

**Burnaby Rhododendron and
Gardens Society
2010**

Reports and Minutes of Meetings

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 6, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of December 3/09 Minutes

These Minutes will be adopted, along with January 6, 2010 Minutes, at February's meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois provided the following financial report:

Revenue from December = \$252.00; expenses = \$85.77; revenue over expenses = \$166.72; chequing account = \$6,124.39; term deposits of \$10,000.00; grand total = \$15,957.67. A copy of the Annual Financial Report was available for members to read.

4. Old/New Business

- Judy Wellington reported that she had received correspondence from St. Michael's Centre. The letter described their expenses and funding request.
- A suggestion was brought forward to have the guest speaker first on the Agenda. Following discussion, the consensus was to leave the sequence of the Agenda unchanged.
- Judy reminded all members to pay their annual BRAGS membership fee and purchase raffle tickets.
- In the past at the monthly BRAGS meetings some courageous members would present "Show and Tell" about their gardens and/or other horticulture information. These brief 10 minute presentations are interesting, educational, and other fellow" garden club members get to know each other better. Please do not hesitate to contact Judy if, and when you want to present.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome – Faye Kilpatrick

A total of 46 members were in attendance and some new members were introduced: Wendy Gibson, Rosemarie Daviduk, Joanne Morneau, Karen Hung, and Bob and Virginia Rutherford.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

Still need one, or two volunteers to organize this annual event. The following "causes" that the proceeds could be directed to were discussed:

- Lorraine Robson and Diane Allison suggested the River Network Partner, organized by Mark Angelo from BCIT. This project focuses on the Guichon stream which runs near BCIT. They plan to reclaim the stream by introducing fish and vegetation and making it more natural.
- Judy Wellington reported on the Bob Gunn project. Burnaby students work on building raised beds for food crops and then donate the food to the needy.
- Judy proposed another project – Pacific Spirit which involves 12 – 18 year old youths and they will be working on Metro Park.

Coni O'Neill recommended that Judy contact the above project co-ordinators and request that they submit their proposals in writing to BRAGS and suggest that they present at our next meeting. The written proposals should be included in the Minutes. Judy will follow up.

b. Plant Sale - Lanny Hui

At February's meeting Lanny will organize a date for plant digging and she will send out a communication via email.

c. Speakers – Coni O'Neill

Coni reported that she has confirmed another speaker for the year 2010. For November's meeting Bill Bischoff will present on "Hardy Orchids".

Meeting adjourned, followed by A/V presentation on "Photography in the Garden" by: Adam Gibbs

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – February 3, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of December 3/09 and January 6, 2010 Minutes

Motion to accept the Minutes was proposed by Cheryl Fiddis; Seconded by Keith Harris; Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois Brown provided the following financial report: Revenue from January = \$169.52; expenses = \$206.98; chequing account = \$6,086.93; term deposits amounting to \$10,000.00; grand total = \$16,086.93. Motion to move was made by Lois; Seconded by Heather MacKay.

4. Old/New Business

Judy Wellington reported on the following correspondence:

- Letter regarding gardening clothes and a fashion show
- Forms were distributed for the upcoming plant sale (prepared by Lanny Hui)
- Various gardening courses are being held at the Eagles Estate
- Letter from Donna Dawson regarding Chelsea Gardens
- Congratulations to Keith Harris regarding the article in the community newspaper about his vegetable garden

A notice will be posted at March meeting requesting volunteers for Mandeville Garden Works on March 20 and 21st.

Judy reminded members about the following two proposals (discussed in January) that are requesting financial assistance from BRAGS. Proceeds from the Rhodo festival and plant sale would be used.

1. **River Network Partner** - organized by Mark Angelo (BCIT); focuses on reclaiming the Guichon stream by the introduction of fish and vegetation. Following discussion, it was decided that this project needs a more specific focus;
2. **Bob Gunn project** - Burnaby students work on building raised beds to produce vegetables to donate to people in need;
3. **Pacific Spirit project** - Co-ordinator Natalie Haltrich presented on this proposal. The project involves youth between 8 – 18 years old and are guided by peer leaders. They also partner with other youth groups. The plan is to develop a garden near BCIT that will consist of approximately 50 – 100 shrubs and vegetables and will restore/enhance the Guichon creek bed. Start date to build a flower/shrub bed is March.

This group has existed for ten years and 60% of their financial support comes from the Pacific Parklands Foundation.

A member recommended that BRAGS send the Project Co-ordinators a letter of intent and indicate the amount of funding that we will provide.

