



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: July 16, 2018

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Doug Moore Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley
- Reg Archibald Eugene Herman
- Linda Joudrey Harley Conrad
- Ron Thompson

Regrets: Annette Mader

Special Guest: Darren Reid - Fish Biologist
with Keji Park

50/50 Toonie Draw

Eugene H = \$11.00

Door Prizes:

Greg H. – Lapel Pin

Darren R. - Hat

Reg A. - Cooler Bag

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:03. Eugene reviewed the minutes from the June 11th meeting. Ron moved we accept the minutes as issued, seconded by Barry.

Next Stephen introduced our guest speaker for the night, Darren Reid, a fresh water fish biologist and Project Coordinator who is working with Keji Park to help prevent invasive species from entering certain parts of the park, and containing as much as possible those now confirmed present, from spreading. Darren gave a very interesting slide presentation and answered lots of questions from the floor. He talked about building a buffer to prevent predator fish from coming up the Peskwek River, but still allowing natural fish to go down. This would be done by building a trap system and manually dipping and transferring select types of fish from one side to the other. This could involve major work to create a serious elevation difference in the river in order to achieve this, and would involve expanding a section of the river on the upper side. They are also taking water samples from various streams and doing DNA to find out what species of fish are upstream! Amazing technology! He is hoping some of our South Shore Wildlife members who may live closer to Keji might be able to volunteer some hours to work with the group. Darren spoke for about 1 ½ hours. At the conclusion of his presentation, he handed out lovely embroidered crests to everyone displaying “Kejimkujik Fish Management 2018 Volunteer Researcher”. Stephen presented him with an SSWA hat to thank him for his time. Darren then asked if he could stay for the remainder of our meeting, and he ended up winning another hat in the door prize draws.

Old/Ongoing Business:

- **Wood Carving:** Stephen and Doug Corkum have put ads for this art work on two social media sites – Bridgewater Buy and Sell, and Kijiji. There has not been any contact as of yet from people interested in purchasing the piece. We will run it for another month at least.
- **Flea Market:** Eugene reviewed the results of our flea market and then passed a copy around for all to see. We took home \$1121.85 from the market but after expenses of the gym rental, newspaper ad and some canteen supplies we cleared \$816.87. (Much of the canteen costs were donated by Linda Joudrey and Sheila Herman) The average, over these past fifteen years that we have been doing the market, is \$831.39, so we were pretty well on par with the average. However, the number of attendees was down by over 200 from the last couple of years despite it being held the last part of June each year And, when the numbers through the door are down, sales are as well obviously. Because we sold out of table space really early this year, and plus the fact that we still rent out tables for \$5.00 compared to most other flea markets who are charging between \$8.00 to \$15.00, we are debating how much to charge next year. We will make a decision on this in the spring in time to make changes for the next market.
We also had a discussion on whether or not to change the length of the actual market time. We started our markets originally running for 5 hours, from 8:00 to 1:00, but attendance really dropped off after 12:00 and vendors were packing up to leave before it was over. Therefore, we changed it to stop at 12:00 noon many years ago. In the end, Linda moved we keep it as is from 8-12, seconded by Otis, passed.
- **Rod and Gun Club Report:** Otis reported that they had a good turnout June 24th with 157 shooters. Lots of female shooters taking part which is really good to see. There are sporting clay shoots, hand gun shoots, and rifle shoots to take part in. Anyone that's interested in more info on the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club, contact Otis @ 543-8040.
- **BCAF:** All three SSWA Whitefish Study Teams have gone at least once so far with some going several times. Reports from various other fishermen are that due to the water temperature being so unstable with the warm days, the small mouthed bass are off their usual schedule for nesting. Because water is getting low and very warm now, along with Wallace Lake having so many weeds and lilies growing up, it is becoming harder and harder to get around to fish. Therefore, this season has not been overly informative for the SM Bass study. Not much more will be done this year. All results to date have been forwarded to Andrew Breen so he can accumulate the statistics.
- **Liability Insurance:** Eugene explained that he received a quote for a premium of \$750.00 a year. He suggested we not take it because NSFA&H are still working on trying to get a better arrangement with their broker to cover the clubs under their umbrella. The risk verses the cost of us having our own policy does not justify that kind of insurance premium. We may have to cease to host the BB Gun Shoot booth at the NS

Guides Rendezvous because of this insurance demand, and possibly other events as well depending on whether or not we have insurance coverage in future.

Correspondence/Info: Due to the time allotted for our guest speaker, we reduced the number of articles reviewed. Still, various topics were discussed including: ticks and Lyme and the greatly increased amount of coverage in the media these days; forestry and clear cutting; raccoon populations on the rise; and Cecil Clark has endorsed the introduction of wild turkeys in the province. (Cecil is running for the leadership of the PC party)

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$5240.17. As the result of us having a healthy bank balance and a normally good fund raiser still coming up (lobster ticket sales), it was suggested we might want to consider donating some help to the Michelin Social Club toward their fund raising efforts to replace the gym floor and wall paneling. This building, and it's operation, does not belong to Michelin Tire Canada as many people think. It actually belongs to the employees of Michelin, and is run as a business quite independent of the tire plant. It survives on the income it produces through rentals, memberships, special events etc. After discussing how the manager goes above and beyond to help SSWA carry out the flea market (and also used to run our NASCAR pool and special event annually), it was decided that we could afford \$250.00 to help them with their \$140,000 renovation project. Barry made a suggestion that we should purchase \$250 worth of "Chase the Ace Tickets" to help them, and it would also give us a small opportunity to win some money back. Ron made the suggestion into a motion, second by Linda, passed. Eugene will purchase the tickets.

New Business: Lobster Raffle Tickets: Eugene had 1100 lobster tickets printed, stapled, cut, and bagged in lots of 15 books of 3 tickets each to a bag. These were distributed at the meeting. Draw date is December 10th. Prizes are two lots of 10 pounds each or \$75 in cash. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for a Toonie as always.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 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 August 13th: **Special Guest Speaker will be Amber Creamer from the Dept. of Fisheries.** Drop by to see what she has to tell us. She will be speaking on the DFO's fisheries promotion and development strategy and Learn 2 Fish program. She also hopes to have an update on the invasive species situation.

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 Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

Dates to Remember:

Amber Creamer, guest speaker (DFO)
Wanda Baxter, guest speaker (Watch for Wildlife)
Lobster Ticket Draw

August 13th meeting
September 10th meeting
December 10th meeting

DID YOU KNOW?

- South Shore Wildlife has reached a total profit for the 15 years of sponsoring the Giant Flea Market of **\$12,470.85!**
- The tongue is the only muscle in the body that is attached only on one end. (Many people could use a second attachment)
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61%.
- In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted. (Hitting her in the head likely meant a good thumping)
- The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than it was supposed to prevent.

Smile of the Day: I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14 days worth of diet food in 3 hours and twenty minutes.

- I like my new diet. I ate a salad for lunch. Mostly croutons and tomatoes, well, one large crouton covered in tomato sauce.....OK, a pizza!!
- A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight around live longer than the men who mention it.

Thought of the Day: Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

- Make peace with the past so it won't screw up the future.
- Accept what you have, not what you think you need.

I Believe: - Life may not be tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

- If a relationship has to be a secret, you likely shouldn't be in it.
- Taking a deep breath can calm the mind. We all need to take a deep breath now and then.