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February, 2016

By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi All,

It looks like we are back to seasonal weather which, unfortunately, means cold! My fish are very confused and I am very anxious for spring!

We had a good turnout at the January meeting. A huge thank you to Melanie Onushko for hosting. We were able to get the elections done and congrats go out to Jerry Johnson and Ron Scott on their new and continuing roles a Vice President and Treasurer respectively. Thanks to Gary Elmore for stepping in to the Equipment Manager position that Jerry has left to become VP.

In addition to the elections Gary Elmore prepared a quiz with winners getting Koi Bucks. The quiz focused on winter care for your pond and fish and a lot of good discussions resulted. If you missed the meeting, I believe Jerry is going to get the quiz, along with answers, posted on the web site.

We are still in need of an advertising/PR person(s). If you are interested, please let me know.

I'd like to remind everyone about the Ask a KHA segment of the newsletter. We haven't done it for a while because we didn't receive any questions. If you have a question for one of our very knowledgeable KHA's please send it to me.

I hope everyone is keeping up with regular water changes. Coming out of winter is very stressful for your fish and keeping good water quality is critical for a successful transition. We've had a lot of rain lately so remember to check your pH (and KH).

Hope to see everyone at the February meeting. More info is below.

Diane

Upcoming Koi Events:

Central Florida Koi & Goldfish Show

March 11-13, 2016

Orlando, FL

More info can be found at www.cfks.org

Membership

David Marier

We had a good turnout at January's meeting, thanks Melanie for hosting. Lots of good food and conversation. The elections were held, congrats to Jerry Johnson our new VP and Ron Scott, our continuing Treasurer. Several folks renewed their dues at the meeting, some promised to send a check in.

I've emailed a membership roster, the last column has a year in it, 2016, 2017, 2018 etc. If your name has 2016 in it, you dues are needed again. Thanks to all the folks that have 2017 or 2018 in their column. For your convenience, I'd attached a membership application in January's Newsletter.

2016 looks to be a great year for the club, we'll have an auction, pond tour and koi show again! These activities require lots of volunteers to be successful.

We'd like to welcome Troy Hensley and Dana and Laurel Mason to the club.

As a reminder dues are due again, to make it easier, you can pay your dues via PayPal. There is a link on the bottom of the membership page on the website. http://atlantakoiclub.org/join%20us/join_us.htm If you are a new member, please fill in an application.

Melanie Onushko will be assuming the duties of Membership shortly. I will be assisting her during the transition period.

Vice-President's Report

Jerry Johnson

Our February Meeting will be held at Coastal Pond Supply on February 21st. The Executive Committee will meet at 1:00 PM and the General Meeting will be held at 2:00 PM. The location for Coastal is 2110 Tucker Industrial Road in Tucker, Georgia 30084.

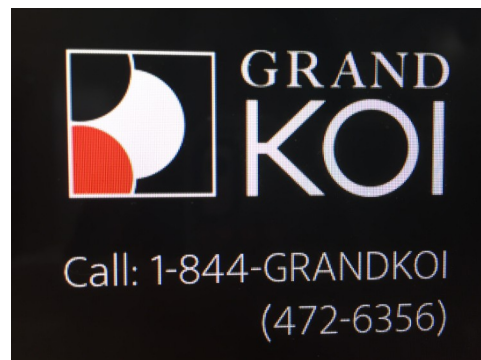
Our speaker will be Rich Carter - owner of Pondscapes Atlanta, one of our official Club Sponsors, and a good friend to the club. Rich will discuss what services Pondscapes Atlanta provides, what you need to think about when looking to build or expand a pond, share with us some of his recent pond creations (he just finished expanding the pond of Ken Jett and Brendan Berg), and show us the latest and greatest in pond equipment.

We will also have a Spring Pond Supplies Sale with Coastal. Members will get special Koi Club Pricing on many items you may want to have available for spring pond activities. As an example Coastal has given us a price on MinnFinn Max (8,000 gallon) of \$75.00. I can't find it available on-line for less than \$104.00. All items are available but think about what you may need - water test kits, Amquel, nets, Sodium Thiosulfate, water treatments, algae treatments, etc. There is a 3% surcharge for using your credit card so bring cash or check.

