



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: June 12, 2017

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott |
| • Doug Joudrey | Burt Schrader |
| • Gary Mader | Eugene Herman |
| • Greg Himmelman | Reg Archibald |
| • Wade Himmelman | Linda Joudrey |
| • Mike Pittman | Cecil Joudrey |
| • Ron Johnstone | Barry Kelley |
| • Vincent Westlake | |

Regrets: Ron Thompson, Lawrence

50/50 Toonie Draw

Burt S. = \$14.00

Door Prizes:

**Weather Station – Doug
Hat – Ron J.
Hard Notebook – Burt**

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Stephen brought the meeting to order at 7:04. Eugene read the SSWA minutes for May. As is customary, Stephen asked if there were any errors or omissions. Hearing none, Eugene moved to accept the minutes as read: Seconded by Otis.

Old Business:

- **Catch & Release Signs:** Stephen brought two samples of our sign. One had black print and the other was in red. The signs were passed around and held up for distant viewing. Everyone voted on the red as being the most visible. Stephen will give the printer the go to print three dozen for posting in local fishing spots around the area. Cost is roughly \$125.00.

- **BCAF Fish Study** Due to the cold and rainy weather, we haven't been on the lakes doing the study yet. We should get started in the next week or so.
- **Earth Day Cleanup:** SSWA members collected 74 bags of garbage this year, down considerably from last year. Also collected were 5 blue bags of recyclables, 50+ lbs of metal, and miscellaneous items such as a TV, tires, a bucket seat, a water cooler, hoses, screening, plastics, styrofoam fish boxes, and even some live ammunition. About 12 kms of roadway were covered between four groups this time. Good job people!
- **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.
- **Guest Speaker:** Stephen has booked Jillian Genge of the Dept. of Environment to be our guest speaker at our July meeting. One of the topics she will address is the clear cutting controversy. Come out and hear what she has to say, and bring along any concerns or questions you may have with D.O.E. issues.
- **Lobster Raffle Tickets for 2017:** The lottery license has arrived and Eugene is in the process of making up the tickets to have on hand for the flea market. Each year a fair number of tickets are sold at the market, which gives us a good start on the total sales.
- **Fishing Derbies:** Accounts were given for how successful the fishing experience was for the four groups who took part on May 17th. The trout were delivered to the MARC ponds at 8:30 Wed. morning, and the first fishing lines were cast shortly after 9:00. It wasn't long before trout started to be hauled ashore by the participants from the CSSG and the ARK. By the time these two groups finished around 12:30pm, a total of 82 trout had been caught. The afternoon session was less productive, but members from Bonny Lee and SCLO landed another 30 fish and had a great time doing so. Our SSWA volunteers who helped out that day had a lot of fun and could sense the good time the clients were having by the yells and laughter everywhere. It is very gratifying for us to see the reactions as they reel in fish. The weather couldn't have been any better, sunny, warm and hardly any flies. We received a letter of appreciation from Debbie Stewart of the Supported Community Living Options thanking SSWA on behalf of their clients and staff for "The wonderful afternoon of fishing at the MARC. Everyone who participated said they had a fun afternoon and look forward to catching more fish next year." We also received a hand made card of thanks from the clients of the ARK signed by those who attended the morning fishing. They also were extremely appreciative for the fun time they had.

Correspondence/Info:

The usual array of newspaper clippings and special interest reports were covered, including discussions on ticks and Lyme disease, and clear cutting. Stephen brought copies of forms to pass out to anyone interested in joining the National Firearms Association. He will be joining, and expressed concern that the Federal Gov. is showing discreet signs of focusing more on firearms issues. It was the intent of the last Federal Liberal government to totally ban handguns in Canada, and also semi-automatic long guns - for starters. Had they remained in power for another term we would be living in a much different country for the firearms fraternity. Their long term goal was to witness a disarmed civilian population. Remember Alan Rock, where this all started? He openly stated his belief that only the military and police

should be armed in this country. Those intentions may have been stepped on by the Conservatives, but definitely not squashed!

The NFA is an organization representing gun owners all across Canada and is on a membership drive. They sent a firearms survey to go along with the membership application. It is so vitally important that we have a strong national organization in this country to represent us when dealing with threats against private gun ownership in any form. SSWA has thrown support behind National organizations before, like LUFA and then COHA, but they did not survive unfortunately. Stephen will investigate the possibility of SSWA joining NFA as an association as well. Interested SSWA members can Google the National Firearms Association, or contact Stephen if you are looking for a membership application. Annual membership is \$35.00. The more Canadians who belong to a national organization the louder our voice is heard in Ottawa.

