

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 2, 2016
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
Wendy Thompson welcomed the many guests at this meeting.

2. Adoption of October 5, 2016 Minutes
Motion to accept October minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Verna Adamson. 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
The Speaker Co-ordinator position needs a replacement as of January 2017. Bev Glover has already organized speakers for January to April so there won't be much to do! The following are the confirmed speakers:
January 4 – "Colour in the Shade" – Satya Brown
February 1 – "Winter Pruning" – Conway Lum (Garden Works)
March 1 – "Garden Photography" – Ursula Easterbrook
April 5 – "Managing Fruit and Young Trees" – Nicholas Funke (Bartlett Tree Experts)

4. Treasurer's Report
A financial report was prepared by the Treasurer but not read out at the meeting. Susan explained that the speaker from October (Stan Stanley) donated his honorarium to BRAGS. A complete financial report will be given at the Annual General Meeting in December. Susan reminded us to submit any receipts for the year-end ASAP.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson – nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale** – Verna Adamson – no report.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – Janet Hayes
Janet reported that there were 24 members in attendance and 19 guests.

c) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth – reminded members that annual membership dues for 2017 can be paid now.

d) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

- Bev reported that the upcoming speakers for January to April are posted on BRAGS' website and in our newsletter.
- Bev composed a job description for Speaker Co-ordinator and the outline was left out for members to read. Bev will officially resign as of January 2017 and will be taking over June's former position in assisting Verna with the Rhodo Festival. Please contact Bev, or Wendy if interested in the Speaker Co-ordinator position.

7. New/Other Business – Wendy Thompson

- Wendy reported that Keith Harris recently attended the BC Council of Garden Clubs AGM. Keith submitted his report for members to read and indicated that 27 garden clubs attended.
- Wendy reminded the guests in attendance at tonight's meeting that their contribution of \$5.00 each can go towards a BRAGS' membership if they decide to join.

Meeting adjourned and Brian Minter presented on "New Gardening Trends".