Motion was made by Heather MacKay that BRAGS will donate \$2,000.00 towards each project (#2 and 3), with the proviso that for the garden project - the money will be available when the project is ready to start, and for the river restoration - BRAGS would like the money to be used to restore the river banks with plants. The motion was seconded by Peter Barnsdale; Approved by Coni O'Neill; All were in favor; 1 opposed; Carried.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome – Faye Kilpatrick

A total of 48 members were in attendance; including two guests and two new members. Sheila Chowdhury reported that she is preparing the window display advertising for the Rhododendron Festival and requested suggestions and assistance to dismantle the display after two weeks. If you have any interesting items for the display, bring them to the next meeting. Norbert Wuensche donated two rhododendron cuttings for the raffle. Towards the end of the meeting Norbert briefly presented on a few samples of cuttings from his garden.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

Date is : May 2nd. A few more volunteers are needed.

b. Plant Sale - Lanny Hui

Date is: Sunday April 25th. Lanny will email members the date for digging plants.

c. Speakers – Coni O'Neill

Introduced speaker Ray Beckhurst.

**Meeting adjourned, followed by A/V presentation on
“Hellebores” by: Ray Beckhurst**

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 3, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of February 3, 2010 Minutes

Minor error was noted by Lois Brown. Under “Old/New Business – motion was made that BRAGS will donate \$2,000.00 towards each project #2 and 3 - should be revised to read project #1 and 3”. Motion to accept the revised Minutes was proposed by Marti Tutti; Seconded by Dale Fitzpatrick; Carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Lois Brown provided the following financial report: Revenue from February = \$43.52; expenses = \$148.81; chequing account = \$5,981.64; term deposits amounting to \$10,000.00; grand total = \$15,981.64. Motion to accept was made by Lois; Seconded by Judy Wellington.

4. Old/New Business

Sheila Chowdhury thanked members donated door prizes and reminded everyone that she will collect Rhododendron Festival window display items at April’s meeting. Pictures/paintings of rhododendrons were suggested.

Judy Wellington reported on the following correspondence:

- BC Garden Club invitation to their Annual General Meeting in March – need to pre-register;
- Mandeville Gardens’ Annual Open House is on March 20 + 21 and they are requesting volunteers;
- Financial report update: For 2009 - Rhododendron Festival raised \$1,400.00 and the plant sale \$1,400.00;
- Clarification was received regarding a fence for safety around BCIT for the upcoming gardens and Judy provided our concerns regarding plants to the river project co-ordinator. She also reiterated that funding for the garden project will be provided only when they are ready to proceed.

Judy reminded that members attending the monthly meetings are invited to discuss, or ask questions about anything pertaining to gardening: e.g. specialty plants, vegetable gardens, patio gardens, problems they experience, success stories and/or they can write about their gardens, or questions in the BRAGS newsletter. Articles are to be submitted to Lanny Hui. New members can forward a brief article about their gardening interests, etc. to the newsletter.

Heather MacKay stated that she has been storing a box of older gardening books that were donated to BRAGS. Motion was made to raffle the books at our meetings. Motion was accepted. All agreed.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome – Faye Kilpatrick
A total of 49 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson
Date is : May 2nd. Sign up sheet for volunteers was placed at the back of the meeting room. Verna Adamson volunteered to organize the spring bouquet contest. A co-ordinator is still needed for the Garden Tour – currently have several gardens.

b. Plant Sale - Lanny Hui

Date is: Sunday, April 25th. Sign up sheet for volunteers was placed at the back of the meeting room. Lanny distributed flyers advertising for the plant sale. She reminded members that in February’s newsletter there were three workshops advertised about Invasive Plants and they are held at the Eagles Estate.

c. Speakers – Coni O’Neill

Coni confirmed the following upcoming speakers:
April – “Day Lilies” – Pam Erickson
May – “Growing Vegetables in Gardens and Containers” – Bob Tuckey
June – “Summer Gardens” - Judy Newton
October – *no one yet
November – “Hardy Orchids” – Bill Bischoff

Coni thanked Norbert Wuensche for his “Show and Tell” presentation at February’s meeting.

*Unfortunately speaker Brad Jalbert did not present on “Pruning and Roses” due to confusion in his calendar. He agreed to present to BRAGS in October at no charge.

A few members bravely stood up and presented some funny and not so funny gardening issues. Thank you to: Coni O’Neill, Cheryl Fiddis and Norbert Wuensche.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

April 2010 Minutes

No BRAGS business meeting
was held in April 2010

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – May 5, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of March 3, 2010 Minutes

As there were no April minutes recorded, the March 3rd minutes were requested to be adopted. Motion to accept the March Minutes was proposed by Diane Allison. Seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois Brown provided the following financial reports for March and April:

March:

Revenue from the raffle and membership = \$370.46; Expenses incurred = \$235.12; Revenue over expenses = \$135.34; total = \$6,116.98 + two \$5,000 term deposits.

