



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: January 13, 2020

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Harley Conrad
- Greg Himmelman Jerry Read
- Doug Moore Doug Joudrey
- Burt Schrader Otis Scott
- Bill Bell Linda Joudrey
- Ronnie Johnstone Gary Mader
- Cecil Joudrey Doug Corkum
- Brenton Corkum

Regrets: Reg Archibald, Eugene Herman
Ron Thompson

50/50 Toonie Draw

Greg - \$21.00

Door Prizes:

- Gary M - Large Deck of Cards**
- Brenton C. - Logic Puzzell**
- Jerry R. - Hat**

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An excellent turnout on a stormy evening. Thanks to all who made the drive to attend the first meeting of a new decade. Unfortunately, our secretary did not make it, so part of this meeting's agenda was not presented for discussion. That material will be deferred to our next meeting. Stephen opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm and asked if there were any errors or omissions in the December minutes. Cecil pointed out an error in the meeting date year that should have read 2020 and not 2019. Hearing no others, Burt moved we adopt the Dec. minutes as issued with the one correction of the meeting date, seconded by Cecil. Passed.

Old/Ongoing Business:

***Lyme Conference:** Stephen brought a followup report on the Lyme Conference with an answer to the query regarding the financial aspects of the conference. Fund raising efforts were successful in meeting the costs, so that would not be a deterrent for another event in future, but surprisingly the one thing that could be is the availability of volunteer resources to make it happen. Stephen passed on the suggestion that, should another conference be planned later on, contacting local outdoor organizations like ours may help resolve that issue. Lyme disease and the source, black legged ticks, is now a prime concern for all who venture in the outdoors, or even back yards. Surely a couple of local organizations could rally enough volunteers to assist putting another conference together.

***Honda Cottage Package Raffle Tickets:** Harley reported that this fund raiser for the Federation has been canceled for 2021. Tickets for the 2020 raffle will be drawn on March 21st at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters in Truro. Tickets cost \$2 or 3 for \$5 and are available until our March meeting when they will be turned over to our delegates attending the Convention. First prize consists of a Honda 2.3 HP outboard motor, a 2200 watt Honda generator, and a Honda gas trimmer. Second prize is a limited edition wildlife print, and third prize is a Grohman belt knife. SSWA will retain around half of the sales. Contact Stephen if you would like some tickets.

***Meeting Dates for 2020:** Stephen has confirmation for the selected dates previously selected, so no changes to the proposed schedule. See dates at the end of the minutes.

***Trout Tech Fund Raisers:** It was agreed that we would sell tickets on one or more Trout Tech rods at the South Shore Expo in Liverpool in May.

***Flea Market:** Stephen announced that the 4 new signs have been ordered and will be ready shortly. Greg will construct the wood 'A' frames needed to stand them roadside to advertise the market a week prior to it, in June.

Correspondence/Info: Various topics included:

* Ten of the proposed Wilderness Protection Areas include three in our end of the province. The ten areas are: Pleasant River Wilderness Area, McGowan Lake Wilderness Area, Shingle Lake Wilderness Area, Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area (expansion), Silver River Wilderness Area (expansion), Terence Bay Wilderness Area (expansion), Peppered Moon Nature Reserve, St. Margaret's Bay Islands Nature Reserve, Barra Forest Provincial Park, and St. Mary's River Provincial Park.

* It was just a matter of time before ridiculous technology entered the shooting sports. The latest invention comes from a gun company in Texas. It's a new rifle that uses lasers and computers to replace human skill and accuracy, and is called the Tracking Point Rifle. The rifles scope features a sophisticated color graphics display. The shooter pushes a small button by the trigger to lock a laser on the target, and when the trigger is pulled, the gun decides when to shoot, taking into account dozens of variables like wind, shake, and distance. It is so accurate that anyone can hit a target hundreds of yards beyond the normal range for an average shooter. This would bring into question the obvious – why? If a person who has never fired a gun before can suddenly hit a gopher at 500 yds the challenge is gone. Military snipers, yes; North American hunters – no!

