
Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 4, 2019
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

Sixteen members and two guests were in attendance. Therefore, a quorum of at least five members in good standing was confirmed.

3. Minutes from December 5, 2018 Annual General Meeting

The Acting Secretary, Wendy Thompson, referred to the minutes from the December 5, 2018 AGM that have been posted online since the last AGM. Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Judy Wellington and seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor.

4. Financial Report

2019 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 Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor.

5. 2019/2020 Budget

Susan presented the proposed 2020 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 Beth MacLaren. All were in favor.

6. President's 2019 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.

7. 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 - Vacant

Motion to adopt the nominated Executive for the 2020 year was made by Bev Glover; Beth MacLaren seconded. All were in favor.

Motion to accept the non-elected (appointed members) for the 2020 year was made by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by Keith Harris. All were in favor.

8. Other Business

- a) The next regular monthly meeting will be on February 5, 2020; there will be no January meeting 2020 as the first Wednesday falls on New Year's Day; there was no other suitable time to hold the meeting.
- b) Beth is organizing a visit to either the light display at Lafarge Lake (on until January 19) or the Burnaby Village Museum (on until Jan 3) in early January.

Janice Bobic mentioned that Burnaby puts on a bonfire at Barnet Marine Park on the night the Carol Ships pass by.

9. Next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2020

10. Adjournment

Wendy Thompson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:25 pm

BRAGS President's Year End Report, December 4, 2019

It has been my honour to serve as your president for the sixth year. 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. Bev and Bill Glover kindly provided their garden for the summer pot-luck picnic. It was a perfect day and our hosts were most gracious, as they have been in the past.

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 Burnaby Blooms Festival (formerly Rhodofest) with the City of Burnaby for the sixth year! We had an outstanding group of volunteers who worked hard on both the Silent Auction and the Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone for your time, commitment and dedication to this event. We made about \$150 more than last year for the combined auction and plant sale, due to your efforts.

The funds we raised go toward our expenses, namely guest speakers, and community donations. We didn't make any donations in 2019 and will have to do so in the new year.

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, Rosemarie Daviduk and Beth McLaren for attending the BCCGC meetings, Faye Kilpatrick for organizing the refreshments, Judy Wellington at welcome desk, Ann Forsyth for keeping track of the membership, and to all of you who contributed goodies and items for the draw throughout the year. I'd also like to thank our Treasurer, Susan Brandl, Secretary, Linda Cholette, and Vice President, Bev Glover 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 Burnaby Blooms Festival.

The City of Burnaby will soon be into active planning for the 2020 Burnaby Blooms Festival which will be taking place on Sunday, May 4. Burnaby has changed the format to take place totally outdoors which will present us with some challenges. Please bring ideas and your support to our planning committee as they work with the City to bring Burnaby another successful Burnaby Blooms.

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
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2018 - OCTOBER 31, 2019

INCOME AND EXPENSES

RECEIPTS	2017	2018	2019	2020 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP	471	480	408.00	420
DOOR PRIZE/DONATIONS	194.5	225.35	168.50	150
INTEREST	64.46	65.38	117.39	95
PLANT SALE	989.7	509	487.10	500
RHODOFEST	1729.75	1422.5	1592.00	1200
OTHER	0	0	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$3,449.41	\$2,702.23	\$2,772.99	\$2,365.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
SPEAKERS	895	850	1025.00	1,050.00
NEWSLETTER	107.76	123.15	83.96	50.00
OFFICE/ADMIN	154.18	134	133.41	150.00
REFRESHMENTS	0	0	0.00	50.00
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	77	77	93.61	94.00
BCCGC Meeting	57.71	80	92.30	100.00
PLANT SALE	0	7.84	0.00	0.00
RHODOFEST	113.97	114.09	112.99	150.00
DONATIONS	0	2000	0.00	2,000.00
SOCIAL	0	0	33.53	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	0	50	550.55	100.00
TOTAL	\$1,405.62	\$3,436.08	\$2,125.35	\$3,844.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	2,043.79	-733.85	647.64	-1,479.00

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS NOVEMBER 20 2019**

ASSETS	Oct 31/17	Oct 31/18	Oct 31/19	Oct 31/20 (projected)
CASH-Chequing	9,683.90	8,856.14	9,395.61	7,826.07
-petty cash	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
GIC	5,352.09	5,408.29	5,516.46	5,607.01
LIABILITIES	-37.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$15,018.28	 \$14,284.43	 \$14,932.07	 \$13,453.08
Change	2,043.79	-733.85	647.64	-1,478.99