

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

Minutes & Reports

2012

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – January 4, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Adoption of December 7, 2011 Minutes

Motion to accept December minutes was made by June Dodson; seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website. Password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer's Report

Linda Cholette provided the following financial report for December:

Revenue = \$.57; expenses incurred = \$197.02; two \$5,000 term deposits; total balance as of December 31st = \$11,196.45. Motion to accept this report was made by Linda Cholette; seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor. Following discussion, it was agreed that the one term deposit of \$5,000.00, that expires February 11, 2012, should be reinvested for 90 days. Motion was carried.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a. BRAGS Name Change – At December's meeting, members agreed that the name BRAGS will remain unchanged, however, a logo, or acronym will be added.

5. Correspondence

Brian O'Neill recently passed away. He was the husband of a former long time member of BRAGS – Coni O'Neill. The Executive will send her a card and plant/flowers.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Welcome/Attendance

A total of 17 members and 1 new member were in attendance. Reminder to members that membership dues for 2012 can be renewed now.

b. RhodoFest - Sunday, May 6th

7. New/Other Business

Positions vacant: Secretary; RhodoFest (2 shared positions); and Publicity.

Other volunteer positions vacant (no nominations required): Refreshments; Raffle.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation on: "Natural Pest Control" by Arzeena Hamir, Richmond Food Security.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 1, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Adoption of January 4, 2012 Minutes

Motion to accept January minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by David Forsyth. All were in favor.
Reminder: meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website. Password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer's Report

Linda Cholette provided the following financial report for January:

Revenue = \$12.60; expenses incurred = \$184.96; two \$5,000 term deposits; total balance as of January 31st = \$17,130.77. Motion to accept this report was made by Linda; seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a. Donation in Memory of Brian O'Neill

Motion was made by Faye Kilpatrick that BRAGS will make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Agency and the amount and recipient will be determined by the Executive. Seconded by Judy Wellington. All were in favor.

b. Positions vacant

Treasurer - Verna Adamson reported that the Treasurer position is available again as Linda Cholette has regrettably stepped down, however, she will continue to fill the Secretary position.

Publicity – this position still remains vacant and it is important and necessary to fill.

Refreshments and Raffle – no nominations are required.

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

Verna reported that she received a letter from the South Fraser Rhododendron Society (in Langley) expressing interest in visiting BRAGS and sharing information on an upcoming plant/vendor sale.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

A total of 17 members and 2 guests were present. Reminder to members that membership dues for 2012 should be renewed now.

b. RhodoFest - Sunday, May 6th

Verna reported (in lieu of Wendy Thompson and June Dodson) that following up with several telephone calls, there has not been a great number of volunteer support for this annual event. This year there also has been a decrease in the number of plant vendors. Further details to be discussed at March meeting.

c. Speakers - Rosemarie Daviduk

Rosemarie stated that she has organized a field trip to West Coast Seeds for **Saturday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m.** Members will be able to plant tomato seeds and explore the store. Refreshments will also be served. At break, six members expressed interest. Please contact Rosemarie as soon as possible as final total is needed prior to February 25th. (Directions are: proceed through the Massey Tunnel; take the first exit to the right onto River Road; drive straight ahead on River Road until you come to a T-intersection with Elliott Street. West Coast Seeds is on your left on the corner of River Road & Elliott Street. Street parking is available all around the store.)

7. New/Other Business

Verna reported that the BC Council of Garden Clubs will be having their AGM on Saturday, March 3rd and BRAGS will pay for two members to attend. Contact Verna if interested.

Meeting adjourned, followed by Gita Wright, representative for Lee Valley Tools.
Linda Cholette, Secretary

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 7, 2012

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of February 1st, 2012 Minutes

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website. Password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer's Report

Linda Cholette provided the following financial report for February:

Revenue = \$72.00; expenses incurred = \$135.00; two \$5,000 term deposits; (total balance as of March 26 = \$11,937.29. Motion to accept this report was made by Linda; seconded by Lois Brown. All were in favor.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

- The Executive agreed on a donation of \$50.00, in memory of Brian O'Neill, to be designated to the BC Cancer Agency, Centre for Lymphoid Cancer.
- The Executive agreed to spend \$10.00 towards a gift certificate for the BCCGC AGM door prize.
- Susan Brandl has volunteered to fill the Treasurer position. Motion was made by Cheryl Fiddis to appoint Susan as Treasurer; seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor.
- Faye Kilpatrick has volunteered to organize the raffle and combine it with the welcome desk.
- Positions that remain vacant: Publicity and refreshments.