* A woman in PEI who took a concealed BB pistol into a bank to do some banking was arrested when the gun fell out as she was using the ATM. She had ordered the gun on-line for protection from an abusive ex. The judge told the woman if she fears for her safety in future she should call the police. Her reply to the judge was that she had contacted police previously to report concerns of being harmed only to be told there was nothing they could do unless something happened. Amazing! "Call us if you're killed." And they wonder why police have lost public respect.

*** Do you know your legal rights when defending yourself against serious threat from another individual? A man from Alberta, Barry Holland, has written a book titled “No More Mister Nice Guy”, which is a guide to defending yourself and your property in Canada (nomoremrniceguy.com). It is suggested that everyone who cares about their safety and security needs to read this. In Canada, you absolutely have the right to defend yourself and use lethal force if necessary. However, you need to know the circumstances and situations where this is legal so that your actions will not be incriminating for you in court.**

*** Stephen reviewed a list of the trophies that are awarded every year at the Annual Convention, and what the requirements are for consideration. SSWA has been the recipient of several of these over the years for our work with youth, sport fishing, and conservation.**

Treasurer’s Report: Unavailable due to Eugene’s absence.

Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club Report: Otis reported that things are quiet at this time of the year. The last shoot was in the Valley and bad weather turned out only fifteen participants. For inquiries on shooting days or info on joining the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club please call Otis @ 543-8040.

NSFA&H Updates: Harley mentioned the areas being proposed for protection by the provincial government, and concerns of the loss of access to certain parcels of land if it happens. In the absence of a few members he suggested to put off the discussion of ATV access until next month’s meeting. Most of the WPAs or ‘nature reserves’ are already designated as protected and therefore exempt from hunting.

- There will be another gun show at the Michelin Social Club in February.

- He has been working on acquiring some new member clubs into the Federation and will release more info at a later date.

New Business:

*** Budget Review: Eugene had asked to have this added to the agenda, but in his absence no info was available. We will review it in Feb.**

*** NSFAH: It is time to submit club info to the Federation including for the Annual Convention. Our club’s annual report was emailed last month, but there are several forms to fill out and send along with membership dues and delegate dues, including director appointment, convention delegates, and club registration. Stephen will look after this.**

*** SSWA 2020 Activities: Stephen asked for input as to what our club would like to take on this year for activities, guests, and new projects. It was agreed that we would do the repeats for our usual events, including Lands and Forestry Youth Hunting Camp, Earth Day clean-up, host the NSFAH booth at the South Shore Expo in Liverpool, fishing derbies for BB/BS/Mahone Bay cubs, CCSG/Ark and SCLO/Bonnie Lea, Michelin Health and Safety Fair, and our Giant Flea Market. Guest speaker suggestions included Andy Breen on the Atlantic Whitefish project; Darren Reid on the Pickerel protection project in Keji Park; someone to talk on the wild turkey introduction status, and someone from Lands and Forestry to update us on wildlife stats, new projects, and their department structure since all the changes.**

Business from the Floor: None

Meeting adjourned early at 8:35 pm after our 50/50 toonie draw and door prize draws. Winners are listed at the head of these minutes in the middle box. It should be noted here that Burt did NOT win a prize this month, a rare event.

Meeting Dates for 2020: Dates are as follows: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 11, Jun. 15, Jul. 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 19 and Dec. 14. Remember there is no meeting in November.

Next meeting - Monday night February 10th at 7:00pm. All meetings are held in the Community Room of the Sobey's Store, Bridgewater location, starting at 7:00pm.

- **Smile of the Day:** (Phyllis Diller wisdom) - As your beauty fades so will his eyesight.
- They say housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.
- **Thought of the Day:** - Trusting everything that you see only lasts until you put salt in your coffee.
- A ship is always safe at port, but that is not what it was built for.
- A smart person will know what to say. A wise person will know whether to say it or not!
- **I Believe:** - Anger is a sign of weakness. Patience is a sign of strength.
- Anyone can know, but the wise will truly understand.
- Complaining about a problem without posing a solution is simply whining.

