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July, 2017

By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi All,

Thank you to Jim Dricker and Elaine Zitomer for hosting the June meeting. They have a converted swimming pool that gives us all size envy 😊 And thanks to Ken for leading the discussion on water quality. It was especially helpful to newer koi keepers.

The election for Property Manager was held and Jim Dricker is now in the position. Thanks Jim for stepping up.

It's been a pretty quiet month, but show planning is in high gear. Ken will be posting the Sign Up Genius soon so be ready. In order to encourage members to show we are offering a free show tank (koi or goldfish) to members who have never shown before.

The July social will be at my house on the 15th – address will be sent out separately. Please bring a side or dessert. I will be serving tacos with all the fixings. Please bring a chair too.

Thanks,

As a reminder, our Summer Social will be held on Saturday, July 15th at Diane's home . The Executive Committee Meeting will begin at 5:00 PM and the Summer Social will begin at 6:00 PM.

Diane is serving tacos (chicken and beef) with an assortment of garnishes, soft drinks, bottled water, beer, and wine. Members are asked to bring their favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert. You may also want to bring chairs for seating.

For our new members, we have 2 socials a year - a Summer and a Winter. The idea behind the social is to eat, drink, and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow club members. In other words, have a good time.

See you at Diane's on Saturday.

Jerry Johnson

Time for Showtime!

The Atlanta Koi Club has held its main Spring events with our our Annual Auction and Pond Tour. Much thanks to all who participated in those events! Within a few days we will be having our fun Summer Social at the home of our President, Diane Giangrande. We all need to be looking and planning ahead for our annual Koi & Goldfish Show at the end of September. The AKC website has been prepared to sell exhibitor tanks and aquariums, vendor booths, trophy sponsorships, and banquet tickets. We have already sold a couple of vendor booths, banquet tickets and, one trophy sponsorship! On the AKC home page you can see the show's what, when and, where info. There are links to the General Show info page, plus links to the detailed info pages for exhibitors and vendors. We have tried to make registering as an exhibitor or a vendor as painless and paperless as possible. Remember that we sell out of show tanks every year. So register early to secure your show tanks, aquariums, banquet tickets, and your choice of trophies to sponsor! We have already sold a couple of vendor booths, banquet tickets and, one trophy sponsorship!

Note the beautiful artwork on this year's show pin. It illustrates a key piece of koi lore and culture. This myth comes to Japan from China where the Dragon is a divine creature that symbolizes great power. It was a carp that achieved the impossible! It swam up a waterfall to reach Dragon's Gate on the Yellow River! As no other creature had accomplished this astonishing task, the Gods rewarded the fish by turning it into a Dragon. Therefore the carp came to represent the much admired traits of courage, perseverance, and strength of character. The carp is a symbol for overcoming difficulties.

Home

Welcome to the Atlanta Koi Club!

Please plan to attend and participate in the 2017 Koi and Goldfish show!

What: The 2017 Koi and Goldfish Show

When: September 29 – October 1

Where: Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

General Show Information

Detailed Information and Registration for Exhibitors

Detailed Information and Registration for Vendors



For Sale by Club Members

2 RubberMaid 10(0-125gal) stock tanks (\$40 each) , with bottom drains installed, and one skimmer (\$75)

Contact BobChaffer 770-977-9195 or rchaffer@comcast.net



Members are welcome to sell or trade equipment , plants, etc in this newsletter. Because it's free, it's a terrific way to rid yourself of surplus equipment.

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



June's Meeting at Jim and Elaine's house in Smyrna

Jim and Elaine have too many fish to count, in their converted swimming/fish pool.

They had installed a shadecloth canopy over the entire pool. After a brief discussion of their pond by Jim, an informative presentation was made by Ken Jett concerning water quality and water management.

Afterward all of the members posed for a photo to be presented to the KOI Magazine.



Simple Fish Diseases

Erik L Johnson OVM

The following are exactly what you should do if your fish get sick

Step One: Remove any dead and obviously dying fish

Step Two: Test Ammonia using a decent drop type test kit.

