

SVIMS (South Vancouver Mycological Society) Monthly Meeting: Feb 6, 2020

The meeting was started at 7:30 pm with David Walde, president, as chair.

Ongoing business

- A Mission Statement for SVIMS is proposed. It will be posted on the SVIMS website for member review and comment, once approved by the board.
- Honorariums are currently paid to out-of-town visitors as well as covering their travel and lodging expenses. Starting in February 2020, the Board has implemented the payment of an honorarium to local speakers as well amounting to 200 CAD, to cover incidental expenses.
- The Club's liability insurance coverage has been increased from 3 MCAD to 5 MCAD per incident.
- SVIMS has renewed its membership in NAMA (North American Mycological Association) and the Mycophile, has a direct link on our website. David Walde is the rep and contact to NAMA.
- The 2019 financial statements were reviewed by Kurt Raeder, Treasurer. The details can be reviewed by members upon request to Kurt. The Club is in a healthy financial state allowing us to consider improved venues for some Club events and to expand the scope of the Club's activities with our focus on education.

Announcements

- Foray activity needs an administrator and commitment from: identification specialists and leads to conduct the forays. If you have an idea of where to hold the forays let a Board member know. The next foray will be held on Feb 8, details on the SVIMS website.
- The 2021 calendar will be shepherded by Krisztina Levai, who has volunteered to take on the publication under the guidance of Mabel Jean Rawlins who has done such a superb job since 2005!
- Upcoming 2020 events:
 - iNaturalist seminar – March 8th at Swan Lake. Details are pending and will be circulated. Organised by Naomi Salie.
 - Mushroom Inoculation Workshop by Steve Fischer – March 14 — see website
 - Chinese Mushroom Dinner – March 21 at Shanghai City. See website for payment details and registration
 - Cowichan Foray – Oct. 23-25. Kurt Raeder lead contact. Suggestions for alternate sites would be appreciated. svims.treasurer@gmail.com
 - Mushroom Show – Nov 1 with setup on October 31st. Suggestions for an alternative site would be appreciated. Lead contact: Andrew Anderson. Svims.mal1@gmail.com
 - Survivor's Banquet (2021) – Again alternative site recommendations needed. Lead contact: Melanie Hess svimsvicepresident@gmail.com

The first SVIMS Lifetime Membership Awards for “Exemplary and distinguished service to SVIMS and Mycology”

1. Oluna and Adolf Ceska introduced by Kem Luther
2. Ian Gibson (absent) introduced by David Walde
3. Bryce Kendrick introduced by Shannon Berch

February’s speaker was Joey Tanney, research scientist at the Pacific Forestry Centre on the topic of endophytes. This was a superbly presented topic on the ubiquitous fungi, their life cycles and their mutualist, saprophytic and pathogen roles. Joey has requested that SVIMS assist him and his team in field identification. An endophyte foray will be planned in the not too distant future.

<http://svims.club/joey-tanney-talk-endophytes-svims-feb-6-2020>

Should you have any comments or corrections please send to Andre De Leebeeck, secretarysvims@gmail.com