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

2. Adoption of February 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website by David Forsyth.

<u>3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes</u> – Wendy Thompson

a) Aprons - Verna Adamson

Verna has ordered the aprons (dark green full bib with pockets with white silkscreened BRAGS logo cost \$500 for 30). They will be shipped to us when vendor receives payment. The aprons will be distributed at Rhodofestival. When festival is over aprons should be returned to Verna.

<u>4. Treasurer's Report –</u> Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for February1 to February 28, 2019: Total revenue = \$49.67; expenses = \$100.00; revenue over expenses = -\$50.33. Bank balance as of February 28 = \$8,688.37.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Friday, April 26 is 2019 Volunteer Recognition Night. Rosemarie Daviduk and Keith Harris offered to attend.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival - Verna Adamson

Verna and Wendy recently met with the City of Burnaby. Burnaby wants to re-energize the festival and have renamed the festival, "Burnaby Blooms". There are no concerns about the budget. May 4 is set up day and May 5 is the actual event. Time: 11:00 to 3:00. Verna circulated a volunteer sign up sheet.

Plant Sale - Linda Cholette

Linda's sister Lorraine Dowdall (former BRAGS member) will be assisting on Sunday, May 5 for the plant sale. Janet Hayes has also volunteered to help out again too. Please try and deliver your donated plants on Saturday, May 4; clean the plant pots, label with plant names and indicate whether plants are sun, or shade loving. These simple steps save us a lot of time and confusion for customers! Spare plastic/paper bags and egg cartons for customers are very useful too.

b) Welcome/Attendance - Anne Forsyth

Anne reported that there were 21 members and 1 new member in attendance.

c) <u>Memberships</u> - Anne Forsyth Nil

d) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren

April 3 - Barry Roberts will present on "Hydrangeas". May 1 - TBA.

7. New/Other Business

- April 6 is the BCCGC's meeting. Janice Bobic volunteered to attend.
- Bev Glover reported that BRAGS can purchase soil amender from Gelderman Farms again this year. We need to order 60 bags to receive free delivery. Price is \$7.50/bag (increased from \$6.00) - cash only. A sign up sheet was placed at the back of the room.
- Rosemarie Daviduk expressed a thank you to Cheryl Fiddis for the excellent BRAGS Newsletter that she composes every month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Annie Johannessen, Farm Coordinator from West Coast Seeds, presented on "Starting Plants from Seed and Companion Planting".