



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: July 17, 2017

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Billy Hirtle Burt Schrader
- Gary Mader Cecil Joudrey
- Greg Himmelman Reg Archibald
- Wade Himmelman Linda Joudrey
- Ron Thompson Barry Kelley

Regrets: Eugene H.

Guests Speakers from the D.O.E.:

Jillian Weldon-Genge and Liz Cogan

50/50 Toonie Draw

Linda J. = \$12.00

Door Prizes:

Car wax – Billy H
Hat – Gary M
Book – Cecil J

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Our guest speakers from the Dept. of Environment, Jillian Weldon-Genge and Liz Cogan, arrived well in advance of our 7:00pm meeting time, so after the equipment was set up and introductions made, they spoke for almost 1-1/2 hours, mainly on the topic of our forests. Slides were presented with statistics on forest growths and restoration time-lines. Most of the time was spent on the ecology of forests rather than the intended topic of our concerns on clear cutting. Questions from members on these concerns were fielded and passed off smoothly without ever giving a direct answer unfortunately. It was very evident that the D.O.E. is quite comfortable with the government's direction on modern day forest harvesting practices.

After the discussion, Jillian supplied us with an 85 page report document from last year entitled 'State of the Forest', as well as hand-outs on forest planning systems. She also graciously donated three soft-cover books on the forestry subject to be used for door prizes (one was drawn for that night). The subject of spraying on power lines was something that she

could not get an answer on. The company rep she contacted on this was not willing to offer any info. Rather he suggested that she pass his contact number on to us so that he could address us directly at a meeting. Jillian will forward that info to Stephen. The allotted hour for this presentation/discussion was nearing 1 ½ hrs at this point so Stephen asked if there were any further final questions or thoughts before thanking them for their attendance and presenting each with a Tim Horton's gift card on behalf of SSWA.

After these ladies departed we continued with our regular monthly meeting. Stephen called it to order at 8:35. In lieu of time saving, Burt moved, and Ron seconded, that we forgo the reading of last month's minutes and adopt them as issued – passed.

Old Business:

- **Catch & Release Signs:** Stephen brought the new signs to be passed out. Several members took one or more to erect at convenient locations where they frequent. Any member interested in obtaining some of these please contact Stephen.
- **BCAF Fish Study** Stephen, Doug, and Greg have made 2 trips on Garber Lake to date. Twenty-eight pickerel were caught – nothing else. Lengths varied from 7” to over 24”. Andrew had asked if we would do the analysis this time as they were unable to right then, so each fish was measured, weighed, and cleaned to examine the stomach contents. These fish are basically starving as there is little left in the water system for them to eat. Half of the fish were empty, a few had small traces of leeches and dragonflies, and eight of them had partially digested smaller pickerel in their stomachs. Jerry Read has also done a trip on Garber with similar results. Eugene and Ron T are hoping to get on Wallace Lake in August to continue with our assistance to BCAF.
- **Hats:** Stephen reported that the order was not quite ready to be shipped in time for tonight's meeting but hopes to receive them shortly. He has ordered 4 dozen in total, in several varieties including every day, camo, hunter orange, and a specialty. Members can contact him if interested in a new SSWA head banner.
- **Michelin Health and Safety Fair** was held Friday evening June 16th. Stephen, along with Reg and Marilyn Archibald worked the SSWA tables at this year's event which was held for the first time on Friday evening in conjunction with the car show outside. Consequently, there was a noticeable increase in attendance. Our SSWA tables were over-flowing with new material on various outdoor health concerns, but the topic that attracted most of the attention was Lyme disease. We could probably host an info table on just that subject alone. Because of the success of this show it is expected that the Friday night time slot will be continued next year.
- **Flea Market:** Another very successful giant flea market was held on June 24th when over 570 people paid to shop at the fully packed array of vendors offering all kinds of merchandise. Youth were admitted for free, and we stopped collecting at the door prior to 12:00 pm even though there were still people coming through the door, so it's safe to say in excess of 600 people attended this market – very likely a record for us. Our secretary, Eugene, was away for this meeting but he forwarded official figures to Stephen to give a financial report for our efforts. In a nutshell we cleared in excess of \$1100 once all bills were paid, so this was one of our better markets. Many, many thanks to the handful of members who helped make this event happen, from the signs and advertising,

to organizing, supplying tables, donating table merchandise, working the tables and kitchen, set-up and take down, clean-up, trash sorting and disposal, and anything else not mentioned. Well done all. Note: Door prize winners are listed on page 4.

