

## Mountain View Koi Club

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Our much anticipated ,( by some, especially Leigh), election meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> ,2012 at the Archie Hardy Hall of the Knox Presbyterian Church in Vankleek Hill. It was very well attended considering the time of year.

Those present were: Bill & Mary Bodnarok, Marcel & Claudette Jobin, Jean Paul & Lucie Lupien, Honore & Jeanne D'Arc Mecteau, Jean-Marc & Nicole Menard, Leigh & Karin Mode, Edna Moran, Norman & Colette Poulin, David & Christine Morris, Verne & Paula Gilkes , Pat Hardisty

The meeting started off with a really good video of the trip to Quality Koi in New Jersey that Verne , Leigh & Jean Paul took. They participated in or witnessed the 2012 Koi Harvest and all the activities associated with it. Jean Paul gave a very good commentary on the events in the video so one could tell that he learned a lot and obviously understood what was taking place as he filmed it. Verne called him their Papparazzi!!! The pictures of the beautiful fish made you realize how it would be very hard to resist purchasing and it appears they did not resist.??

As it happened it was Verne's birthday while they were there and Leigh asked the catering person if she could do a cake so she made the most amazing Koi Cake. The decoration on the top was a life size replica of a Koi done in cake and icing. What a nice surprise for Verne and I am sure he will remember that day for a while. He brought the Koi home and Paula had it at the meeting for us to eat but we did not so rumour has it still in the freezer??

We also saw a film on the Mid Atlantic Young Koi Show.

Jean Paul told us that he became a member of The Mid Atlantic Koi Club while there , as they had a rep. at Quality Koi as well.

Paula read the treasurers report and the raffle at the Sept. Meeting raised \$35.00

So that brought us to a total of \$1312.21. We then voted to pay the \$56.00 for the Friendship Trophy that Verne presented from our Club to Floyd Broussard

for the winning Shiro Utsuri. This is a tradition that goes on at the Koi Shows, various clubs take part. This allows for awards to be given out where there would not normally be an award given.

We also agreed to donate \$20.00 to the church for kindly letting us use the Archie Hardy Hall.

Now on to the election:

We had a very good response from the members. Many names were submitted for the various positions , all were contacted and most declined to run.

The new executive will take effect when our 2013 season opens, but hopefully the old and new will work together during the winter to form some new guidelines using some of the input from the questionnaire.

President: Our obviously beloved Verne was unanimously reappointed.

Vice President: Pat Hardisty

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jean-Paul Lupien

Secretary: Christine Morris

Treasurer: Paula Gilkes

It basically came down to the only ones willing to stand for any position got it. So hopefully it will be a good executive.

We briefly talked about some of the suggestions arising from the questionnaire, the main one that was agreed to and now acted on, was to pay Ben Martin a token fee of \$200.00 in recognition of the great work he has done and continues to do on our club web site. A reminder if you want to add any pictures or anything please send them to [ben@digitalinfuence.ca](mailto:ben@digitalinfuence.ca)

A big thank you to Edna for supplying such a great lunch, with all the trimmings.

The raffle item was a “murder mystery party game” donated by Pat and the winner was OF COURSE our Lucky Lucie...

I am sorry to have taken so long to write these minutes this time, it was not solely because of the U.S. elections!!!

Please do not forget our Year End Christmas Dinner- meeting at Mon Village in St. Lazare on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 6:00PM Please advise Paula if unable to attend. Bring along your Best Koi picture for our annual contest.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME..

Pat Hardisty