



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
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Date: Oct. 16, 2017

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott |
| • Burt Schrader | Gary Mader |
| • Greg Himmelman | Ron Johnstone |
| • Doug Joudrey | Eugene Herman |
| • Bruce DeLong | Ed Strong |
| • Jason Strong | Gerry Read |
| • Ron Thompson | Barry Kelley |
| • Billy Hirtle | Wade |
| Himmelman | |
| • Cecil Joudrey | Vince Westlake |

50/50 Toonie Draw

Doug J = \$17.00

Door Prizes:

- Gerry R - Hat
Barry K – Penetrating Fluid
Bruce D – Beer Chiller
Ron T - Book

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Stephen called the meeting to order at 7:10. He then introduced Wayne Galley of the CCFR “Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights”, the Regional Field Officer Coordinator for NS, and assistant Randy MacDonald, who spoke to our group and fielded questions for 1 ½ hrs. See New Business for more information. After their departure, we continued with our regular monthly meeting at 8:39pm. In the interest of saving time, Ron T. made a motion to accept the minutes for our Sept. meeting as written. Seconded by Gary M. Passed.

Old Business:

Dept. of Environment: As a follow-up from last meeting regarding our concern for the chemicals sprayed along power lines to kill vegetation, Stephen contacted the N.S. Power representative in Lakeside to discuss this. In a nutshell, Stephen was assured that these spraying programs are carried out by qualified contractors and are applied ‘selectively’ to target maple and birch. Supposedly there are signs posted at access points to these areas. NS Power have one rep. for the Western Region covering Lun. to Yarmouth counties to oversee the work. He was told that once the chemical has dried it is ‘safe’ to walk through, that it is a low threat to wildlife, and should be repeated between 3 to 10 years depending on

requirements. The rep. thought that the suggestion to better post active areas with colorful and numerous signage was a good idea and would be taken into consideration.

This information is being included in these minutes to impart to our members the position of NS Power for their growth retention spray programs used on the endless miles of grid throughout the province. As active outdoors people, members should use common sense when encountering these areas. First hand knowledge would suggest that ‘targeted’ areas include everything within the right-of-way of the grid system. Posted signage has never been seen, but doesn’t mean it doesn’t exist – somewhere. A ‘safe’ chemical that kills all vegetation, and likely most small wildlife in the path, and perhaps adversely affects larger animals in time as well, not even mentioning the effect it likely has on waterways - particularly after heavy rains – is in a word, questionable. Enough said.

- **Hats**: Several more hats were sold at this meeting. A good variety is still available from Stephen if anyone is interested.
- **Lobster Raffle Tickets for 2017**: Stephen still has a few books of tickets if anyone is interested. Our ticket draw will be at our next meeting Dec. 18th. Anyone with tickets to turn in, please have the stubs torn off and the staples removed so we don’t have to take the time from our Dec. meeting to prepare the tickets. Thank you!
- **Lunenburg Rod & Gun Club**: Otis gave a brief report on club activities including a couple of interesting points and concerns.

Correspondence/Info:

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

- (1) Harley Conrad (a member of SSWA) sent letters to various levels of government and various departments concerning: 1/ Access to Lake Rossignol Crown Lands, 2/ McGowan Lake Nature Reserve and Wildlife Habitat and 3/ Summary of Medway Lakes Stakeholders Advisory Committee. He also copied Stephen and Eugene on these letters. They have in turn been emailed to all SSWA members with email addresses to keep members informed of the progress.
- (2) It was brought to our attention that duck licenses are hard to get this year as only 6 were sent to our local post office. They sold out in no time. Apparently you can still obtain a license by going on-line under “Migratory Bird License”. As this is a Federal area, it is likely just coincidence this happened, and suspicious people should not immediately connect this to pending restrictions under the Federal Gov. for more control of firearms.
- (3) Stephen was in communication with Emma Vost, acting Large Mammal Program Specialist, for an explanation of the DNR’s position on the extended hunting season periods. From their stats it appears that the increased hunting pressure has little effect on actual deer numbers. Approximately 50% of the total harvest occurs during

the first 2 weeks of the General Season (rifle). Another interesting fact is that approx. one third of the license sales are now to seniors.

