

MOUNTAIN VIEW KOI CLUB

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MINUTES FROM MAY 28th 2017 MEETING

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Words of welcome by Verne to Sam and Elaine's beautiful house and pond. Great place to have the meeting, right by the pond.

Short introduction of Cheryl and Dean, along with their daughter Jess which came from Kemptville and are new members.

Cheryl spoke briefly of their experience with koi and 8 years of having no real issues until recently, with the addition of a new koi, perhaps a bacterial infection. Starting up from scratch, using nitrifying bacteria to get the pond cycling is helping a lot. (Ammonia Chloride is the beneficial product used in this case)

Discussion on last meeting's minutes. None.

Treasurer's report was delivered by Verne and accepted by two members.

Discussion on upcoming pond tour on July 8th. Suggestion to advertise the tour on our website. David Vance suggested we link up to the North American Japanese Garden Association website as well. It was suggested that members try to sell tickets to friends and family. Our goal is to reach \$2 000 to be donated to the Palliative Care Center in Hudson. So far, we have raised around \$600.

Beaconsfield Garden Club has placed a notice about our tour on their website as an upcoming event. Good to get the word out!

Issues with ponds and koi.

Nicole has had an issue with algae, which she is treating successfully with Barley Straw extract. Sam and Elaine and Daniel as well, are having issues with flukes. Symptoms include flashing, hanging around the bottom of the pond with fins clamped. A scrape was needed to be able to identify the problem under the microscope. Treatment is with Prazipond. Usually works well. Jean Marc spoke briefly of Norm and Colette's issue with their fish and pond. They are revamping their system this year in the hopes of eliminating all these problems.

A short update on the Koi Show at the Botanical Garden. Lots of planning and work still needing to be done. Volunteers are solicited and we are drawing up a list of people and tasks. Possibility of having a get-together on site at the end of the day. More info will be coming shortly. Ribbons for prize winners are being designed by Leigh, as well as souvenir KOI SHOW hats which we will be selling and giving to participants.

A raffle was held. Two bags of Koi food, two bottles of moisturizing lotion and one plant were up as prizes. Winners were happy to win!

Meeting was adjourned and snacks were served together with happy Koi times.