

Minutes from 2010

March 3, through March 6, 2010
Home & Garden show at DeVoss Hall

March 20

General meeting at Don and Mary Apol's home- **Thanks, you are great hosts.**

- Welcomed, introduced new officers
- Ken will make new member tags, Will be color coded- for dues paying members
- Mary gave treasures report-
- Drawing for door prize, winner Don Apol,
- Added new names to monthly meeting host list.
- Home show was discussed, we need a better sign to tell what we are about. Most people ask where we are located etc.
- Mailing for next meeting should include names gathered from last years show along with new names from this years show. Cindy and Joyce to coordinate.
- Had sign up sheet for committee to work on the speaker grant. (Bill & Kathy, Mary D,)
- Had sign up sheet for By Laws to review. (Kim & Dale, Ken)
- Had sign up sheet for Newsletter committee (Laura & Tim, Dale & Kim?)
- Web page was discussed, decided to leave as is unless someone wanted to jazz it up.
- Vickey to set up shirt monograms, bring items to auction meeting to schedule.
- Discussed meeting structure-
 - Start at 4:30 for socializing and touring, 5:00 eating, 5:30 meeting, 6:00 program.
- Info- Education - Talked about present pond conditions.
- Raffle winner - Tim Rancour

18 members attending- Good meeting- Minutes submitted by Don (**thanks for filling in**)

April 17,

Minutes of Meeting

The meeting and potluck was held at Apol's Water Gardens and was attended by 32 people.

- The meeting was opened, Welcomed, 4 new members and a visitor.
- Had a treasures report and the reading of the minutes
- Drawing for door prize - winner David Brower.
- Reviewed status of committees
- New color-coded name-tags were passed out to members who paid their dues.

- We held our annual spring auction, which is our main fund raiser.
- Thank you notes were sent out to companies who donated items for the spring auction and a get well card was sent to Bill Van Garderen.
- Bill Van Garderen's pond was discussed. Members volunteered to get the fish out of the pond for him. The fish would probably be put in the pond at Fredrick Meijer Gardens. John Savara will help coordinate with MG.

Minutes submitted by Cindy

May 15, 2010 Koi Club Minutes

from Tim & Vicky Chaney's: The meeting was called to order by President Ken Houtman 20 members and 4 guests where present. Treasurers Report: Read & approved. No minutes by secretary. Discussed advertisement income from newsletter. No report from committee about speakers grant. Will discuss next month how to pick Koi of the year from our club. Voted to take photos and then vote on them in the fall. Ken put on a program about classification of Koi. He discussed Kohako's. Great program. Had a small 50/50 auction. Amount will be shown in next months Treasurer Report. Looking for idea's for Christmas meeting. June 19, 2010 meeting to be held at Al & Joyce Kebless home in Greenville. Potluck enjoyed by all, and viewing of Chaney ponds & Koi. Report submitted by Vicky Chaney

Minutes of Meeting - June 19, 2010

The meeting and potluck was held at the home of Joyce and Al Kebless. Twelve members plus two new members (Don and Gail) attended.

1. Toni opened the meeting and welcomed the new members.
2. Vicky read the minutes from the last meeting.
3. Mary gave treasures report.
4. It was noted that we had to get a speaker soon or we would lose the grant money. Toni would contact the speaker's committee and give them names of three possible speakers. The committee members are Bill and Kathy Hayes and Mary Dykstra.
5. It was decided that koi photographs for the Koi of the Year judging would be brought to the October meeting and all photos should be 8"x10".
6. Joyce Kebless offered to take over the position as being our club representative for KOI USA and will speak with Mr. Finnigan.
7. Mary Apol will check into the IRS non-profit requirements.
8. It was decided that this year's Christmas party will be held at the home of Tim and Vicky Chaney on Saturday, November 6.
9. Joyce Kebless was the winner of the door prize and Toni Houtman was the winner of the raffle.
10. Joyce gave a nice presentation on the Stevia plant.
11. The July meeting will be held at the home of Lexie Wagoner.
12. We signed another "thinking about you card" to Bill Van Garderen and let him know that we would get his pond ready for the winter if he would like us to when that time came.

Good meeting- Minutes submitted by Cindy Broadhurst

Minutes of Meeting - July 17, 2010

The meeting and potluck was held at the home of Lexie Wagoner. Twenty-five were present including four new members, Bill and Mariette Van Garderen and Greg and Lynn Morris.

1. Ken opened the meeting and welcomed the new members.
2. Cindy read the minutes from the last meeting,
3. Mary gave the treasures report.
4. We are still deciding about a speaker with the grant money.
5. We are having our annual Christmas Party at the home of Tim and Vicky Chaney and Vicky will decide on the menu. Everyone will bring a white elephant gift.
6. Joyce Kelbes was the winner of the door prize and Bill Van Garderen was the winner of the raffle
7. Toni gave a nice presentation on Asian Carp.
8. The August meeting will be held at the home of Kim and Dale Monje. You may also visit Cindy's pond at the home next door to Kim and Dale. If Dale's driveway is full, you can park in Cindy's yard, but please do not block the driveway.

