

This meeting opened at 9:55 with 45 members in attendance. President Bob Berry welcomed all and he went on to say that he was thankful for the fellowship provided by this Club and the camaraderie that we all enjoy as its members. Next he introduced one new member, Earl Evans, and welcomed back one returning member John Fralich. There were no membership guests today.

Announcements

Activities – Ken Marchant

- Drayton performance of *Evita* has sold 46 tickets and there are only 2 single tickets available; The Queen's Café is booked for dinner afterward;
- Sign-up sheet for *Fiddler-on-the-Roof* will be out at the next meeting to sign up;
- Warplane Museum Tour – Fri., October 13th at 10:30. – has 46 people signed up. Car-pool at 9:00 at Beer Town parking lot on Stone Road.
- Guelph Storm game on November 15th - ticket at \$49 has been confirmed with dinner at intermission. Tickets will be provided in advance and sign-up cut off will be November 1/23;
- Remembrance Day is scheduled;
- Village-By- the-Arboretum Cabaret – Fri., Nov. 24th table seating has 17 people signed up at \$20 per ticket; There are only 4 tickets available for Saturday;
- Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 7th at Victoria GC. Sign-up sheet is out at Welcome Table. Donation gifts are welcome to be used for Door prizes.

A car-pooling schedule is being created for those members who need a ride. If you are willing to pick someone up to bring to the membership or coffee meetings, put your name on the list. We will attempt to arrange rides with people close to you.

Doug Davidson introduced today's guest speaker, Dr. Brian Stevens

Bio:

Dr. Brian Stevens graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 2007 and after working for three years as a small animal veterinarian in Brantford, returned to complete a degree in veterinary pathology, graduating in 2015. Dr. Stevens worked at the New Hampshire Veterinary Diagnostic Lab after graduation where he worked on projects investigating winter ticks of moose, die-offs of Northern gannets, and disease in Canada lynx. Dr. Stevens returned to Guelph in 2018 to work as the wildlife pathologist for the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative Ontario/Nunavut region.

Presentation

Dr. Brian Stevens presentation can be found on the Club website under Speaker's notes for October 12th, 2023.

President Bob Berry thanked Dr. Stevens and gave him a token of our appreciation.

Next Meeting: October 26th with David Beaton – *State of Guelph Stewardship*
Adjournment @11:00 am

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings