

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING –April 2, 2014

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:06 pm by Wendy Thompson.

2. Adoption of March 5, 2014 Minutes

Motion to accept December minutes was made by Verna Adamson; seconded by Therese Pope. 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

Wendy asked that anyone willing to sit at a table for BRAGS at the Stoney Creek Great Salmon Send-off Saturday May 10 please contact her.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl reported revenue for March was \$24.53 from membership and interest; expenses were \$500 for the SFU scholarship and \$100 for the speaker, giving revenue over expenses of -\$575.47. There is \$5816.15 in our current account. Motion to accept by Susan; seconded by Don Wrigley. Passed.

5. Correspondence

- a) Invitation from Burnaby to the Volunteer Recognition dinner. Keith Harris and his wife will attend.
- b) Notice of Fraser Valley Dahlia Society's tuber sale; info available if interested.

6. Standing Committee Reports

- a) **Rhodofest:** Verna Adamson reported
 - Posters and rack cards are ready; all asked to take several.
 - Volunteer signup sheets at back; volunteers will be phoned closer to the festival.
 - Silent Auction will have two closing times (1 and 3pm); plants will be arranged according to their closing time and there will be two different coloured bid sheets. All plants must be paid for by 3:30 pm
 - Faye Kilpatrick will co-ordinate the Spring Bouquet contest; she spoke to South Burnaby Garden Club.
 - Setup will be 9am Saturday; plants can be dropped off Friday afternoon (Rm 104) or Saturday morning.
 - There will be a live auction at 1:30; we are asked to find one special item to add for this event.
- The second live auction at the end of the event will take place outside this year.
- Rhodo trusses will be in the glass cases again, with extras in Room 103, as we did last year.

- The City is advertising in the Newsleader this year.
- We are not using the volunteer room as we had to pay last year; please bring your own snacks

- Coffee is available at a discount if you bring your own mug

b) **Plant Sale:** David Forsyth reminded everyone that we all need to bring plants. Keith Harris donated several from his garden. Get them ready as soon as possible so they are looking good on the day of the sale, and that includes indoor plants. Verna reported that Lanny has agreed to help out by being in charge on the day of the sale, as she has in the past.

c) **Welcome/Attendance:** Faye Kilpatrick
Faye reported that there were 25 members and 2 guests in attendance.

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

e) **Speakers/Program:** Bev Glover - Nil

7. New/Other Business

a) Park and Tilford Gardens plant sale, 333 Brooksbank Ave N. Van, April 26th 10-1, rain or shine, cash only. Master Gardeners and bee keepers will be available to answer questions. Funds raised go towards enhancing their garden.

b) Keith Harris and Wendy Thompson attended the BCCGC meeting Mar 22. The Council is now using Quickbooks to ensure consistency in its financial records. Speakers included Paul McDonald - a BCCGC scholarship recipient - and Thomas Hobbes. We will try to print Keith's report in the newsletter.

c) Sheila Chowdhury announced a fundraiser evening for L'Arche on April 3rd as well as an art sale by the Gamma Garage group on April 12-13. David Savelief recommended Brian Minter's new plant picks and also mentioned Nicola, a new low sugar and low starch potato.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by Wendy. After the break, Les Clay of Rhodohaven Gardens in Aldergrove spoke about Rhododendrons.