



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: December 10, 2018

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Doug Moore Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley
- Annette Mader Eugene Herman
- Doug Corkum Ron Thompson
- Jerry Read Doug Joudrey
- Burt Schrader Sheila Herman
- Ronnie Johnstone Reg Archibald
- Wade Himmelman Harley Conrad
- Linda Joudrey Phil Dagley

50/50 Toonie Draw

Barry K. = \$17.00

Door Prizes:

- Annette M. = BBQ Fish Rack
- Sheila H. = Christmas Pack
- Otis S. = T-Shirt
- Doug C. = Gloves/Calendar

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:08. Eugene then reviewed the October minutes and moved for acceptance as read. Seconded by Doug J. Passed.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Resolutions: Eugene did a follow-up with the Lunenburg office of the Department of Lands and Forestry on the road kill collection of deer. According to the information he received, they not only pick up from all secondary roads in the county but they also record each road kill reported and co-ordinates and date. This info is then passed on to the Kentville office of the large mammal biologist. The road kills collected from 100 series roads are done by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. DLF didn't know if they reported their info or not. Due to this new info, the resolution was withdrawn.

Wood Carving: It will remain posted on several social web sites until the new year at which time a decision will be made as to where we go from here.

SSWA 25th Anniversary: Pretty much every member in good standing has received a 25th anniversary pen and key chain celebrating our milestone. We also have special designed coffee mugs and nine different colored hats available for \$9.00 each, 25% off the actual costs. Call Stephen 902-543-9891. SSWA has invested approx. \$2200 in these anniversary mementos.

Membership: Stephen explained that our membership remains relatively steady even though we dropped a couple of members again over the past year. Alternately, seven or eight new members have joined. Our goal for 2019 is a membership of 150. Currently we sit at 128. Most

of our members must know at least one person who would be a good candidate for a membership to SSWA. Everyone should be interested and concerned with issues dear to us, such as unsightly littering, clear cutting our beloved forests, assaults on the environment, the rapid spread of Lyme Disease, or the serious threat of invasive species in our waters and on our lands. And remember, the Federal Liberals are developing a strategy to ban certain firearms and implement stricter rules on gun ownership. The National Firearms Association has issued a warning stating that our Prime Minister and his MP's are planning to ban guns in Canada. There was a petition circulated against this effort. The greatest weakness our fraternity faces in this country is the miniscule memberships in all of our provincial wildlife federations. These federations are comprised of individual clubs and associations such as SSWA. By building strong individual clubs like ours across this country, we would have an impressive force to reckon with when it comes to these threats. Please consider asking a friend or relative to take out a membership to SSWA to build our strength for the upcoming battles.

Correspondence/Info: As is typical, we discussed new articles on ticks and Lyme disease, forestry practices, wild Atlantic salmon dying, and chain pickerel. Stephen received a letter from the Canadian Wild Turkey Federation asking if SSWA would be interested in sponsoring a youth to go to Maine for a Wild Turkey Shoot. After some discussion, we decided that if it was to help in Canada we would consider it, but this time we will pass.

Gary described how wildlife protection groups have asked the Ontario Government to protect the Eastern coyote in Algonquin Park and other areas because they are related to the Grey Wolf. More and more of these left wing organizations are pushing for protection of anything that lives. Remember PETA and the seal hunt ban, or the Thanksgiving Turkey ban because it is inhumane to kill turkeys or any other living creature? (The current "assault of the day" is to stop boiling live lobsters.) As for coyote protection, we feel that a lot of other innocent species of birds and mammals need protection from these killing machines, not help to coyotes.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$4010.03 after taking out the money for the pens and mugs. We still have the hat costs to come out and our NSFA&H annual dues of \$150.00. Part of the expenses will be offset by membership renewals. A decision was made to wait until the January meeting to make extra donations to local charities.

Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club report: Otis reported the next shoot will be held in Annapolis on Jan. 6th. Anyone interested in more info on the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club or any other shoots can contact Otis @ 543-8040.

NSFAH Report: Harley gave us an update from the Dec. quarterly meeting held in Truro:
*The president, Travis, has stepped down due to health issues. Vice President Louis D'Entremont is assuming the role until a new president is voted in the Annual Convention in March.

*DOF has three priorities, (1)Wildlife (2) Indigenous People and (3) Conservation

*He also informed us that the South Shore Expo will be held again at the Queens Emera Center in the spring of 2019.

* Harley gave us Federation raffle tickets to sell on a new Honda package of an outboard motor, a generator, and a lawn mower, to be drawn on June 14, 2019. SSWA can retain a healthy percentage of this revenue so we will be pushing these.

