

Report to Members of the South Vancouver Island Mycological Society

30 November 2017

1. Reporting Period

This report covers the period from the date of incorporation of the South Vancouver Island Mycological Society (SVIMS) on 8 July 2016 till the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 7 December 2017.

In future, if continued as a recurring annual report to members, it could report on the interval between AGM's.

2. Elections

Elections in the first Annual General Meeting of SVIMS on 3 November 2016 yielded the following results for the Board of Directors for 2017

Position	2016 - outgoing	2017 - incoming
President	Bruce Pendergast	Bruce Pendergast
Vice President	Sinclair Philip	Andy MacKinnon
Treasurer	Donna Humphries	Jaz Grenier
Secretary	Gary Sawayama	Gary Sawayama
Memberships	Jaz Grenier	Gillian Phillips
Director-at-Large	Shannon Berch	Shannon Berch
Director-at-Large	Ben Hircock	Rolf Mayrhofer
Director-at-Large	Heather Leary	Kevin Trim
Director-at-Large	Mabel Jean Rawlins	Mabel Jean Rawlins

3. SVIMS Board of Directors' Meetings

President Bruce Pendergast convened 5 Board meetings at his home to schedule, plan and budget SVIMS events. To partially offset the cost of its annual roster of speakers, the Board drafted a resolution to be voted by SVIMS members to introduce a marginal increase in annual fees. At the 3 November 2016 general meeting, SVIMS members voted to set fees for 2017 at \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families.

4. General Meetings

SVIMS held 11 meetings, all in the Conference Room at the Pacific Forestry Centre, 506 Burnside Road West.

Date	Speaker	Topic
1 September 2016	Fred M. Rhoades	Some common things about unusual mushrooms and some unusual things about common mushrooms
6 October 2016	Noah Siegel	Under Pressure: Evolution Oddities in the Fungal World
3 November 2016	Britt Bunyard	Diptera Strangelove: Or, How the fly learned to stop worrying about amatoxins and love the death cap
1 December 2016	Marty Kranabetter	The hidden reef: ruminations on the scarcely noticed yet spectacular symbiotic fungi of coniferous forests
2 February 2017	Paul Kroeger	An Introduction to some commonly encountered Cup fungi, Morels and False Morels and their kin
2 March 2017	Danny Miller	Mushroom Mythbusters or Fungal Fables Debunked
6 April 2017	Bryce Kendrick	Mass Extraction & DNA Sequencing to Identify Fungal Fruiting Bodies
4 May 2017	Kem Luther & Andy MacKinnon	Fungal Film Festival
7 September 2017	Shannon Berch & Andy MacKinnon	Introduction to Mushroom Identification
5 October 2017	Kent Brothers	Tooth Fungi of the Pacific Northwest
2 November 2017	Roo Vandegrift	Fungal Conservation in Ecuador

5. SVIMS Events

During the reporting period, SVIMS held its annual October forays. In 2016 it was held at Cowichan Lake Education Centre, and in 2017 returned to the Cowichan Lake Research Station Conference Centre with approximately 3 dozen participants each time. SVIMS organizers have been training non-mycologists to help in the sorting and macro-identification of field specimens. Indications are that this is beginning to pay off for both trainers and trainees.

October 2016 saw SVIMS Annual Mushroom Show change venues from the Swan Lake Nature House to the Cordova Bay 55 Plus Centre. The improvement in parking and presentation space prompted SVIMS

to select Cordova Bay 55 Plus once again in 2017. Even without counting members who collected field specimens, 15% of SVIMS' membership was involved in the 2017 show. Anecdotally, attendance seemed trend downward slightly between 2016 and 2017. This may have been attributable to the late and limited start in publicizing the event this year.

The annual Survivor's Banquet was held once again at the Gordon Head Lawn Bowling Club in mid-January 2017.

The Chinese Mushroom Dinner was held in March, 2017 at the Golden City Restaurant and the President's Picnic in June, 2017 was hosted by SVIMS' Immediate Past President, Lee Smith.

SVIMS held 7 forays, usually on the Saturday immediately following the general meeting. Most of the forays were led by Adolf and Oluna Ceska while Andy MacKinnon and Kem Luther teamed up on the Metchosin MycoBlitz's.

