



South Shore Wildlife Association

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

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Burt Schrader Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman Philip Dagley
- Harley Conrad Eugene Herman
- Billy Hirtle Annette Mader
- Wade Himmelmen Ron Thompson
- Linda Joudrey Barry Kelley
- Doug Joudrey

Regrets: Reg Archibald & Cecil Joudrey

50/50 Toonie Draw

Eugene H. = \$18.00

Door Prizes:

Phil D. – Wheel Cleaner

Vila Mann - Hat

Barry K. – Credit Card

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:00. He introduced our two guest speakers; Angela Taylor, Special Constable, CBEO Outreach & Compliance Officer, Municipal Joint Services Board, Lunenburg Region, and Kirk Symonds, Region 6 Solid Waste Coordinator for Western Nova Scotia. Angela and Kirk spoke for almost an hour, fielding questions as they arose. They gave a very informative talk, and conveyed facts that many in attendance were unaware of. For those who missed the session, here are some points that were discussed:

Did you know it is against the law to burn certain garbage? When burning any type of plastics, you are putting toxins in the air and the soil. This is covered in the Environment Act and the first fine can be \$697.00. If caught throwing garbage from your vehicle (littering), the fine could be \$452.00. Fines for illegal dumping could be from \$100 to a maximum of \$5,000 under our solid waste by-laws.

From the time Angela became the The Waste Compliance Officer in 2017 until now, she has had 105 illegal dumping reports, 68 of which the Lunenburg Recycling Center cleaned up, 11 sites cleaned up by the owner, 5 cleaned up by the offenders who also paid fines, and 20 are still ongoing investigations. She has also had 24 littering reports regarding a high volume of litter in certain areas, and 4 reports for burning toxic waste. The burning of leaves and sticks is legal as long as you follow the "N.S. Check before You Burn" web-site which is in effect from March 15th to October 15th. The main message she would like to get out to people is please

report a litterer when you see them. Get the license plate number, vehicle description, date, time and location. With this information, she will willingly follow up and take action.

After their departure we proceeded with our meeting. In the interests of time, Ron T. moved we accept the minutes for the February meeting as written. Seconded by Gary M. Passed.

Old Business:

- **Catch and Release Education:** In further communications between Amber Creamer, DOF, and Stephen, her Department has not only added the guidelines to the Fishing Summary Handbook that you obtain when you buy your fishing license, but they also have designed a handout. Stephen brought a stack of these to our meeting for anyone wishing to take some for passing around. Eugene suggested he take some to the Italy Cross Fire Dept. Fishing Tournament in June and have them handed out when participants register for the fund raiser. This should ensure about 100 boats will receive the information. Stephen also kept a dozen to be given to the twelve participants at the DNR Youth Hunting Camp later this week. Additional advertising/education by the DOF is in the works.
- **CCFR:** No news, but the two members who joined still have not received their CCFR membership card and letter. The CCFR is looking into that.
- **Flea Market:** The Michelin Health and Safety Fair is June 8th. This will be followed by plans to replace the hardwood floor in the gymnasium, a project that could require 5 weeks or more. This will negate our normal time frame to hold the market, so the search is on for a suitable alternate date. Eugene will check with the Shaid Animal Shelter to see when their yard sale is scheduled as we don't want to conflict with that. If we can't get June 2nd we may be forced to move it to August 25th. Stephen will work with the MSAC to finalize an acceptable date for our market.
- **Watch For Wildlife:** Stephen handed out some pamphlets and fridge magnets for Watch for Wildlife provided by the Sierra Club Canada Foundation that he picked up. We will be hosting a guest speaker at a fall meeting this year. Details to follow.
- **Lyme Disease:** Every week there are new articles being published about Lyme disease. SSWA started the ball rolling on this subject about five years ago by directing questions to the Provincial Dept. of Health. There was very little information available previous to that. Now, some doctors are being proactive by prescribing antibiotics without running blood tests first. The risk of this method is that people could become resistant to the antibiotic when they really don't have the bacteria. Especially because of the mild weather, these ticks have been active almost all winter. Routine daily checks is still one of the best defences.
- **South Shore Expo:** The NSFA&H is putting a booth in the show at Queens Emera Center, May 4-6th, and they would like SSWA to help man the booth for them. Stephen will offer that SSWA is willing to split the cost of the booth and therefore hang our banner also and sell tickets for our club on a fishing rod to be drawn that Sunday at 4:00pm.

