

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 4, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of April 6, 2016 Minutes

Motion to accept April minutes was made by Joan Conklin; seconded by Keith Harris. 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

None.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for April:

Total revenue = \$12.63; expenses = \$281.53; revenue over expenses = (\$268.90). Bank balance as of April 30 = \$6,261.59. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Joan Conklin seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson

a) Email was received from Julia Vaughan, Community Garden at University Highlands School. She thanked BRAGS for the very generous donation. They will follow up with a report later this summer.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival/Plant Sale– Verna Adamson

Great job was accomplished by Verna and June Dodson. Unfortunately a great loss for BRAGS is that June will be leaving Burnaby in the near future and will be resigning from co-ordinating the Rhodo Festival. A replacement will be needed....Verna reported that more volunteers are required for marking prior to the end of the auction. Susan Brandl commented that parking for visitors was not good – they need an alternate area. Suggested Burnaby Central? Thanks was expressed for the donations of the silent auction plants. \$1,150.00 was raised for the Silent Auction and \$430.00 for the plant sale. Note for next year: Les Clay is retiring, however, Paul Buikema (pest specialist speaker for May) has a contact person in the Linnae nursery regarding plant donations and they have not donated for a while....Additional suggestion for next year: the first auction is set for 1:00 – have pick up of the plants set for 1:30 and if not picked up they could be put out at the next auction time for resale.

b) Welcome/Attendance – June Dodson

June reported that there were 22 members and 6 guests.

c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

All active members have now paid their 2016 dues.

d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reported that if anyone has pictures from the Rhodo Festival please send them to her and she will put together a video to present at September's meeting. June's speaker will present on "Chrysanthemums" and October's speaker is still vacant. At November's meeting Brian Minter will present.

7. New/Other Business – Wendy Thompson

a) Joan Conklin offered to have the BRAGS picnic at her home sometime in August. Date TBA.

b) Paul Buikema reminded BRAGS members that every third Sunday at 1:00 pm there is a tour of Riverview gardens from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Also in September there is Tree Fest.

Meeting adjourned and Paul Buikema, pest specialist, presented on "Integrated Pest Management".