

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – October 7, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of September 2, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept September minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Don Wrigley. 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) Suggestions for donations from BRAGS:
1. Cheryl Fiddis recommended the Wildlife Rescue.
 2. Susan Brandl suggested the B.C. Council of Gardens Club – a scholarship.
 3. Wendy Thompson will follow up with the University Highlands Community Gardens regarding their planting request and our previous year's donation.

At November's meeting a decision will be made regarding the above suggestions on how to spend this year's money.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for September:

Total revenue = \$8,465.76; expenses = \$63.98; revenue over expenses = (\$63.28). Bank balance as of September 30 = \$8,401.78. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson - Some bank statements.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival** – Verna Adamson - Nil.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – Cheryl Fiddis

Cheryl reported that there were 22 members + 3 guests in attendance.

c) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth - No new memberships.

d) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that November's speaker is Brian Campbell and he will present on "Beekeeping and the Decline of Bees". From January onwards there are no speakers scheduled as yet. Please contact Bev with suggestions.

7. New/Other Business

a) **University Highlands Community Gardening Group** – Wendy will follow up with this group regarding the funds they received from BRAGS in March 2014. Bev recommended that BRAGS should receive recognition for the donation with a notation on the school's website. Wendy will request that they provide a follow up report.

b) Recently Wendy experienced an issue at Gardenworks where they had no record of BRAGS receiving a 10% discount at their store. Following discussion, some members suggested giving your phone number for a discount should solve the problem!

c) John Crawford enquired as to the end result of the neglected rhododendron gardens on Burnaby Mountain. Wendy promised to follow up with Barry Jones.

d) Joan Conklin suggested that BRAGS could approach schools via a letter to promote available funding from BRAGS for gardening projects. Also BRAGS could contact Burnaby Food First.

Meeting was adjourned and David Forsyth presented a taped gardening show from the BBC. Egan Davis was the scheduled speaker, however, he was absent from this meeting.