

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 5, 2019
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of May 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Faye Kilpatrick; seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) **Liability Insurance - Wendy Thompson**

Wendy reported that the insurance requirement, as of September 1, 2019, has been resolved.

b) **Parks Commission meeting at City Hall - Wendy Thompson**

Wendy reported that this meeting will be held on June 11 at 6:00 pm and Barry Jones will be presenting on the maintenance of the rhododendron garden near Horizons Restaurant on Burnaby Mountain. Wendy will attend and invited the members to join her.

c) **BCCGC AGM - Janice Bobic**

In April Janice attended the AGM for the Council of Garden Clubs where Brian Minter was the guest speaker. His presentation notes will be posted in the BRAGS newsletter. Douglas Justice, from Botanical Gardens, spoke about cherry plums - a fruit that is difficult to find.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for May 1 to May 31, 2019:
Total revenue = \$2,248.55; expenses = \$332.99;
revenue over expenses = -\$1,915.56. Bank balance as of May 31 = \$9,923.94.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

None.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Burnaby Blooms- Verna Adamson**

There is an excellent summary report of Burnaby Blooms in the June newsletter. The Spring Bouquet was fabulous - thanks to John Crawford's wife's creation. There was no "Last But Not Least" live auction as only three items were unclaimed and they were sold on the spot. The new aprons were both attractive and useful - handy for putting small change in the pocket! The truss display was beautiful. Recommendations for next year: we will do our own promotional posters two months ahead of festival

date; we are losing Adamson's Nursery so will need to find a replacement nursery for donations (4 of their elderberry plants have been placed with Keith Harris to look after until next year's auction); next year the City of Burnaby may increase our hours of operation from 10:00 to 3:00 to 10:00 to 5:00.

b) **Plant Sale - Linda Cholette**

Thank you to Janet Hayes and Lorraine Dowdall for their assistance with selling the donated plants. The majority of the plants were clean and well labelled re: names, colour and preferred planting locations. Janet's cacti and Daniel's fruit fly eating Drosera Capensis were extremely popular.

c) **Welcome/Attendance - Anne Forsyth**

Anne reported that there were 23 members in attendance.

d) **Memberships - Anne Forsyth**

Nil.

e) **Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren**

- July 7 - 10:00 to 4:00 - Tour of Pam Erickson's garden.
- Beth is investigating the possibility of a tour of Thomas Hobbs' garden.
- September 4th meeting - Interactive member sharing summer garden stories. Take pictures and/or bring something from your garden for "show and tell".

7. New/Other Business

Bev Glover has offered her garden for our annual pot luck. 8627 - 12th Avenue, Burnaby. Time: 1:00 to 5:00 pm? Rain or shine. Most likely weekend of July 27 or 28? Further details to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Amanda Jarrett, garden consultant, presented on "Low Maintenance Gardening".