

AKCA Minutes of July 9, 2015

Officers Present:

Chair: Carole Elliott
Vice Chair: Jeff Fleischer
Secretary: Don Chandler
CFO:

Directors Present:

Gordon Chibana

Guests:

Ally Chibana

Board Highlights:

- ✚ Clubs may request boxes of past issues of KOI USA (not for resale) for free – pay only for shipping.
- ✚ **We need assistance with fundraising for PROJECT KHV. Anyone interested, please contact Chair Jerry Kyle or your local Board member!**
- ✚ Is there a club who would like to host the 2017 AKCA Wet Lab/Business meeting? Each year, the host club has made money for their club.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carole Elliott at 5:38 pm.

MINUTES: **Motion:** To approve the minutes of June 11th. Motion by Don, 2nd by Jeff.
Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIALS: We went over the Statements at a Glance report for June; We had a net loss of \$3,096.43. AKCA had a net loss of \$7,123.49 for the year.

SCIENTIFIC/KHA: Julie reported we had 11 KHA students graduate (4 from the Camellia club) at the Wet Lab last month. Congratulations to all those who graduated! Julie asked that they please keep in touch; she will send out a class roster. There are another 13-14 in the program who have yet to graduate. Julie sent out an email to all in the class and has found areas where we can do better. She has a new email address so that she can be reached more easily:
juliemiller008@gmail.com.

PROJECT KHV: Jerry Kyle reported on his trip to Corvallis, OR, to meet with the research veterinarians at Oregon State University, which had positive results. We learned that OSU has made excellent use of the AKCA grant money with huge gains in learning more about latent KHV. They can now detect latent KHV and, at his urging, submitted a Grant Application to continue studies with an ultimate goal of controlling the KHV problem. It was AKCA Grants that made much of the latest gains in KHV knowledge possible and it deserves to be AKCA support that shares in the honor of the next step. A request was presented to the AKCA Board

who approved and presented a signed two year Grant Contract for \$30,040.00 to Dr. Aimee Reed from OSU at the June AKCA Annual Business Meeting. The revelations of the results of the OSU Lab Studies were presented at the KHA Wet Lab by Dr. Reed making it one of the most interesting KHA Wet Labs in years and putting the KHV Project in the spotlight that it deserves due to the efforts AKCA supporters have given it and helped raise money for it over the years. We will need to start fundraising with our remaining slates and club outreach.

PUBLICATION: Don reported that the magazine is late due to problems with the special cover that required a special dye for the foil stamp and a special background. In addition, the roof caved in at the printer while the cover was being printed. The cover is very special to commemorate the magazine's 40th year. Last year was the first time in many years that the magazine made a profit and KOI USA will make a \$1,000 donation to its parent AKCA, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP: Don reported that 76 of the 78 clubs have renewed their membership. He will continue to try and reach the other two clubs.

JUDGING: Larry Christiansen reported Chai T. (ZNA Judge) has agreed to lend a hand at a joint training exercise to be held sometime next year.

RISK MANAGEMENT: We enrolled 13 clubs in our Premium Liability coverage last month. Another club said they are sending in a check for insurance (Michigan K&PC). We already have 20 clubs signed up for this year; this insurance covers koi shows, pond tours, and auctions.

BOOKSTORE: We made \$2170 in sales last month, including the Web Lab in Sacramento.

SPEAKER'S GRANT: Mel Barutha, of the South Carolina K&WGS, said that he will be submitting reimbursement of \$211.91 (\$250 is the maximum). We will be holding the next grant drawing in September.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: None.

SEMINAR REPORTS:

2015 Seminar: We had a great turnout with speakers Dr. Nick Saint-Erne and Dr. Aimee Reed. Julie Miller presented certificates to the students who graduated. We had net income of \$7,847.64 and total expenses of \$6,525.66; after expenses, we had a net profit of \$1,321.98. Half of the proceeds from the raffle and auction (excepting the KHV slate) went to the host club, Camellia, for \$887.50. The \$800 received for the KHV slate went entirely to Project KHV. A big ThankYou to Jean Jahr, Jerry Kyle and the entire Camellia club for hosting a great Wet Lab/Business Meeting. All of the new AKCA officers were in attendance and were installed. Steve Walker, of Sacramento Koi, was the keynote speaker. The banquet was delicious!

