

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

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
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.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 2, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of April 4th, 2012 Minutes

Motion to accept April minutes was made by June Dodson and seconded by Helen Vaughan. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website. Password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl reported that there has been almost no financial activity during the past month. On March 31st the balance was \$11,938.00 (includes the GICs). Motion to accept this report was made by Susan and all were in favor. Verna Adamson reported that the auditor stated that the BRAGS financial books were in very good standing and the monthly reports were accurate and efficient.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) Request for funding from Stoney Creek Environmental Committee – Alan James

Alan explained about the salmon habitat renewal on Stoney Creek and circulated brochures. The total funding required is \$50,000 and they have \$1,000 in their budget designated for native plant restoration. Potentially the Committee wants to purchase 200 plants at \$5.00 each. Motion was made by Lois Brown to offer them \$1,000; Janice Bobic seconded and all were in favor.

b) Burnaby Lake Park Association (Butterfly Garden funding) – Anne & Brian Green

Anne presented their proposal and reported that Burnaby Lake has lost some shade trees and they want to replace their plants with more native ones – if plants are not specific to their environment invasive plants start to grow and take over – e.g. blackberry. Their total funding needed is between \$500 - \$1,000 and this project will take two years. Judy Wellington stated that the plants they plan to buy are about \$10.00 each – the number and types of plants will be determined by a Master Gardener. All volunteers do the work and they will be at the upcoming Rhodofestival. Motion was made by Cheryl Fiddis to give this Association \$500 now and another \$500 in a year; Keith Harris seconded and all were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

The South Burnaby Garden Club is having their Fall Fair on September 8 & 9th at the Bonsor Community Centre. For further details, refer to their website. Verna read an email she received from a plant nursery in Burnaby congratulating Lanny Hui for digging up some plants for the BRAGS plant sale and leaving the grounds in immaculate condition!!

6. Standing Committee Reports

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

Wendy reported that she has lots of volunteers and two from Burnaby. The plant sale, silent auction, truss display and spring bouquet competition will be held in Room 103. She will email the work schedule to all volunteers. Please bring your plants in on Friday – before 4:00 pm, or on Saturday. If you are picking up plants from the vendors, keep track of what plants were donated from which nurseries. On Sunday, wear your BRAGS t-shirt and Room 210 is the designated volunteer room and coffee and snacks will be provided. Arrive at 9:00 am, or earlier to set up. If you are bringing rhodo trusses – bring them on long stems.

b) Plant Sale – Lanny Hui

Lanny reiterated that you can bring your plants in on Friday up to 4:00 pm, or bring them in on Saturday. Drive up to the back door of the building.

c) Welcome/Attendance tonight – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 20 members and 4 guests in attendance.

7. New/Other Business

Rosemarie Daviduk indicated that she is planning a trip to Riverview for a tour of their gardens and ancient trees. Meet on Saturday, June 9th at 11:00 for a 1 ½ hour tour. Contact Rosemarie if interested.

Meeting adjourned and unfortunately the scheduled presentation “Living Artwork Eco-Sculpture” by Heather Edwards, Manager Park Planning and Design for the City of Burnaby was cancelled.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 6, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Adoption of May 2nd, 2012 Minutes

Wendy Thompson stated that the following corrections were needed: under Item 6 “Rhodo Festival” – *“two volunteers from the City of Burnaby should be revised to six volunteers”* and under Item 5 “Correspondence” – *“Lanny Hui dug up plants from a “private garden” and not a nursery”*. Following these revisions, Cheryl Fiddis made the motion to accept the revised May minutes. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS’ website. Password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for May:
Revenue = \$48.00 (April memberships) and \$2,045.00 (Silent Auction) and \$732.00 (Plant sale) = grand total of \$2,826.16. Expenses incurred = \$500.05 (office supplies, refreshments, Rhodo Festival prizes). Bank balance as of May 31 = \$14,125.94. Motion to accept this report was made by Susan and Judy Wellington seconded.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – none.

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

- Verna received an invitation to the Wildlife Rescue Donor Appreciation event on Saturday, June 16th at 1:00 p.m. and this Association sent BRAGS a request for funding. Verna read their “wish list” and the amounts needed for each item. Cheryl reminded that BRAGS has supported them in the past for \$1,000.00. Following discussion, the majority of members voted and agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$600.00 to purchase a Zilla ceramic heat emitter and 2 OHAUS portable scales. The motion was seconded by Bev Glover; all were in favor; carried. Cheryl will contact them.

- Heritage Vancouver is having their 1st Annual Garden Tour fundraiser June 23 and 24. Admission is \$30.00.