April:

Revenue = \$104.52; Expenses incurred = \$750.46; Operating account = \$5,366.52.

Motion to accept these monthly reports was made by Lois Brown; Seconded by Peter Barnsdale. All were in favor.

4. Old/New Business

a. Judy Wellington reported on the following correspondence:

- SFU sent an invitation to their reward ceremony for garden donors – this was held May 4th.
- Burnaby Mountain Elementary School sent an email requesting assistance with planting their garden.

b. The BCIT project (Bob Gunn) is going ahead and they have received additional funding. As previously agreed to, BRAGS will provide some funding as they proceed. For the River Network Partner project (Mark Angelo) – they will request additional funding from BRAGS when they are ready to plant.

c. Garden Tour - As no one has stepped forward to organize this event, there will be no garden tour this year.

Reminder that articles for the BRAGS newsletter are to be submitted to Lanny Hui. New members are encouraged to forward Lanny a brief article about their gardening interests, questions, feedback, etc. for the newsletter.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome – Faye Kilpatrick

A total of 37 members were in attendance.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

Wendy reported that operations went smoothly! She had a great team before, during and after the event. June Dodson was a wonderful Co-Chair! The Spring Bouquet Contest received 608 votes. Net profit is \$2,400.00. Three gift certificates were not picked up yet – Erickson, Phoenix and Dycot Nurseries. The following items were displayed at the raffle table = 1st prize – picture and large plant; 2nd prize – smaller plant and picture; 3rd prize – smaller picture. All of the donors for plants and gift certificates will be mailed thank you letters.

b. Plant Sale - Lanny Hui

Lanny expressed her gratitude to all the hard working volunteers. Net income is \$689.00.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation of: “Growing Vegetables In-Ground and in Containers” by “The Natural Gardener” Bob Tuckey.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 2, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of May 5, 2010 Minutes

Moved by Rimka Laman and seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois Brown provided the following financial report:

April (Plant Sale)

Revenue = \$1,106.00; expenses = \$392.00; revenue over expenses = \$714.00.

May (Rhododendron Festival)

Revenue = \$2,903.01; expenses = \$606.58; revenue over expenses = \$2,296.43.

May 1 – 31

Total revenue = \$4,048.54; total expenses = \$430.68; revenue over expenses = \$3,617.86.

Grand total in bank account = \$18,984.38.

Motion to accept this monthly report was made by Lois Brown; seconded by Judy Wellington.

4. Old/New Business

Judy Wellington reported on the following:

- a.** The Burnaby Arts Council wants to partner with BRAGS to organize a garden tour for 2011. Judy will invite a guest from the Council to attend our meeting in September and a final decision will be submitted.
- b.** A teacher and two students from Burnaby Mountain Secondary School presented on organic gardening and composting at their school and requested financial support from BRAGS in the amount of \$200.00. Motion was made to accept the proposal for \$200.00; Janice Bobic moved to accept; all were in favor.
- c.** Judy brought forward an "old" item regarding name change for BRAGS to a more descriptive society name and she asked all members to think about this over the summer.....

- d.** Thank you was expressed to Helen Vaughan for organizing the coffee, tea and light refreshments for our monthly meetings. These small contributions are appreciated by all members! Helen requested samples of succulents from members for a future living wreath she is putting together for next year's Rhododendron festival.
- e.** Reminder that articles for the BRAGS newsletter are submitted to Lanny Hui. New members are encouraged to forward a brief article about their gardening interests, questions, feedback, etc. for the newsletter.
- f.** Summer picnic – as no one offered their garden for the venue, this annual event was cancelled.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome – Faye Kilpatrick

A total of 35 members/and or guests were in attendance. As previously arranged, there was no raffle tonight.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

No report.

b. Plant Sale - Lanny Hui

No report.

c. Speakers – Coni O'Neill

Coni announced that she will be retiring from the position of Co-ordinator for guest speakers. She currently has two speakers confirmed for the fall and has a master list of potential speakers. This position could be filled by one, or two volunteers. Judy Wellington asked members to think about this over the summer as this position is vital to BRAGS because one of the most important attractions to our monthly meetings are our guest speakers.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation of: "The Summer Garden" by Judy Newton (Botanical Garden)

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 1, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of June 2, 2010 Minutes

Motion to accept the June Minutes was proposed; adopted by Wendy Thompson; seconded by Diane Allison. All were in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois Brown provided the following financial reports for June and July:

June:

Revenue from memberships = \$60.00; expenses incurred = \$4,431.69 (Rivers Institute at BCIT donation = \$2,000.00 and Catching the Spirit Youth Society donation) = \$2,000.00; total = \$4,613.40 + two \$5,000 term deposits = \$14,613.40.