2016 Seminar: This will be held in Cedar Falls, Iowa. On Sunday afternoon, there will be a tour of Kloubek Koi Farm. Claude and Diane Head are heading up the committee. They have a beautiful 2016 Wet Lab poster which they have taken to several events in the Midwest, spreading the word about the Wet Lab as well as the opportunity to visit Kloubek Koi.

2017 Seminar: We are still looking for a club to host the 2017 Wet Lab/Business meeting. We would like to have this firmed up by September because of finding a hotel.

PROXY CALLS FOR AUGUST

- ✚ 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?
- ✚ Is your club interested in hosting the 2017 AKCA Business Meeting/Wet Lab?

UPCOMING AKCA ANNUAL CALENDAR EVENTS FOR AUGUST

- ✚ Perform annual bookstore inventory

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Motion by Don, 2nd by Jeff. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Don Chandler, Secretary

REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTS:

Written report submitted by Carole Elliott: Jackie Allsup, of **Eastern Iowa PS**, said they recently met at the home of Linda and Tim Nolan. Their guest speaker was the nationally known Gary Whittenbaugh. He is an expert on conifers; dwarf and large. He gave them all kinds of great plants for around the pond and in rock gardens. He even planted up a pot of dwarf plants to present to their hostess. The pot luck was enjoyed by all and they actually had a break from the every other day rain they've been having. Jackie Allsup, of **Northern Iowa P&KC**, said they met at the home of Kay and Dave Bern. Being Master Gardeners, their yard and pond are always a treat to walk around in. They had their first "hands on" project. The guys mixed up cement, while the ladies made stepping stones and decorated them. A fun project for all. A pot luck also was featured, which is always everyone's favorite. Ralph Smith, of **Southwest K&PA**, said their last meeting was held at the home of Kevin and Sandra Piper. Kevin conducted a yard tour and discussed his exotic landscaping. Don Harrawood talked on "What determines the quality of Koi." SLAPA would like to welcome new member Dr. Luzette Suau, DVM, who has volunteered to represent their club in veterinary medicine. Jan Jordan, of **Mid-Columbia**

K&PC, said they had to cancel their June meeting due to the extreme triple digit heat. The hosts, Robert & Norlene Schuyler didn't feel they could fit 2 dozen folks into their small living room. The next social meeting will be July 18th at the home of Frank & Beverly Aiello; they are hoping the heat wave will be over. August 1st finds them at the home of the club's VP, Jisica Watkins, and her husband Randy. Again, they are hoping the weather cooperates. Stephen Dumas, of **North Texas WGS**, said they are winding down from their busy spring. Their upcoming event will be the fall clean out at the Texas discovery garden in Fair Park, Dallas in September. Date is yet to be determined. For more information about them and any upcoming events, please see their website at <http://ntwgs.org/>. Jerry Woodbury, of **Miami Valley WGS**, said this month they are working with the Dayton Koi Club to have a Private Pond Tour on July 25/26th. Their meeting will be held at Secret Garden in Waynesville, Ohio. Gary Elmore, of **Atlanta KC**, said their semi-annual pond tour went well last month. As part of their package deal, any ticket buyer for the pond tour becomes a member for the remainder of the year. Not everyone will renew come January but many have with past tours. Summer social to be held in two weeks. Instead of a Sunday afternoon business meeting they have a Saturday night "social." Show dates have been changed from the first week of September to the second weekend in October. They have moved the show to the local county fairgrounds in an attempt to draw more people. It will be inside, air conditioned which is something they have not had in the past. Details are on their website at: www.atlantakoiclub.org. Everyone (including several clubs from the Carolinas) is heading to a two-day event at the Koi Store in Watkinsville, GA. Open house on Saturday and auction on Sunday. Gary & Debbie Floyd, of **Amarillo KS**, said they had quite a month in June. The club has no activities planned at this time. Debbie has been trying to revive Texas Association of Pond Societies. They will most likely get together late this summer in the Dallas Area and plan a state wide convention for next year. May was one of the wettest years on record for Amarillo and for Texas. They had over 12" of rain. Not much got done in May. June has not been as wet but they did get some rain. They have had rain for the last two nights for about ¾" of rain. Christine Wilkolaski, of **Niagara Frontier K&PC**, said that June was a busy month. The club was present for Lily Fest at Bergens Water Gardens helping the Genesee Valley Club and with their own koi show at Abordales nursery. Koi were shown by members. Various speakers from the water quality, water features, orchids, and bonsai. The auction went well. Awards will be given out at the July meeting. In July, they prepare for the pond tour in the Northtowns. They have 6 ponds and one vendor on tour. The date is August 1st. The club will be represented by one member as a guest speaker for the tropical fish club of Erie County this month. Busy summer in New York! Carole tried but was unable to reach: **Hawaii Goldfish & Carp; Puget Sound; Canada KC of British Columbia; WGC of South Texas; South Carolina K&WGS; Central Alabama K&WGS; and Piedmont K&WGS.**

