

AKCA Minutes of April, 2015

Officers Present:

Chair:
Vice Chair: Don Chandler
Secretary: Carole Elliott
CFO: Brenda Chandler

Directors Present:

Ally Cunningham
Gordon Chibana
Jeff Fleischer

Guests:

Ally Chibana

Board Highlights:

- ✚ Would all current KHAs please contact Julie Miller at: jam1150@hotmail.com
- ✚ Anyone interested in signing up for the Wet Lab please contact Brenda Chandler at: DonnBda@aol.com
- ✚ Clubs may request random boxes of past issues of KOI USA **free** except for reimbursing for shipping costs
- ✚ Submit “Koi Person of the Year” selections to Ally Chibana at achibana@pacbell.net

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Don Chandler, at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES: ***Motion:*** To approve the minutes of March 12th. Motion by Gordon, 2nd by Brenda. ***Approved.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIALS: From the March CFO Summary Report we had a beginning balance of \$86,258.05; deposits/credits of \$2,921.33; expenses of \$3,851.40; for an ending balance of \$85,327.88. We also went over the Statements at a Glance report.

SCIENTIFIC/KHA: 25 students, thus far, have signed up for the KHA course for \$100 each (refundable upon completion of the course). 10 people, thus far, have signed up for the Wet Lab in Sacramento. We received a letter from Dr. Cecil, DVM, who’s concerned about the KHA program’s direction and KHAs practicing veterinary medicine; Don will draft a response to Dr. Cecil.

PROJECT KHV: Reviewed Jerry’s report. He is still planning on visiting Dr. Jin Ling at Oregon State University to personally meet with the doctors and discuss how we can help them continue what we have started. Don will check with Jerry about the timeline.

PUBLICATION: Don reported that the committee met prior to the AKCA meeting. Bob Payne is getting ready to work on the upcoming issue. Our publisher has asked us to reduce the amount of storage we’re currently using at their warehouse. A motion was made and approved to mail out boxes of past issues (not for resale) to clubs who agree to reimburse the shipping

costs. There would be no minimum on the number of boxes they receive. Clubs would then have on hand magazines to hand out at club functions. To request shipments contact your local AKCA Board member. Caesar, our webmaster, asked us to hire an outside expert to modify our website with new software that would make it more mobile/tablet friendly. Very important these days. Cost is \$349. The board approved the expenditure; also renewed was a 3 year hosting plan for our Go Daddy website. This is probably the first time that we only had \$1,394.50 in outstanding advertising! Ron is doing a great job. There was also a motion that was approved that would upgrade the software for AKCA's website to make it mobile phone/tablet friendly.

MEMBERSHIP: Don received two more dues renewal checks; 10 clubs have paid so far.

JUDGING: Tom Ayers is having trouble heading the committee due to ill health. Larry Christensen and Garry Chin have volunteered to assist Tom. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom!

RISK MANAGEMENT: Our Premium Liability Insurance plan has enrolled three additional clubs: MAKC, Deep South, and Inland Koi.

BOOKSTORE: Last month we sold \$2,796.08 in Bookstore items (this includes the show in San Diego and at the ZNA So Cal show). We sold \$917 in Gardena, alone.

SPEAKER'S GRANT: We need to update our website as Burt Ballou is still listed as head of the Speaker's Grant (thank you to the member who notified us of the anachronism). FYI: Ally Cunningham is in charge.

KOI PERSON OF THE YEAR: Ally Chibana will be sending out Koi Person of the Year Certificates as requests are received. You can contact her at: achibana@pacbell.net.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: Gary Elmore, of Atlanta KC, wanted to know who to contact to get their Pond Tour and Koi Show listed in KOI USA magazine? Brenda Chandler calendars club events, both online and in KOI USA magazine. She can be reached at DonnBda@aol.com

SEMINAR REPORTS:

2015 Seminar: June 20 & 21 – Sacramento, CA. Host club: Camellia Koi Club

2016 Seminar: June 18 & 19 – Cedar Falls, IA. Host club: North East Iowa Koi Club

2017 Seminar: We're still looking for a club that wants to host in 2017. How about yours?

PROXY CALLS FOR MAY

 Please send any pictures of club members, or others, reading KOI USA magazine.

- ✚ If your club has recently held a pond tour or koi show, has it been submitted for an article in KOI USA magazine?

