

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

Minutes of Meetings - 2009

Year End Reports & Financial Statements

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 7, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of December 2008 minutes. Moved by Susan Brandl and seconded by Keith Harris. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report. No report was presented by Lois Brown at this time, however, she will provide an update at the meeting in February.

4. Old/New Business

a. Deer Lake United Church Garden Design.

This item was brought forward at December's meeting. The Church has requested assistance from BRAGS with the planning and design for a memorial garden and possible financial support. The majority of BRAGS members were not in favor of providing funds but agreed to provide volunteers for planning a garden and a park bench was suggested.

Action: David Forsyth will post a notice on the BRAGS' website requesting volunteers for designing a garden. Contact person is Scott Turnbrook. This item will be revisited in March.

b. Publicity.

The duties of this position (held in the past by Jackie Walker) include: circulating emails; arranging advertisements in the newspapers, etc.

Action: This item will be revisited at February's meeting.

c. Speakers.

Heather MacKay is currently organizing speakers for upcoming 2009 meetings.

5. Correspondence

a. BCCGC newsletter is available for members to read.

b. Burnaby Arts Council Newsletter is available for members to read.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 26.

b. Plant Sale.

One, or two volunteers are needed to organize this annual fundraiser.

c. Rhodofest.

Wendy Thompson was recently contacted by Julie-Anne Slade from the City of Burnaby. Faye Kilpatrick has volunteered to organize the bouquet contest and Jeanne Mitchell's daughter Meredith has volunteered to organize the Silent Auction.

7. Committee Chair Reports

Kudos:

- Cheryl thanked Anne Forsyth for stepping forward to take over the Membership Committee and was presented with a bottle of wine.
- Appreciation was expressed to the former Executive members and the new membership group was welcomed.

8. Other Business – Nil.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation of "Cyclamen" by Bill Bischoff.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – February 3, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of January 7th Minutes. Moved by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by Susan Brandl. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Lois Brown reported the following: balance at the end of December was \$6,949.93. (two GICs of \$5,000.00 each were included in this total) Expenses incurred in January were \$39.62.

4. Old/New Business

Cheryl was thanked for her article in the newsletter about how to make meetings more interesting, fun and challenging.

a. Deer Lake United Church Garden Design.

This item will be revisited in March.

b. Publicity

Lindsey McCann volunteered to fill this position and will contact Heather MacKay re: posting notices of upcoming speakers in the Burnaby Now and the BRAGS newsletter.

c. Raffles

Val Wuensche offered to do the raffles for Sheila Chowdhury when she is absent. Members were encouraged to bring in gifts of their choice.

5. Correspondence

Judy Wellington reported that she had received the following correspondence: a letter from recipients of a horticulture scholarship; a UBC certificate for garden design and the Burnaby Arts Council Newsletter. These are available for members to read.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

Total present: 31 members and 1 guest.

b. Plant Sale

A couple of volunteers are still needed to organize this annual fundraiser scheduled for April 19th.

c. Rhodofest

Wendy Thompson met with Jeanne Mitchell and received the list of suppliers. Peter Barnsdale and Diane Allison volunteered to call the suppliers. Wendy requested assistance with the following:

- Auction portion
- Need to have a cause for the proceeds
- Suggestions for other artisans

Volunteer sign-up sheets were posted at the back of the room. A Planning Committee meeting will take place later this month.

7. Committee Chair Reports

8. Other Business

a. Garden Tours/Garden Contest

Following discussion, the majority of members were in favour to have the garden tour every year as this is a large fundraiser and continuation of the garden contest will be discussed at a later date.

Note: the City of Burnaby used to provide partial funding towards this contest.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation of: "West Coast Seeds" by Heather Havens.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 4, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of February 3rd Minutes. Moved by Heather MacKay and seconded by David Forsyth. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Lois Brown reported the following:
revenue from memberships - \$252.00; expenses incurred - \$42.00; revenues over expenses - \$210.00;
summary of bank balance as of February 28 - \$6,764.76;
term deposits totalled \$10,000.00;
grand total of \$16,764.76.

