

MINUTES FROM JUNE 25th MOUNTAIN VIEW KOI CLUB MEETING

by Elaine

Words of welcome from Sam to André and Rosalind Charest's beautiful house and pond tucked away in Ste-Anne de Prescott. Several members arrived late but had nice tours of the surrounding communities!

No questions or concerns regarding last meeting's minutes. Treasurer's report was given by Sam and approved.

Pond tour discussion: Elaine gave Lucie 7 tickets and Pat gave her 2 more. It was suggested that in future, a club member visit the garden clubs to discuss the tour and generate more interest. Daniel sold 10 or 11 tickets which brings sales to-date of 105+ tickets. Each pond host will have 5 tickets to sell 'at the door'. For next year's pond tour, it was suggested that tickets be available at two different locations so that people needing extras have easy access. A suggestion was made to list the pond locations on our web page next year with a downloadable PDF ticket. This needs further discussion as most pond owners do not want total strangers roaming around their properties.

Botanical Gardens: The show judge, Michael Frady, has not yet been booked into a hotel. Elaine will check with Auberge Universel to verify there is no reservation in his name, and then book a room for him for July 21st and 22nd. This hotel is across the street from the Botanical Gardens. Daniel advised the Botanical Gardens has given us the Japanese Pavillion for our dinner and awards presentation after the show. The Gardens will supply the food for approximately 25 people but we will have to apply for an alcohol permit to be able to bring wine or spirits to the dinner. The permit is \$45 per day and Pat motioned for the MVKC to pay \$90 for two days which will cover a rain delay/postponement to Sunday. The motion passed; Daniel will apply for the permit which takes up to 15 days to receive. The dinner will be "BYOB" ... Daniel volunteered Sam to be MC for the evening's events and Sam agreed. It was agreed to buy a gift for Sonya, Daniel's liaison at the Botanical Gardens, for all her assistance with this show. Elaine suggested a bottle of wine. This can be discussed at a pre-show meeting (for show participants only) at Daniel's house on July 15th or 16th. Daniel will confirm the date after speaking to Rina. We talked about the various teams needed and water quality. Water remedy products will be supplied to those in need. The problem of limited oxygen tanks was discussed; Daniel will check the availability of oxygen tanks with the other koi exhibitors.

The benching team will supply the air stones and other equipment for the show. Leigh passed around samples of the cap and t-shirt as well as the proposed monogram to be stitched onto each item. A motion approving the cap, t-shirt and monogram was accepted. Caps will be for sale after the show. The ribbons have been ordered. Daniel did a head-count of the attendees who will stay for the awards dinner as follows: Sam + Elaine, Daniel and possibly Rina, Karen + Les, Leigh, Jean-Marc + Nicole, Jean-Paul + Lucie, Rosalind, Collette + Norm, Verne + Paula. An email will go out to each show tank owner advising the MVKC is not responsible for loss of fish at the show.

A raffle was held and \$42 was collected. Winners were Pat, Jean-Paul and Collette. Meeting was adjourned, pond tour tickets were handed out and a delicious spread with beverages was set out by Rosalind.

Next meeting is planned for August 13th at 2:30 pm at the beautiful house and pond of Jean-Marc and Nicole Menard, address: 439 rue Chaline, St. Lazare, Quebec, (450) 455-4420;
tesmen@sympatico.ca

Footnote: Elaine verified with the Auberge Universel that Michael Frady had not yet been booked. The best rate was offered by the hotel directly; it is high season but the reservations clerk offered a Superior King room at the Standard Room rate of \$139/night plus taxes.