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# **Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**

## **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 6, 2019**

### **Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:06 pm.

**2. Adoption of October 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. 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) Burnaby Blooms – see below
- b) Donations – Wendy asked for ideas for donations; there were none

**4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl**

Susan provided the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2019, and asked for any invoices needing payment to be given to her as soon as possible for inclusion in the year end statements.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**

- a) email from BCCGC who is looking for a volunteer to their Scholarship trust Fund Committee to be filled in April 2020.
- b) newsletter from Burnaby Hospice Society which mentions the donation from BRAGS.
- b) cheque for membership from Theresa Murray & Stephen Baxter.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**

Verna reported that the City has agreed having the Silent Auction and Plant Sale at Burnaby Blooms on the Sunday, as we have done in the past, and not on the Saturday and Sunday as they wanted us to do. There are many details to be worked out at a later date.

**b) Plant Sale - Linda Cholette**

Linda was away

**b) Welcome/Attendance – Judy Wellington**

Anne reported that there were 20 members in attendance and 1 guest.

**c) Memberships - Anne Forsyth**

Membership fees for 2020 can be paid now

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

Beth has several ideas for speakers in 2020 including the travel plant photographer and Conway Lum from GardenWorks but she is always looking for input from members. Please let Beth know if you have any ideas for speakers.

**7. New/Other Business**

a) AGM in December – there will no nominations for the executive positions at the AGM, however, if you are interested in helping out, please let Wendy know. The current executive has been in place for many years and would like to see new people take over some of the responsibilities.

b) January meeting – as the first Wednesday of January is New Year's Day, and as no other suitable days were available, there will not be a meeting in January. Instead Beth will organize a trip to Lafarge Lake to see the annual lighting display.

c) Rosemarie Daviduk attended the October meeting of the BCCGC on behalf of BRAGS. It was held at Bonsor this year which wasn't the best of venues, however the speakers and workshops were very interesting; Brian Minter and a representative from Lee Valley were there. BRAGS donated two bags of bulbs to be used as door prizes and Rosemarie won one of the other door prizes.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm, refreshments were served after which Kristin Crouch spoke about Cut Flower Gardening.