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

Verna reported that a letter has been received from the Stoney Creek Environmental Committee regarding their "Great Salmon Send Off" in May. They are requesting funds from BRAGS towards the Healthy Streams Forever – a key event that promotes awareness of Stoney Creek. Verna will contact them regarding the amount of donation they are requesting.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

A total of 14 members and 1 guest were in attendance. Faye reported that she will be organizing the Spring Bouquet contest for the Rhodo Festival this year. Contact her for more details.

b. RhodoFest - Sunday, May 6 – Wendy Thompson

Wendy stated that her committee met for the first time. The plant sale will be combined again with the silent auction. Wendy circulated a sign up list for volunteers - there are currently 18 volunteers and she has requested 5, or 6 volunteers from the City of Burnaby. The donors will be contacted soon. Judy Wellington indicated that this year the Butterfly Garden has requested a donation from BRAGS. Judy will contact them to request a presentation. **Plant Sale** - Lanny Hui is co-ordinating this sale and she recently sent an email with information and instructions regarding the donation of plants, etc. Please contact her by mid-March with the names and number of plants you will be donating.

c. Speakers - Rosemarie Daviduk

Rosemarie proposed an upcoming trip to Riverview grounds and gardens in June. Details TBA later.

7. New/Other Business – Nil.

Meeting adjourned, followed by presentation on "Invasive Plants" by Tasha Murray, Coordinator for Invasive Plant Council of Metro Vancouver.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

NOTE – Revision to Minutes of February 1, 2012

3. Treasurer's Report - (Revised as of March 26th)

Linda Cholette provided the following financial report for January:
Revenue = **\$144.81**; expenses incurred = **\$88.89**; one \$5,000 term deposit and **one term deposit was transferred to chequing account**; total balance as of January 31st = **\$12,000.29**. Motion to accept this report was made by Linda; seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor.

Linda Cholette, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – April 4, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of March 7th, 2012 Minutes

Motion to accept March minutes was made by Lois Brown with the following revision to be made: the Spring Bouquet contest will be coordinated by Verna Adamson. The minutes were moved as amended and seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website. Password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer's Report

Linda Cholette provided the following financial report for March:

Revenue = \$73.01 ; expenses incurred = \$135.00 ; two \$5,000 term deposits; (total balance as of Mar. 31 = \$11,938.30 (NB:these amounts are taken from the March 2012 bank statement (SB)). Motion to accept this report was made by Linda; seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. All were in favor.

Verna reported that she has found an auditor to review the BRAGS financial books for the Society's Act over the Easter vacation. Motion was made to offer him a \$25.00 gift certificate for completing the financial review; seconded by Wendy Thompson.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) Request for funding from Stoney Creek Environmental Committee:

The Salmon Send Off will take place in May and BRAGS has agreed to donate some funds towards the planting of native plants. As Judy Wellington was absent, Verna will contact her to get more information on this project and present at May's meeting.

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

a) City of Burnaby Volunteer Appreciation invitation:

This event will take place on April 27th at the Riverway Golf Course and Rosemarie Daviduk and Keith Harris volunteered to attend.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – Sunday, May 6 – Wendy Thompson

Wendy reported that they have almost the same donors as last year and just enough volunteers. On May 5th the skirts for the tables will be put on and plants should be brought in on this day also. The decision was made to proceed with the truss display, as this is very popular, and these should be brought in and set up on May 5th. The bouquet competition should be set up by 8:30 a.m. and judging will be at 3:30 p.m.

b) Plant Sale – Lanny Hui

Lanny requested that members email, or call her with the names of the plants that they will be donating so she can print pictures of these plants with descriptions, etc. Label your plants with environmentally friendly masking tape, or similar. If you need potting soil, purchase it and then give your receipt to Lanny for reimbursement. Remember – please NO invasive plants! If you are volunteering please bring garden gloves and cleaning rags. Reminder: there will be a Live Auction at the end of the day for plants that do not sell and notices will be posted. Lanny indicated that there will be a promotional/information booth for BRAGS to be set up at Garden Works. Please contact her for further details and the date if you are able to volunteer some time.

c) Welcome/Attendance tonight – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 25 members and 3 guests in attendance. Faye requested donations of door prizes.

7. New/Other Business – Nil.

Meeting adjourned, followed by presentation on "Native Bees & Pollinators" by Ric Erikson of Beefriendly.