

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 4, 2025**  
**At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

**2. Adoption of May 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson**

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Cheryl Fiddis moved to accept the Minutes and Faye Kilpatrick seconded the motion. All were in favour.

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

Nil.

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

Susan provided the following financial report.

Current balance: \$6,400.00 in the chequing account and we have 2 GIC's.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**

Newsletter from the BC Council of Garden Clubs has been posted on BRAGS website.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Welcome/Attendance – Judy Wellington**

There were 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

**b) Memberships – Anne Forsyth**

No change in memberships.

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

Beth reported that the speakers are organized for the rest of the year.

**September 3** – BRAGS members' garden photos and trip pictures should be forwarded to David.

**October 1** – Owen Ballance – home propagation: Growing your Own – Annuals to Trees and Everything in Between.

**November 5** – Deborah Jones – Rain Gardens Revisited.

**d) Burnaby Blooms – Verna Adamson**

Nil.

**7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson**

**a) Summer picnic** – Keith Harris offered to host again. Last year the date was July 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Date for this summer to be determined.

**b) Tours** – Upcoming tours include: Sunday, June 15 – East Vancouver Garden Club and Sunday, June 22 – South Delta Garden Club.

**c) Instagram** – to attract more members for BRAGS a suggestion was mentioned at the BC Garden Council of Garden Clubs at their April meeting to try Instagram. Wendy will try this technique and report back.

**d) Donation to the Wildlife Rescue Association** - David suggested donating to this organization due to the decrease in their federal funding. Motion was passed to donate \$500.00. Faye Kilpatrick moved and Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

**8. Adjournment – 7:25 pm**

After the meeting and refreshments, Genevieve Olive presented on Beekeeping in BC – native bees and honeybees, the plants they love and products of the hive – wax, honey, pollen and propolis. Members were invited to sample the various honey.