

MINUTES FROM JUNE 24TH MEETING

This meeting was held at Diane Hoy's beautiful home and garden.

A few words of welcome to Diane's home by Verne Gilkes. Present were Jean Paul Lupien, Lucie Lupien, Rosalind Charest, Andre Charest, Verne Gilkes, Edna Moran (?) and Daniel Shelton.

No discussion on last meeting's minutes.

AKCA dues were to be paid.

Discussion on members pond/koi issues. Mention of losses from Nicole and Jean Leger's pond as well as Diane Hoy who lost three of her fish recently. Possibility of predators was suggested. In the Leger's case, it was most likely due to the cold winter temperatures.

Pond tour discussion. The club's pond tour is coming up on August 11th and more planning was discussed. Volunteers are needed at every pond to help out. There will be added volunteers from the Hawkesbury Hospital Foundation as well. Brochure and tickets to be printed shortly as time is pressing on. These will be distributed at the next meeting.

Koi Show discussion. Another big event in the club's activity list. It takes place on July 21st at the Montreal Botanical Garden. Volunteers are being solicited for both the set up on Friday night as well as the entire day Saturday. It was decided that we would not seek a permit for alcohol consumption and that we would not contribute more food than what the Japanese Pavilion Foundation will be supplying for our awards cocktail/dinner.

Again, the question of membership decline and participation was discussed. Most present agrees that it is important to progress as a club into such activities as the show BUT to also go back to basics occasionally to underline basic knowledge and help those who are starting out and have questions and concerns. Both Verne and Daniel agreed to bring back general topics for discussion. These would include nutrition, filtration, water parameters and so on.

Lucie suggested that we use JeanPaul's excellent questionnaire that he prepared as a starting point at the next meeting. Everyone agreed to do so.

Meeting was adjourned and happy koi chatter could be heard as members mingled and ate some food. Next meeting to be held at Sam And Elaine's house on July 29 at 2h30 PM.