See you at the meeting.

Jerry Johnson

**Please remember our Sponsors:
Pondscapes of Atlanta
and
Grand Koi**



Our February 21st meeting will be at Coastal Pond. However, as you can see, there are several volunteer hosts needed for the remainder of this year's meetings. Please contact Jerry Johnson if your pond is available. Note that much of the cost for food will be reimbursed by the club.

Atlanta Koi Club 2016 Calendar of Events

Club Meetings and Events	Location	Speaker or Topics
January Meeting – January 17th	Melanie Onushko	Gary Elmore – Koi in Winter Quiz
February Meeting – February 21 st	Coastal	Rich Carter – Pond Innovations; Coastal Spring Sale
March Meeting – March 20 th		
April Meeting – No Meeting Due To Auction April 16		
May Meeting – May 1 st		
June Meeting – June 12 th		
July Meeting – July 16 th Summer Social	Hal and Susan Brown	Eating, Drinking, Socializing
August Meeting – August 13 th (Saturday PM)		
September Meeting – September 17 th (Saturday PM)		
October Meeting – No Meeting Due To Koi Show		
November Meeting – November 12 th (Winter Social)		
December Meeting – No Meeting		
Atlanta Koi Club Auction – April 16 th	Coastal	Chairman – Gary Elmore
Atlanta Koi Club Pond Tour – May 14 th	TBD – Various Locations	Chairwoman – Melanie Onushko
Atlanta Koi Club Koi and Goldfish Show – October 7 th , 8 th , and 9 th	Gwinnett County Fair-grounds	Chairpersons – Diane Giangrande and Jerry Johnson

POND TOUR



SEE YOUR
POND IN
PRINT!

May 14, 2016 is this year's Atlanta Koi Club Pond Tour. It's a 1 day only tour open to the public. All you're required to do is submit pictures of your pond and write a short paragraph and be around the day of the tour.

Please email me right away and let me know if you're interested in showing your pond.

melanie_o@comcast.net

Minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2016

held at Melanie Onushko's house.

Attendance was 28 members

2015 Elections

Elections for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer are supposed to be held in October, but due to the show dates these were moved to the November social. Since no quorum was present, the elections were held at the January meeting.

The new officers are:

Vice President: Jerry Johnson

Treasurer: Ron Scott

Gary Elmore was elected to serve out the remainder of the Equipment Manager's term which was left vacant when Jerry Johnson assumed the office of Vice President.

Sympathy and Get Well Cards

If you know of a club member that should receive a sympathy or get well card, please contact the membership chair or the secretary. Contact information is on the club website.

Meeting Refreshments

The executive committee discussed the stipend currently provided to meeting hosts. It was decided to leave the monthly stipend at \$150 and to restate that hosts for these meetings will provide heavy appetizers along with non-alcoholic refreshments. Each host is given a check on the day of the meeting if the treasurer is in attendance. The two club socials will remain as potlucks with the host providing some entrée and asking that club members bring along a favorite dish. The host may elect to offer alcoholic beverages in addition to the non-alcoholic ones at the socials.

2016 Budget

The executive committee reviews and approved the 2016 budget and it will be published in the February newsletter.

Publicity Chair

If you are looking for the opportunity to put your advertising creativity to work, contact Diane about being the club's publicity chair person.

Other Meeting Minutes

Introductions (New or Returning Members)

None

In Memoriam

The club lost a wonderful member with the passing of Mihoko Chambers on December 31, 2015. The club sends its condolences to Larry Sheets and the rest of her family. A memorial service was held at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on Sunday, January 24th. The club treasurer collected donations from the members in attendance at the January meeting and in keeping with the wishes of her family made a donation in Mihoko's name to the ASPCA.

Lynn Dowden

Bill provided an update on Lynn's path to recovery from a nasty fall. We all wish her well.

