

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – April 5, 2023**  
**Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

**2. Adoption of March 1, 2023. Meeting Minutes**

Faye Kilpatrick moved and Verna Adamson seconded the motion that the minutes for March 1, 2023, be accepted as posted on the BRAGS website. All were in favour.

**3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson**

a) Wendy heard back from Crystal Ueno at the City regarding an offer from BRAGS to donate a plaque featuring Don and Dorothy Wrigley to be displayed at the Burnaby Village Museum. She was advised that there already is a plaque there which was included in the opening of the building in 1993, and that they have a policy in which they do not accept gifts with specific display restriction on them. It was suggested that BRAGS look into the Bench Donation program that is offered through the City. As this would cost much more than had been budgeted, it's not an option. No other options were suggested at this meeting.

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

Susan provided the following financial report. \$24 was received in membership fees, and \$100 was paid out a speaker. Current balance in the checking account is \$6,547.72 and there are GICs of \$5,700.00.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**

a) A letter was received from PicRights International Inc. requesting \$250 for an image license for a photo displayed in BRAGS's newsletter dated December 2017. As Cheryl Fiddis, writer of the newsletter, confirmed that she had taken the image in question, no action will be taken.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Welcome/Attendance**

There were 13 participants in attendance and 1 guest.

**b) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**

-The festival will be held on May 13 and 14 but BRAGS will be there only on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, and will only be doing a plant sale. Verna reported that the planning is progressing well.

-BRAGS will have only seven tables this year (10 last time), as other garden clubs will be sharing the space in Room 103. It is hoped that plants can be brought in on the day before (Friday).

- Most of the nurseries that previously donated to our Silent Auction, are on board to donate them to the plant sale. More plants are needed and members were reminded to get their plants ready.

-As carts were in short supply last year, John Crawford offered to bring his hand truck.

- Beth offered to pick up donations in South Burnaby, as Wendy will be away.

- Verna asked members to sign up for volunteering at the festival.

**c) Memberships – Susan Brandl and Wendy Thompson**

Anne made up membership cards and Verna brought them to the meeting for those members who have paid their fees.

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

**May 3** – Chris Jennings from the Vancouver Shade Garden Society will present on Hydrangeas

**June 7** – Theresa Krause, President of the Fraser Pacific Rose Society will talk about the different types of roses, pruning (spring, summer and fall). June is Rose month.

**7. New/Other Business**

a) September meeting – The City advised Wendy that, due to renovations, the kitchen will not be available for the September 6 meeting. Faye said that she could bring juice instead of coffee for that meeting.

**b) BCCGC AGM April 1, 2023** -- Beth MacLaren attended the meeting which featured a speaker from the College of the North, who was a recipient of a BCCGC bursary. He spoke about his studies of insects, plants and fungi. The election of officers was successful with all of the positions being filled. BRAGS donated two Fiskar garden tools - a pair of secateurs and a weeding tool - for the draw table.

**c) Garden Tour** – Beth asked the members if they were interested in a garden tour which is being put on by the South Delta Garden Club on Sunday, June 25. As several members expressed interest, Beth will ask David to send out a message to all.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. After refreshments, Winston Wong from BC Bee Supply gave a very interesting and informative presentation on "Mason Bees in your Garden" and offered mason bee cocoons and various types of mason bee homes for sale. Rental houses were also available.

