

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – October 4, 2017
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. Adoption of September 6, 2017 Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by John Crawford. 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 – Wendy Thompson

a) Donations to be made: Wendy requested if anyone had suggestions. In the past BRAGS has donated to the Butterfly Garden at Burnaby Lake and the Wildlife Rescue. Please forward any additional recommendations to Wendy and this item will be voted on at November's meeting.

b) Wine Tour (Saturday, September 23) – Beth MacLaren

All the members that attended this event thanked Beth for her organization. Ten people attended - some members from the Shade Garden club and BRAGS and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tours and the accompanying tour guide.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for September 2017:

Total revenue = \$.80; expenses = \$0; revenue over expenses = (\$.80). Bank balance as of September 30 = \$ 9,744.24. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale – Wendy Thompson

No report.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Janet Hayes

Janet reported that there were 19 members.

c) Memberships - Anne Forsyth

38 members have renewed for 2017.

d) Speakers/Program – Beth MacLaren

Beth reported that the following speakers have been confirmed:

November 1 - Peter Brolese - "Bonsai"

January 3 - Mayumi Ichino - "Ikebana Japanese Flower Arranging"

February 7 - Nicholas Funke - "Bartlett Tree Service"

6. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson
Nil.

7. New/Other Business – Wendy Thompson

a) Transfer to New Society Act - The Society (BRAGS) had to transition to the New Act before November 2018. Three paragraphs in the Constitution had to be moved into the bylaws (no charge for transitioning and no vote required). Wendy revised/reviewed this document on October 3 and submitted the transition request electronically to the Society Office.

b) Elections are coming up in December. Contact Wendy if interested in any of the positions as the incumbents have been in them for a long time and wouldn't mind being replaced. (except for Beth and Bev)

c) At the South Burnaby Garden Club Fall Fair on September 9 at Bonsar Community Centre Janice Bobic won first prize for her blackberry jelly & \$30.00 and second place ribbon & \$10.00 for her honey cookie recipe. Rosemarie Daviduk won first prize for her pole beans and first prize for her sunflower plant under 6 inches. Congratulations to both!

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm and refreshments followed. Susan Watson, owner of a landscaping company, "The Landscape Consultants", presented on "Winter Gardening".