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Mike Roach, President AKC

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We're in October and I wonder where the time has gone. It's a beautiful day outside, and very excited about the Fall weather. On top of everything, we had a great koi and goldfish show a couple of weeks back! Lots of people, lots of fun, and lots of beautiful koi and goldfish.

So, it's now time to say thank you to some very important folks! Huge appreciation goes to Vicki Knill, Bill and Peggy Fricke and the great volunteers that helped us carry off a very successful show. Seriously, to all the volunteers, both in town and out of town, we could not have done it without you all, and you know who you are! A quick shout out to Julie and Clay Melancon too...making the Raffle lots of fun this year, and a money maker too! Lastly, thanks to our vendors, sponsors, as well as Coastal Pond Supply for being the gracious host for our event.

We are coming up on our October meeting, at the David's home in Marietta, and this is a very important meeting. We hold our annual elections in October. We will be voting in President, Secretary, and Equipment Manager. Additionally, we'll be discussing and voting on proposed bylaw changes, too. These are both very important to our club. Please join us!

Koi Show photos are posted on the web-site!!

Take care!
Mike



AKC Meeting Minutes – 9/12/ 2010

Officers Present: Mike Roach, Gary Lee, Bill Fricke, Vicki Knill, and JoANN Elmore

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reviewed Status of the Koi Show
- Continued to discuss and review current By-Laws. Clarifications were made as appropriate. Changes will be presented to members at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike Roach will prepare and deliver the Judges Gift bags.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

- Bill Fricke said Volunteers for the show are still needed in all areas.

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Flat Rock Koi is having a workday on October 9th.

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We will be starting at 9:00 am, feel free to come if you would like to help out.

Lunch will be provided as well as plenty of cold beer.

We will have this year's spawn up in the tanks in the greenhouse if you would like a few fish in return for your labor.

We are trying to get the greenhouse sealed up for the cold winter ahead.

We look forward to a fun day with all our friends.



Pictured left is Dale Gingrich presenting the Atlanta Koi Club Friendship award to Danny Grubb (Novice entrant) at the IKONA Koi Show in Kentucky (Country Koi) Labor Day Week-end. Thanks Dale for standing in for us.

AKC CALENDAR 2010

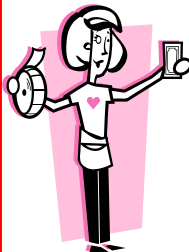
The currently planned meetings and events are:

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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Atlanta Koi Club
Year to Date
As of September 30, 2010
Financial Statements

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Koi Show Income	\$9,545.27
Koi Auction Income	15,222.00
Membership Dues Income	4,126.00
Miscellaneous Income	384.23
Total Income	<u>\$29,277.50</u>

EXPENSES

Advertising	\$1,708.49
AKCA Dues	100.00
Club Store Expenses	800.74
Koi Show Expenses	9,214.23
Koi Auction Expenses	13,712.75
Newsletter Expenses	192.13
Raffle Expenses	294.28
Rent Expense	2,160.00
Donations Expense	62.38
Membership Expenses	411.23
Insurance	1,037.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,417.61
Total Expenses	<u>\$31,110.84</u>

Net Income (Loss) **(\$1,833.34)**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets (not including property in inventory)

Cash in Bank	<u>\$22,739.95</u>
Total Assets	<u>22,739.95</u>

Liabilities

Total Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Net Worth **\$22,739.95**

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- The Banquet will be Greek catering and tickets are \$35. Sponsorship of \$100 Trophies will receive a free Banquet ticket.
- Volunteers T-shirts will be given out after set up.
- October Meeting will be at the David's and will be Office Elections. Positions to be filled are President, Secretary and Equipment Manager. There are no candidates for President at this time. Gary Elmore is the sole candidate for Equipment Manager. Everyone determined that since Gary will probably be Equipment Manager that it is logical JoANN should continue to be Secretary since she will be at the meeting early also. Gary has agreed to fill both positions on an as needed basis.



Election Notice

David and I look forward to seeing you when we host the October meeting, October 10, 2010, Address information and directions will be in the newsletter available notification.

Besides offering you some good food and a chance to win some unique raffle items, this meeting is your chance to shape the future of the club for the next two years. We will be voting for President, Secretary, and Equipment Manager. These are all two year positions. Let me take this opportunity to thank our retiring officer's – Mike Roach and Bill Fricke, and compliment them for the

excellent job they did.

To date, we have no candidates for President and only one candidate for each of the other two offices. If you are interested in running you still have time to get on the ballot. Send an email to doubledavid@aol.com or call 770-937-0864 to inform us of your interest before October 8th.

