

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 3, 2015

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of May 6, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept May minutes was made by Bev Glover; 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) Barry Jones has been in contact with the City of Burnaby about the neglected rhododendron garden on Burnaby Mountain near Horizons restaurant. He is hopeful that something will be done to restore maintenance to the garden and will keep BRAGS posted.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for May:

Total revenue = \$2,363.22 (\$1,454.00 from auction May 3 and \$818.50 from plant sale); expenses = \$519.30; revenue over expenses = (\$1,843.92). Bank balance as of May 31 = \$8,599.71. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson
Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – Verna Adamson

Verna and June prepared the following report consisting of feedback/recommendations received. If you have any additional suggestions forward them to Verna. This report will be forwarded to the City of Burnaby:

- The new cashier sign was very visible.
- The one glass display case for the trusses was successful.
- Signage for directions entering in and out the plaza for vendors was confusing – needs to be clearer.
- More advertising for the Rhodo Festival is needed in libraries, community centres, etc. Clarify with the City whose responsibility this is. Need to submit advertising to the community newspapers earlier.
- Need better signage for the silent auction – perhaps a “sandwich board” type of sign.
- The banner should be displayed in a better

position to be more visible.

- Implement the “butterfly release” for a children’s activity – needs to be planned earlier.
- The City should print a map and directions handout for the Shadbolt building indicating times of events and room numbers, and activities, etc.
- Designate a reserved section in parking lot for BRAGS members.
- The City should have a shuttle bus for visitors to the festival.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 20 members + 2 guests in attendance.

c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded guests that BRAGS membership is only \$12.00 per year and your membership card entitles you to 10% discount at Garden Works, WIG and Phoenix Perennials.

d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reminded members about the annual picnic “pot luck” at her home on June 14 and the theme is “Pretend Ascot”. She reported that September’s meeting is “Garden Successes” (bring photos and samples of what you grew if you wish) and October’s speaker has declined so a speaker is needed. November’s speaker is Brian Campbell and he will present on “Winter Permaculture”.

7. New/Other Business

- a) John Crawford is selling dahlia tubers for \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00 and the proceeds go to BRAGS.
- b) David Savelieff brought some sky charts to the meeting and left the handouts at the back of the meeting room.

Meeting was adjourned and Marilyn Holt of Buckerfields presented on “Herbs: Culinary, Medicinal & Cosmetic”.