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July 2016

By the Pond

Hi All,

First off I'd like to thank Dana and Laurel Mason for hosting the June meeting. They have a beautiful yard and pond. It was a hot day, so it was very tempting to hop into the pool, but I had to do with just dipping my feet. Carl Forss gave an informative talk about the work they've done for the Mason's and it was a great meeting.

I am very happy to report that, thanks to Michael Anderson, the new web site is finally up and running. The best part about it is that everything can now be done online. You can join or renew your membership, purchase a KOI USA subscription or a name badge. It is also set up so that everything for the show can be handled online. Vendors can purchase space, exhibitors can purchase show tanks and everyone can purchase trophy sponsorships. I can't begin to thank Michael enough for all the work he's done (and putting up with my sometimes crazy requests). This has been a long time coming – too long in fact and Michael stepped in to make it work. When you have a chance make sure to check it out.

Our meeting this month is our summer social and it will be hosted by Hal & Susan Brown on Saturday evening, the 16th. They have an amazing pond and yard that you will not want to miss. Jerry will have more on the social below.

Speaking of the social and trophy sponsorships – I will have the master sponsorship list with me at the Brown's, so if you would like to sponsor a trophy, and don't want to use the web site, you will be able to do it then. Remember, for every \$100 in sponsorships you get a free banquet ticket. Tickets alone this year are \$40 for 1 and \$70 for a couple and your sponsorship helps the club offset expenses which is greatly appreciated. We have amazing trophies this year – pictures will be on the web site and Facebook soon.

For the show this year we are offering a free exhibit tank to club members that have never shown at our show before. We have a limited amount of tanks so if you are interested, please let me know ASAP.

Hope to see everyone at the Brown's.

Thanks,
Diane

MEMBERSHIP

We continue to add a few more members every month. Please introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize at meetings. We want new members to feel comfortable in our group and to feel part of the hobby, whether they already have ponds or are planning one. If they are asking questions you don't have the answer to, please introduce them to someone else in the club who may be able to help.

I'd like to encourage all of you to go on the Atlanta Koi Club page on Facebook and post pictures of your pond, water feature and fish. With over 100 members, it would be awesome to have that many pictures on Facebook. It's also another way to promote our club and hobby.

I'll miss you all at the social! Have a great time, meet and greet our new members and enjoy the beautiful yard you'll be in!

Melanie Onushko

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



Member needs Help

My poor 11 quarantined Koi are still living in their temporary tank on my back deck in Lilburn! If anyone can help this backwards knucklehead get his act together, or can provide a referral on a good pond team to hire, please have them give me a call on my cell (in our membership directory). The hole is dug, and the kit is purchased from coastal pond supply. The liner and plumbing is the next step... and I'm scared :-))
TJ Convery

Our next meeting is a Social Meeting

As a reminder, the Atlanta Koi Club will have it's Summer Social on Saturday July 16th at 6:00 PM with the Executive Committee meeting at 5:00 PM. The party will be hosted by Hal and Susan Brown at their house/pond located (in membership directory). I have never seen the Brown's pond but I hear it is amazing. As is our practice, this will be the first meeting where we switch from Sunday afternoon meetings to Saturday evening meetings to avoid some of the heat.

Hal and Susan are preparing smoked salmon and smoked pork for the event and members are asked to bring complementing appetizers, salads, fruit/vegetable platters, side dishes, and desserts. Remember to think cool. Hopefully Sue Chaffer will be bringing her famous deviled eggs. Wine, beer, soft drinks, and water will be provided but if you have a favorite beer you may want to bring it - this isn't Taco Mac with 400 varieties.

If the past month is any indication, it is going to be hot. The Brown's have a great deal of shaded areas in their yard but you may want to bring a chair. Dress accordingly and casually.

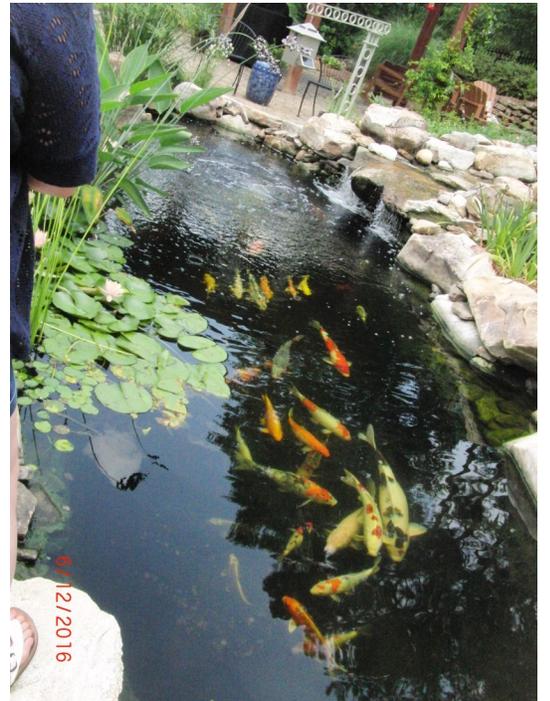
Melanie Onushko will not be able to attend the social but we will have a raffle. The big raffle item at the social will be a 20" blown glass fish vase pictured below. It retails in stores for \$299. Remember you get 1 raffle ticket if you wear your name tag but more raffle tickets can be purchased. Bring your raffle money!

