



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: May 15, 2017

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott |
| • Ron Thompson | Burt Schrader |
| • Gary Mader | Eugene Herman |
| • Greg Himmelman | Reg Archibald |
| Wade Himmelman | Linda Joudrey |

Regrets: Barry Kelley, Doug Joudrey

50/50 Toonie Draw

Otis S. = \$11.00

Door Prizes:

Fly Spray – Reg A.
Hat – Gary M.
Key Chain – Greg H.

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:05. Eugene read the SSWA minutes for April. As is customary, Stephen asked if there were any errors or omissions. Hearing none, Eugene moved to accept the minutes as issued and read: Seconded by Greg.

Old Business:

- **Catch & Release Signs:** After some discussion a decision to add one line was agreed to by those present. Eugene will update the list and forward the final version to Stephen. Ron moved that Stephen then submit the design to Ian so he can make up one sign as a sample for the June meeting. Seconded by Otis. Upon approval of that sample we can then have an order placed for signs to be posted in local fishing spots around the area. The number of signs ordered will depend on the cost.

- **BCAF Fish Study** Andrew Breen of BCAF has advised us that we do not need to include Fancy Lake in our study for 2017. Instead he would like someone to fish the entry to Upper Salters Lake to monitor what species are caught. Jerry Read has volunteered to partake in our study by fishing from his canoe. Thanks Jerry!
- **Earth Day Cleanup**: There is still one area to be completed. Once this is done a report of what SSWA members collected will be announced, ie number of bags, km covered etc. Communities cleaned include Hebbville, Pine Grove, Camperdown, and Whynott's Settlement.
- **Michelin Health and Safety Fair** is scheduled for Friday evening June 16th. Stephen and Reg are working on preparing new material for the show and will host a table for SSWA.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Fishing Event**: Due to a heavy rain forecast this event had to be postponed, and there were no other available Saturdays in May or June to do a rain date. After some discussion it was agreed that we could possibly hold it in Sept. for a change. There are several advantages to this: no flies, cooler water, fish are still available and more volunteers may be available to help out. Stephen will arrange it if possible.

Correspondence/Info:

*We received a response from Federal Minister of Fisheries Hon Dominic LeBlanc thanking us for our letter and explaining some of the initiatives that are currently underway to address the invasive species and species at risk. Included in this was a brief description of the study SSWA is helping do on behalf of BCAF. Stephen will confer with BCAF to compare notes on this as to the accuracy of some of the commentary.

* Otis reported that Lunenburg Rod & Gun Club has 278 members, many of whom are younger shooters and/or female. This is very good to see! The first shooting event of the season was held on a very cold/rainy weekend and there were still 114 participants taking part.

* Otis brought in several interesting articles about the Canadian Firearms Advisory Committee, a paper called "Legal Corner". You can read these articles by Googling (Firearms and Liberals) and (Firearms Prohibition orders)

Treasurer's Report:

Eugene reported we have \$4,400.55 in our checking account. We will have some expenditures for signs for the Flea Market, newspaper ad and signs for the Catch & Release List.

New/Current Business:

- **Community Services Fishing Day**: Unfortunately this event originally scheduled for April 26th was also rained out so it is now booked for Wed. May 17th. This event will host two groups in the morning and two more in the afternoon. We expect 30 – 40 participants from 9:00 to 12:00 and another 30 - 40 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Several members volunteered to work that day, and Stephen will round up additional help as needed. He will also schedule the fish delivery and book the MARC facility.
- **Guest Speakers**: Stephen is trying to arrange for some guest speakers at some of our meetings. We hope to have someone speak on forestry management at the July 17th meeting, and Dept. of Fisheries in the fall. If anyone has anything else of interest that could be addressed by a guest speaker please pass it along to Stephen.

- **Lobster Raffle Tickets for 2017:** Based on the higher price of lobster, discussion took place as to what do we want to use as a fund raiser this year. We would like to have tickets made up to be available for the flea market in June. After a lengthy discussion Ron made a motion that we have two prizes of 10 pounds of lobster instead of three prizes of 10 lbs as in past. This would help hold our costs to around what we normally spend. Burt seconded the motion. Passed. Eugene will submit the application for a lottery license.
- **Flea Market:** Greg asked about getting more of our road signs made to direct traffic to our market. After some discussion, Ron moved and Reg seconded that Stephen assess the existing signage and proceed with new ones if needed, and if the costs are in-line. Eugene will look after submitting the newspaper ad to the local newspapers. Stephen will have posters made for distribution at the June meeting and will call all the vendors from last year. Tables are \$5.00 each (\$2.50 for SSWA members), admission is \$1.00 (free if you show your membership card). Event is scheduled for June 24th from 8:00-12:00. Book tables now at 543-5018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 after our 50/50 toonie draw and 3 door prize draws. Winners are listed at the head of these minutes in the middle box.