4. Old/New Business

a. Deer Lake United Church Garden Design

No volunteers offered their services for this project.

b. Old gardening books

Heather MacKay indicated that over the past couple of years she has acquired a couple of boxes of old gardening books donated from various BRAGS members. Following discussion, all agreed that these books will be raffled at our monthly meetings.

c. Garden Works Annual Opening Weekend

Peter Barnsdale reported that Garden Works is having their annual opening weekend on March 21 and 22. They requested some BRAGS volunteers to hand out brochures promoting our club. Volunteers are needed from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and can be scheduled in various shifts. Peter will confirm with Donna Johnson.

5. Correspondence

Judy Wellington reported that she had received the following correspondence: letter from the VanDusen Botanical Gardens on their lecture series; City of Burnaby nomination form for environmental award; Fraser Valley Plant sale is on April 26; Stoney Creek Environmental Committee – in the past we have donated an annual \$500.00. BRAGS agreed to continue. Marti Tutti reported on the St. Michael's Chapel Garden – BRAGS has provided some funding in the past. A picture of the garden and a DVD were presented to BRAGS. All agreed that the picture will be donated to the Burnaby Public Library. St. Michael's is in need of one, or two more volunteers for their garden. Contact Marti if interested. All of the above correspondence are

available for members to read.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

Total present: 34 members. Reminder: membership dues are due!!

b. Plant Sale (April 19)

Lanny Hui reported the following: the location will be in the parking lot behind Burnaby Village Museum and the date is April 19th. Lanny posted a sign up sheet for various duties/areas at the back of the meeting room; David Forsyth emailed members about this annual event and notification was posted in the BRAGS newsletter. Lanny will review the feedback received and Susan McDougall's comprehensive notes from last year.

c. Rhodofest

Wendy Thompson met with Peter Barnsdale and Judy Wellington and reported the following: There are 17 confirmed vendors; we will have a smaller Silent Auction; still need an auctioneer and an overall organizer for this annual event and a volunteer with a truck to pick up some of the items in the Fraser Valley district. Sign up sheets were posted at the back of the meeting room. Wendy read out a letter from Diane Gillis from the Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association (KINA) and they are interested in beautifying Burnaby. KINA has requested sponsorship and funding from BRAGS towards their first mural project and they needed to know fairly soon if we supported this initiative, in order for them to promote us and the Rhodofest in their advertising. (4 weeks in the Newsleader for their ribbon cutting ceremony on April 25th) BRAGS agreed to sponsor KINA for \$1500.00. Veiko Tutti motioned to support this proposal and Lois Brown seconded.

7. Committee Chair Reports

8. Other Business

a. Garden Tours/Garden Contest

Faye Kilpatrick expressed the need for another partner to help with the organization of this yearly event.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation of: "Great Plant Picks" by Gwen ODERmatt

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 1, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:08.

2. Adoption of March 4th Minutes. The minutes were approved and passed.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Lois Brown reported the following:
revenue from memberships - \$132.00; revenue from raffle - \$32.00; expenses incurred - \$220.48;
bank balance - \$6,708.86; 2 term deposits totalling \$10,000.00; grand total of \$16,708.86.

4. Old/New Business

a. BRAGS Newsletter

Judy Wellington expressed thanks to all BRAGS newsletter contributors.

b. Green Roof Project (BCIT)

Heather MacKay stated that this project is focused on planting roofs with heat tolerant plants to assist in the cooling of buildings/residences and improves power consumption. The site to be viewed is located at 6th Avenue – Main and Clark. They will be having an Open House every third Thursday. If interested, Heather posted a sign up sheet at the back of the meeting room. Possible date = late May, or June.

