



South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: October 21, 2019

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Annette Mader
- Greg Himmelman Barry Kelley
- Eugene Herman Doug Joudrey
- Burt Schrader Otis Scott
- Ron Thompson Linda Joudrey
- Ronnie Johnstone Gary Mader
- Cecil Joudrey

Regrets: Harley Conrad

50/50 Toonie Draw

Greg H. = Handmade Pillow

Door Prizes:

Barry K = SSWA Orange Hat
Burt S = Rod Holder
Burt S = Pen
(Burt bought 2 tickets)

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Stephen called the meeting to order at 7:04. Knowing that most people wanted to get home to watch the federal election results, Stephen said he would try to keep the meeting short. He asked if there were any errors or omissions in the September minutes. Hearing none, Eugene moved to except the minutes as issued, seconded by Doug J. Adopted.

Old/Ongoing Business:

Guest Speaker: Stephen has heard back from Andrew Breen of BCAF about attending a meeting in the new year. We are curious as to what is happening with the Atlantic White Fish Project. No firm date has been set.

Trout Tech Fishing Rods: Stephen has been in touch with the LaHave River Salmon Association to see if they are interested in a combined effort to raise funds by helping sell tickets on a fly rod and two spinning rods. Their response was that they were having a meeting the day after our October meeting so we wouldn't have an answer until after Tuesday Oct. 22.

Correspondence/Info: Several items were addressed including:

* Eugene read a thank you letter he prepared and sent to Shelburne Woodworkers for their donation to SSWA in memory of departed member Ruby Bower.

* Stephen was in contact with Woody regarding the changed draw date for the Honda Cottage Package. Due to the draw date being changed to March instead of June means all clubs will likely sell fewer tickets this year, so those buying tickets will have a greater chance of winning. However, it also eliminates our opportunity to sell tickets at the South Shore Expo held at the Queens Emera Canter in May, so much less revenue for SSWA. Woody indicated that they are looking into a couple of options, including possibly a separate draw for the Expo, or trying to acquire the Honda products sooner to allow for the next raffle to start right after this raffle's draw at the 2020 Convention in March.

Treasurer's Report: Eugene reported a new balance of \$4017.54.

Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club Report: Otis reported that there were seventy-three participants at the Weymouth shoot on Sunday. Ten were from the Lunenburg Rod & Gun Club. For inquiries on shooting days or info on joining your local gun club please call Otis @ 543-8040.

NSFAH Updates: Gary gave a report on the Federation's quarterly meeting in September: 'The Department of Lands and Forestry computer system has been shut down. The system operated by Access Nova Scotia is used to book training courses and updating Wildlife Resources Cards. Apparently people could access private information from anyone in their system so they shut it down. It is unknown when the system will be back on line.

There is a lot of concern over hunters buying a bear license, then hunting moose in the Cape Breton Highlands. When they "accidentally" shoot a moose they get a Native to claim it, and then take the moose home. The Department of Lands and Forestry say they have five possible solutions to the problem but won't say what they are until they pick one and then make it law. The Federation of Anglers and Hunters has been communicating with the Department of Agriculture over items such as nuisance wildlife, spring bear hunt and wild turkeys. Talks are going well. Department of Agriculture may want help to control starlings and even mentioned a morning dove season.

A couple of motions were passed to improve elections of Executive Positions at the A.G.M. A motion was passed to create a yearly bursary in the name of Dr. Helene Van Doninck. This will be for a student training to be a veterinarian. Helene ran the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre for Wildlife and was very committed to educating hunters in the effects of lead from lead ammunition on wildlife and humans.

There was a lot of discussion on the mentoring program started by the Women that Hunt. The Federation would like all clubs to encourage it's members to get involved with this program. All the information to get involved is on the Federation Website.'

He also had some information on the Trapper's Rendezvous held in Hibernia in August. Gary has spoken before on the gradual decline this event has witnessed over the years. He has been actively involved for many years and has access to a lot of information. Out of curiosity he did some research on the history of the Rendezvous from when it was a major function a quarter of a century ago. Here are some interesting, yet disheartening, facts on the downward trend it has undergone.

This Rendezvous started in 1986. In those 34 years here are some of the stats and changes:

In 1998 there were 83 campsites with 216 people;

In 2008 there were 49 campsites with 116 people;

In 2018 there were just 20 campsites and 56 people.

