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Happy August everyone!

I hope the summer has been good to everyone! It certainly has been a hot one!

A big thanks goes to James and Irene Yu, owners of Atlanta Koi and Pond, for hosting our July meeting. While it was certainly hot outside, James and Irene had a nice area inside for us to have our meeting and enjoy each others company. The food was delicious too! We had a special opportunity to hear James talk about his trips to Japan and how he purchases Japanese bred Koi to bring to the US for his customers. Then we followed up with a Q/A session in which some great information was shared. Again James, thank you!

As we move into August, it's really time for us to ramp up for our show in September. We plan to have discussion around where we need your help at our upcoming meeting, so I hope you'll be able to join us at Bill, Peggy, and Marilyn's home. We mentioned at the last meeting that we hope to have a nice opportunity to say thank you to all who will be volunteering for the show too. Stay tuned on the details.

Again, as a reminder, our meeting this month will be on Saturday, Aug 14 instead of Sunday. This is so that we can have it later in the day (5pm) when it hopefully will be a little less hot.

Really looking forward to seeing everyone! Please take care.

Mike

August Meeting
 SATURDAY, August 14, 2010
 Officers meet @ 3 P.M.
 Members meet @ 5 P.M.
 Bring Lawn Chairs!
 Bill & Peggy Fricke
 See letter for more info.

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Big, important planning meeting for the koi show at Saturday's meeting! Be there! Be part of the team!!

AKC's 16th Koi & Goldfish Show



**Friday-Sunday
September 17-19**

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AKC CALENDAR 2010

The currently planned meetings and events are:

8 August—Bill & Peggy Fricke

12 September -Koi Show work day

17-19 September — Koi Show

10 October— David Pugh, David Boyd

14 November — Winter Social



To sign up to host a meeting ... contact Vicki Knill
at vp@atlantakoiclub.org



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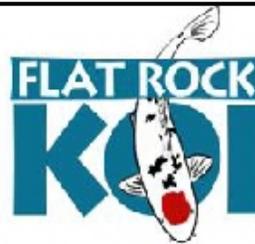
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Atlanta Koi Club

Financial Statements

Year to Date

As of July 31, 2010

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Club Store Income	\$0.00
Koi Show Income	1,741.00
Koi Auction Income	15,207.00
Membership Dues Income	3,716.00
Miscellaneous Income	171.13
Total Income	<u>\$20,835.13</u>

EXPENSES

AKCA Dues	\$100.00
Club Store Expenses	110.77
Koi Show Expenses	1,773.19
Koi Auction Expenses	13,371.50
Newsletter Expenses	176.85
Raffle Expenses	146.48
Rent Expense	1,680.00
Donations Expense	62.38
Membership Expenses	391.23
Insurance	1,037.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,069.68
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,919.08</u>

Net Income (Loss) **\$916.05**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets (not including property in inventory)

Cash in Bank	<u>\$25,489.34</u>
Total Assets	<u>25,489.34</u>

Liabilities

Total Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Net Worth **\$25,489.34**



As most of you are aware the elections for the position of President, Secretary, and Equipment Manager are fast approaching. The offices are for a two year term. An election committee has been formed to seek out candidates. The nominated individuals are then contacted by the committee and asked if they are interested in the office. The announcement of the slate of candidates will occur at the September meeting with the election following during the October meeting.

If you would like to be a candidate, please send an email, including the office that is of interest to you, to doubledavid@aol.com or call us at 770-937-0864. The deadline for this is August 31.

In the meantime, the selection committee will be working to compile their list.

Thanks
David Pugh & Boyd



Minutes of the July Meeting

The AKC officers met at 1 P.M. At Atlanta Koi & Watergarden for the July Meeting.

Officers present : Mike Roach, Gary Lee and Bill Fricke.

Officers discussed a possible incentive for volunteers of the upcoming Koi Show. Some options we had discussed previously were too expensive. So, we're considering a gathering at a local attraction or a member's home for mid to late October.

