

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13TH MEETING

Words of welcome from President Verne to Jean-Marc and Nicole Ménard's beautiful home and garden.

Meeting was held inside. Members who had won an award at the Koi Show displayed their certificates and photographs of their winners.

Leigh Mode started off by talking a little about some of his winning koi. His fish won Grand Champion, Senior Champion and Junior Champion. Congratulations were given by attendees. Leigh thanked breeder Matt McCann from Quality Koi for producing such beautiful fish.

Simon Fredette then talked a little about his winning koi, including his Long Fin who won "Favourite Koi" by the public. Simon had five fish who won awards all in all.

Next, Daniel Shelton spoke briefly of his two winning Shiro Utsuris. Both taking Best in Variety awards.

Finally, Verne Gilkes talked about his winning fish. A beautiful Kindai Showa and a Platinum Ogon Matsuba Long Fin.

Again, congratulations to all the winners.

Minutes from last meeting were brought up with no further discussion.

Verne gave out the financial report, which was duly approved by attending members.

A short discussion arose regarding the possibility of a membership fee increase. It was suggested that it move from 20\$ per year per family to 30\$. The motion was brought on by Sam Yampolski, seconded by Andre Charest and approved by all present. The fee increase will take effect for the 2018 pond season.

It was reminded that it is now time to prepare your fish for the KOI of the YEAR competition to be held at the year end supper. It is also time to think of the KOI PERSON of the YEAR award as well. More info on this later.

The year end supper will be held at the Vieux Château restaurant in Hawkesbury.

Two possible dates were brought forward. Either November 30th or December 7th. A decision will be made once the restaurant is contacted.

A debriefing discussion was then undertaken regarding the Montreal Koi Show.

Items discussed were many, including, but not exclusively, the following...

The possibility of bringing fish the night before, avoiding the morning stress experienced by many participants. A suggestion that we ask the Hotel to put up a sign regarding our show...A break from judging/benching as the committee felt it was arduous and took a long time... The reduction in the number of parameter testing done throughout the day (extending the time in between tests)... The idea of roping off a larger area to keep the public away when take down is taking place... Making sure take down takes place at the planned time and possibly rearranging tanks to make drainage easier and more efficient.

A raffle was held. Two beautiful prizes... A garden gnome as well as a peacock sculpture were won by Edna and Lucie.

Snacks were served together with happy koi chatter all around.

Next meeting to be held at Verne and Paula's house on September 24th 2017