Step Three: Correct Ammonia accumulations by increasing flow rates through filter, increasing filter size and amount of media inside, decreasing the feeding rate to the fish, decreasing the number of fish in crowded systems, and most importantly, doing major water changes. 30-40% daily until Ammonia drops. DO NOT resort to the use of Ammonia binders. These ignore the fact that with high ammonia, you either have over production, which needs to be addressed, or under-utilization, which also needs immediate attention to the filter size for the system!

Step Four: Test pH

Step Five: Correct pH to 7.0 or higher using Baking Soda. However, do not raise the pH if Ammonias are high in the system. Higher pH will increase the toxicity of the ammonia. Otherwise, higher pH is better for both the fish and the filter.

Step Six: Increase circulation and aeration in any system with sick fish.

Step Seven: Closely evaluate the pond and filter for any accumulation of mulm or debris. It is VERY common that at first glance a pond looks "clean", but upon closer inspection, there are anaerobic piles of dead fish, leaves and debris among (or under the plant pots, etc). In sufficient quantity, this debris produces Hydrogen Sulfide and Methane Gas, which can be stressful, if not fatal, to the fish.

Step Eight: Now is the time to pause. Are the fish better, now that the filter and pond are immaculately clean, and vigorously aerated and circulating? If so, why treat with anything??? You can stop right there with step eight.

If not, maybe a parasite or bacteria is causing the problem! Proceed to step nine.

Step Nine: Order a few pounds of medicated feed. As soon as it arrives, begin feeding the food to the fish for a total of 14 days. There is no harm in doing this, at all, and so recommending it to you as your ninth step is certainly going to serve you well in the event that we are looking at a bacterial invasion. Perform step ten while

you wait for the food.

Step Ten: Salt the pond. Use non iodized table at a rate of 3 pounds per hundred gallons: This will, (unless removed before treatment) kill most plants that live below the water's surface, but not plants that have leaves above it. It will also kill off almost all of the possible parasites your fish could be suffering with. Ichthyophthirius, Trichodina, Chilodinella, Costia and Epistylis are the most notable kill-group. Flukes and Oodinium might make it through..

Step Eleven: Pause again. Once the water quality is good, and you've plunged into salting, you should pause and wait a moment (24-36 hours) to see if the fish improve. Do nothing else! If the fish are improved, leave the salt in the water for 14-21 days then do partial water changes to remove it. Continue the medicated food in spite of their rapid improvement. Take it on good authority, many ciliated protozoans will have inoculated your fish with bacteria. Don't wait for ulcers to show up before you start the food. If the fish are not improved, then go to Step Twelve.

Step Twelve: Call for help. If excellent water, medicated food and salt have failed to resolve your problem, you need professional help. In any event, the number of fish saved by Steps One through Eleven, compared to the number you end up seeing past that point, are nine to one. You'll stop most problems if you just go step by step.

Cheers!

June 10, 2017 – Home of Jim Dricker & Elaine Zitomer

Topic: Building a Water Quality Toolbox – Ken Jett

Attendance: 35

Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

Office	Name	Term	Present
President	Diane Giangrande	2017-2019	X
Vice-president	Jerry Johnson	2016-2017	X
Secretary	Ken Jett	2017-2019	X
Treasurer	Ron Scott	2016-2017	X
Equipment Manager	(open)	2017-2019	

Committee	Name	Present
2017 Auction	Gary Elmore	
2017 Pond Tour	Melanie Onushko	X
2017 Show	Diane Giangrande	X
	Jerry Johnson	X
Membership	Melanie Onushko	X
Web Master	Michael Anderson	X
Newsletter	Robert Chaffer	X
AKCA Director	Gary Elmore	
Publicity	Karoy and Chery Jacobs	X
Volunteers	Ken Jett	X

Executive Team Discussion Items

Auction: there was not enough time to consider a review of the auction rules that was tabled as previous meeting. Ron presented auction income amounts.

Pond Tour: Ron presented tour income amounts.

