

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – October 2, 2019

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Bev Glover called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. Adoption of the September 4 2019 minutes as posted on the website

Moved Cheryl Fiddis Seconded Faye Kilpatrick.
Approved.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes:

Faye Kilpatrick confirmed that the BRAGS refreshment storage bins have been removed from the Discovery Room storage area

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl reported that we've received \$.80 interest, spent \$44.72 on the picnic and we hold \$9,664.96 in our chequing account.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Standing Committee Reports:

a) Burnaby Blooms 2020 . Verna Adamson reported that the City has met with the BRAGS committee to discuss the upcoming Burnaby Blooms (May 2 & 3, 2020). The City is no longer partnering with Fluers De Villes and will now be partnering with a floral artist named Hitomi. 20 ecosculptures spread throughout the grounds of the park will be decorated by florists. Storybook theme? To be determined. The focus of the festival will be on the outdoors, and ALL events will be held outdoors under cover or tents.

The City wants BRAGS' feedback on their request that we hold our event for two full days. Discussion: 2 day event instead of 1. We'd have to set up on Friday, and again in preparation for Sunday.

City can provide some volunteers to assist with loading.

Outdoors, rain or shine. Shelter will be provided.

Concerns:

Hold 2 smaller auctions and plant sales?

Do we have enough volunteers to cover 2 days?

Security in regards to set up.

Ramifications if we can't do 2 day event due to our limited volunteers.

Straw poll – 12 to 2 in favour of one day participation over 2 day.

Suggestion to put to City – that BRAGS participate for one day, and the other garden clubs such as the

Vancouver Shade Garden Society participate on the other day, thereby providing local volunteer club plant sales on both days of the event. Verna will communicate this suggestion to the City as well as our strong preference for one day participation.

b) Plant Sale – none

c) Welcome/Attendance – 19 members and 3 guests Memberships due starting in November.

d) Speakers/Program - none

e) New/Other Business

We want to thank Cheryl Fiddis for her significant and ongoing contributions to this club by producing the Newsletter each month. This month RoseMarie Daviduk added a very interesting article on garden ornaments after visiting Ital Decor at 6886 E. Hastings in Burnaby.

There being no further business;

Motion to Adjourn by Bev Glover at 7:30 PM

Coffee Break

Guest Speaker Jennifer Zuk on Dahlias – 'A Life in the Year of the Dahlia'