Correspondence/Info: Various topics were reviewed. Gary Mader reported that the announcement he made last month about Jason Power being the new DNR Biologist for Lunenburg & Queens Counties is no longer true. Jason has since been promoted to Large Mammal Biologist for all of N.S., filling retired Peter MacDonald's position. Gary also announced that the 2018 Fishing license and summary of rules booklet is available now in stores. Also, the daily bag limit for chain pickerel is 100 fish per person! This should help to reduce the risk of invasive species in some of our waterways. This is a positive move by our Inland Fisheries, due in part to our letter writing to both Provincial and Federal Fisheries Ministers about protecting the Atlantic Whitefish, along with trout and salmon stocks. There were also a few more articles covered on Lyme disease, clear cutting etc.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$4988.88. Some extra money is being spent over the next few weeks as we sent a check for \$420.00 to the Federation to register three SSWA members to attend the Convention in Truro the first weekend of April. There will be motel expenses in addition to that. Also three checks of \$62.70 each to sponsor 3 youths to attend the N.S. Youth Hunting Camp were issued. **Note:** These are our annual "In Memoriam" contributions for our departed member Greg Tanner to foster our young people into the outdoor activities he loved, and we all enjoy. The 2 day camp, attended by twelve participants, includes rabbit snaring, .22 shooting, crossbow and longbow experience, in addition to basic compass, GPS, fire making, safety, survival kits, first aid talk, and other activities. It is a full two days experience, and extremely popular with this age group as there is usually a waiting list to get in. SSWA are included in the program, and have taken part for the last six years.

New Business:

- There will be a N.S. Youth Hunting Camp at McGowan Lake during March break. Four members will meet in Newcombville at 8:15 am and drive up to demonstrate how to set rabbit snares and skin rabbits on the opening day of the camp.
- After a lengthy discussion on forestry, Ron T. made a motion, seconded by Barry K, that SSWA introduce a motion at the Federation's Board of Directors meeting that the NSFAH urge the Provincial Government to reconsider their clear cutting policy. Passed. This was based on many articles published recently by biologists and other well informed people who know what they're doing is wrong. As an example, in a recent article it stated that a large track of hardwood, including old growth forest, was stripped for the biomass to be burned at a Nova Scotia power plant in Port Hawksbury.
- Stephen announced that our honorary long time member, Mrs. Ruby Bower, is turning 102 years young on March 25! Members voted to send her a special bouquet and best wishes from SSWA. Doug and Stephen will be making the birthday visit to Lower Ohio for the 3'rd year in a row. She is an inspiration and a joy to converse with, a very dear lady who was still hunting into her 90's. We wish her a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
- Last month, Stephen brought in a lovely selection of spinning rods that were donated to our club to be used as fund raisers, etc. This time, he brought in a unique 2' x 3 1/2' framed wood carving depicting swimming fish, by local artist Justin Dagley. This piece of art was generously donated to SSWA by Kerry and Belinda Eisenhauer, to be used as a fund raiser. Discussion as to the best use of this art was unresolved and will be continued at our April meeting. A huge thank you goes out to Kerry and Belinda for

their thoughtfulness. It should also be noted that our friends at Silver's Garage donated a wonderful selection of door prizes last year, eleven in total, from hats to DEET fly dope, to car care products, that have been dispersed one at a time at most meetings since. We truly appreciate the support from friends and members like these people, and can ensure you that gestures like these go a long way in giving your executive, weary at times, but dedicated, the much needed wind and steady hand on the wheel to continue sailing this vessel we call the SSWA. Thank you all again.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 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 April 16th: 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. **Meetings for 2018** are now scheduled for May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

Dates to Remember:

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| 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 Center in Liverpool) | May 4-6 |
| Friday May 4 | 4:00pm to 9:00pm |
| Saturday May 5 | 10:00am to 6:00pm |
| Sunday May | 10:00am to 4:00pm |
| Community Services Fishing Events | TBA |
| Giant Flea Market | TBA |

For Sale: New Winchester Model 70 featherweight "The Rifleman's Rifle" chambered for 30-06 cal. Mounted on this beautiful rifle is a Redfield Revolution 4x12x40 scope. This rifle is of the control feed design and will serve years of service or be a great addition to any collection. Price includes shipping, Phone John @ 902-543-1822

Smile of the Day: - Sometimes, forgiveness comes easier when you realize the other person was born an idiot.

- Do you suppose in the beginning when wireless communication was invented they knew we would eventually become prisoners to the technology so they called them Cell phones?

Thought of the Day: - A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

- Life can either be accepted, or changed. If it cannot be accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted.

I Believe: - Every senior thinks growing older would take much longer than what it does.

- The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and does the impossible.