New Business:

Lobster Raffle: The lobster draw was held after the ladies completed the preparation work. Annette was asked to make both draws. The first winner was Carolyn Oickle and the second was Jessie Slauenwhite. Congrats to both winners! This is Jessie's second time to win in three years. Whoever said lightning doesn't strike twice?! She had better be buying lottery tickets. SSWA made \$463.00 profit. A big thank you to all who bought tickets to support us, and of course to those who sold them in the first place. Winners names will be published in the paper.

Fund Raisers: Stephen had asked at the Oct. meeting if we were interested in doing another fishing rod raffle. The general feeling was yes so Eugene will have the sheets ready for the January meeting.

Annual Report: Next Stephen asked if someone would read his annual report draft. No one volunteered, and when Eugene reported that he had proofread it ahead of time, they were all confident it was good to go. Ron Thompson moved, seconded by Jerry Read, to adopt the 2018 Annual Report as written without reviewing it at the meeting. Stephen will forward it to the convention contact for inclusion in the 2019 Convention Booklet.

2019 Meeting Dates: Dates were selected for the year, but Stephen has to confirm the bookings with Sobey's before we can publish them. (This has now been done. See below)

Other items on the agenda for discussion were deferred to the Jan meeting. These included our 2019 activities and guest list and donations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 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 January 13th**

Meeting Dates for 2019: Due to a meeting room booking issue, **our next meeting will be held on *Sunday night January 13th* at 7:00pm.** Meetings are as follows:

Jan. 13, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13, Jun. 10, Jul. 15, Aug. 12, Sep. 16, Oct. 21 & Dec. 09. No meeting in November!

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 start at 7:00pm. and are held on a Monday night unless extenuating circumstances prevent it.

2019 memberships are now due (except for about 15 members who have prepaid until December 2019 or longer.) Contact Eugene if you have any questions! Regular memberships are \$12.00, or \$1.00 per month for a partial year. Spousals are \$5.00.

Thanks to all those who have already renewed. It is appreciated.

Announcements:

6 day Salmon Fishing Trip to Codroy River Newfoundland: Cost \$1600 per person.

The trip will include 6 days/5 nights with one guide for two clients to a maximum of four clients. This adventure is fly fishing only. Bag limits will be based on Newfoundland/Labrador licenses regulations. Fishing License, fishing equipment and waders are the responsibility of the client.

Housing includes bunk house style accommodations and sleeping bags with a main lodge housing a full kitchen, running water, flush toilet and shower. Electricity is supplied by generators and storage batteries. Cell phone reception is also available. Meals will be based on client's dietary interests and needs and will include breakfast, lunch and supper. Alcohol and personal snack preferences are the responsibilities of the client. For more information call Carroll Randall @ 902 212-1508

LaHave River Salmon Association Annual Dinner: January 26, 2019. The evening starts with smoked salmon hoes-d'oeuvres, at 6:00 pm and should be over around 9:30. Cost is \$35 per person. For tickets call Carroll Randall at 902 212-1508.

Hunting and Fishing Registered Guide Course:

The course will run February 22-23 and will be held at the Brooklyn Community Hall, Queens County. The course is put on by certified course conductors of the Nova Scotia Guides Association. Cost is \$300 per person. For more information go to the NSGA Website at www.nsguides.ca or contact Vinal Smith at 902 356-2498 or vinalsmith@yahoo.ca.

Smile of the Day: Used guitar for sale cheap. No strings attached.

Smoking helps you lose weight – one lung at a time.

Wealth is relative. The greater the wealth, the greater the number of relatives.

Thought of the Day: - One can explain things to someone, but one cannot comprehend those things for them.

The world would be a much better place if common sense would make a come-back.

If you concentrate too hard on just the problem, you may miss an easy solution.

I Believe: Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

A lot of young people should be told that their brain is an app. That may be the only way to get them to start using it.

Health is the new wealth in today's world.



‘South Shore Wildlife Association’ 2018 Annual Report

SSWA celebrates a milestone in 2018 with our Silver Anniversary. This club was founded in the fall of 1993 and is now officially 25 years in existence. To acknowledge this major accomplishment, all members in good standing were rewarded with special gifts of engraved pens and silver key chains. In addition, special anniversary mugs and club hats were made available to members at a reduced cost. Our association continues to meet monthly eleven times a year, and meeting minutes are still distributed to the membership to keep all informed of their club’s interests and ventures.

Club Activities :

Youth Hunting Camp: Since 2013 SSWA has taken part in this wonderful program held during March at the Lands and Forestry McGowan Lake facility in Queens County. Unfortunately, the weather was a factor this year in that wide spread power outages prevented two of our members from attending. However, we were still well represented with two of our regular instructors who covered the event and gave a great class to the twelve attendees on rabbit snaring techniques, snare setting, and proper handling and cleaning of the animals. We issued cheques to cover the registration fees for three of the participants, in memory of departed member Greg Tanner.

