

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 4, 2013
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Minutes from December 5, 2012 Annual General Meeting

The Acting Secretary, Wendy Thompson, read the minutes from the December 5, 2012 AGM. Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by Therese Pope. All were in favor.

3. Financial Report

2013 Year End - Treasurer, Susan Brandl, presented this report which was made available to review. Motion to accept was made by Susan and seconded by Lois Brown. All were in favor.

2013 Budget – Susan presented the proposed 2014 budget for BRAGS. This is a guideline document. Copies of the proposed budget were available to review. Motion to accept it was made by Susan and seconded by June Dodson. All were in favor.

4. President's Year End Report

Verna Adamson read her year-end report which will be posted on the BRAGS website appended to the Minutes and financial reports.

5. Nominations

No nominations were to be accepted from this meeting and the following is the incoming Executive: President – Vacant; Vice President – Wendy Thompson; Secretary – Linda Cholette; Treasurer – Susan Brandl. Directors are: Publicity – Evelyn Crawford; Rhododendron Festival -- Wendy Thompson & June Dodson; Fundraising (Plant Sale Coordinator) -- Vacant; Membership – Anne Forsyth. Non elected positions are: Welcome & Raffle – Faye Kilpatrick; Speakers – Bev Glover; Website – David Forsyth; Refreshment Coordinator – June Dodson; Newsletter -- Cheryl Fiddis; Nominations (3 positions) - Judy Wellington, Verna Adamson & Vacant; BC Garden Club Representative -- Keith Harris. Motion to adopt the nominated Executive for the 2014 year was made by Keith Harris and Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor. Motion to accept the non-elected (appointed members) for the 2014 year was made by Don Wrigley and seconded by David Forsyth. All were in favour. Vacancies will be filled as soon as possible.

6. Other Business

There was no other business

7. Next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2014

8. Adjournment

June Dodson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:25 pm

BRAGS
President's Year End Report
Dec 4, 2013

Thank you to our Executive Committee, standing committee members and all those who contribute in many ways to BRAGS. We have had another busy and successful year!

Special thanks to Bev Glover for coordinating the 2013 guest speakers. The variety of topics and knowledge of the speakers have been most interesting:

January – Bill & Carla Bischoff; Bischoff Garden Slide Show

February - Sharon Kallis; "Art in the Garden"

March –Our own David Savelieff ; Growing Potatoes

April – Conway Lum; Growing Herbs

May - Norm Brown; Garden Lighting

June - Alec Globe; "Old World Roses"

September – Garden Successes and Failures; Club discussion night

October – Diane Gaines of Van Noort Bulbs; "Bulbs, Spring to Fall"

November – Laurelle Olford-Down of Art's Nursery; "Winter Garden Colour"

Bev Glover organized Club trips to the Pacific Northwest Flower Show in Seattle in Feb, Minter Gardens in June and a Fraser Valley Winery Tour in September. All were interesting learning experiences and great fun!

Bev also initiated the "Unique" fertilizer group purchase. (delivery planned for the Feb 2014 meeting)

Thanks to Bev for her program planning, detailed trip coordinating and great ideas!

Thanks to Lanny Hui for coordinating the annual plant sale, which we again held in conjunction with the RhodoFestival. As our major fundraiser, we thank all who donated plants and their time to make this a successful event. The funds raised go toward our expenses, namely guest speakers and community donations.

Thanks to Wendy Thompson and June Dodson for their work once again coordinating the 25th annual Rhodofest with the City of Burnaby. We had an outstanding group of volunteers who worked hard on both the RhodoFest and Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone for your time commitment and dedication to this event. I hope that you had as an enjoyable day as I did! *Congratulations to us for 25 years of the Rhodofest!* That's an achievement to be very proud of!

We developed our Club tagline "*Rhodos to Radishes...Celebrate Burnaby Gardens!*" and produced a beautiful banner with a David Forsyth photo. This banner will be used for promoting our club at events such as the Rhodofest.

Special thanks to David Forsyth for his commitment to our website and email communications as well as to Cheryl Fiddis, tireless editor of our informative newsletter.

Our summer picnic was an enjoyable social gathering in the garden of Graham and Verna Adamson. What great cooks we all are!

Our 2013 givings to the community were \$319.96 out of our \$500.00 commitment to the Burnaby Lake Parks Association for the Butterfly Garden, \$400 to the Wildlife Rescue Association, and \$300 to Stoney Creek Elementary for the student community garden. Our 2013 bursary allocation to SFU (\$500) has been received and granted to a student in the Pest Management Program.

Thanks to Sheila Chowdhury for the gift of her time volunteering with the students at Stoney Creek Elementary in their community garden.

Our thanks go to the City of Burnaby for supporting BRAGS by providing the use of the Discovery Room for our monthly meetings and for the successful partnership collaborating on the Rhodofestival.

As we start to plan for the 26th Annual RhodoFestival in the spring, we will continue to celebrate our club and be more deliberate in promoting BRAGS to the community in an effort to gain new members. Please bring ideas and your support to our planning committee as they work with the City to bring Burnaby another great Rhodofest.

As the short cold days of winter keep us cooped up indoors, it's time to reflect on this year's gardening successes and failures, and to dream up new ideas and projects for the spring. Get those seed catalogues out and get planning!

Thanks for another great gardening year with BRAGS!

Respectfully Submitted
Verna Adamson
President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2012 - OCTOBER 31, 2013

INCOME AND EXPENSES

RECEIPTS	2011	2012	2013	2014 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP	588	564	504	540
RAFFLE	198	178.75	231	150
INTEREST	76.95	58.82	93.58	50
PLANT SALE		737	702	600
RHODOFEST	2944.64	2103	1331	1200
DONATIONS	0	21	3	0
OTHER	25.5	25		0
TOTAL	3833.09	3687.57	2864.58	2540

DISBURSEMENTS

SPEAKERS	1395.36	525	725	900
NEWSLETTER		167.53	218.2	200
OFFICE/ADMIN	438.67	165.86	45.12	100
REFRESHMENTS	222.08	189.04	33.09	100
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	192	87	97	100
BCCGC Meeting	125	135	50	150
PLANT SALE	150	100	120	125
RHODOFEST	268.53	230.29	159.31	250
DONATIONS	3450	2600	1019.96	1000 *
SOCIAL	16.79 picnic	59.8		100
MISCELLANEOUS		50		50
	6258.43	4309.52	2467.68	3075

REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	-2425.34	-621.95	396.90	-535.00 *\$500 to SFU?
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ASSETS

	Oct 31/11	Oct 31/12	Oct 31/13
CASH-Chequing	\$6,989.62	\$6,295.92	\$6,609.65
-petty cash(raffle)		\$71.75	\$75.00
GIC	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,087.50

LIABILITIES

	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$180.04 Butterfly garden
			-\$500.00 SFU schol

TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,989.62	\$11,367.67	\$11,092.11	\$10,557.11
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Change		-\$621.95	-\$275.56
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