Written report submitted by Joan Finnegan: **So Cal Koi Club** held their July meeting at Andrew's Koi International. Andy spoke about judging kohaku. It was a very informative meeting that all enjoyed. Andy also discussed koi food and the types to purchase during various times of the year. Norm Call, of **Oregon K&WGS**, said they just had their 14th Annual Show June 13 & 14th. This was Galen's last show to judge. They awarded the "Ed Fujimoto Inspirational Award" to Donna Montoya. Their next meeting will be

at Donna Montoya's home where they will have a BBQ and do some planning for their show for next year. Larry & Pat Christensen, of **Northwest K&GFC-ZNA Northwest**, said they held their growout this last month; very successful. They had a good turnout at the PNKCA in Spokane, WA last month.

Written report submitted by Bob Finnegan: David Muraoka, of **Sierra KC**, said they have no current plans to meet. Marilyn Strange, of **Indiana K&WGC**, said they just had their annual club pond tour and vendor exhibit in June; it was a great success! They will have their meetings at their members' homes from July through October. They will be in Ft. Wayne this month and they have 2 speakers. One will talk about "Plant Material and Natural Filtration" and Ryan, from Country View Nursery, will talk about unusual plants that he carries at his store. They have several new members and their club continues to grow! Ken Houtman, **Great Ponds & Koi Society of West Michigan**, reports our last meeting was pond-side at Mike and Dana's home. Great looking garden area. Our upcoming August meeting will be at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park at 3 in the afternoon. We will visit and have a tour of, "THE RICHARD & HELEN DE VOS JAPANESE GARDEN." The garden was designed and constructed by master garden designer Hoichi Kurisu and his team at Kurisu International, Portland, OR. It is 8 acres of plants, waterfalls and ponds. Our tour guide will be Greg Afman, Lead Horticulturist for the Gardens. In the past we have helped with stocking Koi in the FMGSP waterfall sculpture pond. October is our photo "Koi Show." Get your pictures ready while the weather is good. We are still considering a display at the Home and Garden Show next Spring.

Bob was unable to reach **Gulf Coast KS**; **Northern Nevada PC**; **North Florida KC**; **Olympic K,GF&WGC**; and **ZNA Potomac Chapter KC**.

Written report submitted by Don Chandler: William Williams, of **Bakersfield Koi & WGS**, reports their 16th Annual Golden Empire Koi Show will be held Oct 16-18 at the Kern County Fairgrounds. Contact Ron Unruh, Show Chairman, at secretary@bkwgs.com for details. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.bkwgs.com/>. Susan Topping, of **Capital Area K&WGC**, reports the club will meet at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids on Sunday, July 19, and the club will pay for admittance! A great time should be had by all. Check out the club's web site at <http://capitalareakoiclub.org>. Terrie Kaufman, of **Cascade Koi & GFC**; no report. Rosimeri Tran, of **Central California Koi Society**, reports she and her daughter attended the AKCA Wet Lab in Sacramento in June then returned to gear up preparations for the club's 37th Annual Koi Show which be held Sep 26 & 27 at Fig Village Shopping Center in Fresno. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cencalkoi.com>. James McAdams, of **Deep South Koi & Pond Society**, reports the July 26th club meeting was scheduled for the home of James & Linda McAdams. The August 23rd meeting will be at the Ornamental Pond Fish Farm. Check out their website at <http://www.deepsouthkoi.org>. Doug Stuber, of the **First Coast Koi Club**; no report. Denis G. Monefeldt, of **Genesee Valley Pond & Koi Club**; no report. Sue Boydston, of **Idaho Koi & WGS**, reports their Annual Koi and Goldfish Show will be held August 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out their website at <http://www.iwgks.org>. Diana Lynn Rehn, of **Inland Empire WG&KS**, reports their meeting was scheduled for Sat July 25 at the home of Scott & Kathy Rollins. Check out their website at <http://www.iewgks.org>. Mac McClain, from **Inland Koi Society**, reports the club's net proceeds from the auction were \$4,626.92. They had an excellent