5. Correspondence

Judy Wellington reported that she had received the following correspondence:

1. B.C. Garden Society meeting correspondence
2. 2009 Environment Award nomination
3. Wild Rose Festival
4. AGM – David Forsyth and Judy Wellington attended this meeting. They had two very good speakers. Motion was made that BRAGS contact these speakers. Wendy Thompson seconded and all were in favour.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

Total present: 30 members.

b. Plant Sale (April 19)

Lanny Hui reported the following:

1. The date for next year's plant sale will be changed from Sunday to Saturday. All were in favour of this change.
2. Supplies needed: a sledge hammer, a roll of cellophane (Judy Wellington has some) and Kraft paper (Lanny to contact Susan McDougall).
3. Two tents are available from the Boy Scouts and they will install them for \$120.00. Lanny proposed that BRAGS donate \$150.00 to the Boy Scouts. All were in favour.

c. Rhodofest

Wendy Thompson thanked all of the members that are volunteering.

1. A sign-up form was posted at the back of the meeting room for those volunteers needing T-shirts.
2. Faye Kilpatrick is organizing the Spring Bouquet competition, however, she is unable to attend the day of the contest. Please contact Wendy, or Faye if you are able to assist.
3. Lois Brown will be counting the pink skirts for the tables and requested assistance. Arlene Hrastnik volunteered.
4. Helen Reid indicated that she will set up her antique tool display again this year and will require two tables and assistance with the set up of her tools. She was allocated Room 103 – the same room as the Silent Auction. Wendy will ensure that a sign be posted "Antique Tool Display".

d. KINA (Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association)

Wendy Thompson indicated that this association requested assistance from BRAGS with their plantings around the neighbourhood school. The elementary children will need guidance when doing the gardening. Contact Wendy for further details.

7. Committee Chair Reports

8. Other Business

a. Garden Tours/Garden Contest

Faye Kilpatrick reported that a new concept is happening this year. Greentree Village gardens will be toured along with the Garden Apartments (close to the Forest Lawn cemetery). Garden Apartments has not been confirmed as yet.

b. Rhododendron presentation – Norbert Wuensche

Norbert presented on various samples of rhododendrons that were selected from his garden.

c. Orchid presentation – Lanny Hui

Lanny presented on orchids. She provided a summary on the care of store bought orchids: remove the peat moss and repot to ensure better/healthier growth; water once every two weeks, or once per month; place plant in location facing south and add low concentration of fertilizer.

**Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation of:
"Eagles Estate Heritage Garden" by Head Gardener
Laura Ralph**

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – May 6, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of April 2009 minutes. Moved by Rimka Laman, seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report. Lois Brown reported that our VanCity Balance is 7873.23 as of May 1, 2009 minus some cheques to clear. Our GIC is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association held a community clean-up event. Wendy Thompson and Judy Wellington had a table with info. BRAGS supports its project by donating \$1,500 plus plants worth \$118 from the Plant Sale.

b. Fairhaven project. Peter Barnsdale requested \$200 for annuals this year. All in favour. Passed. Volunteers are needed to plant annuals on Mondays; please contact Peter for more info.

c. Burnaby Hospital rooftop garden. Rimka Laman requested \$200 for annuals this year. All in favour. Passed.

d. Eagles Estate. BRAGS may support this project by reimbursing gardening expenses.

e. Picnic. Some members offered to host our picnic in their gardens in August. Date and place are to be confirmed.

f. Heritage Village. Keith Thompson requested volunteers to help identify Rhododendrons around the Heritage Village. If you are interested, please

contact him at 604-931-7813. Shadbolt Centre also has a similar request. Please contact Judy Wellington for more info.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 29.

b. Plant Sale. Net income is \$1401.08. Big thanks to all volunteers and plant donors. For next year, some members requested that the date to be kept on Sunday because they need Saturday to do some last-minute preparation. The date is to be decided at the June meeting.

c. Rhodofest. Silent auction generated \$1416 from 80 plants. Please read June newsletter for more details. Many thanks to volunteers.

d. Garden Tour is on Sunday July 19 at GreenTree Village. Volunteers and master gardeners are needed. Please contact Faye Kilpatrick.

