



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: February 11, 2019

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott |
| • Gary Mader | Wade Himmelman |
| • Greg Himmelman | Barry Kelley |
| • Eugene Herman | Cecil Joudrey |
| • Doug Corkum | Harley Conrad |
| • Burt Schrader | Sheila Herman |
| • Ronnie Johnstone | Doug Joudrey |
| • Linda Joudrey | Annette Mader |
| • Ron Thompson | Doug Moore |
| • Vince Westlake | Phil Dagley |
| • Billy Hirtle | Brenton Corkum |

Regrets: Lawrence Baltzer and Reg Archibald

50/50 Toonie Draw

Burt S. = \$26.00

Door Prizes:

Billy H. = Book

Sheila H. = Weather Station

Vince W. = Key Chain

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A big surprise with the attendance this month. What was expected to be a small turnout turned into one of our larger attendance meetings. Whether fake news was spread that we were giving money away, or that Sidney Crosby was a guest speaker, something surprisingly brought 22 members out on a cold Feb. night. Because there was quite a bit of paperwork up front, along with some hats and mugs distribution and payments, membership cards, Federation handouts, etc. we had a late start. Stephen opened the meeting at 7:15, and expressed the shock of such an unexpected turnout. He had to apologize for the light agenda he had put together for an anticipated short meeting. Eugene reviewed the January minutes and moved for acceptance as issued. Seconded by Barry. Accepted.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Handouts and Gift Update: Stephen brought us all up to date on how many pens and key chains have been handed out or mailed, and also how many special 25th anniversary hats and mugs have been sold. We have invested over \$2200 in this silver anniversary milestone. Some of that investment will be returned through the mug and hat sales. A final cost will be tallied when all is settled and it should work out to fall within the budget that was struck for this celebration. We still have four or five of the anniversary hats on hand at \$9, and some pens and key chains left over as well which can be purchased at cost. Consider it a donation to the club, and getting a free gift! If you are interested give Stephen a call.

Donations: At last months meeting we chose several causes to donate to, with an additional \$200 earmarked for the Salvation Army later in the year. Since then, news media have reported that Bob Bancroft, well respected retired biologist with the province of N.S., along with several other professors/biologists, are suing the provincial gov. for it's mishandling of the forestry guidelines. A Go-Fund-Me account has been set up to raise funds to help cover the costs of this litigation. Stephen suggested we discuss contributing to this cause financially because we fully support any efforts to challenge the McNeil Government's handling of our forests and wildlife. Ron J. moved we donate \$200 in support of this cause. Seconded by Barry. Passed unanimously. Stephen will do a little more research before we send the check. Also at last months meeting, we decided to send a \$100 donation to Canadian Sports Shooting Association (CSSA). This would also get us seven chances to win a .22 rifle with a scope. Last Friday, Eugene received a phone call from a lady with CSSA who told him the check didn't arrive in time for that contest. However, they have a new contest already in place, this time for a shotgun – a lovely Browning BPS Hunter model. The \$100 donation would give us not seven, but twenty chances to win the new shotgun. With permission, she would fill out those tickets on our behalf. Eugene gave her the go ahead to do that and thanked her very much for calling.

Membership: We saw an increase in our 2018 year end membership and will continue to expand in 2019. Unfortunately, as is typical, we have removed a few names from the list for 2019. Our goal is to reach 150 members as soon as possible. Every member can play a role in this by considering a potential candidate. A handful of our members carry the load for SSWA and are responsible for all that we do. Here is a chance for others to help by simply making a little effort to interest a friend, neighbor, or family member to join our association. All you need to obtain is the mailing address, email if applicable, and phone number, along with dues @ \$1 per month to year end. That means anyone signing up in March pays \$9, April just \$8, etc. Other members of a household can join for \$5 under the principal membership. You do not even have to mail it in, just contact a member of SSWA and we will arrange to have the info picked up. How much easier does it get to help out your association? Why do we have a membership drive on at this point in time? There are many reasons, but right now one in particular. Quite simply, a successful club is a strong club. A strong club typically has a strong membership. SSWA has been around now for 25 years and has become well established in the province. We continue to address concerns of our membership with appropriate government depts, be it municipal, provincial, and occasionally federal. The larger the organization, the more impact for a response from these various levels of government. A large membership also gains respect from other clubs, as well as the NSFAH. Those are just a few of the reasons. However, right now, we have grave concerns for impending new gun legislation under this federal liberal government. We will very likely be taking this head on once again, and numbers can make a big difference. A group of 20-25 will not nearly make the impact that an organized club of 150–200 members will have. Please make an effort.

