



South Shore Wildlife Association

1632 Camperdown Rd.,
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Date: May 14, 2018

In Attendance:

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| • Stephen Joudrey | Otis Scott |
| • Doug Joudrey | Gary Mader |
| • Greg Himmelman | Barry Kelly |
| • Reg Archibald | Eugene Herman |
| • Doug Corkum | Ron Johnstone |
| • Wade Himmelmen | Linda Joudrey |
| • Ron Thompson | Cecil Joudrey |

50/50 Toonie Draw

Cecil J. = \$12.00

Door Prizes:

- Ron T – Notebook/Pencil
Eugene – Dozen Eggs
Barry – Fly Dope

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:08. Eugene reviewed the minutes from the April meeting and moved that we accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Doug J. Passed.

Old Business:

- **Flea Market:** The dilemma over a secure date to hold this market had little effect on the table bookings. For the first time tables were snatched up early, and additional bookings were taken that are not normally allotted. Therefore, we have the largest number of rented vendor's tables ever. SSWA has been limited to 4 tables this year.
- **Lyme Disease:** This topic is in the news practically every day now. A chemical ecology researcher, Nicoletta Faraone of Acadia University, is working with Lisa Learning-Ali of Mahone Bay to develop a natural tick spray. Lisa has been producing a formula called AtlanTick spray for several years but it now needs to be approved by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency. This could take up to two years. It will give the public a natural alternative to using a chemical based product to repel ticks. Good luck ladies! Also, the MODL have undertaken a public awareness campaign to better educate people about Black Legged Ticks, and more importantly, the need to do self examinations to avoid being bitten by one. They are also in the process of installing 18 deer dosing stations around the area in an attempt to treat as many animals as possible with a chemical to kill any ticks that come in contact with them.

- **South Shore Expo:** The weekend show in Liverpool was a great success for both NSFA&H and SSWA. Many 'License for a Lifetime' tickets were sold for the Federation, and SSWA made \$352 on tickets for a Trout Tech rod & carrying case. Also, four new members joined our club. Many thanks goes out to all eleven members who worked the booth over the weekend, especially Harley Conrad, who initiated the idea and actually worked the whole weekend.
- **Fishing Derbies:** April 25th was sunny and beautiful weather wise. We had four groups of Community Services Clients who had a ball. The two morning groups caught a total of 96 trout, some 16". The afternoon groups didn't catch as many (30) but had just as much fun! Stephen is trying to have the morning and afternoon groups reversed next year so the others get a chance at the early fishing that seems to be much more active. On May 12th we hosted the Big Brothers / Big Sisters group, combined with the Mahone Bay Cubs and Beavers. A great time was had by all with 106 trout being caught. The weather was great with sunshine and not many flies. There was lots of help as the Cubs/Beavers came with their own leaders and needed very little help from SSWA. One thing we noticed was that when a lot of fish are being caught we need extra help at the cleaning and tally/bagging stations. This will be allowed for next year.
- **Guest Speakers:** Amber Creamer from the DFO's Learn 2 Fish program will be our guest at the July meeting. In September, we have Wanda Baxter from Watch for Wildlife dropping in give a talk on what her organization's goals are.
- **Shooting Club Report:** Otis reported that they had 141 shooters attend the May 6th shoot despite the weather being less than favorable. There is another one scheduled for May 20th in Kentville where they expect about 150 to attend. Also, because there are so many females now shooting, one of the clubs is now going to host a ladies only shoot.
- **Earth Day Clean Up:** After a total of 91.5 hours was contributed by SSWA members in their respective areas, our bag count totaled 186 and covered 10 kms of highway, meaning 20 kms of ditches!! Well done everyone who took their time to pickup after our local litterbugs!
- **Forest Biodiversity Meeting:** Gary & Stephen attended a meeting in Lunenburg about the forestry situation in Nova Scotia. Stephen was surprised to see a \$20 charge to attend the meeting but they stayed anyway. There was some good information provided during the evening by three different presenters, who fielded questions as they went. Ron T. made a motion to reimburse both guys for the entry fees. Seconded by Barry. Passed

Correspondence/Info: Various topics were reviewed. - Orillia, Ont and Saskatchewan both sponsored gun amnesty programs. We're not sure how successful they were. (We all know that most of the illegal handguns owned by the criminal element would have been turned in for sure!)

-There have been Carp found in the Cornwallis River. These can grow up to 40 inches in length. DFO is not adequately monitoring salmon aquaculture.

-Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has set up 18 deer stations in the county. This initiative is 100% supported by DNR and is to eventually apply a tick solution to the backs of the deer in an attempt to reduce the number of deer ticks in the area.

