

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING –January 15, 2014
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. Adoption of December 4, 2013 Minutes

Motion to accept December minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Graham Adamson. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and the password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the December Minutes

a) **Nominations Report:**

- Plant Sale – David and Anne Forsyth, Coordinators (Lanny Hui will provide support).
- President – Wendy Thompson. Motion was made to accept this nomination. All were in favor.
- Vice-President – Bev Glover. This position was appointed by the Executive and approved by the Nominations Committee.
- *Rhodofestival* – Verna Adamson, Coordinator and June Dodson, Assistant.

b) **Unique Soil Amender Delivery date February 5th – logistics:**

Wendy will email reminder to those members that placed an order. Price is \$10.00/bag and the product will be delivered to Shadbolt Centre parking lot at 6:00 pm prior to our regular meeting. Wendy to confirm with the City of Burnaby and the delivery person. BRAGS will issue one cheque and members should pay cash.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial reports for November and December:

November:

Revenue = \$0.54; expenses = \$156.47; revenue over expenses = \$155.93. Bank balance as of November 30 = \$6,485.19.

December:

Revenue - \$253.57; expenses - \$125.58; revenue over expenses = \$127.99. Bank balance as of December 31 - \$6,613.18.

Motion to accept the above two reports was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

SFU Scholarship Update:

Susan reported that SFU did not award this scholarship for \$500.00 until 2013. BRAGS needs to inform them by May 2014 if we want to continue paying this. They are NOT expecting monies for 2013. Following discussion, it was agreed that BRAGS will look into another scholarship elsewhere. This item will be brought forward in February.

5. Correspondence – Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson**

Wendy will be meeting with the City of Burnaby – date not determined yet.

b) **Plant Sale – Lanny Hui**

You can start to plan your plant cuttings for the upcoming plant sale.

c) **Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick**

Faye reported that there were 23 members in attendance.

d) **Memberships – Anne Forsyth – Nil.**

e) **Speakers/Program – Bev Glover**

Bev reminded all members about the upcoming Seattle Flower Show in February. Contact Bev if interested in attending in a group. Conway Lum will present on “Pruning” at February’s meeting. If anyone is interested in ordering the “Vancouver Cherry Blossom” book – order now.

7. New/Other Business

- **BCCGC** - At the January 8th Executive meeting decision was made to reduce the sponsorship to one BCCGC representative starting with the fall 2014 meeting. The AGM is on Saturday, March 22nd and Keith Harris and Wendy Thompson will attend. Cheryl Fiddis made the motion that BRAGS will again donate \$25.00 for a gardening gift certificate from Garden Works for a door prize. June seconded this motion. All were in favor. Wendy will send them a letter from BRAGS.
- **Fairhaven Project** - The Fairhaven project by the Burnaby South Environmental Club needs mentors and gardening tools. Wendy will invite their President to do a presentation to BRAGS.
- **Replacement for June Dodson for February** – June will be out of town during the February meeting and a replacement for preparing refreshments for our meeting is needed. Verna offered her services!
- David Savellieff handed out interesting information on astronomical questions and events for the month. Janis Bobic stated that she will be making Seville marmalade for her upcoming Craft Fairs and she took orders from interested members.

Meeting was adjourned by Wendy and seconded by Keith. Dan Straker (Stanley Park Urban Wildlife Society) presented on “Walk on the Wild Side”.