- **Lobster Raffle Tickets for 2017:** Tickets have been available since the flea market. Eugene sold \$52 worth at that event, and Stephen distributed bags to members at the meeting. He still has quite a few bags to pass out so again, anyone interested, please call him. Note, due to the uncertainty of lobster prices, there are just two prizes this year instead of three.
- **Parade Float:** This objective did not get off the ground this year unfortunately. Thanks to the few who had volunteered to help with it.

Correspondence/Info:

Due to the time allotted for our special guest speakers tonight, Stephen cut the usual coverage of items considerably. Mentioned items included Truro's over abundant deer problem, more bad news on Atlantic salmon, Lyme disease news keeps escalating, chain pickerel wreaking havoc on fish stocks, and clear cutting. Also, a very nice thank you card was received from member Annette for the thoughts and flowers last month. It was appreciated Annette.

Treasurer's Report: In Eugene's absence, Stephen reported a balance of \$5488.35 after the flea market transactions were recorded.

New/Current Business:

- **NFA/CCFR:** Since last meeting, a new contact emerged in reference to a national organization to represent the gun owners in this country. A gentleman from the valley made contact with SSWA member Otis Scott who is involved with the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club. He introduced himself as the Kings/Hants Field Officer for the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights, and has since supplied brochures and business cards for the same. They have an interesting website, but are relatively unknown in our circle. Otis has suggested we invite this gentleman to one of our meetings to discuss this organization, so Stephen will track him down and try to arrange something for later this year. Watch our minutes for details whichever way it goes. In the meantime, Stephen reported that he made contact with the NRA with the intention of joining, but was not impressed with the scant replies to several queries, and in one case no info at all. His curt reply email was not answered either.
Therefore he has not pursued a membership further until more info is obtained on the CCFR. Word has it that the NRA are on shaky ground at this time. That could explain the very unprofessional, and damaging, dealings experienced, but is no excuse for the poor attitude in dealing with any potential new member.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** After some discussion, a decision was made that we not hold a meeting in the month of August, for several reasons. Therefore, the next meeting will be our September 11'th get together. No one should ever forget that date in history, so our meeting should be easy to remember.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 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 **Sept. 11th**, followed by meetings **Oct. 16** and **Dec. 11th**. **NO MEETING IN AUGUST!** 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.

Please note: The TANS Trapper's Rendezvous will be held again this year at the Twin Lake Campgrounds in Hibernia, Queens Co. on the weekend of August 18th. SSWA will be sponsoring the BB/Pellet gun shoot for kids on Saturday afternoon. Ron Thompson and Eugene will again be manning the tables for SSWA. Take an hour or two and drop by this event on the weekend. Show support for our sports and like-minded clubs.

Winners from our Giant Flea Market: 50/50 draw for \$78.00 was Kevin Peach.

Door Prize winners were: Framed Duck Print – Debbie Johnson
Framed Black Bear Print – Francis Joudrey
Pillow donated by The Ark – Ernie Whynot

Did You Know? * In earlier times, at local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and to keep the beverages coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking pints and who was drinking quarts. Hence was born the phrase – minding your P's and Q's!

* Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs and bars. They were instructed to go sip some ale and listen in on people's conversations. Many assistants were dispatched at different times with 'you go sip here, and you go sip there'. The two words were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion. Hence was born the word – gossip!

Smile of the Day: - I am one step away from being rich. All I need now is money.

- A lady stopped by today looking for donations for the local swimming pool, so I gave her a bottle of water.

- "No honey, you're not fat, you're just easier to see."

Thought of the Day: - A bad attitude is like a flat tire. It will be a rough ride until you change it.

- The 6 best doctors in life are; Dr. Sunshine, Dr. Fresh Air, Dr. Exercise, Dr. Proper Diet, Dr. Rest, and Dr. Laughter.

|- Growing old can offer up some challenges, but it sure beats the alternative of dying young.

I Believe: - Some people would be better off replacing their Chap Stick with a glue stick.

- What other people think of you is none of your business.

- Life is too short not to enjoy every moment that you can.