The following information was sent to Federation member clubs by the Trails Committee chair Donnie Lushington. If you own an ATV please review and respond as directed if you have any concerns, or contact me and I'll pass on the queries/comments. They are trying to establish enough interest from club members to form a Trail Riders Club within the NSFAH.
Stephen

ATVANS Insurance Coverage and Nova Scotia OHV rules Summary

All ATVs including Side by Side ATVs are subject to the following OHV laws in Nova Scotia

LIABILITY INSURANCE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

By law you must carry at least \$500,000 in coverage if you drive on land that does not belong to you or members of your family. You must have liability insurance for every OHV that you and your children drive. Your insurance must cover third-party liability. You and your passenger assume all risks that relate to owning and driving the OHV. A landowner does not have the right to deliberately create a danger to you, your passenger, or your property.

Source: N.S. DNR website

ATVANS holds a Commercial General Liability Insurance policy on behalf of our Association and our member clubs in good standing with our association. This policy provides insurance protection should ATVANS or a member club be sued and found at fault for risks covered in the policy. Full details of the ATVANS CGL policy is available to members through our members section of the ATVANS website or by following this link.

ATVANS holds an Errors and Omissions policy that provide insurance protection should our association or a member club board member or officer sued and found at fault for a risk covered in the policy. Full details of the ATVANS E&O policy is available to members through our members section of the ATVANS website or by following this link.

ATVANS holds a modest volunteer protection insurance policy that cover's certain named injuries and or death to members, staff and volunteers who are acting in the capacity of their position with ATVANS or a member club in good standing while the insured injury occurs. Full details of the ATVANS Volunteer Protection Plan policy is available to members through our members section of the ATVANS website or by following this link.

I hope this document provides clarity and a fuller understanding of exactly what our insurance covers and what your obligations are with respect to insurance rules for OHV's in Nova Scotia. Should you still have questions please e-mail them to execdirector@atvans.org

Benefits of “Atvans Deal” for NSFAH membership

This deal will provide NSFAH members with Insurance for volunteers at club events and in the event that you or the club is sued for some reason relating to OHV use. Please find attached a document from Atvans outlining the specific insurance benefits.

Ability to enter into land use agreements with landowners to allow OHV access

Ability to legally use trails in protected areas otherwise closed to the general public

Enjoy all the benefits that a normal Atvans member would , Please visit the Atvans website at <https://atvans.wildapricot.org/>

Allows NSFAH members access to OHV trails in NB and PEI that would normally be an extra cost.

Access to the OHVIF fund for trail building and all other projects that relate to OHV use

Discounts at retailers, see the Atvans website for specifics

Key points

Currently the cost for an Atvans sticker is –

\$50 dollars to join an Atvans club , this price includes the trail pass

\$75 dollars to join Atvans as an individual member if you do not wish to be part of an OHV club

A current NSFAH member may purchase an Atvans sticker from NSFAH for an additional \$35, with \$5 going to the NSFAH trail club and \$30 going to Atvans for the trail sticker

Atvans has committed to discuss providing NSFAH a specific sticker for our membership that clearly identifies NSFAH from Atvans members. This is will depend on NSFAH getting the membership numbers to make it worthwhile.

NSFAH has made it clear that NSFAH members must keep their identity separate. How this will be done will be worked out as the deal moves forward and NSFAH members are signed up. We are OHV users, not OHV riders. Conservation remains the priority.

NSFAH must get a minimum of 25 member’s province wide to get this off the ground. The more members buying into this will give NSFAH more negotiating power moving forward. At the last BOD meeting NSFAH committed to funding the initial 25 memberships if necessary.

Stickers will be valid from Jan to Dec, the same as your OHV registration

As government and landowners move ahead with requiring land owner agreements and having access to the above will ensure we don’t restricted or left out of discussions as we did in 99% of protected area consultations.

NSFAH continues to work towards making the current provincial OHV system more open and easier to use for all OHV owners. Attaining access to insurance and having the ability to enter into land use agreements will be a necessity as new government protected areas become designated and will in some cases allow access to areas otherwise closed to the public.