



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: Sept. 11, 2017

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Burt Schrader Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman Linda Joudrey
- Doug Joudrey Eugene Herman
- Vince Westlake

Regrets: Ron Thompson

50/50 Toonie Draw

Otis Scott = \$11.00

Door Prizes:

Vinyl Cleaner – Doug
Gloves – Burt
Key Chain - Eugene

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Stephen called the meeting to order at 7:08. Eugene read the minutes from the July meeting. Stephen asked if there were any errors or omissions. Hearing none, Eugene moved for acceptance as read. Seconded by Greg.

Old Business: Jillian Weldon-Genge, our July guest speaker, was from the Dept. of Environment, and spoke on the subject of forestry practices. At that meeting, the question was raised about spraying on power lines. Jillian couldn't provide information on this so she tried to get an answer from N.S. Power but her contact said he would prefer to come to one of our meetings and explain it himself. She provided his phone number and this info to Stephen, and the discussion at our meeting regarding this subject decided it was not feasible to have him

address a meeting on this one topic. Rather it was suggested that Stephen contact him for a one on one discussion to get as much info as possible.

- **Hats:** Stephen brought in four dozen new hats of various colors and designs, ie camo, hunter orange, hunter orange/camo combo, solid colors and specialty hats with individual patterns of geese, salmon, walleye, deer, and moose – all displaying our SSWA crest. This is our best selection yet, and prices are very reasonable. Club members can buy them at cost. They range in price from \$10 to \$14 each depending on the style.
- **BCAF:** Ron & Eugene actually got one fishing trip to Wallace Lake on behalf of BCAF. Twelve Smallmouth bass were caught, measured, weighed and gutted. Stomach contents were analyzed and all info was forwarded to Andrew Breen for his records. This is to support ongoing work that BCAF are doing in their quest to save the near extinct Atlantic Whitefish.
- **Lobster Raffle Tickets for 2017:** Stephen still has tickets if anyone is interested. Our goal is to try and have them back in by the October meeting so we know how many are left to sell and maybe redistribute them.
- **CCFR:** Stephen has been in contact with the CCFR rep from the Valley. His name is Wayne Galley and he is the Regional Field Officer Co-ordinator in NS for the CCFR - Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights. Wayne will be addressing our October meeting to discuss this organization, and hopefully sign up a few new members. Please come to hear the discussion and learn more about this relatively new organization.
- **Trappers Rendezvous:** Due to a day of very heavy rain, the BB/Pellet Gun Shoot was canceled this year, as were most of their weekend planned events unfortunately.
- **Lunenburg Rod & Gun Club:** Otis reported that 53 shooters attended the Sunday shoot in the rain on Sept. 10th. They have a very active and thriving club with a lot of new members, and both host, and take part in, several shoots around the province at other shooting club facilities. If you are interested in joining contact the LRGC.
- **Big Brothers Fishing Derby:** Stephen was in contact with the Big Brother's director to try and organize a fall fishing outing at the MARC to replace our spring event that was rained out. Unfortunately, they are unable to fit this event into their busy schedule either in Sept. or Oct. Therefore, for the first time since we started this event many years ago, we will not be doing a fishing day for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in 2017. That means we will have to do an extra special one for them in the spring of 2018.

Correspondence/Info:

Here are examples of some of the topics that were discussed:

*The use of any form of natural deer urine is illegal in N.S. It has been proven to contribute to the spread of a deadly and fatal disease to deer called chronic wasting disease. This disease has been found in Western provinces as well as a few states south of the border, and although not yet found in Nova Scotia, preventative measures include this ban on natural urine.

* Salmon 'catch and release only' was introduced halfway through the fishing season in Newfoundland. This is a reaction to the low stocks experienced this summer, and a drastic step never before implemented in this province.

*Deer abundance in the Truro area has DNR considering sharp shooters along with introductions of birth control among other possibilities to reduce their numbers.

