



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: September 10, 2018

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Doug Moore Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley
- Doug Corkum Eugene Herman
- Phil Dagley Harley Conrad
- Ron Thompson Lawrence Baltzer
- Wade Himmelman Linda Joudrey
- Cecil Joudrey

Regrets: Annette Mader

Special Guest:

Wanda Baxter - "Watch For Wildlife"

50/50 Toonie Draw

Harley C. = \$12.00

Door Prizes:

Greg H.- Gloves

Cecil J. - Hat

Ron T. - Plaque

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:00 with the introduction of our guest speaker, Wanda Baxter, of "Watch For Wildlife". She handed out a brief questionnaire to those in attendance regarding questions on wildlife collisions. After collecting them she talked about different animal collisions but mainly concentrated on deer. She told us that DOT (Highways Dept.) pick up road kills on the 100 series highways but DNR do the other series roads. Nobody records when, or where, these road kills occurred or even keeps track of the total numbers. In our opinion, these records would be invaluable to the big game biologists as they gather pertinent information before establishing the herd size for each zone and therefore make a more informed decision on how many antler-less deer tags can be drawn etc. She said even small animals such as rabbits, porcupine, raccoon, beaver etc. are left lying on the highways, thus causing drivers to swerve around them and causing other dangers - such as head on collisions, or simply running off the road. She says that she carries a shovel in her car and uses it to remove small dead animals.

There are different phone number for reporting wildlife road kills, depending on the situation:

Wildlife Rescues:

Hope For Wildlife in Seaforth. 902-407-WILD (9453)

Cobequid Wildlife Rehab outside of Truro: 902-893-0253

To report collisions with wildlife:

Dept. of Natural Resources, now Lands and Forestry: 1-800-565-2224

To call for removal of wildlife carcasses from roads:

Dept. of Transportation: 1-844-696-7737

If you encounter a large injured animal after hours or on weekends, or if there is human injury and/or vehicle damage, call the RCMP @ 911.

It is important to report collisions for the following reasons:

- **So injured wildlife can be accounted for in statistical data. Population rises and falls should be directly related to this.**
- **Leaving dead animals on the road will encourage predators to visit, thus encouraging more collisions and unsafe scenarios.**
- **To prevent additional kills of other family members; young will stay with their mothers and often mothers will stay with their young, or mates may stay with the dead carcass, as in the case of ducks for instance.**

Also the web site for Watch for Wildlife is: <http://www.watchforwildlife.ca/>

Wanda spoke and fielded questions and comments for an hour. She provided good information and we all learned things that we were not aware of. Stephen presented her with a Timmie's gift card to say thank you for giving her time to do this presentation. After her departure, we resumed our regular meeting at 8:15 at which time Eugene reviewed the main topics from the previous month's meeting. The group adopted the minutes as written and reviewed.

Discussion after Wanda's departure suggested the possibility that SSWA could put a resolution together for the October meeting on keeping better statistics on road kills, especially big game road kills. (Eugene will start the ball rolling)

Old/Ongoing Business:

Wood Carving: Although there has been dozens of hits on the Kijiji site ad, there have been no inquiries from two social media sites so far. We will continue to run these for the next couple of months, probably year end, before re-evaluating our efforts. If anyone has a contact to enter this piece into a folk art show please let us know.

Correspondence/Info: As is typical when guest speakers are invited in, Stephen kept this to a minimum. SSWA received a 'Thank You' card from Cobiquid Wildlife Rehab Center for the \$200.00 that we donated in memory of Helene' Doninnick. We also received a "Thank You" from two people at the MSAC for the SSWA's donation of \$250. It was greatly appreciated! - Lyme Decease had 325 confirmed cases in 2016 in Nova Scotia and 586 in 2017. That's an increase of 261, or 80%!

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$4808.00

Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club report: Otis reported that on Sept. 8th they had 80 participants at the Gays River Shoot. Eight were female. Then on Sunday Sept. 9th there was 69 shooters at the Lunenburg club's annual Morris Nowe Shoot. Anyone interested in more info on the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club or any other shoots can contact Otis @ 543-8040.

NSFAH Report: Harley attended the NSFA&H quarterly meeting on Sept. 9th in Truro and came back with a few interesting items for consideration:

- 1 – NSFA&H are working on a major sponsorship. If all goes well, there will be discounts available for all NSFA&H members as of October 2019.
- 2 – Insurance is still being worked on by the Federation to get coverage for all associated clubs under their umbrella even though the cost likely will be higher than we paid before.
- 3 – Work is being done to access some of the moneys from the registry of off road vehicles.

New Business: Stephen reminded everyone that resolutions for the 2019 Convention should be drafted for review at our October meeting. Final acceptance can be done at the December meeting so that they can be forwarded to the Federation by year end. They will then be included in the 2019 Convention booklet for review and discussion at the annual Convention in March/April. Any suggestions should be forwarded to Stephen or Eugene right away.

Stephen then brought up the fact that SSWA will be celebrating our 25th anniversary in October. This is a major milestone for a club that started up on an impulse in 1993 with a small group of wire workers at the Michelin Plant in Bridgewater, and almost collapsed after five years. He also informed all that this meeting marks the 20th year he has been holding the position as President. He reluctantly accepted the “3 year” position originally at the October meeting in 1998. So 2018 is a double milestone. Stephen shocked those in attendance by stating that he felt the club should celebrate this once in a lifetime achievement by spending a significant amount of money to purchase and reward our members with some kind of anniversary memorabilia. Original thoughts were for an anniversary hat or mug but options suggested included crests and key-rings. He will work on ideas and circulate to a few members of the ‘anniversary committee’ so that we can proceed as soon as possible with an acceptable idea.

A budget figure was struck and approved at the meeting to provide a parameter for him to work with. He also advised that he had arranged for a meeting with the Progress Bulletin to do a story on this milestone event. He and Eugene will be meeting with Keith Corcoran the next day to provide details. Keith has been a strong proponent of our club for many years and has covered different events we have been involved with over that time.

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 October 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. **The Last Meeting for 2018** is scheduled for Dec. 10.

Dates to Remember:

Resolutions for discussion
Lobster Ticket Draw

October 15th
December 10th

DID YOU KNOW?

Fire Prevention Week is early October. Please change all batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors.

1700 people were randomly surveyed in the US & Europe. Results were a peak into the future of mankind:

58 % prefer WiFi to sex! 986 out of 1700!

7 % check the phones while having sex! What focus!

72 % check their phones while on the toilet! 1,224 out of 1,700.

The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood thirty feet into the air (well, perhaps not for that 7% category above)

Humans are the only animals to produce emotional tears. (Walt Disney never studied this info)

A human head remains conscious for about 15-20 seconds after decapitation (probably a lot longer for those people who never stop talking)

It takes 17 muscles to smile, and 43 muscles to frown (an obvious reflection why obese people always seem so happy)

Smile of the Day: - Middle age is that period where you stop growing at both ends and begin to grow in the middle.

- A beauty parlor is a place where women go to curl up and dye.

- A cannibal could be anyone who is fed up with people.

Thought of the Day: - Chickens are the only creatures you can eat before they are born or after they are dead.

- You're getting old when you get the same sensations from a rocking chair that you used to get from a roller coaster.

- Age doesn't always come with wisdom; sometimes age comes alone.

I Believe: - Politicians and diapers have one thing in common, they both should be changed regularly. More importantly, it's for the same reason.

- Those highly skilled in art of conversation know when to say the right thing at the right moment, and when to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

- If your output exceeds your intake, then your upkeep precedes your downfall.