

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 7, 2017**  
**Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

**2. Adoption of May 3, 2017 Meeting**

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

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

**BRAGS Picnic** – Following discussion, all agreed to have the picnic on Sunday, July 30 at 1:00 at Keith Harris' home. Reminder that this is pot luck.

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

Susan provided the following financial report for May 1 - 31, 2017:

Total revenue = \$2,833.27; expenses = \$333.97; revenue over expenses = (\$2,499.30). Bank balance as of

May 31 = \$ 9,893.69. The revenue from the Silent Auction and the plant sale was provided by Susan. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Bev Glover seconded. All were in favor.

**5. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale** (Sunday, May 7) – **Bev Glover and Wendy Thompson**

Bev and Verna (absent for this meeting) thanked all of the BRAGS volunteers and reported that the sales were very successful! BRAGS provided two speakers paid for by the City of Burnaby. Unfortunately there was an error in a publication stating incorrect times for the speakers. Verna and Bev met with Ms. Jack to discuss questions, complaints and resolutions. The resolution with the City regarding questions/concerns from BRAGS members for next year is that all questions/concerns should be brought to the attention of BRAGS Rhodofest Committee members who will speak to City staff as appropriate. (Background – this is about lines of communication, as well as information travelling efficiently to correct City staff members). (e.g. tablecloths)

**b) Welcome/Attendance** – **Janet Hayes**

Anne reported that there were 22 members and 2 guests.

**c) Memberships** – **Anne Forsyth**

All active memberships have been renewed for 2017.

**d) Speakers/Program** – **Beth MacLaren**

Beth reported that the tour of the Free Spirit Nursery and Select Roses on May 20<sup>th</sup> went well, 10 people attended and the weather was great. On June 24 the Shade Garden is touring Erickson's Garden. Beth is researching the upcoming wine tour – possibly 3 wineries and 2 other stops (Langley Farms and ?). Proposed date is Wednesday, September 27 or Saturday, September 30. Possible cost is \$89.00 per person. Further details to follow.

**6. Correspondence** – **Wendy Thompson**

Nil.

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

Nil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 and refreshments followed. Deborah Jones presented "Rain Gardens".