Minutes of Meeting – Aug 21, 2010:

The meeting and potluck was held at the home of Dale and Kim Monje. With 32 members present.

1. Everyone was invited to Cindy's house next door for a tour of her pond and then back to Dale and Kim's for a potluck and meeting.
2. We changed the order of the meeting slightly and started with a report on the guest speaker grant and plans for the event. Tickets were available for sale. Mary gave the treasures report and had to leave soon after.
3. Cindy read the minutes from the last meeting.
4. Dale gave a short talk regarding the pond and the construction of it. (Wow, what a beautiful pond!)
5. Laura lead a discussion and had a great picture board of damsel flies and dragon flies found here in Michigan.
6. We had a small 50/50 raffle.
7. Bill Heyes and the Apols both have tickets for the seminar by Charles Phelps on September 23.

Minutes submitted by Ken

September 23 – Guest Speaker Charles Phelps:

We used some of our speaker grant money and had Charles Phelps come in from Louisville Kentucky to speak to our members and guests.

1. We started out with a meal of pizza, salad and bread which must have been good because they ran out of pizza and at Ken's request they made some more.
2. First, Charles gave us a little background as to how he got started in the koi hobby.
3. Then he went through slides explaining the classifications of koi.

4. The next part of the presentation was the judging of koi.
5. During this part if your first choice of koi was the same as Charles you could pick out a magazine that was yours to keep.
6. Throughout the presentation Charles answered questions that were asked by members of the audience.
7. He finished his presentation with some general information on stocking rates as well as how to prepare your pond for the upcoming winter.

September Koi Club Minutes:

The meeting was held at the home of Mike & Lisa Kosak, 22 members were present. Everyone enjoyed viewing their pond and the surrounding gardens.

1. After the potluck, Ken opened the meeting.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Vicky.
3. The treasure report was given by Mary.
4. Ken has updated the web page with newsletter and minutes of meetings.
5. Ken discussed next year's AKCA Koi convention to be held in Indianapolis June 22-thru 26, 2011.
6. Ken also suggested that we have a new officer to handle some of the membership needs. Lynn Morris volunteered to take charge of some of these duties.
7. The election of Officers will be held in November.
 - a. Treasurer and Vice President will be voted on this year.
 - b. It was also suggested that the By-laws be changed to include description of each office.
8. Next meeting will be held at Don & Mary Apols on October 16.
 - a. 8 x 10 Koi photos will be judged to choose one for next year's Koi of the year award held at the convention.
9. Nov. 6, will be our Christmas party at Tim and Vicky Chaney's.
 - a. Don't forget your white elephant for the gift exchange.
 - b. Dinner will be supplied by the club.
10. Sept 23, 2010, We will need a guest book, pond photos, copies of newsletters, brochures, and copies of Koi USA to put out at our evening with AKCA Judge Charles Phelps. He will talk on "Koi Classification and Judging"
11. Meeting was closed.

Mike then gave a very interesting talk and slide show on Hong Kong. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful ponds, and gardens and a view of China.

Minutes submitted by Vicky.

Minutes of Meeting - October 16, 2010:

The meeting and potluck were held at the home of Don and Mary Apol. Twenty two members were present.

1. After a delicious potluck, Ken opened the meeting.

2. Vicky read the minutes from the last meeting,
3. Mary gave the treasurer's report.
4. Ken informed the members that our club was the only club out of the six chosen to receive the grant money who actually used it.
5. There was discussion on whether or not to keep the P.O. box in Wyoming. Since it was just renewed for six months, it was decided that the officers would meet during the winter and make that decision.
6. Lynn Morris has a membership list together with member's name, address, phone number and email which will be shared with all the members.
7. Nomination for the following offices were made:
 - a. Vice President - Toni Houtman
 - b. Treasurer - Jerry Roubus
8. The nominations will be voted on at the November meeting. Also, the voting for the Koi person of the year from our club and a new position related to communications will take place at that meeting.
9. There was discussion about the Home & Garden Show in early March to see if there was enough interest to have a booth again.
10. Judging took place on the koi photos that member brought. Tim and Vicky Chaney's koi was chosen to represent our club and will be submitted to the AKCA for judging at the national seminar in June.
11. All officer were asked to write down their job description and email it to Ken so incoming officers will know what their duties will be.

The November meeting and Christmas Party will be held at Tim and Vicky Chaney's home.

Minutes submitted by Cindy and Vicky.