

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 4, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of February 4, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by David Forsyth. 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** – members have committed to purchasing 40 bags at \$10/each. John Crawford will place the order and delivery will be arranged for 6:00 pm prior to April's meeting. Cash, or cheque will be accepted.

b) **Great Salmon Send off** – If any members are interested in setting up a BRAGS display at Stoney Creek School, contact Wendy.

c) **University Highlands Community Gardening Group** – Wendy and Bev met this group on February 20th. Last year they presented to BRAGS and requested donations of the following: raised bed boxes, dwarf fruit trees, seeds and soil. Wendy and Bev were impressed with the group's dedication and their 5 volunteers. They focus on educating students (K – Gr. 7) in nutrition, food preparation, plant growth, soil composting, water conservation and growing edible plants and vegetables. Judy Wellington made the motion to donate \$350.00. Faye Kilpatrick seconded. All were in favor. Bev Glover recommended that BRAGS receive recognition for the above donation – e.g. notation on the school's website and the group will be requested to provide BRAGS a follow up report in the fall.

d) **BRAGS picnic – Sunday, June 14 from 1 – 5** = will be held at Bev Glover's home – pot luck.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for March:

Total revenue = \$201.55; expenses = \$150.00; revenue over expenses = (\$51.55). Bank balance as of March 1 = \$7,305.87. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

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

Verna and June met with the City of Burnaby March 4th and the end time has been changed to: 10:00 to 3:00 (instead of 10 – 4). The Silent Auctions will take place at 12:00 and 2:00.

b) **Plant Sale – David Forsyth**

David reminded members to start dividing your plants and make sure the soil and pots that you donate at the sale are clean. Therese Pope needs more pots for her plants. Susan Brandl will contact her. Suggestion was made to have a childrens' activity area set up at the bouquet table. E.g. crayons and flower posters for children to colour. This item will be discussed further at April meeting. Beth MacLaren suggested having a "butterfly release" as an education session at the conclusion of the Rhodo Festival. Beth has information re: the young man that does this and the City of Burnaby has expressed interest. Verna proposed donating up to \$200.00 to purchase the butterflies and we will request the City to match this amount. The City would advertise and promote this activity. Verna circulated a sign up sheet and this item will be discussed further at April meeting.

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

Faye reported that there were 22 members + 4 guests in attendance.

d) **Memberships – Anne Forsyth**

Anne reminded members that membership fees are due.

e) **Speakers/Program – Bev Glover**

Bev reported that April's speaker Karen Myskiw (Jardins Designs) will present on "Habitat Gardens for Butterflies, Birds and Bees" and Gary Lewis (Phoenix Perennials) will present in May on the "Cutting Edge Plants for Cutting Edge". June speaker TBA.

7. New/Other Business

Nil.

Meeting was adjourned and Chris Jennings presented on "Shade Gardens".