

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – April 6, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. Adoption of March 2, 2016 Minutes

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Faye Kilpatrick; seconded by Joan Conklin. 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 confirmed with Julia Vaughan of the University Highlands School group that their gardening project is still running and they are still in need our donation which will be very much appreciated.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for March:
Monthly revenue = \$24.69; expenses = \$197.71; donations = \$1520.00 Chequing account balance as of March 31 = \$8,130.87 minus the outstanding cheques. 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
Verna, June and Wendy met with Beth of the City of Burnaby on March 21. The walking tours will be cut back but the early morning bird watching tour, floral arranging and strawberry tea will still be taking place. There will be walks by one of the First Nations identifying various indigenous plants used by their people.

It was confirmed that BRAGS will have Room 103 as usual for the Silent Auction, Plant Sale and Truss Display. The setup will be the same as last year with the BRAGS table and Bouquet Competition (led by Faye) outside the main room. There will be two closing times for the Silent Auction at 12pm and 2 pm.

Room 103 will be available from 9:00 am on Saturday, April 30, the day before Rhodofest for setting up, and a portion of Room 104 (behind 103) will be provided on Friday, April 29 for those bringing in plants. Burnaby requested that no hand written labels be used on the plants and offered to help by providing tags and labels. These were not received before this meeting so we will have to just have to "do our best".

Posters and rack cards were also not ready but Burnaby will mail them out to a list provided to them by June. Members can also pick them up at the Shadbolt when they are ready, however, the date for this is not yet known. Volunteers will be able to use the underground parking for dropping off items. Members' name tags will be taken to the festival and there are a few t-shirts available for those who don't have one from previous festivals. Volunteers should bring their own snacks and their own mug if they want a discounted coffee at Encores.

Verna circulated two "sign up" sheets: one for volunteers and the other for plant donations. If you have not already signed up, please contact Verna or June.

Please bring Rhodo trusses with long stems on the morning of the Festival, if you have any. We will be displaying them in the display cases in the hall as well as in Room 103.

b) **Plant Sale** - Lanny Hui has kindly offered to help with the Plant Sale on both days even though she is no longer a member. Please name your plants if at all possible, and clean up the pots before dropping them off.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – June Dodson

June reported that there were 18 members and 1 guest in attendance.

c) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

Annual membership dues for 2016 are now all paid up.

d) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that the scheduled speaker for April's meeting, Paul Buikema, was unable to attend; he has been rescheduled to present on "Integrated Pest Management" at the May meeting; The June speaker will present on "Chrysanthemums".

7. New/Other Business – Wendy Thompson

a) **Summer picnic** - Wendy asked that anyone who would like to host the summer picnic in their garden this summer, to let her know .

8. Adjournment --

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm. Following refreshments, a video of the Hawaiian Islands brought to the meeting by Bev Glover was shown. David Forsyth provided the technical hardware and knowhow.