

MOUNTAIN VIEW KOI CLUB

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24th MEETING

Words of welcome to Verne and Paula's beautiful and cozy home and to their pond, affectionately called TOAD MOUNTAIN.PARK.

Introduction of new member Leslie Wilson for the greater Ottawa region. Leslie spoke briefly of her pond and koi experience, also being a member of GOWGS (Greater Ottawa Water Garden Society)

A look back at last meeting's minutes. No comments or follow up to these.

Treasurer's report was read by Verne and accepted by all present. New checks were ordered and received. payments were made to members who had various monies owed to them.

It was reminded that club dues will increase to 30\$ and this starting now for the coming year.

Planning of the year end party. Possibility of a move to a different date to accommodate a few members. More to follow soon. It was also reminded to take picture of your fish for the KOI of the Year competition and to start think about your KOI Person of the Year nominations. The New Date will be December 10, 2017 Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at The View Chateau at 797 McGill St. Hawkesbury.

KOI keeping issues were discussed. Nicole brought up some flashing from her koi which we attribute to a small Ph fluctuation as this occurs mostly at dawn or dusk. It was recommended she bring her salinity to 0,1 percent and regular water changes. Do not forget the addition of dechlorinators when required.

There was a small Koi trivia and identification game organized by Verne and Paula. The winner with the most good answers was Nicole Leger.

A small discussion arose about feeding this fall. Temperatures have been unusually warm and this is ideal for increased feeding and good preparation for winter.

Water circulation during a power outage. Suggestions were to spray the water with a hose or other methods to keep water circulating. A car battery can also be used to power up a pump, if using a proper inverter.

A look back at this season's issues included a few cases of flukes and the recommendation to treat your pond with PRAZI pond and the like as a preventative measure. Expensive but worth it.

A short discussion on Koi euthanization using clove oil. Basically giving it a overdose will put it to sleep permanently.

A raffle was held. Winners were Art (cookies) and Nicole Menard (calendar).

Rosalind is now in charge of organizing the food brought to the different meetings, She spoke briefly about this and we all thanked Lucie for having done such a great job over the last few seasons. Thanks to Rosalind as well for taking over!

The meeting was ended and members enjoyed snacks and happy Koi chatter.

Next meeting to be held at Nicole and Jean Leger home on October 22nd.at 2:30 p.m. at 124 Sandfield South, Alexandria.