For more information, refer to:
heritagevancouver.org

- Deer Lake United Church sent an appreciation card to BRAGS for the donation of “left over” plants from the plant sale at the Rhodo Festival.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

Wendy thanked all the volunteers again and reminded members that she posted a report in the BRAGS newsletter. The City of Burnaby expressed their gratitude to BRAGS for a successful event and welcomed them back for next year!

b) Plant Sale – Lanny Hui

Lanny thanked all the volunteers again.

c) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 24 members in attendance.

7. New/Other Business

- BRAGS will provide \$500.00 towards SFU bursary funds.
- Reminder that Rosemarie Daviduk has organized a tour of Riverview grounds for Saturday, June 9th. Meet at Henry Esson Young Building at 11:00 a.m.
- Rosemarie stated that for September 5th meeting the topic will be “Sharing your Spring/Summer Garden – Successes, Disasters, etc.” Bring pictures!
- The annual BRAGS picnic in the summer was discussed, however, due to lack of interest there will be no picnic this year.

Meeting adjourned, followed by presentation on “Birds of Colony Farm” by Derek Matthews, Vancouver Avian Research Centre.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 5, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of June 6th, 2012 Minutes

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

3. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for June:

Revenue = \$214.73. Expenses incurred = \$2,768.33 - \$2,600 in donations to Wildlife Rescue; SFU scholarship

and Burnaby Lake Park Association for Butterfly Garden and \$168.33 for miscellaneous expenses.

Transfer to GIC \$5,000.00. Bank balance as of June 30 = \$6,572.34. Motion to accept this report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

Positions vacant: Refreshments (ask Helen Vaughan for details); Publicity and Speakers (Rosemarie Daviduk has stepped down). The speaker for October's meeting will be Bud Black, presenting on "Mums".

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

- Cheryl Fiddis received an email from Lynsey Dobbie, Land Conservatory, re: "Landscaping Ladies" on Wednesday, September 26th from 7 – 8:00 pm. at Eagles Estate Heritage Garden, 5655 Sperling Avenue – admission by donation but pre-registration is required. Call 604) 733-2313.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

No report presented.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 23 members in attendance.

7. New/Other Business

- Executive meeting date – TBA.
- BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall General meeting is on Saturday, October 13. In the past BRAGS has sponsored two members to attend. Keith Harris and Rosemarie Daviduk volunteered. Following discussion, motion was made by Rosemarie to donate \$15.00 for BC Council's door prize. Therese Pope seconded. Following further discussion, Lois Brown moved to amend the above motion to increase BRAGS' donation to \$25.00 for a Garden Works gift certificate. All were in favor. Rosemarie will purchase the certificate.

Meeting adjourned, followed by BRAGS members discussing and presenting on their summer garden successes and/or failures.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – October 3, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of September 5, 2012 Minutes

The Minutes of September's meeting will be tabled to next month as they were not circulated/reviewed prior to this meeting. The above motion was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Keith Harris. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website. Password is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for September:

Revenue = \$49.58. Expenses incurred = \$52.58. Revenue over expenses = \$6,510.75. Bank balance as of September 30 = \$6,510.75. Motion to accept this report was made by Susan and Wendy Thompson seconded. All were in favor.

4. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

Positions vacant: Refreshments - contact Helen Vaughan for details; Publicity – Debbie Vallee has volunteered; Speakers – still vacant.

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

- Verna received a letter from a Burnaby resident, living in a condominium, who would like to sell some plants and shrubs from her garden. Contact Verna if interested.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – Wendy Thompson

Will be held on the first Sunday in May 2013.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 19 members and 3 guests in attendance.

7. New/Other Business

- Executive meeting date – will be held either on October 10, or October 25. Location TBA.
- The BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall General meeting is on Saturday, October 13. Keith Harris, Rosemarie Daviduk and David Forsyth will be attending.
- Nominations to AGM close November 21 – further details will be reviewed at November's meeting. Please contact Verna with ideas, and/or suggestions. Susan Brandl informed members that the bylaws for BRAGS will be amended at the December Annual General meeting.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation on "Chrysanthemums and Dahlias" by Bud Black.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 7, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of September and October 2012 Minutes

The motion to adopt September 2012 Minutes was made by Wendy Thompson and seconded by David Forsyth. All were in favour. The motion to adopt October 2012 Minutes was made by Keith Harris and seconded by Wendy Thompson. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

The executive meeting was held on October 25, 2012. In the meeting, vacant positions were discussed. Currently, for the upcoming term, we need the President, Vice president, Secretary, and refreshment volunteers. Please help by sending nominations in writing to any executive member by November 21, 2012

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for October 2012: Balance as of September 2012 = 6,510.75. Revenue = \$3.57. Expenses incurred = \$140.76. Revenue over expenses = \$140.19. Bank balance as of October 31 = \$6,370.56. Motion to accept this report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favour. Susan reminded that the year end is October 31, 2012. If anyone has outstanding receipts to be reimbursed, please notify her as soon as possible.

5. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

Verna received:

- A letter from Simon Fraser University: \$500 Graduate Scholarship was awarded to Sebastian Ibarra.
- A thank-you card from Elsa Fogale, the winner from “The People’s Choice” Spring Bouquet Competition

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodofest – Wendy Thompson

The event will be held on May 5, 2013 and marks the 25th anniversary of Rhodofest. The new coordinator is Sheri Jack.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Cheryl Fiddis

Cheryl reported that there were 20 members and no guest in attendance.

c) Memberships - Anne Forsyth

Please pay your membership dues by the January 2013 meeting.

d) Speakers / Program - Bev Glover

Bev mentioned a possible group trip to the Northwest Garden and Flower Show at the Washington Convention Center in Seattle. When? February 23 and 24, 2013. How much? \$150-\$160 per person, minimum of 12 people participating. The more people participate, the lower the price becomes. What’s included? A return ticket on Amtrak between Vancouver and Seattle, one night stay at Crowne Plaza (based on double occupancy, two blocks from the Convention Center), and one-day ticket to the show. Deadlines? Let Bev know via info@brags.ca by December 5, 2012.

7. New/Other Business

- Notice of AGM: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 followed by potluck refreshments.
- Christmas Open House at Lougheed GardenWorks, on Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 6pm - 9pm.
- Tea with Victor at Lougheed GardenWorks on December 5, 2012. Free. Call 604-299-0621 to reserve.

Meeting adjourned, followed by the presentation on “Eco-Sculptures” by Heather Edwards.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MONTHLY MEETING – Dec 5, 2012
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
December 5, 2012

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

2. Minutes from December 7, 2011 Annual General Meeting

The Secretary, Linda Cholette, read the minutes from the December 7, 2011 AGM. Motion was made to adopt these Minutes and all were in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

2012 Year End - Susan Brandl presented this report. Motion to accept was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

2013 Budget – Susan presented the proposed 2013 budget for BRAGS. This is a guideline document. Copies of both financial reports were made available to review. Motion to accept these two reports was made by Susan and Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

4. President's Year End Report

Verna Adamson read her year end report which will be posted on the BRAGS website appended to the Minutes and financial reports. No nominations were to be accepted from this meeting and the following is the incoming Executive: President – Verna Adamson; Vice President – **vacant**; Secretary – Linda Cholette; Treasurer – Susan Brandl; Newsletter – Cheryl Fiddis; Publicity – Debbie Vallee; Speakers – Bev Glover. Non elected positions are: Welcome & Raffle – Faye Kilpatrick; Membership – Anne Forsyth; Website – David Forsyth; Refreshment coordinator – **vacant**; Rhodofestival Coordinators – Wendy Thompson & June Dodson and Plant Sale Coordinator – Lanny Hui. Motion was made by Keith Harris to accept the above memberships and Faye Kilpatrick seconded. All were in favor. Verna will bring forward the candidate's name for Vice President to the meeting in January.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
December 5, 2012

1. Adoption of November 7, 2012 Minutes

Motion to accept November Minutes was made, accepted and all were in favor.

Reminder: meeting Minutes and appended reports can be reviewed on the BRAGS' website.

2. Treasurer's Report

Susan provided the following financial report for November:

Expenses incurred = \$118.64 (speaker, refreshments); revenue = \$114.52 (memberships, raffle, interest); revenue over expenses = -\$4.12 . Bank balance as of November 30 = \$6,261.80 and \$101.75 in petty cash (undeposited raffle profits plus the raffle float).

Motion to accept this report was made by Susan, seconded and all were in favor.

3. Correspondence – Verna Adamson

Verna reminded members that the BC Registry Services will require BRAGS' 2012 Annual Report to be filed within 30 days. Verna will comply as soon as the Vice President has been named.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 25 members including 2 guests in attendance. Faye stated that for the raffle draw more plant/seed/flower type of donations would be appreciated, or plants/seedlings/cuttings from your own garden, or items purchased from Garden Works. Many thanks to all for their past contributions!

b) Membership – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded members that annual dues can be paid starting in January and the dues will remain the same.

7. New/Other Business

a) Speakers – formerly Rosemarie Daviduk

A warm thank you was expressed by all to Rosemarie for organizing very interesting speakers for 2012.

The meeting was adjourned and the 2012 BRAGS Christmas party commenced! Thank you to all the members attending and their delicious Christmas goodies!