

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – October 4, 2023**  
**At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

**2. Adoption of September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

These Minutes were posted on the BRAGS' website. Verna Adamson moved and Keith Harris 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. \$3000 will be moved from chequing to a GIC when Susan figures out how it is done online.

**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 16 members in attendance.

**b) Memberships –**

Nothing to report

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

Beth reported that Tasha Murray, Executive Director of the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, will talk about invasive species and as well as stinkbugs and Japanese Beetles.

In January, the Discovery Room is not available to us, but Maria Valana will give us a presentation via Zoom. Beth will decide on the topic.

**d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**

nil

**7. New/Other Business/Sharing**

a) The Discovery Room will not be available for our March meeting. Wendy is making inquiries to find an alternate venue.

b) Beth asked if we should renew our Zoom membership. If the Shade Garden does not want to share a membership as they have in the past, we would have to purchase it for BRAGS alone, unless a member has a paid membership they could share.

c) Debbie Vallee suggested that we contact schools of horticulture to find out if they have any Master Gardeners who might be interested in joining BRAGS.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

After the business portion of the meeting, Ingrid Pike and Conor from the Vancouver Orchid Society presented Orchids 101, a program that covers general orchid definition, distribution and care. They brought a few different orchids in bloom and samples of potting media. They repotted two of the orchids that Beth had brought for the draw.