

## **MOUNTAIN VIEW KOI CLUB**

**P.O. Box 186 Vankleek Hill, Ontario**

**Serving Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec**

Also known as **MVKC** and **THE CLUB** for purposes of this constitution.

*The Constitution was ratified by the Club Majority on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013*

**The Purpose of the MVKC** is to Promote, Create and Enlarge the hobby of Keeping, Breeding, Appreciating and Exhibiting Koi through Proper Care and Water Maintenance.

**CLUB GUIDELINES:** THE CLUB is a social club as well as a teaching and learning club for the betterment of koi and gold fish by the proper management of the pond water.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dues to MVKC are \$20.00 per family due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March annually:

The dues of a NEW MEMBER Joining the MVKC after August 1<sup>st</sup> will carry over to the following year.

**MVKC** as a teaching and social club will have monthly meetings from March to November yearly.

**The MARCH MEETING** will be at a Community Hall or Church Hall or something similar as the ponds are not open as yet.

**SPRING and SUMMER MEETINGS** will be held at a club member's pond if possible by voluntary basis only.

**NOVEMBER MEETING** will be the Year-End Supper meeting at a Restaurant alternating between the three areas of club membership, "i.e." Eastern section, Central section and Western section.

**YEAR-END Chairperson** who will then select their committee, selected from the appropriate section.

**YEAR-END MEETING** will be a sit down supper: including the following events:

( 1) Koi Person of the Year will be chosen( to be addressed later)

(2) Koi of the year will be chosen, (to be addressed later)

**TIME of MEETING** will be at 2:00 p.m. or adjusted if needs be.

Meetings will start by a tour and discussion of member's pond, 15-20 minutes of leisure time. Meeting should be no more than 2 hours long or shorter if possible followed by a get together for light snacks.

**HOST RESPONSIBILITES:** The host can supply a small snack at the end of a meeting, "i.e." a veggie plate and dip, dessert plate of cookies something small, not a lavish meal buffet.etc., "Your choice"

**RAFFLE:** The MVKC at each meeting will conduct a raffle or a 50/50 decided by host in order to raise money for the Clubs expenses as explained later. Cost of the raffle will be \$2.00 dollars per ticket.

**HOST RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RAFFLE:** The host will select a reasonable gift that is pond or garden or koi related of a value that they wish to pay. The Club will reimburse the host \$20.00 dollars for the raffle gift.

**MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:** (any member of the family)

In order to participate in programs where the MVKC supplies items of value for no cost to the member the member must be in good standing. "i.e." the club in the past bought a koi for each person as a grow out competition at no cost to the member. At this time members who had paid their dues but not attended any meetings showed up for the free koi , a value of \$60.00.

A member in good standing will have their dues paid in full.

A member in good standing will have attended (5) previous meetings of the 9 meetings held during the year.

**NOTIFICATION:** A member will receive minutes of the meetings held and notification of events that are planned.

**MEETINGS ACTIVITIES:** During the MVKC meetings apart from the political matters such as past minutes and treasurers report, the Club will conduct a Koi Description, and on occasion Gold Fish Description, Judging a Koi seminar, Pond water analysis, wet lab(scrape and scope), guest speakers, koi illness discussion, possible cause of illness, water treatments, feeding koi and gold fish, winter closings and spring openings, and anything else the members choose to present as a topic of discussion, Participation makes the Club an Active Club.

**MVKC EXECUTIVE:**

**PRESIDENT:** Hold office for two year period or longer if nominated to continue

**Vice President (1 ):** Hold office for two year period or longer if nominated to continue.

**Vice President (2):** Hold office for two year period or longer if nominated to continue

**Secretary:** Hold office for two year period or longer if nominated to continue

**Treasurer:** Hold office for two year period or longer if nominated to continue

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE:**

President and VP(1)or (2) will develop program for meetings which could come from members suggestions.

President will chair the majority of the meetings.

VP 1 and 2 can chair 2 meetings during the year

VP (2) arrange for meeting location or ask for a designate member to set it up

**Secretary** will take the minutes of the meeting and prepare them to be disseminated to the members in a timely fashion.

