

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 4, 2015

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of January 7, 2014 Minutes

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

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) **Unique Soil Amender** – we need to commit to purchasing 40 bags at \$10/each. John Crawford will organize. The supplier is unable to deliver until our April meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated and an email will be sent to all members so that a final count can be given at the March meeting.

b) **Amendments to By-laws** – these were passed at the AGM in December and the Registrar of Companies in Victoria approved them. The old Constitution and By-laws on the website will be replaced with the revised/approved version and a signed copy will be retained by BRAGS' Secretary, Linda Cholette.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for January:

Total revenue = \$96.62; expenses = \$100.00; revenue over expenses = (\$3.38). Bank balance as of February 1 = \$7,254.32. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Bev Glover seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence

- Amended bylaws for BRAGS. Refer to above notation.
- Burnaby Food First – they are requesting a donation. If interested in making an individual donation, refer to their website, or contact Wendy.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 3) – Verna Adamson

Verna will be meeting with City of Burnaby representatives in March. Times may be changed from 10 – 4 to 10 – 3. At our March meeting she will circulate a sign up sheet for volunteers. Volunteers are also needed to set up on Saturday May 2.

b) Plant Sale – David Forsyth

Next month members should be thinking about potting up plants to donate. Nice house plants are wanted also!

c) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 23 members + 7 guests in attendance.

d) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded members that membership fees are due.

e) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reminded members about the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival April 2 to 29th. Refer to their website for more information. The following speakers are confirmed: March – Chris Jennings (Shade Garden) and May – Gary Lewis (Phoenix Perennials). Bev suggested printing a leaflet to advertise for Gary Lewis and invite other garden club members. A nominal fee (\$3.00?) could be charged, or suggest a donation. Non-members would also pay. The handout could be placed at the plant sale table. Bev and Verna will prepare the leaflet and co-ordinate with Burnaby Rhodofestival reps. All agreed that it is MORE important to encourage new members to join BRAGS versus accumulating more funds.

7. New/Other Business

a) Wendy and Bev will meet the community gardening group at University Highlands Elementary School at SFU on February 20 at 2:00 pm. If interested in attending, contact Wendy.

b) **BRAGS picnic** – Bev has offered to host the picnic in her garden in June. (after June 10) To be discussed further.

c) **Great Salmon Send off** – at Stoney Creek School on Saturday, May 9th.

Meeting was adjourned and Elke Knechtel (RedBarn Plants) presented on vegetables.