

MOUNTAIN VIEW KOI CLUB

Minutes from October 18th meeting at Jean and Nicole's home and pond in Alexandria (as prepared by Elaine).

Words of welcome from Verne saying that it has been one year ago since Jean and Nicole's fish became infected with Flukes from cleaning their pond which stressed their fish.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and agreed to. Jean-Paul told everyone about a questionnaire he has prepared which will be sent out to all members via email. The 31 questions will cover pond water and filtration, with the ultimate goal of improving our knowledge of these topics. There is no deadline for returning the completed questionnaire but it is suggested that the end of the year would be appreciated. When all completed questionnaires are back, Jean-Paul indicated he would consider preparing another one on a different topic.

The perpetual plaques are being made and will be ready for the final meeting and dinner on November 25th.

Paula read the Treasurer's report and it was accepted. In the coming week, the club funds will be moved out of Verne and Paula's name and placed in a new "Club" bank account at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Next up, was the lengthy process of Elections for 2016 to 2018. Everyone agreed to cancel the position of 2nd Vice President. Verne was nominated as President for another term and he accepted the position. Jean-Paul was nominated as Vice President but declined. Sam was then nominated as Vice-president, and he accepted.

A new vote was taken for Treasurer, between Paula and Elaine, and Paula was reelected as Treasurer. Elaine had to be taken away in restraints by the OPP for disturbing the peace haha ... just kidding!

Nominations for the Secretary position were unanimous, and in absentia, Daniel Shelton was elected. Verne will speak to him during the week and if Daniel declines the position, Elaine will take it.

Judy Hendersen has resigned as the Mountain View Koi Club representative with the AKCA. If Elaine is not required to be Secretary, she has agreed to be the AKCA liaison in which case the Club will still require a volunteer to fill this post.

The elections took up the time for Verne's microscope demonstrations so we have this to look forward to next year.

The meeting and dinner will start Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 pm at Le Vieux Chateau, 797 McGill Street, Hawkesbury, Ontario K6A 1R5, phone number (613) 632-9877.

Next discussion was on the Koi of the Year awards. One 5"x7" photo of the Koi you would like to submit in the four categories: (1) under 15", (2) over 15" but under 20", (3) over 20" and (4) most unique Koi of any size, including 'long fin' Koi. Photos should be submitted to Jean-Paul who will be assisted by Jean-Marc.

Koi Person (or couple, if residing in the same home) of the Year was the next discussion. Nominees should be a person (or couple) who has promoted Koi keeping and the Club during the current year. Verne, Paula, Lucie, Jean-Paul and Jean-Marc cannot be nominated this year as they are recent winners. Send your nominations to Lucie by November 20th, and the vote will take place at Le Vieux Chateau on November 25th.

Applause for Jean-Marc for his hard work on the elections.

Verne and Leigh went to Quality Koi and handled very valuable fish, some as much as \$20,000 each. During their visit, they became aware of 6' soft tanks available from a Koi Club in New Jersey at US\$300/C\$400 each. They are used for showing Koi, but could also serve as quarantine containers. Verne asked if the members were interested in acquiring one or two of these tanks for use by club members on an as-needed basis. Jean-Paul suggested the Club purchase two tanks and the members agreed. They will be kept at two different locations, to be determined at a later date.

Bill proposed that the balance of club funds, approximately \$1,000, be used in part to

pay for the dinner at Le Vieux Chateau. The proposal was not seconded and was dropped. A brief discussion followed on the future uses for this money such as insurance, magazine subscription, etc.

The raffle tickets were sold and the items were showed to the group; a hand-decorated lap tray, 2016 Koi calendar, a fish mold, fish themed tote bag, chocolates, fish agenda and laminated Koi-themed bookmarks.

Our winners were: Edna, Bill (gave gift to Mary), Nicole M., Jean-Paul, Lucy and Elaine.

The meeting was adjourned until November 25th.