July:

Expenses incurred = \$93.90; total = \$14,520.82.

Motion to move was made by Lois; seconded by Keith Harris; all accepted.

4. Old/New Business

- a. Judy Wellington reported on the following correspondence:
 - A thank you letter was received from the River Institute (BCIT) for the \$2,000.00 donation from BRAGS.
 - A letter from SFU was sent to Susan Brandl. SFU will not be requesting a scholarship/bursary this year.
 - BC Council of Gardens is having a horticultural event October 16 at St. Helen's Parish Hall. Please help yourself to extra copies of "The Bulletin" produced by the BC Council of Gardens.
- b. Lanny Hui presented on her two year old orchid that she brought back from Hawaii. She described tips and care for this delicate and beautiful plant.
- c. Diane Allison reported that she may have another possible project request - will report further at next meeting.
- d. Speaker Organizer position – new member Rosemarie Daviduk stepped forward to fill this position. Lanny has the master list of speakers. Speakers for October and November are confirmed; December is the Christmas social and AGM; January and February speakers are confirmed (February = Brian Minter). For January's meeting Beverly-Ann Ranneyis scheduled to do a lecture and demonstration, or just a workshop. Members preferred a lecture and demo. Judy proposed that at the AGM the members who volunteer to fill the executive positions will receive a "favor in return" – such as gardening, etc.

Reminder that articles for the BRAGS newsletter are to be submitted to Lanny Hui. New members are encouraged to forward Lanny a brief article about their gardening interests, questions, and/or feedback for the newsletter.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome – Faye Kilpatrick

A total of 24 members and 3 guests were in attendance. Reminder that there will be no raffle until November.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Publicity Position – as Lindsey McCann has regrettably stepped down from this position, a new person is required. Please contact Judy Wellington if you are interested.

Meeting adjourned, followed by A/V presentation on: "Vancouver Gardens: East Side & West Side" by: David Forsyth

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – October 6, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of September 1, 2010 Minutes

Motion to accept the September Minutes was proposed; adopted by Susan Brandl, seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois Brown provided the following financial reports for September:

Revenue:	\$.20	
Expenses incurred:	B.C. Council of Garden Clubs (2 registrations):	\$44.00
	Refreshments:	<u>\$20.19</u>
		\$64.19
Expenses over revenue:		-63.99
Bank account balance, including term deposits:		\$14,456.83

Motion to accept this report was made by Don Wrigley, seconded by Keith Harris. All were in favor.

4. Old/New Business

Lanny Hui, standing in for Judy Wellington, reported on the following:

- a. The cheque to Burnaby Mountain Secondary School Urban Community Project has not been cashed due to a change in leadership with this project; therefore, the project is put on hold. They were very appreciative of our donation and are endeavoring to resurrect the project, hopefully by January.
- b. Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) has expressed an interest in collaborating with BRAGS in an event which could join a garden tour and art open house for next year. Claire Halpern, spokesperson for BAC, hopefully will attend our next BRAGS meeting. Handouts were given out explaining the proposal. Please come prepared at our November meeting for a question and answer session.
- c. \$1.00 off coupons were offered to the upcoming Fraser Valley Orchid show to be held on October 23 & 24, in Langley.
- d. Report from Simon Fraser University – brochure provided.
- e. 40% coupon to 'It's About Thyme' nursery on Meadow Avenue in Burnaby.

Reminder that articles for the BRAGS newsletter are to be submitted to Lanny Hui. New members are encouraged to forward Lanny a brief article about their gardening interests, questions, and/or feedback for the newsletter. p_lanny@yahoo.com

5. Standing Committee Reports

Membership/Welcome – Lois Brown for Faye Kilpatrick

- a. A total of 20 members and 2 guests were in attendance. Reminder that there will be no raffle until November.
- b. Susan Brandl spoke about submitting nominations at AGM in December for upcoming Executive positions.
- c. Rhodofest – nothing to report

6. Committee Chair Reports

Plant Sale –April 17, 2011 – Lanny needs someone to oversee the plant sale on Sunday, April 17, 2011. She will be available for the preparation and pre-planning.

Meeting adjourned, followed by an A/V presentation and enlightening talk on "Roses" by Brad Jalbert of Select Roses in Langley. Brad kindly donated 2 gift certificates, each for a rose bush, and a copy of his book "Roses for B.C.", won by Keith Harris. We will hold onto the certificates for a future raffle, or for the Christmas meeting.

