letter requesting information on what that dept is doing about our threatened trout and salmon stocks, in addition to the Atlantic Whitefish crisis, now that Chain Pickerel have been added to local waters.

*A letter was also sent to the N.S. Minister of Fisheries explaining SSWA's idea of educating the fishing community on a proper technique for handling fish that are to be live released. Included were several suggestions of ways to get this information to the public, as well as several suggestions for the actual handling of catch and release fish of any species.

*Michelin Health and Safety Fair is scheduled for Friday evening June 16th. Stephen and Reg will work on preparing some new material for the show.

*Federal Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has announced an overhaul of the Canadian Firearms Advisory Committee. Details are expected to be released shortly. Expect to see a much harsher approach to firearms regulations than we had been subjected to under the previous government. Remember – the Liberal Party has an agenda to disarm the public. It will be of little surprise to see us move in that direction once again, especially if they remain in power for consecutive terms.

*Stephen has been doing some investigation into the proposed logging agreement between Westfor Management Inq. and our Dept. of Natural Resources, where 13 logging companies are on the verge of signing a 10 year lease to harvest over 500,000 hectares of Crown land in Western Nova Scotia (basically the size of P.E.I.). With the modern day practice of clear cutting, fear is justifiably present with many people that there will be little woodland left on any Crown land in the Western half of this Province. He has been in contact with several people, including D.O.E., to acquire as much info as possible on this FULA contract (Fiber

Utilization License Agreement), and suggested we have the DOE rep in to speak at an upcoming meeting. Stephen will make the arrangements.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report showed we have \$4635.49 in our account. We also have a lot of expenses to come out in the near future. Eg. Checks for 3 Youth Hunting Camp fees, travel for four members to attend this camp for rabbit snaring/skinning presentation, and motel/travel expenses for attending the NSFAH Convention in Truro.

New/Current Business:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters fishing event will be booked for May 6th.**
- **Stephen has been contacted by a rep from Bonny Lea Farm asking if they could be included in our fishing outings we arrange for several special needs groups. Discussion took place as to how we could handle these four support groups. It was decided that we would limit them to two groups with 30 clients total for the morning and two groups with 30 total for the afternoon, to see how that worked. Several members volunteered to work that day, and Stephen will round up additional as needed. He will also schedule the fish and book the MARC facility as soon as the weather starts to co-operate so that an acceptable day can be scheduled.**
- **Greg, Gary, Ron T and Stephen will attend the DNR's Youth Hunting Camp at McGown Lake on March 14th to teach the attendees how and where to set rabbit snares and to skin rabbits, etc. Gary also takes a display of traps and pelts from his collection so the young people can handle them and ask questions, etc.**
- **Otis gave some information on the Lunenburg Rod & Gun Club. Although there are fewer people shooting in the winter due to the low temperatures, there are still some who shoot nearly every weekend. The club has about 270 members.**
- **Harley gave a brief update on the protected lands issue. "No economic impact study was ever done." More meetings are scheduled in the next few months. He also had two separate petitions to hand around for whoever wanted to sign them.**
- **Gary reported that he spent 3 days in Kentville at the Trappers Convention. They had 150 people take part in workshops and a total of about 300 attended the conference over the 3 days. There is a change in the works for the types of snares to be used.**
- **Earth Day cleanup will be done like the last few years. Individuals will clean ditches in their own area. There should be five areas done again this year for SSWA.**
- **Potential list for SSWA to choose where to donate money this year includes the Red Cross, BCAF (invasive species project), Cobequid Wildlife Rehab Center, and Lions Club. The amount and the recipient will be chosen later this year.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 after our 50/50 toonie draw and 4 door prize draws. Winners are listed at the head of these minutes in the middle box.

Meeting Dates:

Next meeting **April 10**, followed by meetings 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. Watch for some guest speakers to be scheduled for later this year that may be of interest to you. Meetings are open to all members and guests. If you have an idea for a special guest speaker please contact Stephen. Also if there is something that you think SSWA should be involved with, please pass your idea on so that we can discuss it.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. **If large female trout full of eggs survived the very warm waters of last summer, it is possible that her eggs actually went through a DNA change. This means that offspring from those eggs may not be as resilient to warm water as she was. Biologists have proof that this kind of DNA change can actually take place.**
2. **We think the province is very close to signing an agreement to allow for a spring bear hunt. Some hunters have been asking for this for several years and the black bear population is very healthy in Nova Scotia.**
3. **Fishing licenses sold in Nova Scotia increased in 2016 by 13 %! It is suspected that the first groups of young people to go through the "Learn-2-Fish" program may have just reached the age where they now have to purchase a license.**
4. **The province has approved the applications of Northern Pulp and five other companies to spray more than 2600 hectares of woodland with VisionMax, a herbicide containing the active ingredient glyphosate. Northern Pulp will be carrying out about half of the spraying, which is intended to choke out hardwoods and provide for the unimpeded growth of coniferous trees.**
5. **Our SSWA website has been updated. Check it out at southshorewildlife.weebly.com**

Note: Thanks to Kerry and Belinda E. for the \$25 donation to SSWA in memory of Fred Moland. This was left out of our last set of minutes by mistake.

Smile of the Day: I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons, and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first drink. Off we went to our local bar, which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Guinness Stout. He didn't like it – so I drank it. Then I got him an Old Style, he didn't like it either, so I drank it. It was the same with the Coors and the Bud and half a dozen others. By the time we got down to the Irish whiskey, a friend had to push the stroller back home.

Thought of the Day: You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life....so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

I Believe: That you should treat everyone with kindness, even those who are rude to you, not because they are good people, but because you are.