



# South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: April 16, 2018

**In Attendance:**

- Stephen Joudrey      Otis Scott
- Burt Schrader        Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman     Cecil Joudrey
- Harley Conrad       Eugene Herman
- Billy Hirtle           Marilyn Ramey
- Russell Ramey        Ron Johnstone
- Doug Corkum         Jerry Read
- David Woodworth

Regrets: Annette Mader, Reg Archibald, Ron Thompson, Philip Daglev, and Linda

**50/50 Toonie Draw**

Ronnie J. = \$20.00

**Door Prizes:**

Russell R. - Book

David W. - Oil

Greg H. - Cup/Gloves

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:08. He suggested that, in the face of a long meeting, we forgo the reading of last month's minutes and accept them as issued. Everyone agreed.

**Old Business:**

- **CCFR:** One of the members sent in his membership application in December, followed up with a phone call and was asked to resubmit a check/application in February. Having done this, he still has not heard back, nor has his second check been cashed.
- **Flea Market:** After several months of uncertainty as to what alternate date we would have to pick, our original choice of June 23 was freed up for us. SO....we officially have booked June 23'rd, and newspaper ads have been published. Tables can be booked now by calling 902-543-5018.
- **Lyme Disease:** Lots of newspaper articles being published, and TV news has carried various aspects of Lyme disease. Finally it is getting the attention it deserves! We can be proud that we started pushing for more info and alerts to the general public 5 years ago through communications with local and Provincial Health Depts.

- **South Shore Expo:** The NSFA&H is putting a booth in the show at Queens Emera Center, May 4-6<sup>th</sup>. SSWA will help man the booth and in turn sell our memberships, and sell tickets on the Trout Tech package to be drawn for at the end of the show on Sunday at 4:00pm.
- **Ruby Bower:** Stephen & Doug Joudrey visited Mrs. Ruby Bower on March 26'th, the day after her 102'nd birthday. They took her a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a card from SSWA and had an entertaining visit. SSWA hopes Mrs. Bower had a great birthday!
- **Watch For Wildlife:** In September, we have Wanda Baxter dropping in give a talk on what her organization is all about.
- **Youth Hunting Camp:** Due to the power outages that day, only Gary and Greg attended the Youth Hunting Camp as scheduled in March. They had a really good morning teaching the group how to set rabbit snares and did a hands-on skinning rabbits demo (rabbits supplied by Gary). Gary also took some various types of fur and skulls for a brief presentation. Of the twelve participants, half were females. It is refreshing to see this level of interest. Each year there are more applications then they can accommodate for the camp. SSWA donates the registration fee for three participants each year in memory of Greg Tanner. A random draw is made by the DNR staff at the end of the camp while the parents are there. The three lucky recipients this year were Chase Amirault, Lyndy Harris and Cohen Gavron.
- **Wood Carving:** Justin Dagley made a beautiful wood carving of fish in an aquarium type setting. This was donated to SSWA by Belinda & Kerry Eisenhauer for a fund raiser. Discussions regarding options for this included: (1) Make a bid on a form and drop it in a box with your name and phone no. (2) Use a sheet so people can see the previous bid and make a new bid (3) Sell raffle tickets (4) Advertise it on Kijiji or eBay. (5) Auction it off. (6) Sell it for a fixed price. Comments: Options 1 & 2 would require the carving to be set up in a public display so people can actually see it. Option 3 would require photos to be taken and shown to anyone purchasing the tickets. Obviously option 4 would target the highest number of people and has the highest potential but would require someone to post it who is familiar with the process. No decision has been made at this point. The next step is to determine a value of this art to set a target figure. Stephen to obtain this.

**Correspondence/Info:** Various topics were reviewed. A ban on lead fishing gear is on the horizon for the same reasons as the ban on waterfowl hunting with lead ammo. Cow Bay Shooting Club was shut down after 55 years after it was discovered that the plastic wads in shotgun shells are causing an environmental hazard. These wads used to be paper. Also Mirimichi Gun Club was shut down. Other topics included C-71 gun law changes, Lyme disease, clear cutting, and Remington Firearms filing for bankruptcy protection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eugene reported a balance of \$4572.07.