7. Committee Chair Reports

No raffle today.

8. Other Business

Heather MacKay is organizing the green-roof project garden tour by BCIT. The tour will take place in June; date to be confirmed. Please contact her if you are interested.

Please bring your own mugs to the meeting to reduce the usage of styrofoam cups. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned, followed by a presentation on the "Honeybee Centre" by Tony Loades on behalf of John Gibeau, President of the Honeybee Centre in Surrey

Lanny Hui, Vice President

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 3, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of May 6th Minutes.

Moved by Cheryl and seconded by Heather MacKay.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Lois provided the following report: Total revenue from the Rhodofest and membership = \$1,559.30; total expenses incurred \$2,311.03 = balance of \$751.73. Balance in bank = \$7,121.50 + two term deposits \$10,000 = grand total is \$17,046.50.

4. Old/New Business

There was discussion about where to place a painting that was donated from St. Michael's to BRAGS. All agreed that the painting will be displayed in the Burnaby Public Library and a plaque will be added stating the donor's name.

Judy reported that various correspondence was placed at the back of the meeting room for all members to read. A donation of \$25.00 in "the memory of June Young" (past member) was recently given to BRAGS. Lois will send a thank you card.

Marybeth Lavender (on behalf of Marti Tucci) reported that the Chapel Garden is in need of volunteers to help build their fish pond and they need blue perennials. Proposal was made to donate \$500.00 to St. Michael's to work on the Chapel Garden. All were in favor.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

Total present: 22 members.

b. Plant Sale

There was discussion about changing the date of the plant sale to Sunday, April 25th and have the Rhodofest on May 1st. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

6. Committee Chair Reports

BRAGS Picnic

Cheryl reported that the BRAGS picnic will take place on Sunday, August 16th. Helen Vaughan has offered to have her garden as the venue. The picnic will start at noon. Bring your favorite dish and non-disposable plates, etc.

Green Roof Garden Tour

Heather reported that this tour has been postponed until September.

7. Other Business

a. Garden Tours/Garden Contest – July 19th

Volunteer sheets were placed at the back of the meeting room and David has posted information on the BRAGS website.

Meeting adjourned followed by a presentation by Fred Wein Sr., Clearview Horticultural Products

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 2, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Adoption of June 3rd Minutes

Moved and seconded by Cheryl Fiddis.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois Brown provided the following report:
At the end of August a cheque in the amount of \$500.00 was presented to SFU for their annual graduate scholarship. The current balance in the bank = \$5,446.63 + two term deposits \$10,000 = grand total of \$15,446.63.

4. Old/New Business

Special thanks to Helen Vaughan for hosting the BRAGS' annual picnic on Sunday, August 16th. The participants, weather and food were all wonderful!

Judy Wellington reported that various correspondence was placed at the back of the meeting room and all members are encouraged to read these.

Green Roof Project – Saturday, October 3rd (10:00 – 12:00 noon)

Heather MacKay requested that the members interested in attending this seminar, held on Great Northern Way, should email, or telephone her. A \$5.00 honorarium will be paid from each member attending.

Plant Sale

Lanny Hui will contact the Burnaby Museum regarding the change in date for next year which will be Sunday, April 25th. This change was made so that those members participating in the annual Vancouver Sun Run can volunteer/attend BRAGS annual plant sale.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

A total of 42 members and guests were in attendance.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival - 2010

Wendy Thompson, Chair, reported that the date for next year will be May 2nd and she will contact the co-ordinator, Julie-Anne Slade.

b. Speakers Organizer

Heather MacKay reminded the Committee that she was only Acting in the position of Speakers Organizer and stated that a replacement was needed. During the refreshment break, Coni O'Neill volunteered.

