



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: Feb. 12, 2018

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott |
| • Burt Schrader | Gary Mader |
| • Greg Himmelman | Philip Dagely |
| • Harley Conrad | Eugene Herman |
| • Doug Corkum | Ron Johnstone |
| • Wade Himmelmen | Jerry Read |
| • Ron Thompson | Cecil Joudrey |
| • Linda Joudrey | Barry Kelley |
| • Doug Joudrey | |

Regrets: Reg Archibald

50/50 Toonie Draw

Greg H. = \$17.00

Door Prizes:

- Doug J. - Gloves**
Burt S. - Hat
Ronnie J. - Sign
Otis S. - Pill Dispenser

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:00. Eugene reviewed the minutes from the January meeting. Ron T. moved for acceptance as read. Seconded by Cecil J. Passed.

Old Business:

- **Catch and Release Education:** In a continuation of SSWA's objective to improve the methods used by fishermen to live release their catch, Stephen was contacted by Amber Creamer from the Dept. of Fisheries, to discuss our Resolution that was passed at the 2017 Convention. As a result of our Resolution, the DOF is in the process of implementing an ad campaign to encourage the proper handling of any sport fish that is being returned to the waters, and she was asking for our input based on our suggestions. Some things will be enacted for the upcoming 2018 season, while others requiring more time will be phased in over the following year.
- **CCFR:** Stephen will follow up with the CCFR on one SSWA member's report that he has not yet received his membership even though the cheque was cashed in Dec.

- **March Guest Speaker:** Angela Taylor, the LR Waste Management Special Constable, will attend our March 12th meeting. She will explain how her new role is working and answer any questions we may have.
- **Flea Market:** Our typical end of June date for this event is in jeopardy this year. The MSAC manager has reported that they have plans to replace the hardwood floor in the gymnasium during this time. We will work closely with the MSAC to find a mutually acceptable date, either earlier, or later than normal. Stay tuned.
- **BCAF:** Stephen was in contact with Andrew Breen to see if SSWA would be needed to help with the Atlantic White Fish study this summer. Andrew says that no funding has come through for BCAF to continue with this initiative as yet. However, it looks promising that any larval fish caught at the Millisigate Dam will be transferred to the Coldbrook Biodiversity Facility. This is very good news considering that ten years ago the Feds were successfully hatching Atlantic White Fish at the Biodiversity Site in Milton N.S. under the guidance of John Whitelaw. However, the Harper government apparently thought that this was a waste of money. The facility was not only closed, but also made unusable.
- **Earth Day Cleanup:** Stephen dropped by the Waste Management Site and picked up the SSWA package of bags and gloves he had asked for ahead of time as per the request from members at our Jan. meeting. Items were distributed to those interested in helping out. Earth Day is April 22 but we can do our part anytime during that week. We're asked to call the depot with times and location so they can send a truck to pick up our garbage, or notify the regular drivers that the extra bags will be out for pickup.
- **Lyme Disease:**
 - 1) N.S. Dept. of Infectious Diseases is responsible for distribution of information to doctors, campgrounds, parks, etc. on ticks and other such risks.
 - 2) Doctors in N.S. must report all cases of Lyme disease to this department.
 - 3) The whole province of N.S. is now considered endemic due to the rising number of cases over the past three years. However, areas are divided into low, medium, and high risk. The South Shore is high, along with Halifax and Pictou areas.
 - 4) Numbers of confirmed cases went from 247 in 2015 to 326 in 2016.
 - 5) Western N.S. accounts for 82% of these confirmed cases.
 - 6) Blood tests, either positive or negative, are very inconclusive. Therefore, Nova Scotia stopped it's testing program a few years back. Some Dr's are treating their patients as if the tests are positive just to er on the safe side.
 - 7) Saving the ticks to be sent for testing is always a good idea.
- **Insurance:** Stephen has been in contact with the NSFA&H to see where they stand on finding a new insurance carrier. So far they haven't, but they're still pursuing it. Apparently, the company that held their previous policy is not interested in renewing it, so for now SSWA has no liability insurance.
- **The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Annual Conference** is being held in Truro again this year, from April 6-8th. Annette & Gary Mader have volunteered to represent SSWA. Also, based on the fact that there are three venues to be

held at the same time, Ron T. moved we send three delegates this year, seconded by Jerry R. Eugene H volunteered to go as the third representative.