turnout for the meeting at the Hunters despite the distance and the heat; 58 mastered the mountain, including some special visitors. Amazing landscape changes and filtration changes! Mark Krakower made this his last meeting, as he and Fran planned to leave Wednesday, July 8, for a new home in Florida. Also received & accepted the resignation from the Board of Dennis Lynaugh due to health issues. Mark and Dennis are both Past Presidents; each served many years on the Board and chaired a Pond Tour - Mark in 2008 and Dennis in 2010. Both will be missed. Elections are coming again in November; nominating committee will begin searching for candidates in September. Who is willing to jump in and get their feet wet? The July meeting has been cancelled and the Aug meeting will be held at the Japanese Friendship Garden, Balboa Park, San Diego. Check out their website at <http://www.inlandkoiociety.org>. Mike Poynor, of **Koi Club of San Diego**, reports the July 12th meeting was held at the home of Nurullah and Azra Ansari in Mira Mesa. His state-of-the-art filtration system features a Norm Walsh Bridgeway Koi Profi Drum mechanical filter with Pro-drum connect control, 3 Pentair 3hp programmable pumps, a Zapp Pure 100 watt UV sterilizer, a multi-cyclone particle filter, a giant Aqua UV Bubble Bead, and an 80 liter Hakko air pump that services a 130 cubic feet bio-ball chamber. He has also created a hand crafted automatic feeder that allows the fish to feed themselves by bumping their noses on a trigger. All waste water is sent to their garden where they grow all sorts of exotic fruits and vegetables. His isolation/quarantine tank also provides a source for his hydroponic garden. Check out their website at <https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org>. Dan Chevalier, of **Land of Lincoln WG&KS**, reports their topic was Building a Waterfall for a Small Pond at the June 25th meeting at Douglas Ave. Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL. Speaker Darrell Vesling shared his experiences and tips on building a waterfall for a small backyard pond. Darrell is a member of LLWGKS and has been working and enjoying his own water garden for several years. Check out their website at <http://www.llwgs.org>. Bernard Nesmith, of **Low Country Koi Club**, reports it is proud to present their 2015, 3rd Annual Koi Forum, to be hosted on Saturday, August 8th, at Wescott Park. This year's forum is intended to reduce the anxiety associated with putting in and maintaining a pond. As hobbyists, we find that although many are excited about the idea of having a pond and koi in their own backyards, they are overwhelmed by the process of getting there. Our guest speakers are: Chris Deer, from Tideline Aquatics, in Charleston, SC; Kevin Colopy, from Happy Koi of Greenville, in Greenville, SC; and Vicki Vaughan, from The Koi Store, in Watkinsville, GA. Topics will range from basic things to consider when designing your pond and how to build a pond, to aspects of maintaining and enjoying a pond, such as water quality, water plants, filtration (to include hydroponics/aquaponics), and fish health. Check out their website at <http://www.lowcountrykoiclub.com>. Rick Paul, of **Macon Water Garden & Koi Club**, reports he's no longer the club President. The new President is Gene Moore. The club didn't meet in June or July, but it will start up again in August. Dennis Long, of **Metro-Detroit Pond & Garden Club**, reports the July meeting was scheduled to be at his home on the 20th and the club's Pond Tour is scheduled for the 25th. The August meeting location has yet to be determined. Check out their website at <http://metrodetroitpondandgardenclub.org>. John Rae, of **Michigan Koi & Pond Club SE**; no report. Jo Mead, of **Mid-Atlantic Koi Club**, reports the MAKC Club elections were held on Sunday June 14, 2015, in Lynbrook, New York. The results are as follows: President: Joann Mead; Vice-President: Herb Ehrich; Secretary: Still have an opening if

