

Southern Ontario Section of CIF Minutes – AGM

Details: October 18, 2021 7:30PM Zoom

Director/ Chair Terry Schwan

Members Present: Albert Hovingh, Elina Shahmirian, Sally Krigston, Terry Schwan, Donna Lacey,
and 22 Members and Students

Terry Schwan called the meeting to order at 7:34PM and welcomed everyone.

1. Land Acknowledgement
Terry read the Land Acknowledgement.
2. Director/ Chair Report
Terry reported that due to the ongoing pandemic, the Section did not have any events or activities aside from a Memorial Tree Planting.
3. Financial Report
Donna reported that the account balance was unchanged and remained at \$7585.72.
4. Report From Executive Director
Mark Pearson presented a summary of the CIF (National) accomplishments and the view for the future. Mark encouraged everyone to ensure that they have provided CIF with their current email address to ensure that all publications that are sent out by the office are received. Also, Members are urged to visit www.freetogrowinforesstry.ca
5. Short Forum
Terry reported that the Section is looking for new Members and for present Members to join the Committee to assist in growing the Section. The Committee is looking for Members from a diverse geographical area across our region as well as Members of a more diverse age range. Any Members that are interested in joining the Committee are asked to contact Terry.
6. Guest Speaker
Elina introduced our guest speaker, Prof. Patrick James, Associate Professor at the Institute for Forestry and Conservation at the University of Toronto. Patrick gave an informative presentation titled 'How do insect outbreaks affect wildfire activity'. Sally thanked Patrick and asked for any questions.
7. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by Donna at 8:58PM.

Terry Schwan, President

Donna Lacey, Recording Secretary