Show: general discussions of updates to planning.

General:

Discussion regarding the administration of social media (FB) page.

Discussion of possible sponsor pricing and its benefits.

Discussion about review of by-laws and the potential need for consideration of change and clarification of version control of by-laws.

Ken made motion to adjourn, Michael seconded, passed unanimously.

Meeting was held at the home of Jim Dricker & Elaine Zitomer. Ken Jett led an informal discussion on the basics of water quality and what one would want in a water quality toolbox. Jim Dricker was elected as equipment manager to fill the vacated position. New members: Panthip Chavivonchol and Stephanie Kaufman.

Please send corrections or updates to Ken Jett at kenjettmiami@gmail.com with “AKC Meeting Minutes” in the subject line.

No corrections were identified in last month’s minutes.

2017 Koi Auction Final Numbers

Income: **\$20,850.00**

2400 Koi Auction	
2410 Equipment	\$825.00
2420 Fish	\$19,475.00
2430 Plants	\$48.00
2440 Food/Drinks	\$212.00
Gold Fish &	
2450 Misc.	\$290.00

Expenses: **\$12,635.18**

600 Koi Auction	
620 Fish	\$11,929.25
630 Plants	\$30.00
640 Food/Drinks	\$227.17
Club Store	
660 Seed Money	\$100.00
670 Water Costs	\$52.17
Water Qual-	
675 ity Expenses	\$146.59
Labor for	
Set & Tear	
680 Down	\$150.00

Overall Profit/Loss for Koi Auction **\$8,214.82**

This does not include any new memberships, or Pond Tour Ticket sales

Held on April 22, 2017 at Coastal Ponder in Tucker, Ga.

2017 Pond Tour Final Numbers

Income: **\$3,080.00**

2600 Pond Tour	
Ticket	
2620 Sales	\$1,065.00
Advertis-	
2630 ing	\$2,015.00

Expenses: **\$934.49**

900 Pond Tour	
910 Host Gifts	\$196.88
920 Postage	\$9.55
930 Printing	\$605.64
940 Supplies	\$122.42

Overall Profit/Loss for Pond Tour **7** **\$2,145.51**

This does not include any new memberships gotten.

Held on May 6, 2017

Financial Statement
Year to Date
As of June 30, 2017

**BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BAL-
ANCE:**

\$10,787.56

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

2300 Koi Show		\$220.00
Banquet Tick-		
2310 ets	\$70.00	
Vendor Par-		
2320 ticipation	\$150.00	
2600 Pond Tour		\$465.00
2620 Ticket Sales	\$105.00	
2630 Advertising	\$360.00	
2700 Membership		\$536.00
2720 Name Badges	\$28.00	
Membership		
2730 Dues	\$408.00	
Koi USA Sub-		
2735 scriptions	\$100.00	

Total Income

\$1,221.00

Expenses

100 Dues		\$100.00
Dues to Koi		
150 Society	\$100.00	
600 Koi Auction		\$56.75
620 Fish Owner	\$56.75	
700 Misc.		\$153.07
Food for		
Monthly		
740 Meeting	\$150.00	
Friendship		
780 Awards	\$3.07	
800 Newsletter/Website		\$36.75
Website Ex-		
840 pense	\$36.75	
1100 Rent		\$185.00
Rent @		
1101 Coastal	\$185.00	
1300 Membership		\$100.00
Koi USA Sub-		
1325 scriptions	\$100.00	
1400 Bank Charges		\$21.78
PayPal		
1466 Charges	\$21.78	

Total Expenses

\$653.35

Month Net Income/(Loss)

\$567.65

ENDING BALANCE:

\$11,355.21

Outstanding Checks:

\$781.65

07/18/16	EFT	\$137.20	06/12/17	EFT	\$3.07
09/07/16	EFT	\$65.00	06/23/17	EFT	\$185.00
10/08/16	1311	\$16.85	8/06/27/17	EFT	\$36.75
10/24/16	EFT	\$216.00			
11/14/16	EFT	\$121.78			