Correspondence/Info: Several items were addressed including:

*Support Services Group sent SSWA a “Thank You” card for the donation toward their monthly community suppers.

*More that 1000 Firearms have been reported missing from Canadian military facilities.

*In 2017 N.S. documented 596 confirmed cases of lyme disease. (60.7 for every 100,000 people)

*Animal rights groups are asking that the fed gov. protect the eastern coyote in Algonquin Park because it has Algonquin wolf blood in it's DNA. This could open a real can of worms.

*Two Missouri men were found guilty in December of deer pouching in Saskatchewan in 2016 under the pretense of duck hunting. They illegally killed white tailed deer, antelope, a coyote and a badger. They each face fines up to \$41,000. They had previously been convicted in Missouri of illegally killing trophy bucks for their antlers and leaving the meat to waste. The fines for that totaled \$200,000 and loss of hunting privileges for life. Two Saskatchewan men were also fined \$6250 each for aiding and abetting in this case.

*Cobequid Rehabilitation has five barred owls and two great horned owls in their care because of owl/car collisions. It seems the owls are hunting rodents along our highways due to the garbage laying around. There is a definite increase in owl sighting in our area as well. These owls feed mostly on small rodents but will also take rabbits and cats if hungry enough.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$4122.48.

The 2018 books have been reviewed by Gary and Annette. They reported all was in good shape. Thank you to the Maders for doing this important job. It is essential we keep our financial records open and above board.

Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club Report: Otis reported that they attended a winter shoot recently and despite the cold there were about 120 participants. Excellent for this time of year!

NSFAH Report: Harley informed us that he has three meetings scheduled over the next week or so and that he would have lots of news for the March meeting.

The NSFA&H annual convention will be held April 5-7 in Truro. SSWA will have three delegates attend again this year in addition to Harley (our western regional director.) We will be well represented and eligible to vote in all three rooms reviewing resolutions.

New Business:

Fund Raisers: We are selling NSFAH tickets on a Honda 3 prize package consisting of a new portable Honda generator EU2200ITC, a Honda lawn mower with bag RR21610PKC and a Honda 4.0hp outboard motor 4ASHNC. Second prize is a framed wildlife print and third prize are 10 NSFA&H memberships. Tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 Many of the members listed in the attendance box at the start of these minutes have these tickets to sell so feel free to contact them. SSWA will receive between \$25.00 and \$35.00 for every book of thirty tickets that we sell.

- We are also selling 100 tickets on another Trout Tech rod and hard case @ \$1 each.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm after our 50/50 toonie draw and door prize draws. Winners are listed at the head of these minutes in the middle box.

Meeting Dates for 2019: Next meeting - Monday night *March 11th* at 7:00pm.

Meetings dates are as follows: Apr. 15, May 13, Jun. 10, Jul. 15, Aug. 12, Sep. 16, Oct. 21 & Dec. 09. No meeting in November! Mark your calendars.

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

2019 memberships are now due. Anyone not paid up by March 31 will be removed from our membership list. Contact Eugene if you have any questions!
Regular memberships are \$12.00, or \$1.00 per month for a partial year. Spousals or members in the same household are \$5.00 annually. Thanks to all those who have already renewed.

Partial Schedule of Events:

Youth Hunting Camp	During March Break
NSFA&H Annual Convention in Truro	April 5,6 & 7th
MODL Earth Day Clean-up	April 24'th
South Shore Expo in Liverpool	May 3,4 & 5 th
Michelin Health and Safety Fair	June 14 (6-9pm)
SSWA Giant Flea Market	June 22

Smile of the Day: - Remember the days when you referred to your knees as right and left instead of good and bad?

- A cop stopped me the other day. He said, "paper", so I said, "scissors". I guess he must have wanted a re-match because he chased me for half an hour.

- Dogs can't operate MRI scanners, but catscan.

Thought of the Day: - Never test the depth of murky water with both feet.

- A closed mouth gathers no feet.

- You aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

I Believe: - It is much easier to remember everything if you tell the truth.

- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

- Good judgment comes from bad experience, which generally comes from bad judgment.