Updates/Corrections

Please send corrections or updates to David Pugh at doubledavid@aol.com with "AKC Meeting Minutes" in the subject line.

No corrections were received for last month's minutes.

Atlanta Koi Club Members who are interested in lotus and lilies either in or around your pond or water garden!!!!

There will be an impressive Lotus Workshop held at Coastal Pond Supply on Saturday, February 20th. Lotus and lily expert Steve Stroupe will be conducting the workshop and as part of the event will be showing us how to harvest lotus plants using the unbelievable lotus pond located in front of the Coastal building (picture in the attached flyer). After the harvest, Steve will then be planting a new larger pond with 1 year old lotus plants. Yes, it could be cold but lotus must be harvested and planted when dormant. Dress accordingly. Bill will have some LOTUS plants for sale as well.

Please see the flyer attached - and if you are interested YOU MUST CALL COASTAL TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.

Jerry Johnson

LOTUS WORKSHOP



OPEN HOUSE

At Coastal Pond Supply Saturday Feb. 20 9am

Featuring lotus expert and renown grower

STEVE STROUPE!

The huge world famous Coastal Lotus in front of our office will be flipped and the tubers harvested. The NEW 16ft diameter pond in the front lawn will be planted for a bigger and better WOW!

Lectures and advice all day long on lotus, water lilies, and all water plants.

Free, lunch included, this will be hands on education to help you be even more successful.

Please call ASAP to register 770-496-5740

Medicated Foods by Jerry Johnson

At our last meeting we had a discussion on the use of medicated foods during Aeromonas Alley when temperatures are between 50 degrees (good and bad bacteria start to become active) and 60 degrees (koi immune systems are optimizing). Just so we are clear, medicated foods are no substitute for proper water management at all times but specifically during the winter and early spring when we tend to think it's not as important. That said, many people like to take the extra precaution of having the first food of the season be a medicated food.

This is not an endorsement of using medicated foods or which medicated food you should use. I've done a little bit of research and I'll give you what I know to be the facts. You then have to form your own views and decide what you want to do.

In our discussion we talked about two products - Medi-Koi and MedFinn. These appear to be the most popular options for medicated food, but other medicated foods do exist.

There are three FDA approved antibiotics on the market today - two of which are Romet and Oxytetracycline (the third approved antibiotic is Florfenicol and evidently expensive, hard to find, and not often used). In documentation and blogs I've found supporters and critics of both antibiotics as to overall effectiveness.

There are two strategies of food distribution - top dressing so the food will float and you can see which fish are eating and baked so the food will sink and be available to those fish that may be sick and staying on the bottom of the pond.

Here are the facts. MedFinn contains Romet-TC as it's primary antibiotic and floats. Medi-Koi contains Oxytetracycline as it's primary antibiotic and sinks. Both foods suggest a 10-14 day period where this is the only food given to your koi for optimal effectiveness. Sorry, but that's all I can give you as the facts.

I am getting special pricing for MedFinn and Medi-Koi. Unfortunately, that pricing is not final for both but as soon as I get it I'll send an email. Pricing will definitely be available by our February meeting. You will need to order these foods and I'll distribute them at the following meeting in March. Neither food should be fed until pond temperatures are consistently above at least 50 degrees. Keep in mind you will need a 10-14 day supply but during a time when you should be lightly feeding your fish.

Jerry Johnson

21st Annual Koi Auction

**Atlanta Koi Club Auction coming up
in April**

**Visit Us On The Web To Purchase Tickets
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January's Meeting

Thanks to Melanie Onushko for hosting our January meeting. The weather was great (considering that it was January)!! Congratulations to our two new officers who were elected at this meeting....Ron Scott as Treasurer, and Jerry Johnson as Vice President. Beautiful house. Beautiful pond. Beautiful fish. What more could you ask for?



Equipment for Sale by Club Members

Zapp Pure ZP-10 Ultraviolet Sterilizer

ZP-10 32 in. tall...for ponds up to 12,000 gal. with flow rates of 4000 gph. See gctek.com for more specs. Contact Diane Giangrande if interested.



