

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 1, 2017**  
**Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

**2. Adoption of January 4, 2017 Meeting**

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for January 1 – 31, 2017:

Total revenue = \$24.70; expenses = \$140.00; revenue over expenses = (\$115.30). Bank balance as of

January 31 = \$ 7,409.21. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Bev Glover seconded. All were in favor.

**4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

**a) The Speaker Co-ordinator position** is still vacant. Someone needs to take over this position from Bev Glover immediately. Speakers are already confirmed from January to April. This could be a shared position.

January 4 – “Colour in the Shade” – Satya Brown  
February 1 – “Winter Pruning” – Conway Lum (Garden Works)

March 1 – “Garden Photography” – Ursula Easterbrook

April 5 – “Managing Fruit and Young Trees” – Nicholas Funke (Bartlett Tree Experts)

**b) Soil amender from Gelderman Farms** – Bev will collect payments (cash or cheque only) at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Please arrive at 6:45 pm in order to pay for, and pick up your orders. The cost is \$6.00/30 litre bag. As there were over 60 bags ordered, there will be free delivery from Gelderman Farms.

**5. Correspondence** – Wendy Thompson – nil.

A former long time member of BRAGS – June Dodson – mailed her annual membership dues to BRAGS and a kind letter.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale (Sunday, May 7)**

- Verna Adamson

- Verna, Wendy and Bev met last week with the City of Burnaby representative. The schedule remains the same. Set up is Saturday, May 6. The City of Burnaby normally receives a \$2,500.00 sponsorship fee from major participants at events such as the RhodoFest as a support for hosting the event. In lieu of, the City is requesting that BRAGS provide two speakers for the event to supplement activities and provide information on topics specified by the City (water conservation and alternate lawns/xeriscaping). Minimum time would be 30 – 45 minutes each. A request for a speaker volunteer was made to the membership, however, no one offered. Alternately the Club will have to pay for two speakers from the BC Council of Gardens Club website listing.
- Plant sale - start to think about which plants in your garden can be divided and donated!

**b) Welcome/Attendance** – Cheryl Fiddis

Cheryl reported that there were 33 members in total = 9 guests and 24 members.

**c) Memberships** – Anne reported that there are still some members that have not paid their annual dues.

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

a) Groupon is available for the BC Home & Garden Show February 22-26; 2 for \$16.00. Over 60 years old admission is \$6.00.

Meeting adjourned and Conway Lum (Garden Works) presented on “Winter Pruning”.

**Note to Minutes:**

BC Home & Garden Show: \$6 seniors rate applies Thursday & Friday before 6pm only.