Date	Location
4 September 2016	Sandcut Beach / Jordan River, Tea Bog
October 2016	
5 November 2016	Metchosin MycoBlitz
3 December 2016	Mount Work
4 February 2017	Pearson College, <i>cancelled</i>
4 March 2017	Pearson College
8 April 2017	John Dean Provincial Park
May 2017	
9 September 2017	Uplands, <i>cancelled</i>
7 October 2017	Glinz Lake
4 November 2017	Metchosin MycoBlitz

6. Other Milestones

In May, 2017 SVIMS began a 1 year trial with a Facebook Page moderated by Kevin Trim, Jaz Grenier and Gilliam Phillips. The social media platform enables mobile connectivity to SVIMS-only members whereas the SVIMS ListServe managed by Adolf Ceska engages a much broader audience albeit in the form of email.

In 2015, prior to incorporation, SVIMS joined Stephen and the late Jean Johnson, the Vancouver Mycological Society and others in contributing to a \$30,000 endowment at the University of British Columbia for the Oluna and Adolf Ceska Award in Mycology. The call for applications for the inaugural award of \$1,000 for graduate or undergraduate research in mycology will close on 15 December 2017.

SVIMS online publication Fungifama normally published four times per year only had two issues in 2017 and a volunteer is required to re-establish it.

The 2016 and 2017 mushroom calendars were published by Mabel Jean Rawlins. Likewise, Ian Gibson continued to manage the SVIMS website, now in operation since at least 2001.

SVIMS Financial Summary
Year over Year by Program/Activity
As of: December 7, 2017

Total Revenue & Expenses	2014	2015	2016	YTD 2017
Total Revenue	9,739.00	9,008.00	14,046.68	12,733.49
Total Expenses	7,185.00	7,266.00	15,953.93	10,506.33
Net Income (loss)	2,554.00	1,742.00	-1,907.25	2,227.16

Summary Revenue & Expenses	2014	2015	2016	YTD 2017
General & Administrative				
Revenue (Interest)	0.00	0.00	1.80	2.00
Expense	0.00	0.00	1,413.84	1,035.85
Net General & Administrative	0.00	0.00	-1,412.04	-1,033.85
Program & Events Summary				
Revenue	9,739.00	9,008.00	14,044.88	12,731.49
Expense	7,185.00	7,266.00	14,540.09	9,470.48
Net Program & Events Summary	2,554.00	1,742.00	-495.21	3,261.01

Program & Events Details	2014	2015	2016	YTD 2017
SVIMS Meetings				
Revenue - Canteen & Other Donations	277.00	251.00	513.00	254.94
Revenue - Contributions - Speaker Expenses				273.65
Expense - Canteen	165.00	102.00	0.00	118.59
Expense - Speakers Honoraria	600.00	450.00	1,972.93	750.00
Expense - Speakers Travel Expenses	521.00	105.00	0.00	572.65
Net	-1,009.00	-406.00	-1,459.93	-912.65
Membership Dues				
Net Revenue	2,980.00	1,920.00	3,311.79	3,505.00
Lake Cowichan Foray				
Revenue	3,674.00	3,269.00	5,563.81	4,900.00
Expense	3,670.00	3,775.00	6,116.07	4,876.20
Net	4.00	-506.00	-552.26	23.80
Survivors Banquet				
Revenue	302.00	360.00	300.00	330.00
Expense	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
Net	192.00	250.00	190.00	220.00
Wild Mushroom Show				
Revenue	367.00	490.00	1,344.58	570.55
Expense	96.00	215.00	686.41	404.36
Net	271.00	275.00	658.17	166.19
Chinese Mushroom Dinner				
Revenue	1,160.00	1,320.00	1,811.70	1,770.00
Expense	1,160.00	1,520.00	1,680.00	1,650.00
Net	0.00	-200.00	131.70	120.00
Calendar				
Revenue	979.00	1,398.00	1,200.00	1,401.00
Expense	863.00	989.00	974.68	988.68
Net	116.00	409.00	225.32	412.32
Awards & Scholarships				
Net Expense	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00