

Minutes from 2008

February 27 – March 2, 2008

Home & Garden show at DeVoss Hall

Matt Apol, Gill, Don & Mary, Al & Joyce, Tim & Laura, John & Robin, Michael & Jerry, Dave & Jan, Ken, Diane & Toni

March 15

General meeting at Felt Mansion

Pond care Q&A with staff-tour facility, instructions and ideas how to keep the pond healthy and free of algae

- We had a treasurer's report.
- Membership dues are due at the April 19 meeting.
- Use the word of mouth to invite people to the meetings. We are all ambassadors.
- Plan to have a topic of discussion/program/speaker or something as part of each future meeting. This will be posted on our calendar on our website in advance (as far as possible).
- When you sign up to have a meeting at your house you also will have some input to topic/program.
- Be on the lookout for programs/topics/speakers.
- Sign up for meeting dates will happen April 19. If more than 1 signs up for a date there will be a lottery.
- Ken will make a list of pond recommendations for the Felt Mansion Project.
- We had a grand tour and talk of the Felt Mansion Project.
- We had 2 visitors.

April 19

General meeting at Apols

Minutes of Meeting – April 19, 2008

Meeting was held at Apols Greenhouse and attended by 17 members and one guest.

Called to order by President Ken Houtman after the potluck.

- 1) Our guest was introduced as Ruth Adams, a friend of Joyce Kebless'.
- 2) Treasurer's Report from Mary Apol read.
- 3) Ken Houtman and Don Apol are working on a list of recommendations for the pond at the Felt Mansion.
- 4) Joyce Kebless is the new Membership Committee. She will be responsible for maintaining current memberships and generating ideas to cultivate new members.
- 5) We need a volunteer to be the "Meijer Gardens Committee" who would be the liaison between the Gardens and our Club. Ken suggested John Savara (who was absent from this meeting) as a good candidate, and will contact him regarding this position. Discussion followed regarding whether to have a Koi Show again at the Gardens or participate in the Home & Garden Show.
- 6) Joyce is putting together a Club Photo Album of members' ponds. Please give her your photos.
- 7) Membership dues were collected for the year.
- 8) Toni Houtman was selected as Koi Person of the Year for 2008.

9) A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers for upcoming meetings and programs. The next meeting will be held at the Ken & Diane Houtman residence on May 17th. Ken is getting a speaker for the program.

10) The Chicago Spring Koi and Goldfish Auction will be held on June 8 if anyone is interested.

11) Michael Meredith volunteered to obtain information regarding the Lansing Area Pond Tour, which will be discussed at the May meeting for a possible field trip.

12) Our Annual Spring Auction was held.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Rancour, Secretary

Minutes of Meeting – May 17, 2008

Meeting was held at Ken & Diane Houtman residence and attended by 13 members and three guests. Called to order by President Ken Houtman after the potluck.

Our guest speaker was ill and couldn't attend. We discussed current pond and water conditions as well as ideas for our guests who are planning a pond..

1) Our guests were introduced as Karen & Eric Stitt, and Betsy Fincher (her second meeting).

2) Joyce is putting together a Club Photo Album of members' ponds. Please bring your photos to the next meeting or you may email them to scottyk1@pathwaynet.com.

3) Michael Meredith will have the information regarding the Lansing Area Pond Tour at the next meeting. There are two other Pond Tours in July: the Allegan Garden/Pond Tour and the Yonkers Pond Tour.

4) Reminder to check our website for updates and information. www.wmikoipond.com

5) Treasurer's Report from Mary Apol: submitted.

A small 50/50 auction was held. We will attempt to have 50/50's at each meeting in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Rancour, Secretary.

Minutes of Meeting – June 21, 2008

Meeting was held at Tim & Laura Rancour residence and attended by 19 members and three guests. Called to order by President Ken Houtman after the potluck.

1) Our guests were introduced as Jeff & Mary Pallas and Steve Baribeau.

2) Joyce is putting together a Club Photo Album of members' ponds. Please bring your photos to the next meeting or you may email them to scottyk1@pathwaynet.com.

3) There is no Lansing Area Pond Tour this year. There are two other Pond Tours in July: 12-13 is the Marshall area Pond Tour and 19-20 is the Allegan Garden/Pond Tour. The details were emailed.

