

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 7, 2018
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of February 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Keith Harris. 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) Soil amender

Delivery of the soil amender has been postponed to April's meeting.

b) Plant Sale Coordinator:

Linda Cholette has consented to coordinate the Plant Sale for the Rhodofest on May 6th. Her husband has offered to help set up on May 5th and part of May 6th. **Reminder:** Linda is out of town the month of April but asked members to start potting up their plant cuttings now and it would be very much appreciated if the plant names are indicated on the plants and their preferred growing location - "sun, shade, or partial sun."

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for February 1 to February 28, 2018:
Total revenue = \$90.63; expenses = \$100.00 ;
revenue over expenses = -\$9.37. Bank balance as of February 28 = \$8,233.19.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

a) Invitation to annual ***Volunteer Recognition Night*** - Friday, April 20th - at Riverway Golf course. Beth MacLaren offered to attend.

b) The ***South Delta Gardening Club*** has several one gallon pots to donate if we want to pick them up. Keith Harris will contact them.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale - Verna Adamson

The 30th Annual Rhodo Festival is on Sunday, May 6 and there will be 30 prizes given out. If you have any suggestions for a "30 theme" contact Verna, or Bev. Brochures may be ready for BRAGS' April meeting. The start time has changed to 11:00 to 3:00 and set up is Saturday, May 5. The City has purchased fabric tablecloths; there may be a Strawberry Tea; a Floral Arranging class has been organized and the registration fee is \$5.00. A coordinator is needed for the Spring Bouquet Contest at 1:30. Following discussion, there will be two closings at the Silent Auction - 12:00 and 2:00. Verna circulated a sign up sheet for those BRAGS members interested in helping out. Therese Pope reported that she will have several plants potted up to donate for the plant sale, however as she will be out of town, she asked for a volunteer to water her plants. Janet Hayes offered.

b) Welcome/Attendance - Janet Hayes

Janet reported that there were 22 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

c) Memberships - Anne Forsyth

Anne reported that membership dues can be paid now - still \$12.00 for a year.

d) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren

The following speakers have been confirmed:

April 4 - "Bonsai" (Peter Brolese)

May 2 - "Day Lilies, Lilies and Hostas - More" (Pam Erickson of Erickson Daylily Gardens)

May 6 - Rhodofestival and BRAGS Plant Sale

June 6 - "Bats" - Burke Mountain Park Naturalist

7. New/Other Business

Nicholas Funke (our speaker in February) was recently tragically killed while being a good Samaritan at an accident on the Coquihalla. BRAGS Executive proposed that a \$50.00 donation would be appropriate, possibly more if a horticultural scholarship is established that is suitable to BRAGS' mandate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Dianne Gaines (Florissa) presented on "What's New in Summer Flowering Bulbs & Perennials".