



# South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: Dec. 18, 2017

**In Attendance:**

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott     |
| • Burt Schrader   | Gary Mader     |
| • Greg Himmelman  | Vince Westlake |
| • Reg Archibald   | Eugene Herman  |
| • Doug Corkum     | Harley Conrad  |
| • Wade Himmelmen  | Gerry Read     |
| • Ron Thompson    | Barry Kelley   |
| • Linda Joudrey   | Sheila Herman  |
| • Marilyn Ramey   | Russell Ramey  |
| • David Woodworth |                |
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**50/50 Toonie Draw**

Stephen J = \$21.00

**Door Prizes:**

Greg H – Hat  
Russell R – Deer Pattern  
Burt S – Water Bottle  
Ron T – Work Light

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After some final last minute raffle ticket returns, sales, and processing, Stephen called the meeting to order at 7:13. Eugene reviewed the minutes from the October meeting. He then moved for approval as read, seconded by Barry K. Passed.

**Old Business:**

- **Resolutions:** There were no resolutions submitted by SSWA members this year for discussion. Therefore, SSWA will not be presenting any at the NSFAH Convention.
- **Hats:** Several more hats have been sold. A good variety is still available from Stephen if anyone is interested.
- **CCFR:** Stephen asked how many of the seven or eight members who said at the last meeting that they would likely join the CCFR actually did. Only three raised their hands. Little communication has been received since the membership applications were sent.
- **Lunenburg Rod & Gun Club:** Otis gave a brief report on club activities including a shoot in Kentville coming up the first weekend of January, 2018. It will be hosted by Annapolis Rod & Gun Association on White Rock Rd.

- **Lobster Raffle Tickets for 2017:** After Linda & Sheila finished preparing the tickets for the draw during the meeting, two tickets were randomly picked from the several hundreds sold. The winners were: Marilyn Ramey and Claire Levasseur! Congrats to both winners and thanks to all who sold/purchased tickets! We cleared \$658.00 after deducting our expenses - certainly a worth while fundraiser.
- **N.S. Land Access:** Harley Conrad gave a presentation on the lands he is trying to gain access to concerning protected lands and waterways. He showed us a map of the Medway region and Kedji area and talked about what is, or is not, happening where the provincial government is concerned. He also talked about having an information booth at another EXPO coming to the Queens Emera Centre on May 4-6<sup>th</sup> that NSFA&H will be responsible for this time around.

### **Correspondence/Info:**

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

- \* It was brought to our attention that the president of the NSFA&H is not involved with the organization at this time. No one seems to know why or what happened. The vice president has stepped into that role.
- \* Tony Rodgers will be attending the Federation meetings as a Director for a newly formed property owners association representing land owners around his cottage property.
- \* The eastern regional representative for the Federation, Ron Seney, has stepped down after less then one year in office.
- \* An over abundance of deer in the Truro area is causing concern, very similar to what we saw in Lunenburg a few years ago.
- \* An Annapolis County man was fined \$100 and ordered to do 50 hours of community service for possession of undersized stripped bass in late October. Another man was charged that night as well, a man who was previously charged and fined \$3000 for retaining more than allowed, smaller than permitted, and storing 15 additional undersized bass in his restaurant. Some people never learn!
- \* The recent moose cull in the National Highlands Park in Cape Breton cost tax payers \$775,000 – that's over three quarters of a million dollars (to use helicopters for a special native hunt - no one else was allowed) to transport 'hunters' in, and also harvested moose out,. How many moose you ask? Why, a total of 88. That's two less than 90. Yes, 88 moose cost us \$775,000, and the 'shooters' got to keep the animals. What a great deal for us, and a dazzling efficient use of taxpayer's money. Only politicians using their superior intelligence and Dollar Store calculators can argue for this under 'imperative need' and 'cost effective resolution'! No wonder they oppose public floggings!
- \* There have been several reported sightings of Turkey Vultures around Lunenburg County. If you happen to see a very large strange bird, before the legalization of pot this year ..... it's either one of those politicians mentioned above, or a real feathered turkey vulture.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eugene reported a balance of \$5012.76. A reminder that all renewals are due in December if you haven't paid in advance for extra years like several members have done. Eugene and Stephen both have current lists if you're not sure. Regular annual dues are \$12.00 and spousal/household members \$5.00.

**New Business:**

- Stephen reviewed his first draft of his Presidents Report for 2017 that he forwards to the NSFA&H for inclusion in the booklet used at the annual Federation Convention held every March. (See copy included with these minutes)
- Last, but not least, our annual donation consideration list: We try to raise extra funds each year to give back to worthwhile causes related to wildlife improvements or humanitarian causes. This year we made a list of worthy charitable organizations and picked four of them. After a motion from Burt, seconded by Ron Thompson, we voted to give \$200.00 each to: Salvation Army, South Shore Regional Health Foundation, South Shore Kinsmen and South Shore Big Brothers / Big Sisters organization, for a total of \$800! This money is raised by selling lobster tickets, our annual flea market, monthly 50/50 draws, donations etc. You should all free proud to have helped make a difference in someone's life by giving back to some of our community's deserving organizations.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 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 January 15th.** All meetings are held in the Community Room in the Sobey's Store, Bridgewater (stairs beside the egg section at 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 Feb.12, Mar. 12, Apr. 16, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

**Smile of the Day:** - I just took a pamphlet out of the mailbox saying I can have sex at 75.

That's great news. I live at #73 so it's only 2 doors away!