A sample ballot is included for you to review. Each eligible member is entitled to vote. Ballots will be distributed, marked, collected and counted at the meeting. Ballots will be available only at the meeting, there is no provision for absentee ballots. The nomination committee chairs (David Pugh and David Boyd) will collect and then count the ballots assisted by a representative chosen by each candidate. The club president will announce the final results. Voting must be completed by 3:00 pm the day of the meeting.

*Enter "X" to vote for the individual listed or
Print the Name for a Write In*

President	
<i>(Your Name can be Here – volunteer!)</i>	
<i>Write In Name</i>	
Secretary	
<i>JoANN Elmore</i>	
<i>Write In Name</i>	
Equipment Manager	
<i>Gary Elmore</i>	
<i>Write In Name</i>	



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



August Meeting Minutes

JoANN Elmore

Officers Present: Mike Roach, Gary Lee, Bill Fricke, Vicki Knill, JoANN Elmore

OLD BUSINESS:

Continued to discuss and review current By-Laws. Clarifications were made as appropriate. Changes will be presented to members at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vicki Knill is following-up on Vender deposits and fees that are outstanding for the Koi show.
- Volunteers are needed for all activities Thursday thru Sunday. A Thank You reception will be held mid October for all volunteers. Location TBD.
- Thursday – Set up tables, chairs and computers.
- Friday – Registration, benching, photos, Vendor set up and Vendor Reception. David and David are handling lunch.
- Saturday – All benching stops at 9AM except for Vender entries. Judging , bowling, banquet set up and servers.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

- Set up for the Koi Show will follow the meeting on Sunday September 11 at Coastal Pond.
- Sponsors are still needed for Trophies. Sponsorships of \$100 will receive 1 free ticket to the Banquet.
- Tickets are \$35. All members are encouraged to show fish and attend the Banquet.
- Volunteers cost of showing is ½ price.
- Volunteers are needed in all areas. Volunteers T-shirts will be given out at the September Meeting after set up.

Respectfully submitted,
JoANN Elmore - Scribe



Thank You !



I would sincerely like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and help to make the 2010 Koi & Goldfish Show a great success. It requires the hard work and dedication of many to pull together a smooth running show. Working together were those seasoned volunteers who had done it before and new faces willing to try for the first time. **WE DID IT!**

I heard lots of praise about our show, not just how prompt and efficient things were accomplished but how much fun the atmosphere was. That's important. We need to have fun with our hobby.

Now is a good time for the club to reflect and consider next year. What should we do? We would appreciate your feedback. Please take a moment and give us your thoughts.

Here are some suggestions:

Was there enough to see and do?

Did you like the vendors? Who was your favorite? Who would you rather not see again?

Was there a type of vendor you wanted to see but was not there?

Are you happy with the location? Do you have an idea for another location?

Did you buy from the club store? Is there anything you would like the club to sell at the store?

What did you think of the raffle items? Did you like the way the raffle was conducted?

Did you exhibit fish in the show and would you do it again? Do you have any comments on class divisions for the fish being shown? Were you happy with how your fish were benched, handled, protected? Were you satisfied with the water quality?

Did you attend the Friday night meet and greet? Would you change anything about it?

If you attended the banquet did you enjoy the location, food, atmosphere? Was it what you expected or how could it be better? What did you think of the trophies? Did you enjoy the presentation of awards?

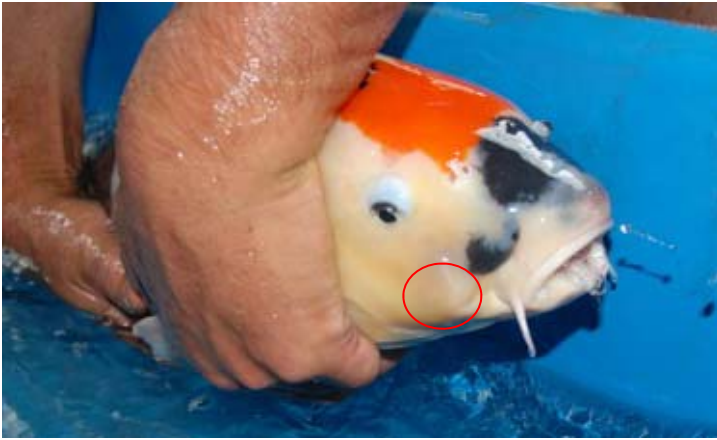
Did you attend the Judge's walk of the tanks on Sunday?

Please share your thoughts with us by emailing the club officers; officers@atlantakoiclub.org

No matter how long or short an email, your views are important.

