

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 1, 2017
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of February 1, 2017 Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. 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 February 1 – 28, 2017:
Total revenue = \$204.70; expenses = \$202.00;
revenue over expenses = (\$2.70). Bank balance as of February 28 = \$ 7,435.91. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

4. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale** (Sunday, May 7) – **Verna Adamson**

The City is looking for someone to build birdhouses for one of the children's activities. They will be paid. The itinerary/schedule will remain unchanged from last year. For table setup there will be green tablecloths instead of pink! Bev Glover has found two speakers so the City has agreed to pay the combined fee of \$325.00. Verna circulated a volunteer sign up sheet and reminded us that set up on Saturday, May 6 is 9:30 a.m. and on Sunday hours of operation are 10:00 to 3:00.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – **Anne Forsyth**

Anne reported that there were 21 members and 5 guests.

c) **Memberships**- **Anne Forsyth**

There are still some members that have not paid their annual dues of \$12.00.

d) **Speakers/Program** – **Bev Glover**

Bev announced that Beth MacLaren has volunteered to fill the Speaker Coordinator position as of April 1. Beth has a background in Graphic Design, and was past Editor of the BCCGC newsletter, "The Bulletin". Beth was an "ivy buster" and with her husband Len volunteered to test numerous light bulbs for Vancouver's Christmas "Festival of Lights". She is a member of the Board, Community Garden Cottonwood in East Vancouver as well as a Teaching Assistant and member of VanDusen Gardens. Beth is current Speaker Coordinator and past President of Vancouver Shade Garden Society. At May's meeting

Janice Bobic will present "My Father's Garden" and video of Rhodofestival 2016 will be shown.

5. Correspondence – **Wendy Thompson**

Wendy received an email from the City of Burnaby asking for nominations for the annual Environmental Awards Program which will be accepted until March 31. The Environmental Awards Program recognizes achievements in environmental stewardship and sustainability by people, businesses, organizations and institutions in our community. Two levels of awards are recognized in each of the six categories: Business Stewardship, Communications, Community Stewardship, Green Choices, Planning & Development & Youth. Award recipients are recommended to Council for approval by the Citizen Representatives of the businesses, organizations and institutions in our community. Two levels of awards are recognized in each of the six categories: Business Stewardship, Communications, Community Stewardship, Green Choices, Planning & Development & Youth. Award recipients are recommended to Council for approval by the Citizen Representatives of the City's Environment Committee. The awards will be presented at a regular Council Meeting on Monday, May 29 during Burnaby Environment Week. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at 604-294-7400 or planning@burnaby.ca.

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

a) April 5th meeting - Nicholas Funke (Bartlett Tree Experts) will present on "Managing Fruit and Young Trees".

b) Bev's video "Our Year (2016) in Pictures" will be presented at May's meeting.

c) Janice Bobic reported that on Saturday, March 4 there will be a Pollinator and Mason Bee Seminar held at Earthwise at 6400 – 3rd Avenue, Delta and on March 18 – Amsterdam Nurseries will host a "Nature Day Event". She left brochures at the back of the meeting room.

Meeting adjourned and due to unforeseen circumstances the speaker did not show up so members continued to mingle and socialize.