

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – January 4, 2017

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Wendy Thompson reported that the AGM was originally scheduled for December 7, 2016, however, due to inclement weather the meeting was cancelled. The AGM could not be rescheduled to tonight. Wendy paid \$40.00 which was the fee to file the Society Annual Report in which it was reported that there was no AGM held for the Society (BRAGS) in 2016. As there was no AGM there were no minutes to post, however, the financial reports and President's report for 2016 have been completed and are posted on the BRAGS' website.

2. Adoption of November 2, 2016 Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Therese Pope. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for November 1 – December 31:
Total revenue = \$224.90; expenses = \$420.00;
revenue over expenses = (\$195.10). Bank balance as of
December 31 = \$ 7,524.51. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

The Speaker Co-ordinator position remains vacant. This is an important position as without someone finding speakers, our meetings won't be nearly as interesting. This could be a shared position. Bev Glover has composed a job outline (guideline) and will forward this to Wendy. In the spring Bev will be assisting Verna with the Rhodo Festival. The following confirmed speakers are posted on our website and in our newsletter:

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)

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 16 members in attendance and 2 guests.

c) Memberships – Susan Brandl offered to collect membership fees for 2017.

7. New/Other Business – Wendy Thompson

- David Forsyth recently broke his arm falling on the ice and members suggested that BRAGS send him a get well card. Members were invited to send emails of condolences.
- John Crawford indicated that Wild Birds Unlimited is selling a warming device for hummingbird feeders for \$40.00. Also, Dick's Lumber is selling salt for \$11.00 per 20 kg.
- Bev volunteered to contact Jerry Gelderman, the seller from last year, to purchase his Soil Amender for \$6/bag. During the evening she managed to obtain orders for 60 bags.

Meeting adjourned and Satya Brown presented on "Colour in the Shade".