### **New Business:**

- **BACF:** Andrew Breen will return from Scotland soon and would like to meet early in May to discuss SSWA's role this year. (meeting has been booked for May 6 at 7:00 pm)

- Stephen informed us that he was approached by the ARK with a request for SSWA to sponsor them with three fishing licenses so that they can take some of their clients out fishing several times over the summer. Burt moved, and Gary seconded, that SSWA purchase the 3 licenses required. Stephen will arrange via “Woodwise Outfitters”.
- Convention Reports: Gary reviewed both his and Annette’s reports from the NSFA&H Convention in Truro. See reports below. Eugene thankfully suggested that due to it being a very long meeting, he save his report for the May meeting. All agreed!

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 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 May 14<sup>th</sup>:** 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 Jun. 11, Jul. 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

**Dates to Remember:**

Earth Day		April 22
South Shore Expo (Queens Emera Center in Liverpool )		May 4-6
Community Services Fishing Events	9:00 - 4:30	April 25
BB/BS Fishing Event	9:00 – 12:30	May 12
Giant Flea Market	8:00 – 12:00	June 23

**Smile of the Day:** - Telling a woman to calm down works as well as trying to baptize a cat.

- Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

- My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30 a m. Can you believe it.....2:30 a m? Lucky for him I was still up practicing my Bagpipe.

**Thought of the Day:** - You will never get to your destination if you stop to throw stones at every dog that barks at you.

- Fear is a reaction; Courage is a decision.

- Diplomacy is an art in which you can tell someone to go to hell and they’ll ask for directions.

**I Believe:** - Taxing a nation into prosperity is as easy as lifting a bucket you’re standing in.

- Life is full of opportunities to keep your mouth shut.

**- The main vice of capitalism is the uneven distribution of prosperity. The main vice of socialism is the even distribution of misery.**

## Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters 2018 Convention

### Fish and Birds

We had 10 presentations for Fish and Birds.

Darryl Murrant (Fisheries Hatchery Programs and Stocking Update) The web site has an up-to-date stocking schedule.

Jason Le Blanc (Fisheries License Changes & Sport fish Habitat Fund) There will be no tags given out for Salmon this year mainly because of catch and release only. No need for a tag when you can't keep any salmon. There are more women buying regular fishing licenses but it is still only 9%-15%. 60,000 resident licenses were sold last season and only 3% were non-resident licenses.

John MacMillan (Fisheries Research Cooperative) tells us they are researching fish habitat and are tagging sea run trout. If you catch a tagged fish please send the tag to Fisheries and Oceans so they can keep their records up to date.

Andrew Lowes (Regulation Changes and Field Projects) told us of a few regulation changes. The changes are listed in your 2018 Anglers Guide Book.

Amber Creamer (Fisheries Outreach and Education Programs) told us that the Learn2Fish program have 67 groups booked for 2018. BOW (Becoming and Outdoor Woman) had 56 participants in 2017.

Greg Stevens (Marine recreational License DFO) told us there is not much support for a Marine Fishing License so no decision has been made at this time. For the first few years when they do come out they will be free. Also, some fines have been given for undersized mackerel. The measurement should go from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail.

Amy Weston (Adopt a Stream Program) The program has been in place for 20 years. NSLC has been donating money towards this program since 2010.

Stephen Chase (NSDNR, Environment Canada and Bird Studies Canada) told us that there is \$12,500 being spent on the LaHave River Watershed Project.

Bruce Pollard (Canadian Wildlife Service) told us the Migratory Bird hunting license can be purchased on-line. It costs the government \$5 per license at the Post Office and \$2 on-line. Both the duck hunting licenses and the duck harvest are down.

Nicholas MacInnis (Environmental and Economic Impacts of Wild Turkey Introduction in NS) told us that the farmers are most against Wild Turkeys in NS. Studies have shown that deer and bear do more damage to crops than turkeys. There are still three wild turkey groups in NS trying to get turkey hunting started.

Out of 4 resolutions 2 failed and 2 passed. It was noted that a resolution brought forth by NS Guides Association failed mainly because it was asking for restrictions for fresh water fish from being used in commercial fisheries; for example, the 100 bag limit for chain pickerel. Because most individual fishers would probably not be able to use 100 per day, this may open the door for people to sell them for striped bass or lobster bait. It is illegal to sell fish caught recreationally. It is also illegal to throw them into the woods.