UPCOMING AKCA ANNUAL CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MAY

- ✚ Deliver issue 6 of KOI USA magazine

OLD BUSINESS: **None**

NEW BUSINESS: **None**

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion by Carole, 2nd by Gordon. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Elliott, Secretary

REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTS:

Written report submitted by Carole Elliott: Jackie Allsup, of **Eastern Iowa PS**, said they had a great presentation from Patty Ankrum and Andria Cossolotto, who just returned from Mexico. Patty is co-founder of the group, Monarchs in Eastern Iowa. Together, they played a role in the rearing of hundreds of Monarchs. Lots of pond discussion and entertainment. Jackie Allsup, of **Northern Iowa P&KC**, said they held their last meeting on St. Patrick's Day. They had a special guest speaker, John Atkinson, from EverGreen talk to them about saving their Ash Trees, which are under attack from the Emerald Ash Borer. They talked about possible field trips this summer and discussed the condition of their ponds and fish as they come out of Winter. Ralph Smith, of **Southwest K&PA**, said they had a great meeting at the home of new member Steve Caro; their warm hospitality was so much appreciated. No planned event for SKAPA at this time. Jan Jordan, of **Mid-Columbia K&PC**, said they had their first meeting at a local restaurant. The summer calendar is full as far as meetings at members' ponds. April will find them at Carmen Staffords, date TBA soon. Gary & Debbie Floyd, of **Amarillo KS**, received the ballot and will get it out asap. They are not officially meeting yet and they are warmer but still early. Debbie and Gary are going to do her best to get this club fired up again this spring. They did nothing last year and that is a shame. People seem to be real busy, including them. They are going to visit with the botanical gardens to see if they can ask some interest some of the other clubs that belong to the gardens. They got two copies of the article they wrote; wow! What a great job KOI USA did in getting the photos with the article. Thanks for letting them be a part of the magazine. Mary Ann Penix, of **Piedmont K&WGS**, said she doesn't have much news this time from PKWS. Their pond tour is on track for June. They are helping a member install a new liner in his pond the last of April. Their rescue team has four or five rescues scheduled in the next month. Everyone has been busy cleaning their ponds and repotting water plants. Mel Barutha, of **South Carolina K&WGS**, said they are getting ready for their April meeting at a member's house; the Halls. The meeting at their home is always a fun venue ending with the

Hall's serving up homemade ice cream. Eight of their members attended the Middle Georgia Koi Show in Perry, Georgia last weekend in March. Their pond tour is beginning to shape up. They have 10 ponds on tour on Saturday June 13th. The Koi Show committee is working on getting vendors set for their show the first weekend in October. They have 6 wet vendors locked in and they are now working on the dry vendors. Christine Wilkolaski, of **Niagara Frontier K&PC**, said they will have guest speaker Larry Nau for their April meeting. The topic is all the laws that went into effect last month in NY about invasive species. Koi and many of their pond plants have been affected by this. Their Koi Show is scheduled for June 27th & 28th. Their Pond Tour will be August 1st. With the long extreme cold winter, many members have experienced loss of fish. Gary Elmore, of **Atlanta Koi Club**, said their Annual Auction is April 18th; he will write up an article for KOI USA about it. Their Pond Tour is June 27th; Show is Sept. 11-13. (Contact Don Chandler to make sure it's put in the magazine). Several members attended the Central Florida Koi Show last month and the Middle Georgia Koi Show at the end of the month. Next, after the auction, the club is participating in a Showa spawning and grow out. Vicki, at the Koi Store (formally Flatrock Koi) has procured some very nice showa *oyagoi* and they plan to spawn them next month. Participants will help cull the spawn in various stages and at a certain point will pick 10 fingerlings to grow out. It will be an interesting look into the difficulties in producing a topnotch showa. Should be fun! Bonnie Nakahara, of **Hawaii GF&C**, said club members are helping this Saturday at a Fun Fair at the school that they hold their meetings at. In May, they will have a booth space at the annual Pet Expo. This is a big event with various pet clubs and vendors. They plan on displaying their koi and goldfish and sell water plants since they cannot sell live animals. It is good exposure for the club and to share their hobby with the public. Future events are a fundraiser garage sale, another pond tour and their show (later part of the year). Carole tried but was unable to reach: **Puget Sound**; **Miami Valley WGS**; **WGC of South Texas**; and **Piedmont K&WGS**; **North Texas WGS**, **Canada KC of British Columbia**.

Written report submitted by Joan Finnegan: **So Cal Koi Club** did not have a meeting in March or April; the club encouraged members to attend the Koi Club of San Diego's Koi Show as well as the ZNA So Cal Koi Show in Gardenia. The club also encouraged members to attend the annual Hanamatsuri Festival in April. Bob & Joan started a koi display about 40 years ago there to build up membership for the club as well as the Orange County ZNA Koi Club. Norm Call, of **Oregon K&WGS**, said they are planning and working on their koi show on June 12-14th. They have a full line of vendors. Packages have gone out; next month they will have their meeting in Springfield, Ore. Larry Christensen, of **Northwest K&GFC-ZNA Northwest Chapter**, said they will be attending the annual PNKCA Conference in June in Spokane, Wash. They are busy with planning their koi show. This weekend, there will be a display for membership at Camellia Flower Festival at McMinnville, Ore.

