

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 7, 2024**  
**At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

No new updates. The festival will be one day only, Sunday, May 5, 2024.

**2. Adoption of January 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

a) Cheryl moved and Verna seconded that we donate \$500 to Wildlife Rescue Association; after a brief discussion, the motion was approved. Wildlife Rescue, located at the south end of Burnaby Lake, accepts towels, sheets and other fabric items for their shelters. Tours are also given, often without notice required. They recently saved many of the hummingbirds that were brought into their shelter during the cold weather.

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

a) Beth said she would be looking into field trips

b) It was noted that we haven't received any requests for donations, even from the organizations we have donated to in the past. Judy will contact the Butterfly Garden at Piper Spit, a previous recipient.

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

Susan provided the following financial report: Revenue for January was \$84 and expenses were \$241.88  
Balance in chequing account at Jan 31 was \$3731.63; the two GICs total \$8869.08.

b) Beth brought in some seeds from Minter Country Garden. She also has some links with good information about planting which she will give to David to add to the next newsletter.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**

a) None received.

c) Next Meeting will be held on March 6, at the Shadbolt Centre in Studio 104 on the main floor.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Welcome/Attendance – Wendy Thompson**

There were 15 members in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

**b) Memberships –**

Memberships for 2024 are due, and are still only \$12. Anne reported that 19 of the 35 members have paid. They are payable by e-transfer, or with exact cash at a meeting, or by cheque mailed to Susan or Anne.

After the business portion of the meeting and refreshments, Ron Long gave an interesting presentation with photos from one of his trips to the desert in South Africa.

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

Beth has been really busy arranging speakers for the year. Thank you, Beth!

March: Dwight Young on Soil Activation.

April: Aidan Silzer Hooker on Front Yard Farms

May: Jason Croutch on Garden Facts and Folklore

June: Ana Dushyna on: Medicinal Berries; she will serve herbal tea

September: Members' Photos, in person?

October: Jay Akerley via Zoom on Crevice

Gardens for Small Spaces

November: To be determined

**d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**