7. Other Business

a. Garden Tour - 2010

Faye Kilpatrick reported that 85 tickets were sold for this year's garden tour on Sunday, July 19th at Greentree Village. This item will be discussed further at next month's meeting. Cheryl Fiddis and Susan Brandl volunteered to approach South Burnaby's Garden Club to discuss a garden tour for 2010.

Cheryl presented gifts to the guests and/or members that displayed their gardens for this year's garden tour.

**Meeting adjourned, followed by a
slideshow presentation on the 2009
Burnaby Garden Tour at Greentree
Village, presented by David Forsyth with
narration by Coni O'Neill**

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – October 7, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of September 2nd Minutes

Moved by Coni O'Neill and seconded by Lorraine Dowdall.

3. Treasurer's Report

Heather MacKay reported for Lois Brown in her absence. On September 31st the current bank balance was \$5,861.02 + two term deposits in the amount of \$10,000. A summary of expenses for the garden tours is the following: \$850.00 (ticket sales); \$173.00 (raffle); \$766.00 (expenses) = balance of \$256.00.

4. Old/New Business

Judy Wellington reported that various correspondence was placed at the back of the meeting room and all members are encouraged to read these.

- a) There is a note from Joyce Hu pertaining to garden apparel.
- b) Tina Sherwood submitted a note regarding her sale of indoor garden plants.
- c) SFU sent BRAGS a thank you letter for our donation.
- d) The BC Council of Garden Clubs submitted a survey to BRAGS and requested our input.

Joanne Morneau presented on a potential fundraising project for BRAGS. Some examples of products to sell were coffee, water bottles, other "green" gifts.

Green Roof Project - Thanks to Heather MacKay for organizing this event.

Speaker Organizer – Coni O'Neill

Please forward your suggestions to Coni. The following speakers have been scheduled:

November – "Growing a City Garden" film presentation by Norbert Wuensche.

December - AGM and Christmas party

January – "Garden Photography" by Adam Gibbs

February – "Hellebores" presentation by Ray Beckhurst

Plant Sale – Lanny Hui

Reminder of date: Sunday, April 25, 2010

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

A total of 43 members were in attendance.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

Reminder of date: May 2, 2010

7. Other Business

Nil.

Meeting adjourned, followed by presentation – "Grasses and Their Companions - Great Fall Gardens" by Brenda Falk of Tanglebank Gardens

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – November 4, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of October 7th Minutes

Moved by Elsie Deby and seconded by Coni O'Neill.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois provided the following financial report:

Revenue from October = \$138.24; expenses (speaker & Green Roofs Tour) = \$373.00; balance as of October 31st = \$5,625.43 + term deposits of \$10,000.00; grand total = \$15,625.43.

4. Old/New Business

Judy Wellington reported that various correspondence was placed at the back of the meeting room and all members are encouraged to read these. There is a Ron Knight Douglas Justice workshop taking place on April 9, 2010. If you are interested in attending – contact Judy and register early.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

A total of 39 members were in attendance.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

In January a committee of volunteers will need to be organized and we need to come up with a cause for donating funds made from the Rhodo Festival. Contact Wendy with suggestions.

7. Other Business

a. PADS 2010 Calendars – Don Wrigley

Don has a great Christmas gift idea for members to purchase – PADS calendars. They are \$12.00 each, or 2 for \$25.00. If interested, please contact Don at 604-521-5569 and/or he will bring some samples to the BRAGS December meeting.

b. Plant Sale – Lanny Hui

The date is Sunday, April 25, 2010. Lanny suggested contacting the UBC Botanical Garden regarding their Food Garden Project and the possibility of BRAGS donating a portion of our plant sale profits to them. Handouts for the plant sale were placed at the back of the meeting room. Reminder for the volunteers at the plant sale – you will receive 50% OFF of your purchases! Helpers with digging of plants are still needed.

c. Heritage Garden - Rimka Laman

More plants and planters are still needed and helpers for digging.

