

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

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

2. Adoption of October 4, 2017 Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favour. 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: suggestions included the Butterfly Garden at Burnaby Lake and the Wildlife Rescue. Judy Wellington stated that the Butterfly Garden is redoing an old area so that plants will grow in wet and dry conditions. Wendy reported that the Stoney Creek Environment Committee (a non profit group) are looking for native rhodos to plant to enhance their habitat and wildlife. A motion was brought forward by Joan Conklin to donate \$500.00 to each of the above three groups. Faye Kilpatrick seconded the motion; all were in favour.

b) Elections in December – Wendy Thompson

Wendy reminded that the AGM is in December. Anyone interested in a position can contact Wendy. The AGM will be a "pot luck" so bring your favourite dish and friends/family are welcome.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan reported that BRAGS spent \$50.00 for the last speaker and the current balance is approximately \$9,700.00. She recommended that no motion be made to approve this report as it is not a formal report.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale – Verna Adamson

No report.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Janet Hayes

Janet reported that there were 24 members and 2 guests.

c) Memberships - Anne Forsyth

Anne is now collecting membership dues for 2018.

d) Speakers/Program – Beth MacLaren

Beth reported that the following speakers have been confirmed:

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) Thank you to Keith Harris for his composting article in the BRAGS newsletter and Cheryl Fiddis for her ongoing informative and interesting newsletters.

b) Keith Harris attended the recent BC Council of Gardening Clubs meeting and he attends these twice a year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm and refreshments followed. As Peter Brolese cancelled his presentation on Bonsai due to illness, Beth MacLaren recommended watching the film, "A Man Named Pearl" about a topiary garden. Thanks for the popcorn idea Beth!