

Mountain View Koi Club

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Report of the June 9th meeting 2012 hosted by Leigh and Karen Moad

1. **Many thanks to Karen and Leigh.**

The pre-fathers' day meeting blessed by the summer sunshine allowed the participants to enjoy the gorgeous Koi pond embellished by the green country sight. Music provided by the donkey's honk honk in the field and their welcoming attitude. It allowed Paula to take numerous pictures.

2. **The cheerfull participants were :**

- ✓ Paula and Vern
- ✓ Karen and Leigh
- ✓ Claudette and Marcel
- ✓ Edna and her lovely birthay smile
- ✓ Colette and Normand
- ✓ Nicole and Jean-Marc
- ✓ Honoré
- ✓ Adrian
- ✓ Lucie and Jean-Paul

3. Pat being away, Vern summons **Lucie to take the minutes.** She promises to do her best but : **Hurry back Pat.**

4. **Vern welcomes a new member** referred by Bill: Adrian Ciubotariu. Adrian is very interested by the commercial aspect of koi fish breeding. He noticed the friendly ambiance of our group.

5. **Paula reported on the treasury.** The bank statement of April was 1,628.21\$ In june it went down to 716.17 due to the purchases of jackets which had to be paid in full, and the yearly

fees to the magazine. The club had to absorb the US exchange rate. As members pay back their jackets the account should reach nearly 1,000.00\$.

Lady members inquired about buying white jacket. It seems it is too late now.

6. Up coming events :

- ✓ Young koi show, September 22nd 2012 at Quality koi Nisei Koi Farm, New-Jersey

7. **Presentation by JP.** Jean-Paul with the participation of the members, gave a very interesting presentation on the characteristics of the best KOHAKU as defined in Japan for competition. Great job JP.

Vern added more informations on the new rules for color. A copy of the presentation was provided to each participant.

8. Everyone liked the idea of a similar presentation at our regular meetings so **Marcel accepted to volunter and prepare a presentation for the July meeting on the SANKE.**

9. **Vern made a brief survey** on what would be important and interesting for members to learn.

Out of the subjects proposed ; First Aid Kits for owners and Microscope use & training were preferred.

Jean-Marc offered to ask his cousin if possibly we can buy used Microscopes from the College where he works.

He also reminded the members how interesting were the demonstration on the scraping and scope at Bill's place. Jean-Paul and I were also very impressed by the video of Janet's surgery of her Koi at Colette and Norm's as you all were.

10. **Vern suggested that a non executive member should join the revision committee** to bring fresh ideas and new perspectives. Normand was asked if he would accept to participate. Normand said he would think about it and get back to Vern.

11. **A question was raised : How to recognise a male from a female koi.**

There are several ways but it is difficult ;

- ✓ Torpedo shape of the body for male
- ✓ Bulk shape for female
- ✓ Round lateral fins for female
- ✓ Elongated lateral fins for male

- ✓ Or ask Leigh for intimate details about the delicate method of turning the fish upside down and as you squeeze observe what is coming out or going in !!!!!!!!!!!

- ✓ Or ask a specialist for confirmation : fee of 100.00\$

- ✓ **Most important** : the Female is BETTER LOOKING THEN MALE « of course ».

12. **Raffle** : Paula offered a beautiful British book on kois ; « Duncan Griffith Koi deseases ».

Congratulations Norm the lucky winner ; He will let Colette take a look at it maybe !!!!!!!!!!!

13. Edna's birthday :

- ✓ Everybody gathered to sing happy birthday to Edna while she blew all the candles of her awesome cake.
- ✓ Excellent goodies were served thanks to our gracious Hosts.
- ✓ If you like to make a rubarb cake as good as Vern's ;
you have to bake it at 4.00 a.m. as he did.

14. Members bought their favorite Koi.

15. **Meeting was ajourned** until the 22nd of July 2012 at Lucie and Jean-Paul's place

KOI FRIENDS HAVE A GREAT MONTH