The secretary will also keep the attendance records of the members "re member in good standing".

**Treasurer:** The treasurer will collect the yearly dues in March, send out notices that the dues are due and remind members theirs dues have not been paid up.

The treasure will develop a yearly Budget based on the past years budget and the desired activity of the members suggestions for the upcoming year.

The treasure will also be responsible for operating the "Meeting Raffle" and paying the hostess the Raffle Expense

## **SUPPLEMENTARY DUTIES:**

**LIBRARIAN:** Be responsible for the Clubs Books and Magazines:

*Suggestion: Due to the content of the library it is suggested that the library be given to a member at each meeting so that person can read the various articles contained therein. (Struck Down)*

Each member will have the option of taking some or one of the listed articles out of the library and must sign for each article taken out and to be returned by the next meeting.

*LIBRARY to be updated from the Mid Atlantic Koi Club web site subject to photo copy rules and expense of same to be compensated by The Club (Struck Down due to cost and Copy right rules) members can browse the MAKC site).*

**PHOTOGRAPHY PERSON:** Will photograph CLUB activities and send to Ben our web master.

*WAIVER OF DISCLOSER REQUIRED for persons who are part of the photos that could appear on the web site. This is not necessary unless you are a single individual in a photograph being taken, as a group it is permissible.*

**AKCA (Associate Koi Clubs of America)**

**Representative from The Club will be the** contact for The AKCA and will due monthly submissions to the AKCA of THE CLUB's activities which will appear on the AKCA web site.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** *Will be responsible for celebrating a member's mile stones of attendance in THE CLUB "i.e" 2 years 4 years MILESTONE 5 years or more. Struck down changed to Membership Committee.*

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Responsibility of the Secretary to maintain the record of Date of Joining and attendance record for purposes of member in good standing and years attended.

*These Supplementary Positions are for two year periods but can be changed anytime the members would like to change, they are not elected positions.*

**KOI PERSON OF THE YEAR:** The Koi Person or Koi Persons of the year can be one person or several person provided they are of the same household. CHAIRPERSON required each year.

This or these person(s) are members of the CLUB whom you feel have done more for the Club by promoting the club and its values with regards to Koi and Pond and Club betterment.

A member should not be selected as KPY for a 3 year period after having been selected as KPY.

**METHOD OF NOMINATIONS:** Each member will select a member or members (of same household) of the CLUB whom they feel are worthy of Koi Person(s) of the year. They will then send their nomination to a designated member of the CLUB who will tabulate all the scores for the members who were nominated for KP of The Year. The Designated Member will than choose the top three nominees and present their names at the Year End Supper. The members then will vote on one member or members to be the koi person(s) of the year.

**KOI OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Committee Chair person required each year.

Requires a three person committee:

KYA will be accomplished from the voting of 3 separate categories. Voting will take place at the Year-end Supper.

Each member who wishes to participate will submit Photographs of 5 x 7 of Koi in one of the following categories.

- (A) Under 15 inches ----
- (B) Over 15 inches and under 20 inches.
- (C) Over 20 inches.

A member may put a koi in each category.

Two Koi per household per class will be allowed.

**Previous Year Winner:** A member's fish that won the previous year is not eligible to enter the "Koi of the Year" for 3 years.

On arriving at the Year-end supper the photos will be placed in a container which will be designated for the appropriate size thereby eliminating knowledge of koi ownership. Each class photo will then be numbered from 1,2,3 etc "IE" A-1, B-1, C-1, and so on.

Each koi in each category will then be voted on.

Each category will then be tabulated and the top 3 koi of each category will be identified with only the top koi of each category moving into the Koi of the Year category for voting.

For the koi of The year award these three koi will be voted on again with the same voting method obtaining the Koi Of The YEAR.

This Koi information and photograph along with The Koi Person(s) of the year award will be given or sent to The AKCA Rep by April 1<sup>st</sup> for inclusion in the August-September issue of KOI USA.

**PERPETUAL PLAQUES** for the Koi Person of the Year as well as Koi of the Year and koi of the Category winners along with a Certificate for each.

