

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

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

2. Adoption of October 7, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept October 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) **University Highlands School & Community Garden Report**

A very thorough report was presented by Wendy Thompson. BRAGS donated \$350.00 to this school in March 2015. A breakdown of their funding expenditures was included in their report.

b) **Suggestions for donations from BRAGS**

The following recommendations were given: the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund; Wildlife Rescue; Burnaby Food First and University Highlands School & Community Garden. Decision on this item will be deferred.

c) **Rhododendron garden near Horizon's Restaurant**

Wendy Thompson has received no further information from Barry Jones.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for October:

Total revenue = \$0.72; expenses = \$48.76; revenue over expenses = (\$48.04). Bank balance as of October 31 = \$8,353.74. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Verna Adamson seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson - Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival** – Verna Adamson

Verna will be attending a meeting soon.

b) **Plant Sale** – David Forsyth - Nil.

c) **Welcome/Attendance** – Evelyn Crawford

Evelyn reported that there were 18 members + 2 guests in attendance.

d) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded that it is time to pay your 2016 membership dues.

e) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that speakers for January to March have not been confirmed yet. Thank you to the members that provided suggestions for speakers. Tentative upcoming topics are: January – Water Management; February – Soil Basics; March – Crows – Their Habitat and Environmental Value.

Bev reported that the following gardening events will be taking place:

February 17 – 21, 2016 – PNWFS Seattle Flower Show; February 17 – 21, 2016 – BC Home & Garden Show;

March 16 – 20, 2016 – San Francisco Flower Show; March 21 – April 17, 2016 – VCBF Cherry Blossom Festival.

7. New/Other Business

a) On **October 24th** Keith Harris attended meeting at the BC Council of Garden Clubs. He prepared a detailed report for members to read.

b) **December 2nd** BRAGS meeting – will be the AGM and Christmas Pot Luck. Please bring your favorite “finger” food to share with others. Guests are welcome at the Christmas pot luck.

Meeting was adjourned and Brian Campbell presented on “Bees – Conserving Pollinators”.