anyone is interested; Treasurer: Anthony Vitale; Long Island Chapter VP: Bruce Levine; North Chapter VP: Herb Ehrich; South Chapter VP: Alan Mickelson; Central Chapter VP: Bruce Damme. Check out their website at <http://www.makc.com>. Adra Ross, of **Monterey Bay Koi & Pond Club**; no report. Judith Henderson, of **Mountain View Koi Club**; no report. Carole Boozer, of **Nashville Pond Society**, reports their upcoming Parade of Ponds will be held on August 1st & 2nd. Check out their website at <http://www.nashvillepondsociety.org>. Dick Thomas, of **Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Club**, reports on June 25 in Lafayette, IN the club held its Spring Meeting at the home of Club President & ZNA US District Chair Dick Thomas. Club members from all over the Midwest (Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, and Louisville) attended. Check out their website at <http://www.nmzna.net/index.html>. Phyllis Anderson, of **North Idaho Koi Keepers**; no report. Lynn Eaton, of **Pioneer Valley Water Garden and Koi Club**, reports the club will be holding their 22nd Annual Self Guided Pond Tour on July 11th & 12th come rain or come shine. Check out their website at <http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/meetings.html>. Dorothy Connors, of **Rhode Island & Massachusetts Koi Club**; no report. Don Chamberlain, of **Santa Clara Valley K&WGC**, reports that unfortunately their 24th Annual Pond Tour, scheduled for Saturday, July 18th, has been cancelled. If we get some rain later this year, they hope to hold a Tour in 2016. Check out their website at <http://www.sckoi.com>. Judy Nicholson, of **Santa Clarita Koi & WG Club**, reports their meeting was held at the home of a member Jim Thirkettle of Kettle Koi Farm in Piru. The Club's annual Koi Growth Contest for 2015 will begin after this meeting. The before and after photos of the 2014 Koi Growth Contest koi were displayed the winners for Best of Show and Most Growth were announced. The koi that won the most growth grew 8 ¼ inches, a significant increase. The young koi for the 2015 growth contest are Gin Rin Kohaku and Sanke koi. The meeting adjourned for the lottery selection of the koi for the growth contest. Check out their website at http://www.scvkoiandwatergardenclub.com/SCV_Koi/Welcome.html. Renee Ottzman, of **Shasta K&WGC**, reports the club met at John Watkins home on Saturday, July 18th. John has a lovely home on the river, and a spectacular collection of koi. We enjoyed talking and viewing his front pond, which sits at the entrance to his home. The front pond contains large mature koi, some of which we recognized had been winners at our 2014 Shasta Koi Show. Then we retired to the back of his home, which overlooks the scenic Sacramento River. We spent another good amount of time enjoying his back pond, which is home to his current crop of show koi. We saw the beautiful Kohaku which was awarded Mature Champion at the 2015 ZNA NorCal Show, and admired the other fish as well. There was a monstrous Ginrin Chagoi, which John explained that he bought as a fingerling from Tom Lai at Champion Koi in San Jose. We eventually sat in the living room and John shared his experiences at the most recent AKCA Wet Lab, which was held in Sacramento in June. John also showed us his koi-care tray, which holds all of his water testing equipment and a log for writing down water quality readings and treatments. He also shared with us three new products he had recently purchased and was trying out on his back pond. "Healthy Up" is a food supplement that John adds to the sweet potatoes he feeds his fish daily. "Mineral Plus" and "Filter Sand and" are added to his bakki shower weekly, and contain minerals and bacteria to improve water quality. These three products are made by Shinsuke Koi Products and distributed by Pan Intercorp in Seattle. After a brief discussion of caring for koi in the current water crises, and some refreshments, the meeting ended. Check out their website at

