

## MINUTES FROM MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2016 MEETING

Meeting was held at Pepiniere St-Lazare in their upstairs room.

Words of welcome from Verne and thanks to Sam and Elaine for organizing this meeting.

A short introduction to new member Vince Sabbagh who has been a member since October 2015 but attended his first meeting.

Vince told us briefly about his koi keeping experience, which now includes a small koi breeding/selling business (together with other member Jonathan Pinning)

Treasurer Paula Gilkes gave her financial report which was adopted by all present.

A question arose regarding hosting meetings and financial compensation.

We can refer to club rules and charter regarding this, but basically, the club offers \$20 as a compensation. Host has to provide some snacks and raffle prize(s).

Minutes from previous meeting were adopted.

The question of Facebook came up once again and how to go about setting up or linking the club's website to a Facebook page. Jonathan offered some suggestions and would follow it up in the near future. Elaine also suggested we bring up the club on Living in St-lazare's (and loving it) Facebook page. The idea is to attract new members to the club.

Daniel gave a short update on the Montreal Botanical Show coming up on July 23rd. Club members Leigh Mode and Jonathan Pinning will avail of the club's show tanks to bring a few fish. It was reminded that a competition would be taking place that day, with two awards possible. "Best Koi" as voted by the public and "Best Koi" as voted by club members and show participants. Elaine volunteered to help with ballots and competition.

A update on the Pond tour was also brought up. Dates are either August 6th or August 13th. A decision was made on a \$10 fee per person to attend and visit the ponds of confirmed members Jean-Paul and Lucie, Mean-Marc and Nicole, Jonathan, Vince, Sam and Elaine and Daniel. So far no sales or interest/contacts from other Garden Clubs have been confirmed. *It can be noted that as of this morning May 29<sup>th</sup> Verne received a phone call from Lorrie Phalen, President of the Hudson Garden Club. She was very keen on the idea of being invited to the MVKC Pond Tour in August, She eagerly awaits a short blurb of the tour which she will place on the Club Agenda. Lorrie also liked the idea of the tour profits being donated to the Hudson Palliative Care Unit as was suggested at the meeting. Over the next couple of days if the those members who have submitted their ponds to be on the tour could write a very brief description describing their pond and send to Verne he will put together a note for Lorrie to take to her members.*

A discussion on the "Koi of the year" award was brought up. The issue of dealers having an advantage with a better choice of koi was on the table. Verne offered a handicap of 1pt for every 4 pts, but not everyone was keen on the idea. Several members voice their opinion and no firm decision was taken. Instead it was decided to shelf the decision until another meeting.

A short discussion on future topics/guest speakers was brought up. Jonathan and Vince offers to speak about breeding and possibly a series on diseases and treatments(?)

A reminder that Janet Lalonde still had some fish for sale. Anyone interested to contact Verne. (As of today Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> all of Janet's Koi have been sold.)

Sam was given a case of Spring/Fall koi food from Hagen/Laguna and handed out a small bag to each member present.

The usual raffle was then held and was quite exciting.

(1) Jon and Vince offered up a koi for the Raffle it turned out to be a 6-inch koi of choice.

Lucie won this and chose a beautiful Gin Rin long Fin Yamabuki Ogon,

(2) The Pepiniere offered up 4 plants, for the draw.

Won by Sam, Elaine, Jean Marc,

(3) Oasis offered a T-shirt for the raffle.

Won by Nicole Menard

(4) Hagen pet foods gave Sam a case of food for the members from which

Sam put two bags of koi food in for a raffle prize, Vince won these.

Meeting Adjourned to June 12-2016 at Toad Mountain Park home to Verne and Paula's Koi. Time 2:30 p.m. at 165 Home Ave. Vankleek Hill, Ontario K0B 1R0

Dates Chosen for upcoming meetings

June at Verne and Paula's

July at Jean Marc's and Nicole

August Daniel Shelton.

September Lucie.