In 1995 the new firearms laws put an end to the shooting events.

In 2004 insurance became an issue which put an end to most of the woodman's competitions.

In 2010 the decision had to be made to end the Sat night dances;

In 2012 the same thing happened to their Sat night suppers

In 2016, due to changes in insurance/ laws, the archery and pellet gun shoots were stopped.

Unfortunately, this is how many things from our past are coming to an end. There are fewer people buying hunting license because fewer young people are taking up the tradition. Much of this stemmed from the restrictive gun laws we went through – and are threatened with once again. Other influences would include the ridiculous forestry practices, namely clear cutting causing lost habitat, and also coyotes impact on wildlife. Sport fishing is also in decline due to many factors including climate change, acid rain, watercourse destruction caused by clear cutting, invasive predator species, and a lack of forest protection because of reduced numbers of enforcement personal to enforce the laws. More and more we see young people consumed by their electronic devices and having no interest in enjoying nature. Sadly, this is a trend that is affecting all of our wildlife organizations and provincial federations. Each year we lose a fraction of our demographic, but our youth are not interested in reinforcing the foundation.

Gary also gave a report on Heritage Day, a free public event that was held on Sept 21'st at the Waverley Legion from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Clubs were invited this year to set up and display their activities. This is a public event to celebrate our heritage. There were Information booths, presentations, demonstrations, and participatory activities based on our heritage activities of Hunting, Trapping & Angling. There was also be a “Youth Activity Program” featuring Pellet Gun Gallery, Archery, Moose & Turkey calling and others. A lot of work went into organizing this free event. Apparently it was not advertised too well. Gary said they relied on social media. The result was a very low turnout, and a big disappointment. We can only hope it was a result of the public not being aware, and not that the public was not interested.

New Business:

Ron started a discussion regarding where SSWA might want to make donations in December. After Eugene spent some time checking on our 2019 disbursements, it was decided that because we already donated roughly \$1650 this year we would wait until after the New Year to consider any further donations.

Meeting adjourned early at 8:45 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 *December 09th* at 7:00pm. A new schedule will be introduced at next months meeting. Also, that is our Lobster ticket draw night so please sell as many tickets as possible between now and then and bring all

tickets in to that meeting. All meetings are held in the Community Room in the Sobey's Store, Bridgewater at 7:00pm.

Remember No Meeting in November! Happy Hunting!

Notice: We are sad to report, for a second time in just a few months, the loss of our oldest club member. Marjorie Barry, age 90 and a long time supporter of SSWA, passed away on Nov. 01'st after a short illness. Our deepest sympathies to club member Doug Barry and the rest of Marjorie's family. SSWA has been listed as a recipient for In Memorium donations. The Barry family has also made a generous donation to South Shore Wildlife Association on behalf of Marjorie. We are truly touched by this act, and very grateful.

Did You Know?

*There seems to be an increase in coyotes in many areas of Lunenburg County. Hopefully the value of their pelts are still high so their numbers can be reduced during the winter months.

* All SSWA membership dues are up for renewal in December. Regular membership fee is \$12.00 and spouse and/or dependents are \$5.00 each. Some of you have prepaid until the end of 2020 or even a few to Dec. 2021. If you are not sure please contact Eugene or Stephen at the numbers in the right block at the top of these minutes OR by email (same block).

* Don't forget the Lyme Conference 101 being held Sunday, November 17, for the general public at the Cineplex Cinemas at 349 LaHave Street, Bridgewater from 9:00am to 1:00. The conference is free but you should register beforehand at info Lyme conference@gmail.com .Alternately, you can let Stephen know if you want to attend and he will look after it. The session for the general public will include discussions on the prevention, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease in adults and children. Presenters will include Dr. John Ross (Senior Academic Physician, Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, Professor of Emergency Medicine, Dalhousie University), Dr. Bryan Rade (Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine, President of Nova Scotia Association of Naturopathic Doctors), Scott Wilson (BSc Pharmacy, RPh, CFMP) and several other experts including Dr. Vett Lloyd from mt. Allison University in New Brunswick.

- **Smile of the Day:** - Beauty Parlor: A place where women curl up and dye.

- **Thought of the Day:** - Keep facing the sunshine and darkness will fall behind you.

- **I Believe:** - People may not remember what you said or did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.