Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 6, 2019 Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of February 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) Aprons - Verna Adamson

Verna has ordered the aprons (dark green full bib with pockets with white silkscreened BRAGS logo-cost \$500 for 30). They will be shipped to us when vendor receives payment. The aprons will be distributed at Rhodofestival. When festival is over aprons should be returned to Verna.

4. Treasurer's Report - Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for February 1 to February 28, 2019:

Total revenue = \$49.67; expenses = \$100.00; revenue over expenses = -\$50.33. Bank balance as of February 28 = \$8,688.37.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Friday, April 26 is 2019 Volunteer Recognition Night. Rosemarie Daviduk and Keith Harris offered to attend.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival - Verna Adamson

Verna and Wendy recently met with the City of Burnaby. Burnaby wants to re-energize the festival and have renamed the festival, "Burnaby Blooms". There are no concerns about the budget. May 4 is set up day and May 5 is the actual event. Time: 11:00 to 3:00. Verna circulated a volunteer sign up sheet.

Plant Sale - Linda Cholette

Linda's sister Lorraine Dowdall (former BRAGS member) will be assisting on Sunday, May 5 for the plant sale. Janet Hayes has also volunteered to help out again too. Please try and deliver your donated plants on Saturday, May 4; clean the plant pots, label with plant names and indicate whether plants are sun, or shade loving. These simple steps save us a lot of time and confusion for customers! Spare plastic/paper bags and egg cartons for customers are very useful too.

b) Welcome/Attendance - Anne Forsyth

Anne reported that there were 21 members and 1 new member in attendance.

c) <u>Memberships</u> - Anne Forsyth Nil.

d) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren

April 3 - Barry Roberts will present on "Hydrangeas". May 1 - TBA.

7. New/Other Business

- April 6 is the BCCGC's meeting. Janice Bobic volunteered to attend.
- Bev Glover reported that BRAGS can purchase soil amender from Gelderman Farms again this year. We need to order 60 bags to receive free delivery. Price is \$7.50/bag (increased from \$6.00) cash only. A sign up sheet was placed at the back of the room.
- Rosemarie Daviduk expressed a thank you to Cheryl Fiddis for the excellent BRAGS Newsletter that she composes every month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Annie Johannessen, Farm Coordinator from West Coast Seeds, presented on "Starting Plants from Seed and Companion Planting".