

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – January 3, 2024**  
**Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:06 pm. The meeting was held by Zoom as the Discovery Room was not available.

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

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

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

- a) BRAGS and the Shade Society will share a Zoom membership for 2024, for \$70 each which includes a 30% discount. Beth will make the payment in late January.
- b) Chris Jennings of the Shade Society volunteered to speak at the Confederation Seniors Association (CSA) in March as no one from BRAGS volunteered. CSA does lifestyle/gardening lectures throughout the year. Members were asked to let their friends know that they are looking for volunteers.

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

Susan provided the following financial report: \$3000 was moved from chequing to a GIC. \$36 was received in membership fees and \$400 was paid out. This included payments to the November speaker, BCCGC for annual membership and insurance, and the Ministry of Finance for the annual society filing. That left a balance of \$3889.51 in the chequing account.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**

- a) None received. Wendy will call the Shadbolt Centre office to find out if anything has been received for us since the December meeting when she last checked, however, very little mail is received there.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

- a) **Welcome/Attendance – Wendy Thompson**  
There were 13 members in attendance.

**b) Memberships –**

Memberships for 2024 are now due, and are still only \$12. They are payable by e-transfer, or in exact cash at a meeting, or by cheque mailed to Susan or Anne,

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

David Forsyth will come to the March meeting with his computer and projector. The speaker, Dwight Young, will speak about soil activation.

**d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**

The festival will be one day only, Sunday, May 5, 2024.

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

- a) As only 8 members attended the AGM in December, Wendy suggested having future AGMs via Zoom with the hope that more members would attend. December's weather often keeps members at home. The downside is that our social has always been after the AGM. Members were asked to think about it.

b) Beth thought that more Zoom meetings might be a good idea.

c) Verna suggested having field trips. She mentioned a tour offered by one of our donors, Sekhon & Sons nursery in Pitt Meadows. She spoke with the GM who is a certified horticulturalist, beekeeper and pollinator plant specialist.

d) David received an email from Fraser Valley Rose Farm in Deroche near Mission, who do tours; He will give Beth the details.

e) Keith offered his garden for the summer potluck picnic, and was thanked.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

After the business portion of the meeting, Maria Valena of KPU, Langley, gave a presentation on plant propagation by cuttings which was most informative.