* Lyme Disease: More and more reports are coming out all the time about Lyme, it's spread, it's increased numbers of victims and it's effects. A factor is the shorter and milder winters, longer springs and summers as well as extended falls. These are contributing to the proliferation of the ticks which are ever increasing in numbers as well as endemic populations in areas not before exposed to this threat.

* Genetically modified salmon fillets were introduced to Canadian markets this spring, but not publicized to the public. About five tonnes of fillets were put into the food chain, so consumers may be eating this fish without even being aware of it.

* Wood harvesting practices in the province are under a lot of pressure. Requests and pleas have been made to government to make changes to the current methods of clear cutting and devastation of forest lands. Particular attention is being given to the WestFor group waiting for permission from the MacNeil government to attack a million acres of Crown lands here in our own backyard in Western Nova Scotia.

* Angela Taylor, a past guest speaker on littering at one of our meetings, has been assigned the position of Outreach and Compliance Officer for Lunenburg County, a newly created position which empowers her to actually lay charges for violators of illegal waste. This is a huge step in the war on littering.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$5488.48. That's an increase of \$0.08 from the July report due to interest on the account. Stephen suggested a thank you letter be issued to the bank for their generosity but we'll pass on it for now.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 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 **October 16th** followed by Dec. 11th. **There will not be a meeting in November!** 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?

* There are so many bison near Flagstaff Arizona that The National Park Service is contemplating a tag draw system to reduce the herd size. Heads and hides as well as 50% of each animal harvested would be given to The Inter-tribal Buffalo Council for local tribes. Non lead ammunition would be mandated to protect the condors that feed on the gut piles.

* Although Russia is famed for having a strong gun culture there are only 8.9 firearms per every 100 people. Canada has a surprising 30.8 (that are known) per 100 people . How many guns in the USA? 112 per 100 people (again, that are known).....

* Ticks are often transported miles by birds. Deer also make a terrific taxi as well as a feeding host. Interestingly enough, a deer cannot contract Lyme disease.

* If you remove a tick from your body and want to know if it tests positive for Lyme disease you can put it in a sealed baggie and mail it to Dr. Vett Lloyd at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. Please include an email address so they can email the results back to you. Turn around time is usually 2-4 weeks. Dalhousie University is also wanting your ticks but they don't test for Lyme. Ticks can be from a pet, yourself, or just picked up. You can send them in a sealed baggie (with a damp cotton swab if it is still alive) to Tatiana Rossolimo, Dalhousie University, 1355 Oxford Street, PO Box 15000, Halifax, N.S. B3H 4R2 According to an article by Brenda Sterling-Goodwin, deer ticks are not the only tick that can carry Lyme.

* Some people can fight off the infection for a period of time only to have it appear weeks, months, or even years later!

* It is easier for animals to get treatment for Lyme disease than it is for humans.

* The idea that ticks must be attached for 24-48 hours to transmit Lyme has only been tested on mice. There is no scientific proof that this is the case for humans. In fact, reports of contracting Lyme disease after only hours of contact have been made. Do NOT rely on the 24 hr rule!!

* Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke and cabin monoxide detectors. Fire Prevention week is the second week of October.

* For those who bow/muzzle loader hunt, good luck and stay safe!

Smile of the Day: - Preacher: "My good friends, today I have prepared 3 sermons. The first is a \$20 one that lasts 10 minutes, the second a \$10 one that lasts 30 minutes, and the last a \$5 one that will last a full hour. Right after the collection, which is next, I'll see which one I'll deliver."

- Make love not war. Or get married and do both!

Woman's rule of thumb: If it has tires or testicles, you're going to have trouble with it!

Thought of the Day: - It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

Why is it that some people will cross an ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to a polling station to exercise it?

- Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.

I Believe: - You don't have to win every argument.

- Time heals almost anything. Give time, time.

- Opportunity may only knock once, but temptation will bang on your door forever!