

February 26th, 2019 - AGM and Gavin Miller (TRCA): Greenwood Resource Management Tract

Tuesday night's AGM was a success, with all 9 standing board members elected, thanks to our 17 voting members present. 8 of them were up for reelection, and we have one new director on our team, Brenda Near. She is a long time Durham Resident (Zephyr area) with an interest in all things natural, and is an avid gardener, particularly interested in planting native plants to create back yard habitat for native bees, butterflies and birds. Geoff Carpentier has stepped down from the board, but has agreed to continue to be the writer/editor of our newsletter. A big thank you goes out to Geoff for all that he has contributed over the past few years on the Board, and for all that he continues to contribute. Another thank you goes out to Derek Connelly, past President, for all his hard work, leading the team over the past 4 years. He remains on the board in the role of Director. Cara Gregory, leaving the role of Vice President, is our new President. She will continue to look after the website, and will remain our Ontario Nature representative. James Kamstra is our new Vice president, and will continue to be our Program Director, organizing our walks and talks. James, Cara, and Mark reviewed the 2018 year in terms of past events, membership and finances.

Gavin Miller, a Floral Biologist with the TRCA, gave an informative talk on the flora, fauna, and other natural features of the Greenwood Resource Management Tract, and how they have evolved over time. He spoke as well on the challenges and opportunities for improving its biodiversity. His talk was followed by an engaging question and answer session. Thanks Gavin.

Thanks also goes to Nancy and Anne who provided an assortment of delicious treats and refreshments.

Tuesday March 26th, 2019 - Hiking in Auyuittug National Park, Baffin Island - Jay and Bev Thibert

Jay and Bev Thibert gave an enlightening presentation on their once in a lifetime adventure that few will ever take: a 15 day hike across Baffin Island through Auyuittug National Park. Jay wowed the full house audience with his spectacular photographs of glaciers, fjords and craggy mountains. The grueling trek pushed them to their physical limits as they trampled over spongy terrain, forded turbulent icy streams and endured a wicked windstorm all while loaded down with hefty backpacks.