-Traps in the Lahave River: Gary attempted to trout fish in the pools by Silvers Brook on the Lahave River. When he got there he was very surprised to see seven ropes in the river attached to traps. There are also signs posted identifying the indigenous community as owners of the traps.

-Insurance: Eugene reviewed some information he brought back from the AGM in Truro. Based on this information, he was asked to be the SSWA contact with Allied insurance for a quote.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a balance of \$4366.64, with some outstanding checks. He made a motion, seconded by Ron T., that SSWA donate \$50 to the Italy Cross /Middlewood Fire Dept. to sponsor two trophies with our name on them for a team prize in their 26 'th annual fishing tournament being held on June 2nd. Passed

New Business:

- **BCAF:** Andrew Breen met with the SSWA Whitefish Study Team on May 6. Andrew went over what he would like for us to do this summer. Essentially, three teams will divide Wallace Lake into 3 sections, and each team is to search for small mouthed bass nests and lock their location on a GPS. The next two years we're to search the same areas and see if the nests have increased or decreased in number. So far it has not been very successful as not many nests have been found, likely because the water is staying too cool.
- **Black Hat Award:** Each year the NSFA&H gives each club a special 'black hat' to award someone in their club who has gone beyond the norm in helping support their club that year. This can be achieved through gifts of time, funds, talent, or promotional efforts. It has been four years since SSWA has awarded one of these hats, but it was felt that this year we need to show appreciation to several members. We have quite a number of worthy volunteers who are all potential candidates for these awards. Stephen and Eugene discussed this, and decided to limit the recipients to just three. An executive decision was made, and the top three selections who have been awarded the NSFAH Black Hat Award are: Ms. Vila Mann, Mr. Doug Barry and Mr. Cecil Joudrey. Congratulations to all three, and thank you for your loyalty, and your assistance! It is much appreciated.
- **Convention Reports:** Eugene reviewed his Miscellaneous Report from the NSFA&H Convention in Truro. See report below.
- **Cleaning of MARC Pond:** Stephen had a meeting with Mayor Bolivar/Getson on several issues, one of which was having the sludge cleaned out of the MARC pond where we hold our fishing derbies for many people. Trout put into these ponds for these events do not fair very well after a very short time. We all agreed that, as a bare minimum, the ponds should be dredged to remove years of buildup from leaves, grass, and dirt. Ron T. made a motion that SSWA work on a joint effort with some other local organizations to help persuade MODL to have an excavator scoop out the bottom of the pond to give the fish a better chance of survival. Apparently the pond is sitting on bed rock so it should be easy to scrap to bottom clean without going deeper – something that the MODL is definitely not in favor of.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 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 June 11th: 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 Jul. 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Dec. 10.

Dates to Remember:

Giant Flea Market
Amber Creamer
Wanda Baxter

8:00 – 12:00 June 23
July 16th meeting
September 15th meeting

Smile of the Day: - Brake Dancing originated when kids tried to steal hubcaps off of cars as the started to move.

Show me an inmate with a song in his heart and I'll show you a guy with an FM pacemaker.

If an athlete gets athletes foot, would an astronaut get mistletoe?

Thought of the Day: - Never before has a generation diligently recorded themselves accomplishing so little.

Everyone appreciates your honesty – until you're honest with them!

We are told not to judge all Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics. Conversely, we are encouraged to judge all gun owners by the actions of a few lunatics.

I Believe: - Everything happens for a reason, sometimes the reason is because you did something stupid.

Playing dead in a grizzly bear attack is simply practicing for the real event a minute later.

If you answer your phone with "Hello, you're on the air", most telemarketers will quickly hang up.

Environment, Habitat & Miscellaneous Report 2018

There were several guest speakers making interesting presentations. Glen Parsons DNR Biologist talked about the nesting of the Common Eider duck. There are two types of eider ducks. The American or better known as the common eider has a wide leathery membrane from its beak up toward its eye. The membrane on the Northern Eider is very narrow in comparison. These ducks normally feed almost exclusively on blue mussels. Usually they lay a clutch of 3 or 4 eggs but can lay as high as 9 eggs. Of the thousands of islands off the Nova Scotia's coast they generally use only about 67 of these islands. They virtually never nest on the mainland. Their most common predators are sea gulls, crows, bald eagles, minks and otters. Eagles will kill and eat the hens as well as the eggs. On the other hand a mink goes crazy and will simply kill, kill, kill and destroys everything it finds. This is hard on the population and reproduction of the common eider.

Randy Milton from Cape Breton National Highland Park, Canada, talked about lynx and pine martins. There are populations of the pine martin along the north western coast in the Weymouth and Digby areas. Also in Cape Breton where 55 females and 85 males were released after being live trapped in New Brunswick between 2007 -2011. Bait sites and cameras are used to track the survival rates of these small animals. One of the cameras recorded a fisher three consecutive days before it was actually caught. They will kill the martin. As for the lynx, their main food source are red squirrels and snow shoe hare. Their biggest competition for food in the eastern coyote.

Our next presenter was Rob Howey on Boreal Forest of the north mountain area of the Cape Breton National Highland Park. One of the main influences in its destruction is the moose population. To try and bring the forest back several strategies were implemented. One was to allow a moose harvest cull for four years. In 2015 the cull was 25 moose, 2016 was 50 moose and 2017 saw 35 moose (16 female and 17 males) harvested. Many of the females were believed to be bred therefore an untold number of future moose calves also prevented from harming the boreal. One more year (2018) will see the cull continued. In 2019 a decision will be made as to whether or not the cull has helped and therefore if the cull will be continued for another number of years. Second strategy was to reforest using white spruce and balsam fir. In the past five years 2,700 volunteers has planted 57,000 saplings.

Other speakers were: Sean Basquill on Barrens Nova Scotia, Peter Austin-Smith on DNR Stewardship/Biodiversity and Dr. John Brazner of the DNR on birds and forested wetlands. They were followed by David Williams Dept. of Environment on tree swallows. Two interesting facts: A pair can mate up to 150 times in one hour and 80-90% of their nests have two dads.

West River Salmon Recovery

In my report last spring, I told you about the lime dosser installed on the West River to aid in the salmon recovery. The only update I have on that is that the project will continue until 2020 and then be reevaluated. Present count indicate the salmon count is up by 300% so all indications are that the trial is working and working well.

DNR Officers

Our last presentation was by two DNR officers from the Truro area. They explained that their role now includes: Environment, Public Health, Meat/Farm and Conservation including Fish & Wildlife. From April 2017 to March 2018 they laid 1994 offenses, 505 were warnings for fish or wildlife infractions. Also in case you didn't know.... It is illegal target

practice with not only a firearm but also a bow/crossbow unless you're at a registered range. This includes even on your own privately owned land.

Tick Born Diseases: by Donna Luger a Lyme Disease Sufferer:

Did you know:

- *There are 18 types of ticks in N.S.? This now includes the Lone Star Ticks which causes people to become allergic to react when eating red meat!
- *Dog ticks carry other diseases such as borrelia which can be spread by a cat scratch.
- *Deer ticks have barbs on their mouth so when you pull a tick off improperly it can cause the head to remain intact and thus cause an infection in the form of Lyme.
- * 50% black legged ticks carry lyme in the provinces high risk zones.
- *Mark's clothing store are going to be selling clothing which is impregnated with "Permethrin". A chemical that repels ticks.
- *There are lots of tests ongoing connected to lyme, ticks and prevention along with a preventive serum.
- *There are several information pamphlets available::eg. "Lyme Disease" by Nova Scotia Public Health and "Canlyme" by Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation.

Chief Rod GooGoo

On Saturday night a guest speaker was Chief Rod GooGoo Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs, Land, Wildlife & Forestry Portfolio. A very well spoken gentleman, he talked about the relationship that has been established between himself, Travis McLeod NSFA&H President and Jeff McNeil East Regional Director of NSFA&H. Travis & Jeff were guests of the Council of chiefs from the 13 N.S. tribes. According Chief GooGoo, they made a positive impression. He also explained that after seeing the non-lead ammo presentation by Helene' Dominix the chiefs are all in agreement that the native bands will not use lead ammo from this point forward for hunting purposes/ They couldn't believe the negative impact it has on raptor birds such as hawks and eagles. Bands are also working to clean up the unethical practices used in moose hunting, by patrolling themselves.

Resolutions

- 1- That N.S. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal add an OHV trail along the margin of existing highways whenever major highway reconstruction work or realignment work is undertaken. Passed 11 - 1**
- 2- That NSFA&H request that the gov of N.S. create \ new crown land designation providing for more flexibility and the ability to provide for balancing a full range of recreational use while still maintaining the protection of habitats and specie4s. Passed 11 - 1**
- 3- That NSFA&H have full access to all benefits of the OHVIF fund and be given a seat on the OHVIF board. Passed 11 – 1**
- 4- That fishing, hunting and trapping licenses be used as permits to use motorized vehicles to access areas for the season designated by the specific license except near the Tobiadic Wilderness. Passed 10 – 1 with 1 abstention**
- 5- That the province of N.S. consult NSFA&H on all decisions affecting the use of protection of crown lands, including OHV use on crown lands. Passed 12 – 0**

Eugene Herman