

MINUTES FROM APRIL 10TH MEETING

The meeting was held at Leigh and Karin's house and as members arrived, people gathered around their beautiful indoor pond and mingled for the first 20 minutes.

Meeting was called and words of welcome from club President Verne Gilkes were said. It was a good turnout as roughly 20 members showed up and this bodes well for another season for MVKC.

Verne introduced new members and their guests. Jonathan Piening from Rigaud as well as Bev and Don Lethbridge from Ottawa.

Both new members spoke briefly of their experience with koi and ponds to the appreciation of present members.

A quiz prepared by Leigh was then handed out, helping members to identify over a dozen of the most popular koi varieties. Most succeeded with a little help from their friends.

Paula, our treasurer, gave her report on the state of the club's finances. There was quite a bit of activity lately and current balance stands at \$ 1,105.46

The report was then accepted by present members and can be viewed in detail upon request.

There was then a short discussion on the year end dinner, with most attendees having enjoyed last year's location. It was proposed by Elaine and Sam that the next one could be held in St-Lazare. This will be discussed as the season progresses.

The idea of a pond tour was then brought up with the suggestion that it be held on invitation only in the area of Hudson and Rigaud. Members who wished to participate were Sam and Elaine, Daniel, Jean-Paul and Lucie, Jean-Marc and Nicole, Jonathan and perhaps Vince Sabbagh. Dates were proposed but not finalized. August 6th or August 13th-Rain or Shine. Work will now have to begin to organize such an event. It was also suggested that fees and profits go to the Hudson Palliative Care Center.

Next up for discussion was the day of our Koi showcase at the Montreal Botanical Garden. Daniel brought us to date on everything relating to this day. The date is July 23rd (with July 24th as a rain date). The event now has a name, IN THE COMPANY OF KOI (EN COMPAGNIE DES KOIS), as the Botanical Garden now will feature it in their program and is keen in getting involved in its promotion. As of now there are 5 show tanks scheduled to be there, with 2 of those available to club members who wish to bring their fish out for a day. More details will come as the date approaches.

Club Vice President, Sam, revealed a beautiful banner that he put together for the club to be used at events such as the show at the Botanical Garden.

Next was a discussion by Sam on the idea of introducing Social media such as a Club Facebook page to help promote the club and gain new membership.

Elaine, our AKCA rep, explained her role in keeping our club up to date with the association.

The need for guest speakers was brought up. All suggestions are welcomed

Following this, Sam gave a short and informative talk about Kohaku and handed out information sheets.

The raffle was then held, with an orchid plant and a beautiful book about koi as prizes. The winners were Jean Marc and ()

The meeting was then adjourned and snacks and drinks were served.

Next meeting will be at Le Pepiniere Cites des Jeunes, Green house in St. Lazare on May 15, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. At 580 Cites Jeunes Inc. St. Lazar Quebec.

This is always an interesting meeting as Frank is always ready to support our Club. Thanks to Sam and Elaine arranging this meeting.