

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
April 7, 2021
Via Zoom

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Adoption of March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by David Forsyth; seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS website by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

None

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for the period Feb 29, 2020, to Mar 31, 2021:
Total revenue = \$72.53; expenses = \$829.53; revenue over expenses = -\$757.00. Bank balance as of March 31 = \$7761.00. The credit union is no longer paying interest. There is \$5600 in a GIC.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

B.C. Council of Garden Clubs – The AGM was held on March 27, 2021 via Zoom and there was no cost to members. Wendy asked for volunteers via email.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Burnaby Blooms - The festival is on hold due to Covid 19.

b) Plant Sale – The plant sale is on hold due to Covid 19.

c) Welcome/Attendance - Anne Forsyth

Anne reported that there were 14 members in attendance.

d) Memberships - Anne Forsyth

Membership fees are waived due to Covid 19

e) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren

May -- Stanley Park Ecological Society will be presenting "Owls in the Park", via Zoom

June – Corina Hanson will be presenting "Mosaics", which may be done outside at her home.

7. New/Other Business

a) BC Council of Garden Clubs AGM – Susan attended on behalf of BRAGS. They voted on allowing digital communications and to restrict each club to just one

contact. They are still looking for members for the Executive. Two recipients of scholarships spoke: one on climate change and the other from a group creating a "butterflyway" to improve habitat. Both recipients were very appreciative to have been given scholarships. Verna noted that she has joined the butterfly group and was creating a butterfly garden at her home.

b) Go Green compost – Bev will be contacting Gelderman Farms to find out the price and how many orders are required to get free delivery. If there is enough interest between BRAGS and the Shade Society, she will order the product. Keith thought that the church near the Village Museum would probably allow us to use their parking lot for delivery.

c) Gabbing About Gardening – Wendy attended an online seminar put on by Gabbing About Gardening. The speaker, Carolyn Herriot has an organic farm on Vancouver Island. Her topic was Growing Food and she has written a book called The Zero Mile Diet. The seminars are on Monday afternoons at 3:30. If you want to be on their mailing list for future seminars, email lucretia.schanfarber@gmail.com. Gabbing About Gardening also has a Facebook page.

d) Hope Garden – Beth reported that the Cottonwood Garden has registered their Hope Garden for 2021.

If you would like to be a part of creating Cottonwood's Hope Garden and/or if you'd like to plant something yellow, the international colour of hope, please let them know.

Reply to cottonwoodgarden@gmail.com.

For more information, go to: <https://>

www.hopeisgrowing.ca/.

8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm and was followed by John Brimacombe, President of the Pacific Northwest Palm and Exotic Plant Society, speaking about exotic plants.