

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – April 5, 2017
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of March 1, 2017 Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Keith Harris; 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, Treasurer, did not have a report for March as VanCity has cut off access to online viewing of the account.

4. Standing Committee Reports

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

Verna gave an update and asked that members that hadn't already done so to sign the volunteer sheet which was circulated. Anne Forsyth will be in charge of the plant sale again this year and it is time for members to be getting plants ready to sell. Therese Pope said that she had far fewer than in past years due to the harsh winter.

b) Welcome/Attendance – **Janet Hayes**

Janet reported that there were 18 members and 1 guest.

c) Memberships- **Anne Forsyth**

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

d) Speakers/Program – **Bev Glover**

Beth spoke about the tour she is organizing for May 20, 2017, to two nurseries in Langley. Free Spirit Nursery offers tours from 9:00 - 10:00 am after which the doors open and we would be free to browse. We can bring our lunch and eat there. Select Roses has a 30 minute workshop at 1:00 pm in their demo garden. A sign-up sheet was available and friends of members are most welcome to join in. We will park near Deer Lake and carpool from there.

5. Correspondence – **Wendy Thompson**

Wendy received an email from the Great Salmon Send Off Committee which has invited BRAGS to attend their annual event at Stoney Creek school on May 13. They would like it if BRAGS brought a display showing what we do.

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

a) The Vancouver Dahlia Society's tuber sale is taking place on Saturday April 8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Van Dusen's Floral Hall.

b) At May's meeting Janice Bobic will present "My Father's Garden" and Beekeeping Q & A. A video of Rhodofestival 2016 will be shown.

c) The June meeting will feature "Rain Gardens" with Deborah Jones.

7. Adjournment -- Wendy Thompson The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 and refreshments were served. Before Nicholas Funke of Bartlett Tree Experts began his presentation on "Managing Fruit and Young Trees", one of the members had a medical emergency for which paramedics were called. Nicholas' presentation had to be cancelled, but said that he would be happy to come back another time.