Mike opened the meeting with a big thanks to James and Irene Yu. James was kind enough to talk to us about buying koi from Japan, and answered some great questions from members.

Additionally, we asked for members to really think about helping with the upcoming show, along with the possibility of a special gathering of volunteers to say **"thank you."**

Lastly, the floor was opened up to members for questions/comments. Of some of the comments, it was asked if we could place information about resources and contacts for various things like koi health and pond building. We also discussed that Gary Lee was heading up some potential updates to our bylaws, a few financial items and some grammatical updates. Members shared some ideas they had as well. Officers will begin review possible changes in August. We explained that we hope to bring this before the club at the October Meeting, which is also our election of new officers. Any proposed changes will be shared with members a minimum of 10 days prior to members discussing and voting.

Meeting was adjourned.



The "Look Who's Reading KoiUSA" page has really caught on as a fun part of our magazine. The current issue shows Vicki and Gay (and of course the dogs) reading. In the next photo is a picture I made in South Africa of a cheetah named Ntombe — she's trying to learn about koi so she can take care of the koi in the pond on the game preserve!

Every member should subscribe to KoiUSA. It is an excellent resource for the hobby.

Your subscription is less expensive if you are a club member. Talk to Ron Scott to order a subscription through the club.

Toni Anderson

Elusive Eragon

Mike Roach

As many of our members know, our pond just happens to be situated in an area of my yard that is prone to flooding from the local Nancy Creek...but not just any flooding, we're talking 100-500 year high flooding. Our pond is approximately a quarter of a mile from Nancy Creek. That being said, we shouldn't be seeing floods like this, but we've seen a flood 3 times in the last 6 years, the most recent being about 3 months or so ago. This last one surprised us by creeping up into our yard in the middle of the night. I know people are wondering now, what are you doing to correct? But this story isn't about what needs to happen for future flooding, it's about a 17 inch Yamabuki named Eragon.

You see, Eragon was a missing koi from the last flood. Recently, a neighbor at the end of our street whose back yard butts up against Nancy Creek left a note on my front door. He said, "my wife and I were looking at the creek today and we saw a yellow fish. We knew you had lost some koi, and we think this might be one of them." Basically, in the middle of the day, I high tailed it down to the creek. Sure enough it was Eragon, so named after the dragon rider from a popular book.

I went back to the house and put on my waders, grabbed some food and some nets. Well, to make a long story short, I came very close to catching him, but it wasn't to happen that day. Over the coming weeks, we tried 4 more times, each attempt ending in frustration. You see, creeks have all sorts of things on the bottom, so seine nets don't work so well. Additionally, creeks have some great hiding places, like around tree trunks, etc. And with each attempt, we increased the number of people helping, but that didn't seem to make much difference either. Eragon was a crafty little Yamabuki. Even funnier, there was a school of catfish in the creek, and Eragon was leading the way.

So, we decided to try one last time on a Sunday morning. Some friends and neighbors decided to help us. We totaled 7. It took us less than an hour, but we finally caught him and it would never have happened without the 7 people helping...someone on the bank keeping an eye on him, while the rest of us were trying to corner him with nets. It was an exciting moment, with everyone 'high-fiving' each other. Eragon is no longer 'the elusive' Yamabuki Ogon.

Eragon went through several weeks of getting cleansed and he's happily swimming in our pond again.



Membership

Robin Scott ⁷

There were 17 members present at last month's meeting. Our great club currently has 120 paid members. If you haven't yet paid your membership dues please do.

If you've ordered a name tag and haven't picked it up, they will be available at the August meeting so be sure and get yours.

With the heat it should be great having our meeting this month on a Saturday evening and we hope everyone can make it – see you there.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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 *Name Badges: \$5 each. _____

Names: _____ & _____
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Best Phone: _____ Best Email: _____

AKC is a volunteer organization. We need as much help and support as you can provide, no matter how insignificant. In which of the following areas can you help?

Host Meeting ____, Pond Tour ____, Auction ____, Koi Show ____, Hold Office ____, Flower Show ____

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