



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: Jan. 15, 2018

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott |
| • Burt Schrader | Gary Mader |
| • Greg Himmelman | Annette Mader |
| • Reg Archibald | Eugene Herman |
| • Doug Corkum | Ron Johnstone |
| • Wade Himmelmen | Blair Moland |
| • Ron Thompson | Cecil Joudrey |
| • Linda Joudrey | |

50/50 Toonie Draw

Ron T. = \$16.00

Door Prizes:

**Eugene H – Car Wash
Gary M – Forestry
Book
Greg H – Cup/Gloves**

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:03. Eugene reviewed the minutes from the December meeting and after making one correction moved that we accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Burt. Passed. Dec. minutes stated Ron Seney stepped down from being NSFA&H Regional Director for Eastern N.S., and it should have read for Western N.S. after less than one year.

Old Business:

- **Hats:** Several more hats have been sold. A good variety is still available from Stephen if anyone is interested.
- **CCFR:** Stephen has received his membership card and welcome letter. No news from the CCFR, and no more SSWA members have joined, but the federal Liberals are busy working behind the scene on more gun restrictions.
- **SSWA Donation:** Stephen brought in a receipt and a large 'check' filled out by South Shore Regional Health reflecting our \$200 donation to the radiothon for 2018. Receipts

have also been received from Salvation Army and Big Brothers / Big Sisters, but still nothing from the South Shore Kinsmen.

- **Lobster Raffle Tickets for 2017:** Stephen suggested that we put a notification in the local weekly paper announcing the winners of our lobster draw. Done.

Correspondence/Info:

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

* More info is coming out on deer ticks all the time. Stephen has been in repeated contact with Dr. Vett Lloyd of Mount Allison University, who has passed on a lot of good information. Also, there was an article in the Jan 15th daily paper by Dr. Lloyd about the affects of temperature on ticks. Adults can survive cold because they have a kind of antifreeze in their system. They can withstand up to -10 to -15C in the open air, but colder temperatures when they're under cover. They lay between 2,000 and 5,000 eggs per female – one time only, after which the female dies. However the rate of survival for the eggs is 10 to 20%. These eggs can withstand temperatures down to -30C. In New Brunswick and PEI expect active ticks for 10 out the 12 months, whereas in N.S. they can be found practically year round. Snow provides an insulating factor that protects them from the excessive cold. Lyme Disease was first described in Europe over 100 years ago, so it has been with us for a long time. In North America, it's history goes back almost 50 years when it was first diagnosed in Connecticut, USA.

There is no conclusive evidence that a tick must be attached a minimum of 24 hrs before transmission of Lyme occurs. In fact, depending on circumstances, a tick may infect a host within minutes to hours. Any tick bite should be taken seriously, as there are many other diseases besides Lyme that these insects can carry and transmit!

*The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Annual Conference will be held in Truro from April 6 – 8th. Delegates fees are \$140 each but reduced by \$30 if paid before March 16th. This year's theme is "Leadership in Wildlife Conservation".

* Stephen reviewed an article by Zack Metcafe on clear cutting. He has been in contact with him on this subject.

* Quebec's Long Gun Registry goes into effect January 29th, 2018, on the one year anniversary of the Quebec City Mosque shooting. Gun owners will have one year to register their existing firearms through a "simple, quick, free" process. Ha! Once heads are in the noose, 'pull 'er tight'. How stupid do they think people are???

* A six month grace period has come into effect from Nov. 30, 2017, for extending the license renewal time for those who have - for one reason or other - allowed their firearms license to expire. **However, this grace period simply covers you from breaking the law with an expired license.** It does not allow you to transport a firearm, or to purchase ammunition during those six months. Furthermore, handgun owners cannot take their handguns to a range to shoot either.

* The Mic Mac Rod and Gun Club will host their 2018 Gun Show and Sale at the Michelin Social Club in Bridgewater on Friday, Feb. 23rd from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, Feb. 24th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Last year this was held at the Northfield Fire Hall.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$5,266.82. **Reminder: All renewals are due in December** if you haven't paid in advance for extra years like several members have done. Annual dues are \$12.00, spousal/household members \$5.00.

- Eugene also reviewed the financial results for 2017 and the budget he prepared for 2018.

- Annette & Gary Mader have the 2017 financial books for review and approval.

New Business:

- There was a discussion regarding who we would like to invite as quest speakers this year. Some suggestions included: DFO on where we stand with the saltwater fishing license; Lunenburg County Waste Management on how the new Special Constable, Outreach & Compliance Officer, policing is going and what steps are they taking for plastic recycling, etc; DNR Big Game Biologist on Game Harvest Reports for 2017.
- Schedule of activities for 2018: DNR Youth Hunting Camp, Earth Day Clean-up, Fishing Events, BB/Pellet Gun Shoot, Flea Market (June 23 if possible or June 30th) BACAF assistance for Andrew Breen on the Atlantic White Fish Predator Study.
- If there is an activity that SSWA could be interested in getting involved with this year please pass your suggestion on to Eugene or Stephen for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 after our 50/50 toonie draw and 3 door prize draws. Winners are listed at the head of these minutes in the middle box.

Next meeting February 12th. 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:pm. Storm cancellations will be notified at the store, or call Stephen or Eugene to confirm should the weather not co-operate.

Meetings for 2018 are now scheduled for Mar. 12, Apr. 16, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. No meeting in November.

Did You Know?

Tick repellent for pets: Add one cup water to a spray bottle, and 2 cups distilled white vinegar. Ticks hate the smell and taste of the vinegar. You can also add 2 spoonfuls of vegetable oil or almond oil. Both contain sulfur, another tick repellent.

A repellent that will also deter fleas: Mix a few spoonfuls of lemon juice with either citrus oil, or peppermint oil, either of which will repel ticks and fleas while also creating a nicely scented repellent. Spray onto the pet's dry coat, staying away from sensitive areas such as eyes, nose, mouth and genitals. When outdoors for extended periods, spray on 2 or 3 times a day when possible.

A repellent for you and the family: In a spray bottle, mix 2 cups of distilled white vinegar and 1 cup water. To make a scented solution add about 20 drops of any essential oil.

A shot of whiskey: In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

Buying the farm: This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm, so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

Smile of the Day: - As one ages, there will come a time when glasses will not be required. Those are the people you see drinking straight from the bottle.

- You know you have a drinking problem when your spouse asks you to toast some bread and you raise your glass and say "Here's to bread".

- When we were growing up, there was always two choices for dinner – 'Take it, or leave it!'

- Wife: "You're always pushing me around and talking behind my back."

Husband: "If I stand in front of you, who's going to push the wheel chair?"

Thought of the Day: -Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in an eternity.

-My favorite books are the ones that no one bothers me while I read them.

- Lots of times the grass is greener on the other side because it's fertilized with crap!

- When in doubt, make the next step a smaller one, but take it.

I Believe: - You can't fix stupid, even with duct tape.

- Some mistakes are good enough to repeat again and again.

- We all need to complain less and celebrate more.

- All that truly matters in the end is that you loved, and were loved.