Meeting adjourned, followed by A/V presentation on “Growing a City Garden” by: Norbert Wuensche

Linda Cholette, Secretary

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
NOVEMBER 1, 2008 TO OCTOBER 31, 2009**

REVENUES

Membership	\$768.00	
Interest	\$281.78	
Monthly Meeting Draws	\$221.00	
Spring Plant Sale	\$1,393.03	
Rhodofest	\$995.58	
Garden Tour	\$256.13	
Memorial Donation	<u>\$25.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,665.78	\$3,940.52

EXPENSES

Gifts to Community Programme		
Butterfly Garden	\$321.38	
Eagle Garden	\$30.13	
Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Assn.	\$1,500.00	
Burnaby Hospital Rooftop Garden	\$140.99	
St. Michael's Centre Foundation	\$500.00	
Fair Haven (plants)	\$161.66	
SFU Annual Graduate Scholarship	<u>\$500.00</u>	
	\$3,154.16	\$3,154.16
Community Association Memberships	\$159.00	
Meeting - Refreshments/Supplies	\$421.38	
Meeting - Guest Speakers	\$775.00	
Newsletters/Website	\$398.06	
Computer supplies/Rental	\$173.59	
T shirts for 2010	\$155.03	
Financial Charges	<u>\$25.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,261.22	-\$5,261.22
EXPENSES OVER REVENUES		-\$1,320.70

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND EQUITY
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2009**

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ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$5,900.92	
VanCity Shares	\$95.54	
Term #1	\$5,000.00	
Term #2	\$5,000.00	
TOTAL ASSETS-- October 31, 2009	\$15,996.46	
TOTAL ASSETS -- October 31, 2008	\$17,313.48	
Less 2009 deficit	-\$1,320.70	
	<u>\$15,992.78</u>	
Plus additional value of shares in 2009	\$3.68	
	\$15,996.46	

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 3, 2009
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. AGM

Adoption of Minutes from Annual General Meeting – December 3, 2008 read by Linda Cholette. Motion was made to accept Minutes. Passed.

3. Financial Statement

Lois Brown read the following financial report: Revenue from November = \$374.49; expenses = \$42.25; revenues over expenses = \$332.24; balance as of November 30th = \$5,957.67 + term deposits of \$10,000.00; grand total = \$15,957.67. The Treasurer's report and a copy of the November minutes were circulated. Don Wrigley suggested for next year's AGM meeting that the Treasurer circulate financial reports for 2008 to 2009 for comparison.

4. President's Year End Report

The report for 2009 was read by Judy Wellington.

Motion was made to adjourn AGM by Coni O'Neill.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – December 3, 2009

1. Adoption of November 4th Minutes

Don Wrigley motioned to accept the Minutes and Lorraine Dowdall seconded.

2. Old/New Business

Judy Wellington reminded members to think about proposed projects that BRAGS could contribute to financially. e.g. scholarships. Judy reported that she had received a letter from the BC Council of Gardens and reminded members about the Ron Knight Douglas Justice workshop on April 9, 2010. If interested in attending – contact Judy and register early.

3. Standing Committee Reports

Membership/Welcome

A total of 32 members were in attendance.

Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

There is an upcoming Rhododendron Conference in 2010. If interested in attending, contact Wendy Thompson.

Speakers – Coni O'Neill

Coni O'Neill presented Norbert Wuensche with a thank you gift for his presentations. She reminded members about the following upcoming speakers:

January – Adam Gibbs, "Photography in the Garden"; February – Ray Beckhurst, "Hellebores"; March – Brad Jalbert, "Pruning and Roses"; April – Pam Erickson, "Day Lilies"; May – Bob Tucky, "Growing Vegetables in Gardens and Containers"; and June – Judy Newton, "Summer Gardens".

4. Other Business

a. PADS 2010 Calendars – Don Wrigley

Don is selling PADS calendars for \$12.00 each, or 2 for \$25.00.

b. Plant Sale – Lanny Hui

The date is Sunday, April 25, 2010. BRAGS volunteers receive 50% OFF of their purchases! Diggers of plants are still needed.