Written report submitted by Bob Finnegan: Mona Coleman, of **Northern Nevada PC**, said they are having their pond tour July 11th. Jon Floden, of **Gulf Coast KS**, said that everything is OK. Don Apol, of **Great Pond & KS of West Michigan**, said their first koi meeting April 18th.

They will be having a koi auction in the future. Mike Frady, of **ZNA Potomac KC**, said the ZNA members are having a koi judging seminar at Quality Koi April 17-19th. Bruce Lott, of **Olympic KC**, said they are having their monthly meetings. They will be teaching what makes up the different types of koi. David Muraoka, of **Sierra KC**, said their first meeting of the year will be next month. Bob was unable to reach **North Florida KC**.

Written report submitted by Don Chandler: None (Don has been ill; his club reports will appear in next month's minutes).

Written report submitted by Brenda Chandler: Jerold Kyle, of **Camellia Koi Club**, reports the club has chosen Sam Neibank as 2014 Club Koi Person of The Year. Sam is one of many who has stepped up and brought new energy in supporting and helping promote all we do. As committee chairperson of the upcoming Fall Koi Show he has a number of locations that the club is ready to choose from. The CKC March meeting was held at a new dealer (Reed Rodriguez – Select Koi) location Elk Grove, CA, where members purchased two year old Tosai Koi for this year's grow out contest. Stay tuned for the winner. Check out their website at <http://www.camelliakoi.org> Wendell Ford, of **Charleston Showa Koi Club**, reports on Saturday the 11th the club held an exhibit at the Tideline Aquatics. Check out their website at <http://www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org> Ben Soedjono, of **Dallas Koi Kichi Group**, reports the club's Quarterly Meeting will be held on May 3rd; location TBD. Check out their website at <http://www.dallaskoikichi.org> Mike Lane, of **High Desert Koi Fanciers**: no report. Check out their website at <http://www.hdkoifanciers.com> Brenda Chandler, of **Nishiki Koi Club**, reports it was a busy month, with booths at both the Orange County Buddhist Church Hanamatsuri as well as the Cherry Blossom Festival in Monterey Park. Thanks go to Gordon and Ally Chibana, who did most of the work, and to the members who stopped by to chip in and enjoy the festivities. Check out their website at <http://www.nishikikoiclub.com> Claude Head, of **North East Iowa Koi Association**, reports our second meeting of the year will consist of a review on the busy upcoming year. Our Club Cookbook is nearing completion and ready for press. All the koi shows for the Midwest are listed on our website calendar and all members will be encouraged to attend at least one. Our program will be a presentation from Nualgi, a San Diego based company who offers a micronutrient supplement that restores missing nutrients, controls odor and helps fight algae to promote a healthier ecosystem. Sounds like Spring in the Heartland! Check out their website at <http://www.neikakoiassoc.com/index.html> Vincent Smith, of **Prairieland Koi & Pond Society**, reports their next meeting will be May 9th at 11 a.m. at the Malta's in Spring Valley. Check out their website at http://prairieland_pond.tripod.com Laura Lunsford, of **Rocky Mountain Koi Club**, reports the club will be holding its Annual Koi Auction on Saturday, May 30th, at the County Fair Garden Center in Arvada, CO. This is the club's only fundraising activity. Bid numbers are \$5. They will take cash, check and credit card payments. Check out their website at <http://www.rmkc.net> Phil Goulding, of **Southern Colorado Koi Club**, reports May 2nd koi rescue and koi buy and pond equipment sale in Trinidad; May 6th Regular meeting; May 16th SPRING PARTY Potluck and Koi Auction at Sarah's. In June, the club will hold a Koi Rehoming Auction on the 13th. Check out their website at <http://www.socokoi.org> David Yee, of **Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.**, reports there have been lots of changes in club officers

and the club's website has suffered some problems which they hope to resolve soon. Check their website at <http://www.vskc.net> Mary Oxman, of *Ventura County Koi Society*, reports the April 18th meeting was held at their home in Thousand Oaks. Joe Estrada brought some 4" to 12" for sale, including butterflies. Mike Przewoznik had a selection of koi merchandise for sale. The May 9th meeting will be hosted by David Luna and Jim Rivera and the Annual BBQ will be held on June 13th, hosted by Rick and Janet Shaw. Check their website at <http://users.vcnet.com/rrenshaw/vcks.html>