(4) RCMP have apparently started a 'Safe Cities' project in Newfoundland whereby they have sent letters to all citizens who have lapsed firearms licenses, giving them the opportunity to comply with current legislation. They are also visiting the homes of restricted and/or prohibited expired license holders. Both the Firearms Act of 1995, and the Criminal Code of Canada, allow warrant-less inspections of a gun owner's home! An expired license may be all the legal justification required to carry out this act.

Word of caution: Any expired PAL licenses should be renewed immediately. Ensure you keep a record of the date and time you send in the renewal. A signature for receipt is also recommended. Also, ensure you are complying with safe storage of guns and ammunition in your homes as required by law.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$4825.63.

A reminder that all renewals are due in December if you haven't paid in advance for extra years. Eugene and Stephen both have current lists if you're not sure. Regular annual dues are \$12.00 and spousal/household members \$5.00.

It is also time for our club to decide on to whom we will make local donations for this year. If there is a worthwhile cause that interests you and is a benefit to wildlife or local humanity please inform Stephen or Eugene so it gets added to our list of options to choose from.

New Business:

- **CCFR:** Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights representative Wayne Galley, the Regional Field Officer Coordinator for NS, and assistant Randy MacDonald, spoke to our group and fielded questions for 1 ½ hrs. CCFR is a volunteer organization representing the Canadian firearm owning community. Their vision is to maintain, protect, and promote private firearm ownership. They aim to represent law-abiding firearm owners in a fair and reputable way therefore becoming the most effective organization of its kind in Canada. You can find more information by going to their web site WWW.Firearmsrights.ca Individual membership is \$40.00 per year (seniors is \$26.00 per yr.) A brief discussion after their departure presented some positive points. Stephen did a quick poll to see how many were interested in joining this organization, and at least eight members present indicated that they would be sending in a membership. He and Eugene have handouts from the CCFR if anyone is interested.

- **Resolutions:** Any resolution needs to be finalized at December's meeting, as they have to be sent to NSFA&H by the end of Dec. So far we have none on the books for submission this year. If you would like to discuss an idea please call Stephen.

■ DFO is making it more difficult for SSWA members to attend their regional meetings this year as Fishing Area 3 meeting is being held in Halifax. Stephen has received an invitation and has been in contact with them. It is taking place over two full days, so the chance of a volunteer from SSWA attending is as close to 0 as you can get!

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 after our 50/50 toonie draw and 4 door prize draws. Winners are listed at the head of these minutes in the middle box.

Next meeting December 18'th. This is a change from the previously scheduled Dec. 11th due to a booking conflict. There will not be a meeting in November because many of us will still be chasing tails.....white tails that is! See you in December! All meetings held in 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.

Meetings for 2018 are now scheduled for Jan 15, Feb.12, Mar. 12, Apr. 16, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

<p><u>For Sale:</u> Semi-automatic 12 gauge shotgun, Mossberg Model 9200, with 4 choke tubes in very good condition for only \$300.00. Call Barry @ 902-521-9908.</p>
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Smile of the Day: - In the 60's people took LSD to make the world seem weird. Today, people are taking drugs to make the world seem normal.

- Death is the number one killer in the world.

- God made seniors forgetful so that they'd get more exercise searching for their keys, or their glasses, or anything else lost throughout the day.

Thought of the Day: - If you replace the 'W' with a 'T' in 'what', where, or 'when' you get the answer to each of them.

- The one true Tuesday will arrive on Feb. 22'nd in the year 2022. (2/22/22 – a definite '2's day)

- Your future self may very well be watching you right now through memories.

I Believe: - Every time you clean something you make something else dirty.

- Ending up all alone in life may not be nearly as bad as ending up with someone who makes you feel all alone.

- It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see that does.