Treasurer's Report:

Eugene reported we have \$4,461.65 in our checking account.

New/Current Business:

- **HATS:** Stephen asked what the members wanted for hats so he could place an order. The only request was to get some camo, camo/orange and a solid color. He will make up an order for three dozen hats and place it with Fundy Textiles in Truro. They already have our crest on file so that saves us quite a bit of money for setup. Also their prices are considerably lower than anywhere locally.
- **Flea Market:** Last month Greg asked about getting more of our road signs made to direct traffic to our market. Stephen had four new signs printed and brought them in to show us. Now we have had professionally done all four needed for the roadside on market morning. Our ad has been in the local news papers and will appear again the week of the market. Stephen brought in color posters for distribution to be posted around the towns. 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. Stephen had forgotten to check the number of table bookings prior to the meeting, so Mike called the Michelin Social Club and found out that 37 tables had already been booked! That is a high number by comparison to other years. Stephen will monitor the bookings and cut off at an acceptable number. Set-up starts Friday afternoon June 23rd around 4:00.
- **Parade Float:** SSWA hasn't put a float together for several years. The last time we did, we had fun doing it but also made some money from having the best float of the Bridgewater Big Ex. Parade. A small group offered to have a look at what they could do to put something together – Greg, Cecil, Stephen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 **July 17th**, followed by meetings 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.

Smile of the Day: - Divorces are a lot like Algebra. Have you ever looked at your 'X' and wondered 'Y'?

- Money talks, but in my case all it ever says is 'good-bye'.

NSFA&H Annual Convention 2017

Part 2: "Miscellaneous Information"

Sandra Fraser of the Hunter Safety Program: All Hunter Safety Courses will be organized by the "Safety Services Department" using volunteers from each area. If you are interested in helping out please contact Sandra.

Course participants:	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Fur Harvester:		145	107	149
Bow Hunter Ed:		281	293	226
Crossbow Ed:	862	575	479	389
General Hunters Ed:		1990	1957	1719

When she talked about the youth hunting camps, she had a beautiful copy of our SSWA crest on the overhead showing McGown Lake Camp. A very nice plug for our club.

The Natural Resources Card is already to go! DNR was going to roll it out this year but gov. Wants to make sure the venders can use the program successfully on trial before opening it up live. It should be implemented in 2018. With this new card you can purchase your license on line for any and all hunting license as well as your fishing license. However if you still want to go to a local vender such as Gow's or Canadian Tire you can and they will give you a piece of paper showing that your purchased whatever was needed. Once this system is implemented all harvest reports will need to be in returned and end of season or the system will not allow you to buy your license next year until you do fill out your report!

Compliance for the Fur Harvest Reports is 90 % (If a trapper does not file his harvest report at year end he/she can not get a trappers license the following year.)

Compliance for the Upland and Small Game Reports is 6 %

There will be a change of command with the DNR as large mammal biologists Peter MacDonald is retiring the end of March and Mike O'Brien is retiring the end of June.

Extensive testing is going on in the Kilag River that goes to Sheet Harbour. DFO has installed a lime doser that they can fill with powered lime and control it's release via cell phone. The lyme is used to bring the PH value up to where salmon and trout can survive and reproduce. The PH was 4.2 to 5.0 before lyming. Now it is between 5.5 to 7.0.

From 200 to 2004 (before lime was added) salmon count was 2,000. Lyme started in 2005. From 2007 to 2009 there were 4,000 salmon and from 2010 to 2016 it rose to 10,000 salmon.

Also they dumped 625 metric tons of lime by helicopter over swampy land to allow the lime to be absorbed more slowly over a longer period of time. This brought the PH from 4.0 in Sept-Oct 2015 up to 6.6 from Nov. To Dec. 2015.

They now have a new doser twice the size that runs off of solar energy to be installed on the West River that also feeds the same system.

This new doser system can then be applied to any river that has a chance for salmon to prosper.

Comment: The river system being studied does not presently have invasive species like the LaHave River does.

Respectfully Submitted by: Eugene Herman