## Mammals 2018

There were 10 presentations during the morning session, all from DNR.

Introduction to new team members:

Relationships between parasite intensity and body condition in coyotes by Jenna Priest of Acadia University. Endo parasites from the lungs, trachea and guts of 72 coyotes from N.S. The study was done on coyotes because the carcasses were available from D.N.R. Trappers are asked to turn in coyote after they are skinned. The results would be comparable to other predators. They actually found parasites they did not know existed in N.S. that can be passed on to domestic dogs.

Assessing Nova Scotia black bear population characteristics for improved management - Brittani Scott from Acadia University: The two issues of key concern in this study are (1) human/black bear conflicts and (2) the amount of population connectivity between mainland N.S. and New Brunswick black bears, as well as between mainland Nova Scotia and Cape Breton black bears, by using hair samples and DNA from tooth samples provided from hunted and trapped bears. They can tell how much dispersal and gene flow between populations there is, which is tightly linked to population, health and viability.

Mainland moose survey update. Randy Milton, N.S. D.N.R. Wildlife Division. The method used in the past to survey the moose population was observation from aircraft and is no longer effective due to variability in our winter weather. They have gone to a new generation of thermal imaging technology and the high resolution color images. The thermal imagery detects warm targets on a cold background and the high resolution color photos are used to identify specific heat sources. Results are expected in late July. They also have found that moose ticks are taking a toll on moose, especially on calves. Moose ticks are large, about the size of your thumb nail. They attach to moose in the fall and feed all winter weakening the moose, resulting in death.

State of Sustainability update - Rebecca Jepperson D.N.R. Wildlife Division: This is a report on biodiversity for priority harvested species. Information is compiled on life history, regional population size and trends, distribution/range, harvesting regulations, past and current levels and types of harvest and current management and monitoring system. The information was used to assess the sustainability of current practices. The report will provide wildlife managers with tools for decision making.

Large mammals report 2017: Reg Madden and Jason Power, D.N.R. Wildlife Division. Although all of 2017 license sales have not been received, data as of February 2018 suggests that hunting numbers for deer and bear remains similar to previous years. Due to the high number of hunter reports still outstanding, harvest data cannot yet be analyzed. Hunters are reminded that you are required by law to report your hunting activity for every license you hold whether you were successful or not.

Cape Breton Island Collaborative Moose Management update - Rebecca Jeppeson and Jason Power: D.N.R. and the Assembly of N.S. Mi 'k Maq Chiefs are close to finalizing the collaborative management strategy for moose on Cape Breton Island. The goal is to achieve and maintain sustainable management of the Cape Breton moose population and ecosystem.

Hunter/Trapper Education by Sandra Fraser:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
Fur harvester Classroom	174 (up from 149)
Bow hunter Classroom	200 (down from 226)
Crossbow on- line	377
Hunter Ed. On-line	1,027 (down from 1221)
Hunter Ed. Classroom	654 (up from 498)

Wildlife Resources Card Renewals by Jenn Madden: All cards currently in circulation, regardless of expiry date, are still in effect. D.N.R. is currently reviewing options for renewal.

E-Licensing update by Jenn Madden, D.N.R: The sale of hunting and fishing licenses represent the third largest government interaction in the Province. Approximately 200,000 Fish/Wildlife licenses are issued to over 108,000 clients each year. D.N.R., S.N.S and D.F.A. continue to make important strides toward an automated/electronic, fish/wildlife licensing solution.

The Board of Directors meeting on Sunday morning was mostly about discussing in house subjects for the operation of the convention. Other items of interest are; motion to form a turkey committee to inform Federation Clubs information or turkey related news. The next Federation Convention will be in Truro on the first weekend of April, 2019.

The Federation is asking each club to report the number of their members that own A.T.V's. This information is needed for requesting access to protected areas.

The motion drafted by S.S.W.A. on forestry practices was presented. After much discussion it was passed unanimously.

At the awards ceremony S.S.W.A. was presented with the Curtis Cup for a conservation project. This was for our efforts to educate anglers how to properly live release fish.