- My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.
- If a deaf person goes to court, is it still called a 'hearing'?

**Thought of the Day:** -The greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater the need to cast doubt on others.

- Silent company is often more therapeutic than words of advice.
- If unkind words are spoken about you, live so that no one believes them.

- I Believe:** - That if you want to cheer yourself up, try cheering someone else up first.
- Children and grandparents are natural allies.
  - That keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills.

## **‘South Shore Wildlife Association’**

### **2017 Annual Report**

SSWA meets monthly 11 times a year. Minutes of every meeting are issued to all members via email or Canada Post so that everyone stays current with our activities.

#### **Fraternity Involvement:**

**Youth Hunting Camp:** For the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, we took part in this annual event put on by DNR staff at McGowan Lake depot facility in Queens County over March break. Four SSWA members met locally again at 8:00 am and traveled to the event to do the rabbit snaring presentation on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Once again the weather cooperated nicely. We displayed an assortment of animal hides and skull props for the young people to examine and discuss, and provided instructions in making and setting snares. The next step was to take these young people outside to actually set their own snares in the adjacent bushes in an attempt to be successful that night. The final activity was to do a rabbit skinning/cleaning demonstration, and allow participants to take part if they wanted to. We once again presented checks to cover the course fees for three of the twelve participants, which were randomly drawn for on the final night of the camp when parents were in attendance. We are pleased to report that this part of the event has now been adopted into the program by DNR, and we are very happy to be able to provide funding for three of the youth at these camps as a memorial in memory of our late member Greg Tanner.

#### **Annual Convention:**

In March, we once again sponsored two delegates to the Convention in Truro. Our one Resolution for the proper live release of all species of sport fish was passed unanimously.

**Trapper's Rendezvous:** Although we were prepared to set up our BB gun shooting booth again this year, the weather did not cooperate and our event had to be canceled.

#### **Fund Raising and Donations:**

- In June we hosted yet another successful annual giant flea market. Once again over 500 people paid to browse the 65 tables of wares on display. We provided three door prizes drawn for at the end of the market. Sales from our kitchen and 50/50 draw contribute to our profits from this event, along with our own table sales, table rentals, and admission.
- In addition to 50/50 draws at each meeting and membership fees, we also raise funds through our annual Lobster Raffle draw held at our Dec. meeting.
- For our donation list this year, in addition to the DNR Youth Camp, SSWA contributed \$200 to each of the following local organizations: Big Brothers, the Kinsmen, Health Services Foundation, and the Salvation Army.

**Club Promotion:** We invested in 4 dozen new SSWA hats this year, in various styles and colors. These are sold at cost, to better advertise our club. In an effort to better educate the public about proper handling of fish that are to be released, we designed and purchased 3 dozen ‘Catch and Release’ signs to post at various popular fishing locations. At a time of increased stress on various fish species, these signs list proper techniques for the safe handling of those that are to be returned to the waters. Also, to further our involvement with the endangered Atlantic Whitefish project, we issued letters of support for BCAF, letters of concern to both Federal and Provincial Fisheries Ministers, and to Species at Risk Management Division. Contact was also made with the David

Suzuki Foundation, all to bring attention to the plight of a species right here in our own backyard that is bordering on extinction. Our concerns on forestry harvesting practices and the potential threat of the FULA agreement with Westfor here in Southwest Nova Scotia resulted in a letter to the editor, and hosting representatives from the DOE to address our meeting and answer questions on this topic.

### **Guest Speakers:**

**July: Jillian Genge and Liz Cogan, Regional Foresters from Dept. of Natural Resources to address current forestry harvesting practices, and to respond to concerns from SSWA members.**

**October: Wayne Galley and Randy MacDonald from Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights, to give a presentation on the CCFR, and to answer questions and provide explanations regarding this new national organization.**

### **Community Involvement:**

**Earth Day: 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.**

**Fishing Derbies: For the very first time since 1999, SSWA did not get to entertain the folks from Big Brothers/Big Sisters at a fishing derby. The scheduled event in April was rained out, and we were unable to plan a rain date later on due to staff shortages at Big Brothers. An attempt to do it in the fall was also canceled due to their unavailability.**

**- However, for another first, our other fun fishing day was for participants from four support service groups this year. The two morning groups, fishing from 9:00am until 12:30pm, landed a total of 82 trout. In the afternoon, the other two groups had a wonderful time as well but only managed to catch 30 trout. SSWA looked after the fish for all of the happy participants until they were ready to leave. Pictures are taken throughout the day and prints provided to staff members of the groups. These outings remain the highlight each year for most of the participating residents.**

**Michellin Health and Safety Fair: Three members of SSWA managed a booth at the 2017 fair in June. We provided loads of material for our theme of 'Safety in the Outdoors', but the most discussed topic with the public was on Black Legged Ticks and Lyme Disease. Hundreds of people viewed our booth and SSWA banner and logos.**

I take great pleasure again this year in mentioning that our most senior honorary member, Mrs. Ruby Bower of Lower Ohio, turned 101 on March 25'th. She remains a youthful and alert lady and an inspiration to all who know her. Three members of SSWA visited Mrs. Bower on her special day to deliver flowers and gifts. Mrs. Bower has been a loyal member of our club since 2007. 102 is now just around the corner!

Stephen Joudrey – President