



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
Camperdown, N.S.
B4V 6S5

Date: March 11, 2019

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Otis Scott
- Gary Mader Wade Himmelman
- Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley
- Eugene Herman Cecil Joudrey
- Doug Corkum Burt Schrader
- Ronnie Johnstone Doug Joudrey
- Linda Joudrey Ron Thompson
- Doug Moore Jerry Read
- Brenton Corkum

Regrets: Reg Archibald
Annette Mader & Harley Conrad

50/50 Toonie Draw

Burt S. = \$17.00

Door Prizes:

Brenton C. = Hat

Greg H. = Sunglasses

Doug J. = Money Clip

Executive Phone List:

Stephen Joudrey (President) 543-9891
Eugene Herman (Sec/Treas) 543-2893

Email:

southshorewildlifeassociation@
hotmail.ca

Website:

southshorewildlife.weebly.com

Another nice surprise with the attendance this month. Stephen opened the meeting at 7:03, and acknowledged another unexpected good turnout. Eugene reviewed the February minutes and moved for acceptance as read. Seconded by Doug J. Accepted.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Youth Hunting Camp: The group going to the youth hunting camp was confirmed with five members planning to meet at the Tri-District Fire Hall at 8:00 am Tuesday, March 19. They will travel to the McGowan Lake Lands and Forestry Depot on the other side of Caledonia to once again put on a two hour seminar on rabbits, including a talk/presentation, making and setting snares, and cleaning rabbits. The twelve young participants will be taken into the adjacent wooded area to set one snare each for overnight. SSWA have five rabbits saved for the skinning demonstration that will provide a hands-on opportunity for the young people. We once again will be providing cheques to cover the two day course fee for three of the participants, in memory of departed member Greg Tanner. Members volunteering to attend are: Gary & Annette Mader, Greg Himmelman, Ron Thompson and Stephen Joudrey.

NSFA&H Annual Convention: Three members, Annette, Gary and Eugene will represent SSWA again. Harley will also be attending, but as the Western Regional Representative for the Federation. Individual reports will be ready for reviewing at the April meeting. We will be donating a framed art print for their silent auction fund raiser.

NSFAH Raffle Tickets: Stephen asked if anyone wanted extra tickets to sell on the Honda

Generator, Lawn Mower and Boat Motor. A book was circulated and some tickets were sold during the meeting.

SSWA Membership Drive: Stephen talked briefly about the desire to increase our membership to at least 150 members. Presently we have 137 but expect to drop about a dozen. There are things coming on the horizon with the Federal Liberals and pending new gun restrictions that will require a strong base to carry weight to voice our opposition. Please consider canvassing a friend or neighbor or family member to sign up.

Correspondence/Info: Several items were addressed including:

*A New Brunswick man and woman were sentenced to three years in prison for smuggling firearms across the USA/Can. border into N.B.

*Chronic Wasting Disease has spread to at least 24 States as of January. A warning has been issued to hunters to avoid handling or eating the meat of animals infected. Health experts are concerned that CWD may be transmittable to humans. If handling can not be avoided, then wear nylon/latex gloves for protection. CWD has also been confirmed in Alberta, Norway and Finland. (One guy shot two deer in Alberta and both tested positive.)

*Lyme disease has been confirmed in coyotes in Annapolis County, the South Shore and Cape Breton.

*Gun Control: A group in Toronto is lobbying the Prime Minister for a ban on private ownership on handguns and assault style rifles.

*Chain Pickerel have taken over a lake in Hants County where the "Learn 2 Fish Program" has been introducing kids to fishing for several years. The N.S. Inland Fisheries Dept. are considering using an electro-fishing boat to eliminate the pickerel and re-introduce trout.

*The Department of Lands and Forestry have asked trappers to voluntarily turn in coyote carcasses after skinning. Over 8 years they have collected approximately 4000 carcasses. The coyotes are weighed, measured and tested for parasites. Due to this testing, 2 new parasites have been discovered in N.S. One, the French heart worm, is more deadly than the regular heart worm to coyotes and other canines including dogs. The other that was found in one coyote in Cape Breton is a tapeworm that can spread to moose, deer, cattle and even humans. The tape worm is called ECHINOCOCCUS SPP.

