

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 7, 2022 via Zoom**

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**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:11 pm

**2. Confirmation of Quorum**

Ten 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**

Cheryl Fiddis moved and Therese Pope seconded that the agenda be accepted. All were in favour.

**4. Minutes from December 1, 2021 Annual General Meeting**

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

**5. Financial Report for the October 31, 2022, 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. Susan said that the GIC is due in June and that we will probably transfer some of the funds in the chequing account to the new GIC. The report was accepted as written.

**6. Budget for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year** – Susan provided a projection of known income and expenses was provided to membership prior to the meeting. Susan moved that the budget be accepted and David Forsyth seconded the motion. All were in favour.

**7. President's 2022 Year End Report**

Wendy Thompson read her report and asked if anyone was interested in replacing her as President as she has had the position for nine years. It was suggested that this be revisited in June, 2023. Her report will 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 2023 year was made by Beth MacLaren and seconded by David Forsyth. All were in favour.

A motion to accept the non-elected (appointed members) for the 2022 year was made by Cheryl Fiddis 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 two-day event in May, 2023. They have been reaching out to other garden clubs to participate. Verna suggested possibly doing a plant sale on one day and a Silent Auction on the second.
- b) Speakers – Beth was thanked for arranging for the speakers which were all very interesting. Beth asked members to let her know if they have any suggestions for future speakers. Evelyn suggested Ethan Davis and Melinda suggested Amanda's Garden.
- c) The Christmas party will be held at the February meeting.
- d) The January meeting will have flower arrangements to raffle
- e) BRAGS will continue to share a Zoom account with the Shade Garden Society.
- f) Membership fees: Susan will collect the fees. Members will be asked to submit their \$12 by cheque or cash in an envelope. Anne will prepare the receipts and membership cards. After attending three meetings, new people will be asked to join.

**8. Adjournment**

Wendy Thompson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:42 pm.

# **BRAGS President's Year End Report**

## **December 7, 2022**

This has been my ninth year as President of BRAGS, and we have begun to open up and meet in person, despite the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. It is my honour to serve as president, however, I am more than ready to step aside for someone new to take it on.

Brian Minter gave us a presentation via Zoom at our February meeting which was well attended by BRAGS members as well as by members from other clubs that were invited to join in. He spoke about regenerative gardening, mushrooms and plants to inspire.

We negotiated with the Burnaby Village Museum to restart our meetings in the Discovery Room and had in-person meetings there in April, May, June, October and November. April was our first in-person meeting and we made it a social as we hadn't seen each other for so long.

We had speakers at five of the other meetings featuring Botanus (bee-friendly plants), the Earthwise Society (organic gardening), Van Noort Bulb Company (bulbs), Jennifer Zuk (Dahlias) and Conway Lum of GardenWorks (winter birds, feeders, rodents and the Japanese Beetle). In September we had a Zoom meeting so that David Forsyth could coordinate our annual presentation of photos by members of their summer gardens.

On May 7 we participated in Burnaby Blooms by having a one-day plant sale. It was a big success and we made over \$1000.00. We didn't do the Silent Auction this year due to Covid. A big thank you goes to Verna for being the main organizer, and to everyone else who donated plants, got donations, and volunteered at the event.

We made a donation of \$250 to the New Vista Care Home to buy bulbs and other plant materials for the new facility.

I'd like to extend a big thank you to the Executive and to everyone else who has been staying involved and keeping BRAGS alive.

We hope to keep meeting in person in 2023. The AGM was held via Zoom to ensure a quorum as the weather has been unseasonably wintery this fall.

Respectfully Submitted  
Wendy Thompson  
President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY  
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2021 - OCTOBER 31, 2022

**INCOME AND EXPENSES**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	2019	2020	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	2023 Budget
MEMBERSHIP	408.00	420	0	0.00	360
RAFFLE	168.50	30	0	62.00	62
INTEREST	117.39	97.42	61.69	45.36	45
PLANT SALE	487.10	0	0	1,028.80	800
RHODOFEST	1592.00	0	0	0.00	0
DONATIONS	0.00	0	33.53	56.00	0
OTHER	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,772.99</b>	<b>547.42</b>	<b>95.22</b>	<b>\$1,192.16</b>	<b>\$1,267</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

SPEAKERS	1025.00	425	550.00	937.50	1200
NEWSLETTER	261.33	0	0.00	0.00	0
OFFICE/ADMIN	133.41	133.41	272.32	319.55	275
REFRESHMENTS	0.00	0	0.00	16.43	20
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	93.61	94.72	94.12	94.18	125
BCCGC Meeting	92.30	0	0.00	68.00	75
PLANT SALE	0.00		0.00	0.00	30
RHODOFEST/BBY BLOOMS	112.99	0	0.00	0.00	
DONATIONS	0.00	1000	0.00	250.00	500
SOCIAL	33.53	0	0.00	0.00	100
MISCELLANEOUS	550.55	0	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,125.35</b>	<b>1,653.13</b>	<b>916.44</b>	<b>1685.66</b>	<b>2325</b>

<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>647.64</b>	<b>-1,105.71</b>	<b>-821.22</b>	<b>-493.50</b>	<b>-1058.00</b>
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 YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2021 - OCTOBER 31, 2022  
**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

<b>ASSETS</b>	Oct 31/19	Oct 31/20	Oct 31/21	Oct 31/2022	Oct 31/23 projected
CASH-Chequing	9395.61	8325.57	7315.72	6,776.56	5719
-petty cash(raffle)	20	20	20.00	20.00	20
GIC	5516.46	5607.73	5669.42	5,714.78	5760
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	0	-126.94 *	0.00		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$14,932.07</b>	<b>\$13,826.36</b>	<b>\$13,005.14</b>	<b>\$12,511.34</b>	11499
Change	\$647.64	-\$1,105.71	-\$821.22	-\$493.80	-\$1,012.28

\*Cheques owed/not cashed