



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: June 11, 2018

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Doug Joudrey Gary Mader
- Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley
- Reg Archibald Eugene Herman
- Doug Corkum Ron Johnstone
- Wade Himmelmen Harley Conrad
- Jerry Read Cecil Joudrey

Regrets: Linda Joudrey, Annette Mader & Ron Thompson

Special Guest: Sarah Kucharski - The Communications Officer for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

50/50 Toonie Draw

Cecil J. = \$12.00

Door Prizes:

Greg H. – Trip Journal

Stephen J. - Hat

Doug C. - Coffee Mug

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:00. He then introduced a special guest, Sarah Kucharski, who is the MODL communications officer presently heavily involved with deer tick / Lyme disease awareness in Lunenburg County. Stephen had met with her at her office previously, to discuss ticks and Lyme. At that time she expressed interest in attending our Michelin Health and Safety Fair booth with us to help educate the public on this serious threat. She also offered to come to this meeting to give the group an update on the MODL's progress in their efforts to combat/educate/study why our Lunenburg area has one of the highest densities of deer ticks in this country. Because of our involvement and interest in Lyme Disease, Stephen was happy to allow a half hour of meeting time to have her enlighten our group on MODL's activities.

She spoke, in detail, on the 400 surveys they collected, their radio and newspaper ads, Facebook coverage, and explained how the 18 bait stations they have set up will work for the next 3 years in and around Lunenburg and Big Lots. Test areas have a selected piece of material pulled through known tick habitat for a certain distance, and then the ticks collected are counted. These spots become datum points for future drags after the bait stations are operational for a period, to see if the numbers of ticks collected are being reduced. The study is lead by a biologist from Saskatchewan, and proper statistical analysis procedures are followed. Sarah gave a very interesting and informative 25 minute presentation, and Stephen presented her with an 'information bag' of material to take with her. We then continued with our regular meeting. In the interest of time, Stephen suggested, Gerry moved, and Otis seconded that we forgo the reading of the May minutes. Carried.

Old/Ongoing Business:

- **Michelin Health & 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.. Reg & Stephen had arranged for lots of hand out material again this year, and as promised, Sarah Kucharski from the MODL worked 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. Perhaps next year we will concentrate mostly on Lyme Disease and Black Legged Ticks.
- **ARK Request:** Stephen received confirmation that three staff members of the ARK had received their fishing licenses (paid for by SSWA) so they could take clients fishing at various places. Clients fish for free, but the staff accompanying them also are required to have a license just to help them. We regard this as an extension of our fishing outings with them at the MARC, and a very worthy investment.
- **Rod and Gun Club Report:** Otis reported that they had a good turnout June 9th in Yarmouth. This is a strong and active club with many members. Check the website for upcoming shoots around the province.
- **BCAF:** All three SSWA Whitefish Study Teams have gone at least once so far with two of the teams going twice. So far, no bass nests were found with eggs in them, which means the bass reproduction cycle has been altered this spring. Whether it's because of cold temperatures or not is unknown. Teams will continue to monitor.
- **Liability Insurance:** Eugene reviewed some information he had from discussions he has been having with Scott Robinson of Allied Insurance in the Valley. The Insurance Underwriters have requested a protocol for our BB gun shoot. That was sent June 8th.

Correspondence/Info: Various topics reviewed included: ticks and Lyme and the greatly increased amount of coverage in the media these days; forestry and clear cutting; wild turkeys; Sikhs in Alberta are now exempt from wearing helmets when riding a motorcycle (nothing to do with SSWA, but a topic of interest); and Councilor Micheal Ernest has requested SSWA to get involved with a petition on littering to send to MODL.

Eugene reported that about 60 boats were entered in the Italy Cross Middlewood Fire Dept. Fishing Derby June 2nd. Many prizes and trophies were handed out. Team Trout trophies were sponsored by SSWA. Also Ron Thompson & Eugene Herman won the Inter-Fire Department Team Trophies and accompanying prizes for the first time! A SSWA hat was worn all day too, so with our sponsorship our name was well advertised. Well done guys!