4) AKCA - \$100 fee due 7/1/08 will be paid. Also discussed the possibility of hosting the National Seminar here some time in the future. What is involved, etc? Apol's are planning to attend the annual seminar in Florida this year and the Houtman's are planning to attend the seminar next year February in San Diego.

5) Reminder to check our website for schedule updates and the latest information.

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6) A small auction was held.

7) Laura talked about some of the "Newest, Latest and Greatest Landscape Plants" that have been introduced to the market in recent years. She had samples of most of them and had many planted in their yard and on display.

Meeting concluded after Program.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Rancour, Secretary.

July 19

General Meeting—Michael Meredith & Jerry Roubos home

Program –

- Gather at 4:00 for pond tour and social, introduced our guest Jerry's brother visiting from Florida. He has a large pond filled with bass –not Koi
- 5:00 potluck
- Short general member meeting, financial report-minutes from last meeting
- Topics - action items from last meeting:
 - o Picture book of member ponds for scrapbook.
 - o Road trip pond tours
 - o Plans for a show or seminar?
 - o Report regarding the seminar in Florida.
 - o AKCA communications-emails-new business
 - o Had an auction
 - o Michael reported about the early history of Koi keeping.

August 16

General Meeting—Tim and Vicky Chaney's home

Program –

- Gather at 4:00 for pond tour and social
- 5:00 potluck
- Short general member meeting, financial report-minutes from last meeting
- Topics - action items from last meeting:
 - o Had a report of capture and treatment of fish ulcer by Joyce Kebless.
 - o Don Apol presented a slide show of the Florida seminar and pond show (wow what a pond)
 - o Had a report of Houtman's visit with the Eastern Iowa Pond Society
 - o AKCA communications-emails-Are we to be non-profit?
 - o Set up a committee Don, Joyce, Vicky, and John to investigate MG show for next year.
 - o Had an auction

September 20

General Meeting—Al and Joyce Kebless' home

Gathered at 4:30 for pond tour and social,

- 5:00 potluck had some great chili and many other dishes.

Read and accepted, financial report and minutes, began with old business.

- Reminded everyone of scrapbook for member ponds, get electronic photos to Joyce.
- Membership dues for the Pallas's have not been received – probably at the mailbox – Laura will stop by to pick up mail.
- Pondviews.biz has granted us a 10% discount, check it out.
- We will not be having a show or event at Meijer Gardens next year. We will not be able to hold meetings there.
- We decided it will be worth the effort to enhance our website. I will contact Steve to get a hit counter put on the site to start tracking a baseline for usage.

Read AKCA communications-emails-new business

- Discussion on our status as non-profit organization. I will contact our AKCA rep to see what are the implications.
- Elections for treasure and xxx. need to be held in November with nominations in October.
- October meeting can be held at Apol's if I cannot find a restaurant conveniently located. The meeting date will be changed to the 11th because of the early meeting in November.
- Year end/Christmas party will be November 8th at Chaney's house. Vicky suggested that we have RSVP's when the host of the meeting is providing a main course for the meal. Please RSVP for the November meeting/party.
- Bring a white elephant gift.
- We will continue with our discussion to have a pond tour next year. Maybe the tour will be more of a festival or event with displays of related businesses and suppliers.

Joyce presented a wonderful summary of herbs used to enhance your pond and garden and also a reminder of Winter preparations for your pond.

October 11th – General Meeting cancelled.

November 8th – note date change.

At Tim and Vicky Chaney's home.

Christmas party, white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange.

Vicky suggested that we have RSVP's when the host of the meeting is providing a main course for the meal. Please RSVP for the November meeting/party. This will help prevent the preparation of too much food and be easier to plan for.

Financial report, minutes, and old business.

- Scrapbook for member ponds, get electronic photos to Joyce along with a paragraph describing your pond.
- Membership dues for the Pallas's – Laura will stop by to pick up mail.
- We will not be having a show or event at Meijer Gardens next year. We will not be able to hold meetings there.
- Enhance our website. Hit counter to start tracking a baseline for usage.

- Non-profit organization, what are the implications.
- Koi Society event for 2009?....

Communications-emails-new business

Program - Nomination and election for vice president and treasure.