June Dodson/for Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – November 3, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Adoption of October 6, 2010 Minutes

Motion to accept the October minutes was proposed, adopted by Cheryl Fiddis, seconded by Keith Harris. All were in favor. Reminder to all members that meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website.

3. Treasurer's Report

Lois Brown provided the following financial report for October:

Revenue for October = \$16.19; expenses incurred = \$116.48; deficit = \$100.29; operating account = \$4,356.54 and two \$5,000 term deposits = grand total of \$14,356.54.

Motion to accept this report was made by Lois Brown; seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor.

4. Old/New Business

a. Judy Wellington reported on the following correspondence:

- An invitation was received from Nat Hallridge regarding "Catching the Spirit" (youths working on the community garden) and will be held on November 13 from 10:00 to 2:00 at BCIT, 4399 Wayburne Drive.
- St. Michael's Centre sent a thank you letter to BRAGS for our financial contribution.
- Notice was received from Bill Bischoff regarding a lecture on "Plant Based Medicine" at the UBC Botanical Garden Reception Centre on November 8th from 12:00 to 1:00.

The 2009 Annual General Meeting minutes will be circulated to BRAGS members two weeks before the AGM on December 1st. This meeting is also our Christmas party so please bring some samples of your favorite appetizers/drinks. Judy will phone members to remind them. Lois reminded everyone that there are still two rose certificates from Brad Jalbert that could be presented to the "new" executive members.

Reminder that articles for the BRAGS newsletter are to be submitted to Lanny Hui. New members are encouraged to forward Lanny a brief article about their gardening interests, questions, feedback, etc. for the newsletter.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

A total of 23 members and 2 guests were in attendance. Thanks to Bill Bischoff, guest speaker, several plants and flower seeds were donated for the raffle. Reminder to all members that they can renew their BRAGS memberships now for 2011.

6. Committee Chair Reports

a. Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

No news to report.

b. Plant Sale - Lanny Hui

Lanny stated that she can no longer continue to compile/produce the BRAGS newsletter AND organize the annual plant sale and she requested a replacement for one of these positions. Please contact her if you are able and willing to fill one of these positions.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation on: "Hardy Orchids" by Bill Bischoff.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 1, 2010
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

2. 2010 AGM

Motion to accept the December 3, 2009 Annual General Minutes was proposed, adopted by Keith Harris, seconded by Veiko Tutti. All were in favor. These minutes were not read out as members were reminded that the minutes are posted on BRAGS' website.

3. Financial Statement

Lois Brown read the following financial report:

Revenue for November = \$4,278.06; expenses incurred = \$4,200.00; expenses over revenue = -\$1,370.20; two \$5,000 term deposits.

Total assets as of October 31, 2010 = \$14,630.07; total assets for October 31, 2009 = \$15,996.46.

Motion to accept this report was made by Lois Brown; seconded by Don Wrigley. All were in favor.

4. President's Year End Report

The report for 2010 was read by Judy Wellington.

Motion was made to adjourn the AGM by Judy Wellington; seconded by Cheryl Fiddis.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – December 1, 2010

1. Adoption of November 3, 2010 Minutes

Motion to accept the November 3, 2010 minutes was proposed, adopted by Wendy Thompson, seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor.

2. Old/New Business

Judy Wellington reported on the following correspondence:

- Burnaby Shadbolt Centre enquired about the co-ordinator of the Rhododendron Festival. Volunteers are needed.
- Thanks was expressed to Helen Vaughan for preparing the refreshments for our meetings.
- The following proposal was suggested: when a guest speaker is presenting, comments and/or questions should not be allowed until after the meeting. Motion to accept was made by Therese Pope; seconded by Marti Tutti. All were in favor.
- Gary Lewis (Phoenix) has offered to present to our garden club.
- The BC Garden Council Club monthly bulletin was available to read.
- The Publicity position has now been filled by Rosemarie Daviduk.

Marti Tutti brought forward the suggestion that in future the AGM be held in November (along with a guest speaker) and executive positions would filled - subject to approval. Judy will review the bylaws. Motion to accept this proposal was adopted and seconded. All were in favor.

3. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

A total of 24 members were in attendance. Several members renewed their BRAGS memberships for 2011.

4. Committee Chair Reports

There were no further reports to present. Reminder to all members that Lanny Hui has indicated that she can no longer continue to do the BRAGS newsletter AND organize the annual plant sale. Contact her if you are willing to fill one of these positions.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Diane Allison. Linda Cholette, Secretary