The heaviest coyote recorded in 8 years was 54 pounds without the hide. The hides average 10 pounds so it would have weighed over 60 pounds alive. The oldest coyote was 13 years old.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$3,866.14. However, we do have several expenses coming up in the near future (motel expenses and fuel for the NSFA&H AGM in Truro, 3 registration fees for participants at the Youth Hunting Camp and fuel expenses for SSWA members attending the camp, \$200 for postage and envelopes for all the extra mailings, and Registry of Joint Stock Companies). We talked a bit about extra fund raisers and it was suggested maybe we could set up a new ticket raffle for three separate prizes in the near future. We have several prizes to pick from so watch the upcoming minutes.

Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club Report: Otis reported that there will be a 100 round shoot April 7th and a membership is not required. However, a fee is required to cover cost of targets ammo etc. Everyone welcome!

NSFAH Report: Harley was not able to be present at our meeting but he sent some information to Stephen to pass along:

*Jeff Purdy and Chief Rod GooGoo gave a presentation on their reasoning for keeping Lake Rossignol Area closed.

*A letter has been drafted by NSFA&H to N.S. Government for access to Rossignol.

*Nothing to report on the Marine Protected area issue at this time.

New Business:

Request from Parks Canada in Kejimikujik:

A request was received for comments on how Keji Park could combat invasive species and their impact on natural species. The group working on the problem proposed several ideas and requested feedback from SSWA . This was discussed and each response was agreed upon by those in attendance: Here is our feedback:

- We agree with the bag limit of 100 chain pickerel with no release allowed.
- “Catch & Release only of all native species or reduced bag limits” We agree
- “Requirement for all lures, flies and tackle to be single barbless hooks only” We agree
- “Requirement for circle hooks only” We didn’t fully understand, so no comment
- “No live bait of any kind including worms.” We agree
- SSWA also proposed: Eliminate the requirement for a Canada Parks Fishing License in Keji Park to encourage more people to participate in reducing the number of chain pickerel and small mouth bass. These fish should all be turned in at the administration office after you’re finished fishing for the day, to provide stats and research specimens if required.

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. We are currently selling tickets on a Trout Tech fishing rod and hard tube case, and will start a new one as soon as this rod is won. We also will be rolling out a new raffle prize draw for three prizes to be determined at our April meeting. We still have the framed folk art piece on consignment in Mahone Bay too.

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 April 15th at 7:00pm.

Meetings dates are as follows: May 13, Jun. 10, Jul. 15, Aug. 12, Sept. 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 Upcoming Events:

Youth Hunting Camp	March 19&20
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
BB/BS Fishing Experience	April 28
Group Services Fishing Experience	May 07

*** DO NOT FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR HUNTING, FISHING and FUR HARVESTER REPORTS FOR THE PAST SEASONS!**

*** The fire ban is now in effect in N.S. starting Friday March 15th. From 8:00-2:00 no burn unless checking with the (www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe) Large brush fires also need a burn permit from DNR ahead of time.**

Smile of the Day: - My wife was standing naked in front of the bedroom mirror and suddenly said "I feel horrible. I look old and fat. I really need you to pay me a compliment". I tried my best with, "Well there's certainly nothing wrong with your eyesight".....and then the fight started.

- My wife was hinting about what she wanted for her birthday. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in seconds". I bought her a bathroom scales.....and then the fight started.

- My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping through the channels. She said "What's on TV?" I said "dust".and then the fight started.

Thought of the Day: - Silent company is often more healing than words of advice.

-I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

- You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. There are times when you will need to throw something back.

I Believe: - Whenever you decide something with kindness, you usually make the right decision.

- Even when you have pains, you don't have to be one.

- The greater the sense of guilt, the greater the need to cast blame.