

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 1, 2021
via Zoom

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:41 pm after dealing with audio difficulties which were not completely resolved.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

Nine members were in attendance on the Zoom meeting. A quorum of at least five members in good standing was confirmed.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Beth MacLaren moved and Judy Wellington seconded that the agenda be accepted. All were in favour.

4. Minutes from November 18, 2020 Annual General Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Verna Adamson and seconded by Eveyln Crawford. All were in favor.

5. Financial Report for the October 31, 2020, Year End

Treasurer, Susan Brandl, reported that the financial report was distributed to members before the meeting. She asked if there were any questions or comments; there was none. The report was accepted as written.

6. Budget for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year – Susan provided a projection of known income and expenses was provided to membership prior to the meeting. Due to the uncertainty caused by Covid no estimate of income from a Silent Auction or Plant Sale at Burnaby Blooms could be made. The club has sufficient funds to cover expenses without income from these two sources as it has \$13,005 in cash on deposit and no liabilities. Susan moved that the budget be accepted and Verna Adamson seconded the motion. All were in favour.

7. President's 2020 Year End Report

Due to technical difficulties in the audio of Zoom, Wendy Thompson said that her report would be posted on the BRAGS website with the Minutes and financial reports.

8. 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

A motion to adopt the nominated Executive for the 2022 year was made by David Forsyth:

Verna Adamson seconded. All were in favor.

A motion to accept the non-elected (appointed members) for the 2021 year was made by David Forsyth and seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor

9. Other Business

a) Burnaby Blooms – Verna reported that the City is planning to hold a one day event on Saturday May 7, 2022. Our contact, Caragh Robinsmith, has been in touch via email with Verna.

b) Monthly meetings might be possible in the new year. Wendy has been in touch with Crystal at the Burnaby Village Museum. We have dates saved for January, February and March but they are uncertain about our status as a non-paying group. Crystal is looking into this. Covid restrictions were not discussed with her.

c) Heritage Christmas – Beth suggested that we meet in December to tour the Heritage Christmas at the Village Museum which is free of charge and on From November 27 to January 3. This would replace a January meeting as there isn't enough time now to get a speaker. Beth will suggest some possible dates via email with members.

8. Adjournment

Wendy Thompson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

BRAGS President's Year End Report, December 1, 2021

This is my eighth year as President of BRAGS, but due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, I've done very little.

Despite vaccinations, Burnaby is still not allowing us to meet at the Village Museum, but Beth organized some presentations via Zoom which were very interesting. We also had a chance to "see" one another which was enjoyable. Thank you so much, Beth.

We didn't make any donations in 2021 as we had no revenue and have not been charging membership fees.

BRAGS members were busy in their gardens again this year, and have been sharing lovely photos which David has been saving on David.smugmug.com. Thank you to all of you who contributed to BRAGS virtually, and to David for saving the images online.

I'd like to give a big thank you to the Executive and to everyone else who has been staying involved and keeping BRAGS alive during this difficult year.

We are hoping to reconvene in January 2022, however, we are still unsure if it will be possible. Burnaby has been somewhat encouraging, but we will just have to wait and see. I'm hopeful that it will be happening before too long and that members will feel comfortable getting together again in a group setting.

Respectfully Submitted
Wendy Thompson
President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2020 - OCTOBER 31, 2021

INCOME AND EXPENSES

RECEIPTS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 Budget*
MEMBERSHIP	471	480	408.00	420	0	
RAFFLE	140	225.35	168.50	30	0	20
INTEREST	64.46	65.38	117.39	97.42	61.69	45
PLANT SALE	989.7	509	487.10	0	0	
RHODOFEST	1729.75	1422.5	1592.00	0	0	
DONATIONS	54.5	0	0.00	0	33.53	
OTHER	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	
TOTAL	3,449.41	2,702.23	2,772.99	547.42	95.22	65
DISBURSEMENTS						
SPEAKERS	895	850	1025.00	425	550.00	750
NEWSLETTER	107.76	123.15	261.33	0	0.00	
OFFICE/ADMIN	154.18	134	133.41	133.41	272.32	275
REFRESHMENTS	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	20
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	77	77	93.61	94.72	94.12	100
BCCGC Meeting	57.71	80	92.30	0	0.00	
PLANT SALE	0	7.84	0.00		0.00	
RHODOFEST	113.97	114.09	112.99	0	0.00	
DONATIONS	0	2000	0.00	1000	0.00	
SOCIAL	0	0	33.53	0	0.00	100
MISCELLANEOUS	0	50	550.55	0	0.00	100
TOTAL	1,405.62	3,436.08	2,125.35	1,653.13	916.44	1345
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	2043.79	-733.85	647.64	-1,105.71	-821.22	-1279.64

* Note that no budget can be presented due to uncertainty over when normal activities will resume

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS	Oct 31/17	Oct 31/18	Oct 31/19	Oct 31/20	Oct 31/21	Oct-22 projected
CASH-Chequing	\$9,683.90	8856.14	9395.61	8325.57	7315.72	5991
-petty cash(raffle)	\$20.00	20	20	20	20.00	20
GIC	\$5,352.09	5408.29	5516.46	5607.73	5669.42	5715
LIABILITIES	-37.71	0	0	-126.94 *	0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$15,018.28	\$14,284.43	\$14,932.07	\$13,826.36	\$13,005.14	11725
Change	\$2,043.79	-\$733.85	\$647.64	-\$1,105.71	-\$821.22	-\$1,279.64

*Cheques owed/not cashed