

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 5, 2018
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum of at least five members in good standing was confirmed.

3 Minutes from December 6, 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Acting Secretary, Wendy Thompson, referred to the minutes from the December 6, 2017 AGM that have been posted online since the last AGM. Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Keith Harris and seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor.

4. Financial Report

2018 October 31 Year End- Treasurer, Susan Brandl, presented this report which was made available to review. It will be posted online attached to the minutes. Motion to accept was made by Susan and seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor.

5. 2018/2019 Budget – Susan presented the proposed 2019 budget for BRAGS. This is a guideline document. Copies of the proposed budget were available to review. Motion to accept it was made by Susan and seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor.

5. President's 2018 Year End Report

Wendy Thompson thanked everyone who had made another successful year possible, and said that her complete report would be posted on the BRAGS website appended to the Minutes and financial reports.

5. Nominations

No nominations were to be accepted from this meeting and the following is the incoming Executive:

President – Wendy Thompson
Vice President – Bev Glover
Secretary -- Linda Cholette
Treasurer – Susan Brandl

Directors are:

Publicity – Evelyn Crawford
Rhododendron Festival – Verna Adamson & Bev Glover
Plant Sale Coordinator – Linda Cholette
Membership – Anne Forsyth.

Non-elected positions are:

Welcome & Door prizes – Judy Wellington
Speakers – Beth MacLaren
Website & Communications – David Forsyth
Refreshment Coordinator – Faye Kilpatrick
Newsletter -- Cheryl Fiddis
BC Garden Club Representatives -- Keith Harris & Beth MacLaren.

Motion to adopt the nominated Executive for the 2019 year was made by Cheryl Fiddis; Beth MacLaren seconded. All were in favor.

Motion to accept the non-elected (appointed members) for the 2019 year was made by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by Beth MacLaren. All were in favor.

6. Other Business

- a) Wendy said that if anyone was wanting to go on the Executive, many of us would be happy to step aside. The Treasurer position should be changed from time to time to achieve good accounting practise.
- b) Verna is looking for storage for Rhodofest materials. Judy volunteered to take them temporarily until after Rhodofest when they will be reduced. We hope to be able to store them in the Discovery room with with the coffee supplies.

7. Next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2019

8. Adjournment

Wendy Thompson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:17 pm

BRAGS President's Year End Report, December 5, 2018

It has been my honour to serve as your president for the fifth year. **Can it really be that long?** Thank you to our Executive Committee, standing committee members and all those who contribute in so many ways to BRAGS. We have had another successful year!

Special thanks to Beth McLaren for coordinating the varied and interesting guest speakers. Keith Harris kindly provided his garden for the summer pot-luck picnic for the second year in a row. It was a very hot day but we had a very enjoyable afternoon and stayed cool in the shade of the large trees in his garden.

Thanks to Linda Cholette for coordinating the annual plant sale which we held again in conjunction with the Rhododendron Festival, and to all of you who donated plants and your time to make this a successful event.

Thanks to Verna Adamson, and her assistant Bev Glover, for continuing to coordinate the annual Rhodofest with the City of Burnaby for the fifth year! We had an outstanding group of volunteers who worked hard on both the RhodoFest and Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone for your time, commitment and dedication to this event. We made less than last year but still a healthy amount, due to your efforts.

The funds we raised go toward our expenses, namely guest speakers, and community donations. This year we made a donation to the St. Michael's hospice for buying new plants. We also made donations to the Butterfly Garden at Burnaby Lake, Wildlife Rescue and the Stoney Creek Environment Society but these were approved in 2017.

Thank you to David Forsyth for his undying commitment to our website and email communications, Cheryl Fiddis, the tireless editor of our interesting and informative newsletter, Evelyn Crawford for publicity, Keith Harris and Beth McLaren for attending the BCCGC meetings, Faye Kilpatrick for organizing the refreshments, Janet Hayes and Judy Wellington at welcome desk and to all of you who contributed goodies throughout the year. I'd also like to thank our Treasurer, Susan Brandl, and Secretary, Linda Cholette, for doing a great job for many years, and for agreeing to continue in their positions.

We are grateful to the City of Burnaby for supporting BRAGS by providing the use of the Discovery Room free of charge for our monthly meetings and for the successful partnership we have for the Rhododendron Festival.

The City of Burnaby will soon be into active planning for the 2019 Rhododendron Festival which will be taking place on Sunday, May 5. Please bring ideas and your support to our planning committee as they work with the City to bring Burnaby another successful Rhodofest.

Thanks again for your support. I'm looking forward to another great year with BRAGS! I am willing to carry on in this role for another year, however, if anyone else would like to take over the presidency, I would be happy to step aside.

Respectfully Submitted
Wendy Thompson
President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET OCT 31/18

ASSETS	Oct 31/14	Oct 31/2015	Oct 31/2016	Oct 31/17	Oct 31/18	Oct 2019 projected
CASH-Chequing	7452.42	8404.24	7658.01	9683.9	8856.14	7567.14
-petty cash(raffle)	75	123.55	20	20	20	20
GIC	5156.18	5236.1	5296.48	5352.09	5408.29	5461
LIABILITIES	0	-50.47		-37.71	0	
TOTAL ASSETS	12683.6	13713.42	12974.49	15018.28	14284.43	13048.43
Change	869.98	1029.82	-738.93	2043.79	-733.85	-1236

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2017 - OCTOBER 31, 2018**

INCOME AND EXPENSES

YEAR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 BUDGET
RECEIPTS						
MEMBERSHIP	504	432	468	471	480	456
RAFFLE	229	229.55	164	140	225.35	150
INTEREST	75.75	87.81	68.52	64.46	65.38	65
PLANT SALE	1234.5	818.5	577	989.7	509	500
RHODOFEST	1310	1454	1180	1729.75	1422.5	1000
DONATIONS	0	6	20	54.5	0	0
OTHER	0	92	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3353.25	3119.86	2477.52	3449.41	2702.23	2171
		† plus 1 in Oct '14 to total 37 paid members				
DISBURSEMENTS						
SPEAKERS	1050	960 *9 sp	710	895	850	1050
NEWSLETTER {	212.5	114.95	239.32	107.76	123.15	150
OFFICE/ADMIN	128.77	159	270.53	154.18	134	150
REFRESHMENTS	14.26	17.34	9.19	0	0	50
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	78	77	77	77	77	77
BCCGC Meeting	95	73.1	72.71	57.71	80	80
PLANT SALE	120	120	120	0	7.84	0
RHODOFEST	118.38	135.29	120.27	113.97	114.09	150
DONATIONS	588.4 *	350	1550	0	2000	1500
SOCIAL	0	50.47	0	0	0	100
MISCELLANEOUS	77.96	32.89	47.43	0	50	100
TOTAL	2483.27	2090.04	3216.45	1405.62	3436.08	3407
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	869.98	1029.82	-738.93	2043.79	-733.85	-1236
		*Budgeted in previous year				