SSWA are donating a graphite spinning rod and a specialty club hat as an auction package for the Federation at the convention.

Correspondence/Info: Various topics were reviewed. Gary Mader reported that the following announcements were made at the recent Trappers Association meeting: Jason Power is the new DNR Biologist for Lunenburg & Queens Counties. Rebecca Sepperson is the new DNR Wildlife Sustainability Manager for N.S. Otis reported on shoots at the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club. If you are interested in knowing more on the shooting schedule for upcoming events around the province Google the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club and click on the '2018 Atlantic Shoot Calendar' at the bottom of the page.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$5,426.89. Annette & Gary have reviewed the 2017 financial books. They reported to Eugene that everything checked and balanced. Much thanks to Annette & Gary for doing this every year. It is very important that we have annual reviews to insure financial credibility.

New Business:

- South Shore Expo is scheduled for May 4-6th at the Queens Emera Centre in Liverpool. NSFA&H is putting in a booth and may need SSWA to help man it. This will be clarified at our next meeting. Two people are required at any one time. If so, SSWA will sell tickets on a new 6.5 foot graphite Trout-Tech spinning rod complete with hard carry tube valued at over \$100 after a motion was made by Barry K & seconded by Ron T.
- Wade Himmelman had given Stephen a pamphlet "Watch For Wildlife" at the last meeting on ways to avoid striking wildlife on our highways. Stephen has been in touch with the rep. to get more info. She has been slow to respond but hopefully he will have an update for March. Watch for Wildlife is a program of the Sierra Club Canada Foundation to try to prevent wildlife vehicle collisions on our roads.
- Stephen made an announcement that Harley Conrad has now been appointed the temporary NSFA&H Regional Director for Western N.S. Congratulations Harley! (Harley is also a member of SSWA as well as being very active as a member/director for other organizations on the South Shore.) SSWA looks forward to working hand in hand with Harley in future endeavors.
- Stephen and Greg met a gentleman and his wife last summer while shad fishing near Middleton. After helping them try to catch some fish the man said he owned a business in Bayer's Lake producing high precision rifle scopes and dealing in Trout Tech fishing rods. He offered to donate some fishing rods to SSWA as fund raisers. His name is Andrew Webber, and he is President of Tangent Theta Incorporated. Recently he delivered to Stephen a total of nine rods, six of which were the Trout Tech rod/hard tube carrying case combos that sell for well over \$100 each. These are of high quality and are too good for the fishing events we host, but would make excellent fundraiser items. After passing the rods around and discussing ideas, a motion was made by Ron T

to sell tickets to SSWA members in attendance at meetings until we sold at least \$100 worth and then draw for a trout rod and case combo. Seconded by Barry K. Passed. SSWA was going to donate a framed photo of an eagle for an auction item at the NSFA&H Convention, but instead will now donate one of the three other rods along with a hat. It was felt that it likely would bring more money to the Federation than the picture.

After more discussion it was agreed to send Andrew an appreciation letter explaining what we were planning for some of the rods, and a lifetime membership to SSWA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 after our 50/50 toonie draw and door prize draws. Winners are listed at the head of these minutes in the middle box.

Next meeting March 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 7:00pm. 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 Apr. 16, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. No meeting in November.

Dates to Remember:

Guest speaker: Angela Taylor, Waste Management	March 12
Youth Hunting Camp at McGowan Lake (Rabbit Presentation)	Mar. 14
NSFA&H Convention	April 6-8
Lun. Rod & Gun Club Shoot (Everyone welcome)	April 8
Earth Day	April 22
South Shore Expo (Queens Emera Centre)	May 4-6
Community Services Fishing Events	TBA
Giant Flea Market	TBA

Smile of the Day: - If ever there were to be a giant merger between Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush Co., and W.R. Grace Co., it would immediately become known as Hale Mary Fuller Grace.

- If FedEx merged with UPS, it wouldn't take long to become FedUP.

- If Victoria Secret merged with Smith and Wesson it could become Titty Titty Bang Bang.

Thought of the Day: - One man with conviction will overwhelm a hundred who simply have opinions.

- Success can be achieved as simply as going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

- A lie can travel halfway around the world before the truth even gets out of bed.

I Believe: - That not knowing someone's secret may sometimes be for the best.

- That no matter how much training, education, and experience you have, how you are perceived is still up to you.

- A lifetime of regret can stem from brief seconds of a bad decision.