Meeting Dates:

Next meeting **June 12th**, followed by meetings July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 16 and Dec. 11th. All meetings are scheduled for the Community Room in the Sobey's Store, Bridgewater (stairs beside 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?

Between Spring and Fall, over 400 lakes in Nova Scotia are stocked with trout or salmon every year from our three provincial fish hatcheries! Additionally, over 50 fishing derbies were supplied from these hatcheries last spring. McGowan Lake Hatchery in Queens Co. alone supplies nearly one million trout annually to these stocking programs.

Smile of the Day: By the time you realize that your mother was right you have a daughter who thinks you are wrong.

Thought of the Day: Speak to children with words of kindness and wisdom, for what they hear and believe is what they'll become.

I Believe: There are two things in life that become more valuable with age: Time, and good friends.

NSFA&H Annual Convention 2017

Large Mammal Workshop Report

Black Bear: N.S. Total black bear harvest reported: 2014-558 2015-557 2016-557
Lunenburg County: Snare bear reported 2014-20 2015-14 2016-16
Bait site reported kills: 2014-23 2015-28 2016-11

White Tailed Deer: Dr. Russell Easy of Acadia Univ. is doing a study of environmental impact on the deer herds health. To do this he has been asking hunters to save a small piece of liver from their harvested deer. Dr Easy supplied a kit including a small bottle with a preservative and a report sheet to fill out with particulars on your harvested deer. You can reach him or view his results on "www.kleasy.weebly.com"

Deer Hunting Licenses sold in 2014 – 40,686; 2015 – 38,875; 2016 – 40,000;

Total # not completed

Deer Harvest: 2014 – 10,686 (21.6%) 2015 – 7,785 (16.6%) 2016 – app. 8,228 (20.6%)

Approximate % deer harvested by: Rifle – 66%, Muzzeloder – 25%, Crossbow – 5%, Bow – 3%, Shotgun- 1%

In 2013 we had 30 days of deer season but from 2013-2016 we enjoyed 90 days of season overall. This increase of 60 days only accounted for 3215 deer in four years or roughly 800 deer per year. Yet the % harvest stayed about the same..... This translates to the hunting community having extra days to enjoy the outdoors without having a detrimental effect on our deer population. The weather has a much higher influence on the deer herd than man has.

Moose Studies: DNR are experimenting with what they call Ariel Thermal Imaging. This is where the fly over moose areas in Jan. with a helicopter at 1000 feet and by using a thermal camera they can locate moose. (The camera senses a 2C variation from the ground to an animal). Once they find a "heat hit" they then take a picture with a very high resolution camera. There is a computer program where they can go from a pin head size dot to a blow up of a full size moose or deer against the snow. If this winter's trial is successful, they plan to do a more detailed study on Cape Breton moose as well as several known moose areas on main land N.S.

Special Moose Harvest in Highlands Park: 2015 saw 37 moose taken. In 2016 the harvest was 50 moose over a six week span. They would hunt four days then not for the next three days. Of the 50 moose taken DNR biologists took samples of blood, hair, bone marrow, body fat index and jaw bones. The Mig Maw invited DNR, RCMP, members of NSFA&H as well as other interested people to oversee the hunt. The harvest consisted of 19 bulls, 25 cows and 6 calves. There were 70,000 servings of moose meat donated by the Mig Maw to several food banks, Feed Nova Scotia and some needy families. The rest went to the Mig Maw communities.

The weekend was a huge success: I very much enjoyed myself and met a lot of interesting people. I would recommend we consider sending three people from now on as the third workshop was not covered by SSWA. There were seven resolutions in mammals, eight in fish and birds workshop and nine in the Miscellaneous along with a ton of information in each. (more info next month).

Respectfully: Eugene Herman, Secretary/Treasurer, SSWA