See you next Saturday!!!!

Jerry Johnson



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Chemical Hazards for KOI

By Eric Johnson D.V.M taken from our September, 1996 Issue

Eldin R

A potent insecticide, killing fish at extremely phenomenally low levels. Not available to hobbyists, but may be casually applied by careless insecticide applicators.

Malathion and arsenic-related compounds

Overspray or run-off achieving levels over 2-4 ppm are lethal. Heavy metals and wood preservatives from pressure treated lumber are fatal, with heavy rainfall, levels of arsenic in ponds easily exceed 20 parts per billion, and casualties can be heavy. Tests can be run by forestry and soil test labs at extension or land grant colleges. Signs of preservative (arsenic) toxicosis include disorientation, loss of balance, fearlessness, and death. No treatment is successful.

Hydrogen Sulfide H₂S

This is often produced in anaerobic areas of filters, potted plants, or media at the bottom of ponds. Symptoms may vary from illness, weakness, and disorientation at low levels, to sudden and massive mortality at higher levels.

Copper

Copper can leach out of copper ornaments, pipes, and such. Pennies thrown into ponds in any significant number are often the cause of fatality. In soft water (<30ppm), even 0.1ppm ionic copper is lethal.

Zinc

Toxicosis arises in galvanized steel vats. It only takes a few days of oxidation to kill the lot. An older tank with pre-oxidized zinc plating will kill even faster.

Dark colored plastic bins

Plastic bins and containers, especially those with post-consumer recycled plastic content— commonly used for holding fish before release into your pond, these may contain “elasticizers” that are very, very caustic (irritating) to fish, and cause phenomenal flashing, redness, and spider-web lesions on the skin.

Black water pipes

These are used in lawn irrigation, and contain high levels of stabilizers and elasticizers, and should therefore not be used for plumbing in ponds.

Detergent

This is a common intoxicant, and is usually applied maliciously. Foaming is the first clue that something is amiss. Massive water changes are essential.

Roof run-offs

Roof drainage contains creosote and other contaminants that can cause death in fish, usually by severe gill damage. Even old roofs leach these compounds, so at no time should roof rain water be trusted.

Chronic chlorine exposure

Chlorinated water must be neutralized with Sodium Thiosulfate. Untreated water changes of chlorinated city water will cause chronic thickening of the gill lamellae, and the fish will be numerous that hang close to the surface, gasping perpetually, but not dying. These changes are, sadly, irreversible.

12 June 2016 – Laurel and Dana Mason –

Topic: Pond Automation presented by Carl Forss – The Koi Store
Attendance: 38

Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

Office	Name	Term	Present
President	Diane Giangrande	2015-2016	x
Vice-president	Jerry Johnson	2016-2017	x
Secretary	David Pugh	2015-2016	x
Treasurer	Ron Scott	2016-2017	x
Equipment Manager	Gary Elmore	2016-2017	x

Appointed Chairpersons:

Committee	Name	Present
2016 Auction	Gary Elmore	x
2016 Pond Tour	Melanie Onushko	
2016 Show	Diane Giangrande	x
	Jerry Johnson	x
Membership	Melanie Onushko	
Web Master	David Marier	
Newsletter	Robert Chaffer	x
AKCA Director	Gary Elmore	x
Publicity	Karoy and Chery Jacobs	x
Volunteers	JoANN Elmore	x

Planning continues watch the newsletter and check out the website for details as they unfold. We will be using sign-up genius for the Vendor Appreciation event. Watch your email for availability and make a selection for the potluck. Gary Elmore is contacting potential judges.

The club website is under construction. It is hoped that it will be back up and much improved by next month's meeting.

Other Meeting Minutes

Welcome back to Lee Smith and his son, Garrison, as well any others who have been missing from the meetings.

In Memoriam None

Please send corrections or updates to David Pugh at doubledavid@aol.com with "AKC Meeting Minutes" in the subject line. No corrections were identified in last month's minutes.

**Atlanta Koi Club
Financial Statement
Year to Date
As of June 30, 2016**

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$4,439.03**

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

2400 Koi Auction		\$630.00
2420 Fish	\$630.00	
2700 Membership		\$60.00
Membership		
2730 Dues	\$60.00	

Total Income **\$690.00**

Expenses

200 Club Store		\$40.27
Equipment (Oxygen Regu-		
240 lator)	\$40.27	
500 Koi Show		\$277.21
510 Awards	\$48.50	
Show Ban-		
520 quet	\$228.71	
600 Koi Auction		\$90.77
Food and		
640 Drink	\$69.58	
Auction		
650 Printing	\$21.19	
700 Misc.		\$322.90
Monthly		
740 Meeting Food	\$300.00	
Expenses for Speaker or		
787 Meeting	\$22.90	
1100 Rent		\$185.00
Rent - June		
1101 2016	\$185.00	

Total Expenses **\$916.15**

Month Net Income/(Loss) **(\$226.15)**

ENDING BALANCE: **\$4,212.88**

Outstanding Checks:

						\$1,924.94
05/13/16	EFT	\$342.00	06/13/16	EFT	\$288.94	
05/16/16	EFT	\$615.00	06/23/16	EFT	\$48.50	
05/16/16	EFT	\$612.50				
05/25/16	EFT	\$18.00				