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$4338.46.

New Business:

- **Wood Carving:** A decision was made to first try to sell this artwork through the simplest approach (and perhaps most effective) - social media. Doug Corkum has agreed to assist Stephen with posting something on a local Bridgewater Buy and Sell site, and Stephen will post an ad on Kijiji. He will upload pictures of the art piece and forward them to Doug, along with the physical sizes of the work.

- **-NSFA&H Directors Meeting:** Gary attended the Federations Directors meeting in Truro on Sat. June 9th. He gave a report on what was discussed there, including about a continuous discussion happening between Chief Rod Goo Goo and the Federation. They will join forces whenever the Minister of Natural Resources sits down with them on any topic, such as introduce wild turkeys – which, by the way, were native to Nova Scotia before white tailed deer were brought in. Therefore, we would not be introducing an invasive species here, we would actually be reintroducing a natural species.

- **Lobster Raffle Tickets:** Eugene asked if we want to do the lobster raffle again this year and if so do we do the same as last year, ie 2 x 10 lbs lobster/or cash equivalent? He needs to apply for a lottery license immediately if we want to be ready in time for the flea market. Between the last 2 years we sold about \$145 worth at the market alone. After some discussion, it was decided we would do the same as last year when we made about \$600 profit for SSWA, which in turn we used toward year end donations to various local charities. Eugene will apply in the next few days and try to have tickets ready for the market on June 23rd. Extra bags of tickets will be available for the July meeting for those who are willing to sell some.

- **Flea Market:** Stephen has been trying to get all the table bookings organized and can only save 4 tables for SSWA. Eugene, Gary & Doug J. will each bring in a table of their own in case we can find room for them, or possibly set them up outside if the weather is good. Gary & Eugene are scheduled to bring in their usual allotment of extra tables. The canteen will be run by Linda Joudrey and Sheila Herman as usual. Various members have various assigned duties such as: Reg Tanner on the door; Stephen & Greg - signs, floor set-up, collection of table rental fees and 50/50 ticket sales; Eugene has the floats, and will sell lobster tickets, memberships and hats, and tickets on a free hunting and fishing license for a life time! He also is in charge of kitchen supplies. Gary, Doug, Cecil, Barry & Greg will work the flea market tables with the skill of selling ice to Eskimos. And of course everyone will help with table set-up and break down/clean-up afterward.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 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 July 16th: 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 Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

Dates to Remember:

Giant Flea Market Set-up

Giant Flea Market

Amber Creamer, guest speaker

Wanda Baxter, guest speaker

4:00pm June 23

8:00 – 12:00 June 23

July 16'th meeting

September 15'th meeting

DID YOU KNOW?

1/ If you haul anything on the back of your truck or on a trailer it must be covered with a netting or tarp? This includes fire wood, garbage to the land fill site, bottles for a bottle drive or even just brush from a cleanup. Even the Lunenburg Regional Recycling Centre can issue warnings if you do not have a net or tarp over your load!

2/ If you are not hauling a trailer it is against the law to have your trailer hitch in place on your truck! The fine can be several hundred dollars!

3/ Over the last several meetings we sold 100 tickets @ \$1 each to those present, for a chance to win a new fishing rod. The winning ticket was drawn for at this meeting and Eugene H is the proud new owner! The rod was one of those donated by Andrew Webber of Tangent Theta Incorporated to be used as a club fund raiser.

Smile of the Day: - I want to be like a caterpillar: eat a lot, sleep a while, wake up beautiful.

-I bought a bag of air today. The company that made it was kind enough to put some potato chips in it as well.

- Brains are awesome! I wish everyone could have one.

Thought of the Day: - It is amazing to see the difference in value of a \$20 bill when leaving it at a store versus in a church.

- Aspire to inspire before you expire.

- You can't stay young forever, but you can be immature for the rest of your life.

I Believe: - You're never too bad to enter a church, and you are never too good to stay out.

- Many people want to serve.....but only as advisers.

- One can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.