We have some free firewood if anyone wants to come and haul it away before we have our yearly bonfire. Some may need to be split or you may need to cut it into shorter lengths unless you have a fireplace similar to the one in the dining room at San Simeon. Contact The Davids at doubledavid@aol.com

<u>Code #</u>		<u>Proposed 2016 Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Income Categories:</u>			
2090	Advertising Inc.	\$0.00	
2100	Club Store Inc.	\$790.00	
2200	Flower Show Inc.	\$0.00	<u>No SE Flower Show in 2016</u>
2300	Koi Show Inc.	\$11,455.00	
2400	Koi Auction Inc.	\$15,300.00	
2500	Misc. Income	\$450.00	
2600	Pond Tour Inc.	\$3,800.00	
2700	Membership	\$3,340.00	
2900	Bank	\$5,600.50	
<u>TOTAL INCOME:</u>		\$40,735.50	
<u>Expense Categories:</u>			
100	National Association Memberships	\$200.00	
200	Club Store Exp's.	\$2,550.00	Buying 5 Poly Show Tanks & Show Bowls
300	Flower Show Exp's.	\$0.00	<u>No SE Flower Show in 2016</u>
400	Insurance	\$2,150.00	
500	Koi Show Exp's.	\$14,785.00	
600	Koi Auction Exp's.	\$12,600.00	
700	Misc. Expenses	\$1,830.00	
800	Newsletter Exp's.	\$60.00	
900	Pond Tour Exp's.	\$2,465.00	
1000	Raffle Exp's.	\$250.00	Raffle items for monthly meetings
1100	Rent Exp's.	\$2,220.00	
1200	Donation Exp's.	\$50.00	Rememnerences to former members
1250	Advertising Exp's	\$785.50	Advertising of the club, not a specific event - i.e. yard signs, club brochure
1300	Membership Exp's	\$490.00	
1400	Bank Charges	\$300.00	
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES:</u>		\$40,735.50	
<u>NET INCOME(LOSS):</u>		\$0.00	
<u>What's Higher:</u>			
	Money to Advertise Koi Show	\$1,000.00	
	20 more people @ KOI Show Banquet	\$800.00	
	Additional labor for Koi Show	\$400.00	
	Serving food on Pond Tour	\$350.00	
	Advertising club	\$350.00	
10	5 PolyTanks @ \$450.00 each	\$2,250.00	Needed to allow everyone to show @ Kio Show
		\$5,150.00	

**Atlanta Koi Club
Financial Statement
Year to Date
As of January 31, 2016**

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$3,405.69**

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

2300 Koi Show		\$105.00
	Tank Rental -	
	2350 Non-Vendor Tee Shirt	\$90.00
	2380a Sales	\$15.00
2500 Misc.		\$197.00
	Memorial	
	2515 Donations	\$125.00
	2545 Monthly Raf-fle	\$72.00
2700 Membership		\$1,017.00
	Member	
	2720 Badges	\$28.00
	2730 Dues	\$964.00
	2735 Subscriptions	\$25.00

Total Income **\$1,319.00**

Expenses

400 Insurance		\$540.00
	Liability In-	
	410 Insurance	\$540.00
500 Koi Show		\$10.00
	510 Awards	\$10.00
700 Misc.		\$160.17
	Monthly Meeting	
	740 Food	\$150.00
	787 Speaker Expenses	\$10.17
1200 Donation		\$125.00
	Memorial	
	1220 Dpnation	\$125.00
1300 Membership		\$50.00
	Koi USA	
	1325 Subscriptions	\$50.00
1400 Bank Charges		\$34.94
	Misc. Banking - Credit	
	1465 Card Reader	\$34.94

Total Expenses **\$920.11**

Month Net Income/(Loss) **\$398.89**

ENDING BALANCE: **\$3,804.58**

Outstanding Checks:

					\$285.17
	11/16/15	EFT	\$250.00		
11	01/17/16	1291	\$10.17		
	01/21/16	1292	\$25.00		