<http://www.shastakoiclub.com>. Lois Rosmarin, of ***Siskiyou Koi & Pond Club***; no report. Steve Metzler, of ***St. Louis Water Gardening Society***, reports Rick and Pam Jokerst, Steve Metzler, Pat Tosie, Sherry Nelms and Dave Stahre journeyed to the Louisville Koi Show and had a great time. Rick & Pam even won Baby Champion! On July 28th the meeting will feature the "Milstadt Mega-Project" presented by Josh Bauer. This is on the last Tuesday of July. Check out their website at <http://www.saintlouiswatergardeningociety.org>. John Lentzis, of ***Tri-State ZNA Club***, reports the club has scheduled its 4th Annual Show for July 10-12th at Kodama Koi Gardens. Check out their website at <http://tristateznakoi.com>. Dick Hadley, of ***Upper Midwest Koi Club***, reports on June 6 we held a koi auction at Bachman's Nursery, where we hold our annual show. We auctioned off over 70 bags of koi and raised \$4,000 for the club. We were aided by the efforts of a real auctioneer who added entertainment value as well as speeded up the process. We were pleased. On June 13 we had our monthly club meeting. It was held at a member's house who lives quite a ways out of town. Attendance was sparse as we talked about getting koi ready for a show. Joe Retterach, Michelle Gravenish, and Dick Hadley went to the Chicago MPKS show the end of June. Joe and Dick came back with some trophies and we all had a great time mixing with the Chicago club members. Our next club meeting is next Saturday as we get ready for our show on August 1 and 2. Check their website at www.uppermidwestkoiclub.org. Nancy J. Moore, of ***Washington Koi & WGS***, reports our club is holding its annual pond tour on July 11th, which involves a road trip north to Skagit County, and the wonderful ponds of Fred and Kathleen Stark, Bill Putnam, and Dan and Julie Forkan. So we will be seeing ponds in Mount Vernon, WA and Anacortes, WA. As well, there is a wonderful garden store, Christenson's Nursery out of Mount Vernon, as well as a Greenhouse Supply Store, Charley's, and a batch of great restaurants for either lunch or dinner as part of the day's events. We are very much looking forward to seeing these ponds that would not normally be on our pond tour, as they are so far away from the core residences of our members. Plans continue for our 24th Annual Koi Show on Sept. 19-20 at Sky Nursery. Our show artist, Patti Magee, of PattiGrafix, loved our show poster and pins, when she saw them in Spokane, WA at our regional PNKCA conference last month. New PNKCA officers include two of our own members: Chris Charbonneau as Chair, and Sue Boydston as Vice Chair. We had three members receive their Certified Koi Keeper certificates from Koi Organisation International: Steve Hodgins, Jorn Beam, and Monte McQuade. At the wet lab, we had 7 participants from our club, and Spokane is a long drive from the Seattle area! We invite the AKCA Board to come attend our Show in September. I have been very busy as a Koi Health Advisor/Certified Koi Keeper....lots of parasite issues, water quality issues, newbies in the area. It is amazing to me that people would have fish, but would not have the needed equipment to take care of them. Proper food, test kits, nets, pans, etc. So I am making lots of suggestions. Hard to imagine that they would have horses, but no corral, reins, saddles, hay, etc., or a vet at the ready. Check their website at <http://washingtonkoi.org>. Dinh Nguyen, of ***ZNA NorCal***, reports on June 6 we held a Young Koi Show with 14 tanks and some very tough competition. The 2016 ZNA NorCal Koi Show is now set for April 2 & 3, 2016. Check our website for updates and follow ZNA NorCal on Facebook for updates. Work is underway to line up sponsors and vendors. A number of tanks have already been reserved and it looks like we'll have very high quality competition again next year. Check their website at <https://www.facebook.com/.../ZNA-NorCal-Koi->

[Club/114370775244634](http://114370775244634). Jeff Fleischer, of **ZNA SoCal**, reports the June 28th meeting was held at the CDM Community Youth Center in Corona Del Mar. Training topic was Ancestry.com for Koi. LOL. The July meeting will be held at Jeff's newly purchased home in the Valley where members can help him plan where his ponds will go. Check their website at <http://znasocal.org>.

