

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 2, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Adoption of February 3, 2016 Minutes

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Bev Glover. 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) **Community Garden at University Highlands school donation** – Wendy will confirm with the University Highlands School group to ensure that their gardening project is still running before sending them a cheque. Motion was made to donate \$350.00 to the school. Therese Pope moved the motion; Joan Conklin seconded. All were in favor. Verna Adamson enquired as to what the school's plans were for the donation. Bev Glover remembered that one of the school's objectives was to plant apple trees and espalier them.
- b) **Burnaby Food First** – Motion was made to donate \$200.00 to this organization for an honorarium. Cheryl Fiddis moved the motion; Bev Glover seconded. All were in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for February:

Total revenue = \$515.66; expenses = \$557.00; revenue over expenses = (\$41.34). Bank balance as of February 29 = \$8,253.42. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson - Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 1) – Verna Adamson

A meeting with the City of Burnaby is scheduled for March 21. Details will be finalized at this meeting. Verna circulated a "sign up" sheet for volunteers for the rhodo festival.

b) Plant Sale - A co-ordinator for the plant sale is still needed, or the sale will have to be cancelled.

b) Welcome/Attendance – June Dodson

June reported that there were 22 members and 7 guests.

c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

A few members still have not paid their annual membership dues.

d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reported that the speaker for April's meeting is Paul Buikema and he will present on "Integrated Pest Management" including the dreaded Chafer Beetle; the speaker for May is still vacant; June's speaker will present on "Chrysanthemums".

7. New/Other Business – Wendy Thompson – Nil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm and Howard Wills of Fernwood Nursery in the U.K. presented on "Sempervivums" (hardy alpine succulents).