

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 6, 2016
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of November 4, 2015 Minutes

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

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) **Nominations at November meeting** – Nominations are not allowed at the December meeting, however, if anyone is interested in joining the Executive Committee it is not too late to contact Wendy. The majority of the Executive members have been doing their jobs for several years and would look forward to being replaced. New members would provide creative, refreshing ideas to ensure BRAGS remains a successful garden club.

b) **Suggestions for donations from BRAGS**

The following were submitted: Wildlife Rescue, the BC Council of Garden Clubs' Scholarship Fund, Burnaby Food First and University Highlands School and Community Garden. The Executive recommended donating \$500 to Wildlife Rescue and \$500 to BC Council of Garden Clubs. Motion was made by Rosemarie Daviduk to accept this recommendation; seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor. Over the next couple of months Burnaby Food First will be contacted to do a presentation to BRAGS and decision to donate to University Highlands School was deferred to a future meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial reports for November and December:

Total revenue = \$8,686.74; expenses = \$227.00; revenue over expenses = (\$105.97). Bank balance as of December 31 = \$8,459.74. 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 (Sunday, May 1)** – Verna Adamson

Verna, Wendy and June recently met with a representative from Burnaby. This year SFU will be celebrating their 50th year and will combine their celebration with the Rhodo Festival. BRAGS may not have Room 103 which could be problematic for the plant sale, however another option is to use a festival tent. A co-ordinator is needed to organize BRAGS' annual plant sale – contact Wendy if interested. Verna discussed with Burnaby about the availability of a shuttle and there was discussion about having a shuttle amongst BRAGS volunteers only.

b) **Plant Sale** – Refer to comments above.

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

Faye reported that there were 25 members + 6 guests in attendance.

d) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

Anne reported that a few members have not paid their 2016 membership dues.

e) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that the speaker for February's meeting will be presenting on "Soil Basics" and will be bringing a load of soil amender in 30 litre bags for \$6.00/bag. Orders were taken at this meeting and payment must be made at February's meeting. John Crawford offered to help members with handling/delivery of their bags of soil. The speaker for March, Howard Wills, is from Fernwood Nursery (U.K.) and will present on "Sempervivums". April's speaker will present on "Pest Management – the Chafer Beetle".

7. New/Other Business

- a) Refer to report above on the Rhodo Festival.
- b) Refer to report above on Speakers/Program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm and Margaret Nakahara presented on "Water Features".