Written report submitted by Brenda Chandler: Jerry Kyle, of **Camellia Koi Club**, reports it is with great pride that the Camellia Koi Club reports it again hosted the AKCA Annual Business Meeting in June of this year. The AKCA – Koi Health Advisor Certification Program Annual Wet Lab is the final step in the KHA Certification Classes and was coupled with the annual meeting. CKC had 5 students officially presented with certification certificates and all were notified that another CKC student's certificate is only one short test away. This will again make the CKC have the most Certified KHAs of any AKCA member club. In 2003 the CKC was number one with 8 KHA certified members and with the reinstallation of the KHA Program classes CKC will have 7 current KHAs and be number one again. Access to these active KHAs will be of great value to new koi keepers joining this growing club in the Sacramento Valley area. Check out their website at <http://www.camelliakoi.org>. Wendell Ford, of **Charleston Showa Koi Club**, reports the meeting was held at Johnnie Smith's house and there were 15 members present. Linda called the meeting to order in Rod's absence. Linda said the club got a thank you letter from Carol Beyer's mother. Linda also let us know that we lost another former club member, Ti Hanley, who died recently. Susan gave a talk on preparing your pond for a hurricane. The club picked July 18th to go to the koi farm in Estill. We will meet at the Carolina Koi Farm at 8 a.m. and caravan up. Check out their website at <http://www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org>. Ben Soedjono, of **Dallas Koi Kichi Group**, reports the club will hold their 13th Annual Koi and Fancy Goldfish Show on October 2-4. Check out their website at <http://www.dallaskoikichi.org>. Mike Lane, of **High Desert Koi Fanciers**, reports in lieu of a regular July meeting, the club will meet in Palmdale at the home of Gary and Karla Haggai for a Hawaiian Nights Party instead. Check out their website at <http://www.hdkoifanciers.com>. Brenda Chandler, of **Nishiki Koi Club**, reports the club met at the home of Gordon and Ally Chibana for a Pot Luck lunch; the Chibanas provided hot dogs and chili and the members brought the sides. Jeff Fleischer gave an excellent presentation on building a homemade shower filter using inexpensive parts. He demonstrated using one of his, then auctioned it off - with the proceeds going to the club's treasury. Nice! Check out their website at <http://www.nishikikoiclub.com>. Claude Head, of **North East Iowa Koi Association**, reports the club continues to plan for the Wet Lab in June 2016. Congrats to all graduates of 2015 class in Sacramento. Our meeting tonight will be a cookout at Gary and Sandys' party building. Also, a video of the MPKS KOI SHOW last weekend. Need a refreshing break? Attend a koi show this summer. We returned home with three first place ribbons and one Best in Class Plaque for Showa. Memories are made of this! Check out their website at <http://www.neikakoiassoc.com/index.html>. Vincent Smith, of **Prairieland Koi & Pond Society**, reports their July meeting is scheduled for the 11th at the Routely's residence in Peoria. Willie Hofstetter will be discussing aquatic plants. Check out their website at http://prairieland_pond.tripod.com. Laura Lunsford, of **Rocky Mountain Koi Club**, reports their Pond Tour is scheduled for July 18th from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A picnic will be held starting at

5:00 p.m. at the last pond on the tour. All RMKC and CWGS members are welcome. This year, we are coordinating our tour with the [Colorado Water Garden Society](#). The tour will feature ponds from the Colorado Water Garden Society and the Rocky Mountain Koi Club in the north metro area. Our annual tour is self-guided. The ponds can be visited in any order however we have tried to arrange the tour maps in a convenient way so you can follow them in order no matter where you start. The tour is from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please respect these time limits and only visit homes between these hours. Check out their website at <http://www.rmkc.net>. Phil Goulding, of ***Southern Colorado Koi Club***, reports the June meeting was cancelled. The July 11th meeting was at the pond of Richard Brownfield who has a new pond with a fantastic filtration system. Phil cooked up an education presentation as well. Check out their website at <http://www.socokoi.org>. David Yee, of ***Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.***, reports their meeting is scheduled for July 25th. Pond viewing at 1:30 and meeting starts at 2 p.m. Check their website at <http://www.vskc.net>. Mary Oxman, of ***Ventura County Koi Society***, reports their July meeting has been rescheduled to July 25th at 2 p.m. at the home of Gary and Denice Stouffer in Newbury Park. Saturday's weather shows that Murphy's Law lives on! It rained a couple of brief stints in the morning, and then, just about the time we would have started our meeting, it poured and gave us a lightning show! Our wonderful hosts, Gary and Denise, have agreed to have the meeting this Saturday, July 25th, at the same time. And we have an added bonus! Mike Przewoznik just returned from the AKCA wet lab and will be talking with us about what he has learned. Also he will update us on the KHV virus. He will be bring for sale some decorative koi items and he will be donating items for a raffle. We hope to see all of you! Check their website at <http://users.vcnet.com/rrenshaw/vcks.html>.