Annual Convention: In March, we sponsored three delegates to the Convention in Truro, and donated \$100 worth of items for the silent auction.

Trapper’s Rendezvous: Although we were requested and prepared to set up our BB gun shooting booth again this year, for a second year in a row unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and this event had to be canceled.

Earth Day: After a total of 91.5 hours was contributed by SSWA members in their respective areas, a total of 10 kms of highways - 20 kms of ditches - was cleaned, and our bag count totaled 186. We started a special project for the Lunenburg Recycling Center to monitor how much waste accumulates annually over a designated section of highway.

Fishing Derbies: On April 25th we hosted four groups of Community Services Clients who had a ball. The two morning groups caught a total of 96 trout, some 16” in length, and although the afternoon groups didn’t catch as many they had just as much fun!

On May 12th we hosted the Big Brothers/Big Sisters group, combined for the first time with the Mahone Bay Cubs and Beavers. A great time was had by all with 106 trout being caught. The weather cooperated nicely providing sunshine and pleasant temperatures.

Michelin Health and Safety Fair: There was a good crowd in attendance again this year, in part due to the antique car show held in conjunction with the Fair. Two SSWA members had lots of hand-out material on display again this year, and Sarah Kucharski the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg’s Communications Officer helped work our tables as well and did a wonderful job discussing Lyme and ticks with the public. Most of the interest from people was again directed to this topic even though we had lots of info on other concerns such as poisonous plants, rabies, West Nile, coyotes, etc.

South Shore Expo: This 3 day weekend event held at the Queen’s Emera Center in Liverpool was a first for SSWA’s involvement. We assisted the NSFAH in manning their booth for the weekend. A total of eleven members took turns working the tables to help sell License of a Lifetime tickets, and our own raffle tickets and memberships. We managed to sign up four new members to SSWA.

Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation : Three SSWA fishing teams spent time on one particular lake this spring following instructions from BCAF coordinator Andrew Breen to assist in his endangered Atlantic Whitefish project study.

Forest Biodiversity Meeting: SSWA paid the \$20 registrations for two members to attend this special meeting in April, hosted by then DNR staff from Halifax and the valley.

CWTF Bluenose Long Beards Chapter Wildlife Expo: SSWA facilitated the ground work with local schools in Lunenburg/Queens to arrange for several to host this wonderful event for the young students. Unfortunately, availability of this Expo only permitted one session locally this time, which was attended by myself. It is hoped the opportunity will be available next year as there were several disappointed schools this time around.

In addition, we continue our involvement, through communications with various contacts, to combat the serious issues regarding several main bones of contention for us. These includes black legged ticks and Lyme Disease, forest harvesting (clear cutting), and littering.

Fund Raising and Donations:

- In June we hosted yet another successful annual giant flea market. Attendance was notably lower this year despite the sold out tables. Revenues were down slightly but still made for a very worthwhile venture.

- Other sources of income include membership fees, 50/50 draws at each meeting, prize raffles, and our annual year end Lobster Raffle draw.

- For our donation list this year, in addition to the DNR Youth Camp where we sponsor three of the participants through a draw, and to the NSFAH Annual Convention silent auction contributions, SSWA donated \$200 to Cobequid Wildlife Rehab center in memory of Helene Van Donninck. We also purchased fishing licenses for three staff members of the ARK so they could take their clients fishing at various places. We regard this as an extension of our fishing outings with them at the MARC, and a very worthy investment. We contributed \$250 to the MSAC floor replacement project so we can continue with our Giant Flea Market fund raisers there.

Guest Speakers:

March: Angela Taylor and Kirk Symonds from Region 6 Waste Facility Management to speak on our concerns regarding litter, and to get an update on Angela's progress as the new Waste Compliance Officer with regards to illegal dumping and any charges laid.

July: Darren Reid, Federal Fish Biologist working in Keji Park, to discuss the alarming news regarding the first pickerel being found within the park's boundaries, and the steps he is instigating to prevent further spread of this invasive species within the park.

August : Amber Creamer, Dept. of Fisheries, to discuss various topics including the L2F program, their stocking program, some little known regulations, and the rapid and alarming spread of invasive species in Nova Scotia waters.

September: Wanda Baxter of Watch for Wildlife, to speak on the purpose of the program, and to relay stats for wildlife collisions and the structure for reporting to different government depts.

I take great pleasure again this year in mentioning that our most senior honorary member, Mrs. Ruby Bower of Lower Ohio, turned 102 on March 25th. Two members of SSWA visited Mrs. Bower on her special day to deliver flowers and gifts. Mrs. Bower has been a loyal member of our club since 2007 and enjoys reading the minutes of our activities.

Stephen Joudrey – President
South Shore Wildlife Association