

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING – October 5, 2016**  
**Activity Room, Carousel Pavillion**

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

**2. Adoption of June 1, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept May 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) Janet Hayes volunteered to take over the Welcome Table position starting immediately. Thank you, Janet!
  
- b) A volunteer is still needed to take over the Speaker position from Bev as of January 2017 as she is taking over June's Rhodofest position. Speakers are already lined up for January and February.
  
- c) The new Society Act comes into effect in November but groups are given two years to comply. It is likely that nothing is required of BRAGS, however, Wendy and Cheryl will look into it at a later date.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for June 1 - September 30, 2016:  
Total revenue = \$112.66; expenses = \$27.35; revenue over expenses = \$85.31). Bank balance as of Sep 30 = \$7763.14. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

**5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson**

- a) Thank you note from Elsa Fogale, winner of one of the cash prizes at the Bouquet Competition
- b) Thank you letter from Burnaby Food First for \$200 donation for food programs
- c) Thank you from VanCity on behalf of BCCGC for \$500 donation to their scholarship fund

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale– Verna Adamson – No report.
- b) Welcome/Attendance – Ann Forsyth  
Ann reported that there were 16 members in attendance.
- c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth - Membership for 2017 will be due December 31, 2016
- d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover  
x Bev will be compiling a video from pictures given to her from the Rhodo Festival for the December meeting; she is also putting together a video entitled "Our Year in Pictures" also for the December meeting. Please email your favourite Rhodofest and garden photos to bglover@telus.net.  
x November's speaker is Brian Minter who will present on "New Trends in Gardening". Members are encouraged to bring their family and friends. A suggested donation of \$5 will be posted for non-members, which would be deducted from membership fee for 2017 should they decide to join.

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

- a) Lindsey McCann's garden -- Anyone who has tagged plants in Lindsey's garden is encouraged to pick them up as soon as possible as there is a lot of activity on the property now.
  
- b) Tea -- Wendy asked that donations of tea to add to the refreshment supplies would be much appreciated as we are running low.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm. Following refreshments, Stan Stanley of the Point Grey Chrysanthemum Association spoke about Seasonal Gardening With Chrysanthemums" and demonstrated his product, EZ-Riser, a tool for the garden and the home which assists people getting up from their knees.