

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – September 6, 2023
Via Zoom

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2. Adoption of June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Verna Adamson moved and Beth MacLaren seconded that the minutes be approved as posted. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report.

Current balance: \$7,188.00 in the chequing account and GICs of \$5,869.00. Susan will move some of the cash to a GIC.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Another letter was received claiming that BRAGS was using a photo on its website illegally. A payment of \$250 is being demanded. This is clearly a scam as the photo, which was removed from website, was taken by Cheryl Fiddis. We will continue to ignore these demands.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance – Wendy Thompson

There were 13 members in attendance via Zoom.

b) Memberships –

David Forsyth reported that we have 36 or so members.

c) Speakers/Program – Beth MacLaren

Beth reported that she is waiting to hear if Wayne at Phoenix Perennials will be our October speaker. In November Aiden Hooker of Front Yard Farms will be our speaker.

d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson

nil

7. New/Other Business/Sharing

a) This meeting was held via Zoom as the Discovery Room was not available due to renovations

b) The BCCGC asked who will be representing BRAGS at the upcoming fall meeting at the end of October. Beth MacLaren volunteered to attend.

c) Janice Bobic suggested the “soil activator” guy as a future speaker, and Melinda Aikin suggested Matthew Young who spoke at the New West Garden club. Beth will investigate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

After the business portion of the meeting, David showed photographs submitted by nine members of their gardens and trips, as he has done the last couple of years.