Vicki Knill
2010 Koi Show Chair

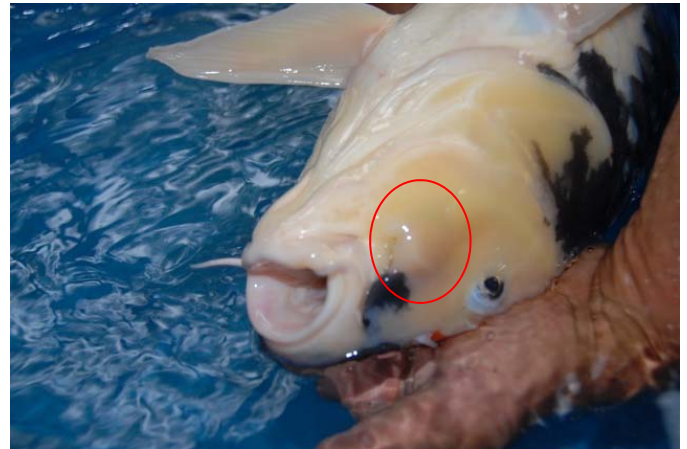
Not Just Another Pretty Face 8



This showa was imported from Japan in 2004. It was shown extensively in the US and won many major awards. It was retired in 2007 and enjoyed her leisure days in a 400,000-gallon mud pond.

Koi are basically bottom feeders and sometimes get small stones and other foreign objects imbedded in their facial tissues. We theorize that is what happened to this particular fish. The fish's

immune system formed a cyst to try to protect the fish from the object. Eventually the cyst became infected and the immune system expelled the stone. This action is similar to getting a splinter imbedded in your finger. When the wound healed it left a hole in the right side of the face and a very ugly swollen area. The area was deep enough to put an adult's finger into it up to the first knuckle!



The wound was only cosmetic, but the owner elected to have it surgically repaired if it was possible and would not endanger the fish. The wound was deep enough to get Dr. Stephen Divers (University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine) to evaluate her. Dr. Divers thought the fish was a good surgical candidate.

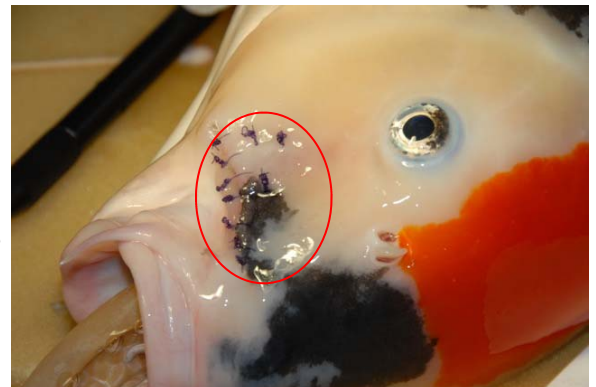
The fish was housed at KOILAB LLC for the pre and postoperative care. The Vet School does not have holding facilities for such a large fish (30 inches).

The fish was anesthetized using an anesthesia machine constructed for Dr. Divers by KOILAB.

The wound was thoroughly cleaned in order to establish viable surfaces for the wound to heal back together properly. The triangular flap was then sutured back eliminating the previous swollen area.

The fish was revived using fresh water and placed back into a transport bag for her return to her holding tank at KOILAB. She is being held in a 1500 gallon quarantine tank with two tank mates for company for 3 weeks. The suture will dissolve in that time period. Her postoperative care includes injectable antibiotics (Baytril) as well as medicated food (Medi-Koi- Aquamed). Water parameters are monitored on a daily basis.

We expect the fish to make a full recovery and will be ready to go home after the stitches dissolve. Dr. Divers and his exotics team have years of experience with aquatic species. He is a very talented general surgeon but his specialty is minimally invasive surgical and biopsy procedures using endoscopic techniques. He has helped adapt many procedures commonly used on non aquatic species such as MRI and CAT scans to provide vital information concerning fish health.



Vicki Vaughan



Membership

Robin Scott⁹

The September meeting at Coastal Pond was short and to the point – set up for the club’s upcoming annual Koi and Goldfish show. There were 30 members present and one guest. This means the club has averaged 31 members at the last six months of meetings and the quorum for the October meeting will be 20.

This is a very important meeting at the David’s because it is the annual club elections and this year we are voting for among other positions, the President’s position, so I hope you will make a point to be there.

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(Check One)	Individual: \$30 for 1 Yr. _____;	\$54 for 2 Yrs. _____
	Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____	

Other: KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
 *Name Badges: \$5 each. _____

Names: _____ & _____
 First Last First Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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Chairs**

