

## AKCA Minutes of June 11, 2015

### Officers Present:

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

### Directors Present:

Ally Cunningham  
Gordon Chibana  
Jeff Fleischer

### Guests:

Ally Chibana

### Board Highlights:

*Our thanks and gratitude go to retiring Bob and Joan Finnegan for starting, supervising and promoting AKCA, the AKCA Judges Program, and KOI USA magazine for 40 years. These are indeed BIG shoes to fill!*

- ✚ Would current KHAs please contact Julie Miller at: [jam1150@hotmail.com](mailto:jam1150@hotmail.com)
- ✚ Clubs may request boxes of past issues of KOI USA, not for resale, for free (just pay for shipping)
- ✚ It is with a heavy heart we report the recent passing of Head Judge, Tom Ayers, of Southern Arizona. He will be greatly missed!
- ✚ The AKCA Judges award has been renamed the “Tom Ayers Inspirational Award”
- ✚ Larry Christensen, assisted by Garry Chin, will be chairing the Judging Committee
- ✚ The recommended Slate of Officers for 2015-2016 was voted upon and approved; Carole Elliott – Chairperson; Jeff Fleischer – Vice Chairperson; Don Chandler – Secretary; and, Brenda Chandler – CFO. Congratulations!
- ✚ **AKCA club dues are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Finnegan at 6:10 pm.

MINUTES: **Motion:** To approve the minutes of May 7th. Motion by Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda.  
**Approved.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIALS: From Brenda’s Statements at a Glance report: We had a net gain for the month of \$2,320.97 on all accounts. For the checking account, we ended up with a positive checking account of \$1,862.16 for May.

SCIENTIFIC/KHA: Julie put in for reimbursement of \$77.64 for expenses (ink, paper, certificates). Julie told Brenda that as many as 15 KHAs could graduate next week (and 11 for sure). Job Well Done, Julie!

**PROJECT KHV:** Jerry reported: He has personally visited Oregon State University and has been brought up to date by Dr. Tim Miller-Moran DVM, Dr. Ling Jin, DVM, and Dr. Aimee Reed, DVM, on the substantial gains in KHV knowledge the OSU Research Facility Team has accomplished with the help and financial grants from AKCA. The potential to beat this KHV problem is far reaching and excited him to help negotiate a fourth Grant Contract between Oregon State University and AKCA so we both can continue what we have begun. Acceptance of this agreement will further AKCA's mission as a 501 (c) 3 and excite the AKCA KHA Program who focus on koi health issues and the husbandry involved. OSU is requesting a 2 year Grant for \$30,000. With the last grant, they found that white B cells were where KHV hides (it goes latent *inside* the body's defense system). We went over what they want to do with the new grant. **Their goals are to be able to block reactivation and to develop new tests for latent KHV.** While we don't have sufficient funds in hand to pay for the grant at this time, we felt that we would be able to come up with the additional funds by auctioning off our remaining Peter Enfield slates and resuming KHV fund raising activities. **Motion:** To approve the request from OSU for a grant of \$30,000 to be paid off in the next 2 years. Motion by Don, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. **Approved.** Hobbyists interested in getting involved with national AKCA KHV fund raising activities should contact their local board member ASAP. Thank you!

**PUBLICATION:** Don reported that the committee met prior to the AKCA meeting. Bob Payne announced that he is deep into the 40.1 issue which should be mailed by the first week in July. A BIG thank you to Ron who hooked up with 2 dealers who will take 5,000 magazines each (from old issues in storage at American Web) and distribute them overseas. They will be paying for the shipping! We had 136 orders (new and renewal) last month; that's \$3000 more than in March. We haven't had a month this big in over 2 years. It was reported that there are only 4 advertisers in arrears; we collected just under \$20,000. We are also up \$3,815 for the month.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Don reported that 51 out of 78 clubs have paid so far; 27 still have until **July 1<sup>st</sup>** before an additional \$50 fee will be imposed in order to be reinstated as an AKCA member club in good standing. Don went over those clubs that needed to be contacted that have not yet submitted their yearly dues.

**JUDGING:** It is with much sadness we report the passing of Head Judge Tom Ayers, of Southern Arizona. He had been in charge of the judging program until he became ill and had to go into hospice care. Garry Chin will be assisting Larry Christensen with the judging program

**RISK MANAGEMENT:** We have enrolled 26 clubs in our 2014/2015 Premium Liability program and 15 for the 2015/2016 FY already.

**BOOKSTORE:** Ron had an outstanding month; we sold over \$1,300 in merchandise (with no shows).

**SPEAKER'S GRANT:** There are two grants outstanding; the two clubs will need to submit their expense reports for reimbursement.

**KOI PERSON OF THE YEAR:** Ally Chibana will be sending out Koi Person of the Year Certificates on an “as received” basis. You can contact her at: [achibana@pacbell.net](mailto:achibana@pacbell.net).

**SLATE OF OFFICERS:** 35 ballots were received for the 2015-2016 Slate of Officers election; ballots were counted by Ally Cunningham. All officers, with one exception, were unanimously elected; there was one abstention for the position of Secretary. ***Congratulations to:*** Carole Elliott – Chairperson; Jeff Fleischer – Vice Chairperson; Don Chandler – Secretary; and, Brenda Chandler – CFO. They will be installed at the upcoming 2015 AKCA Business Meeting in Sacramento. ***Motion:*** To accept the 2015-16 Slate of Officers. Motion by Carole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon. ***Approved.***

**MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS:** Don received an email from Larry Christensen about not having his club’s upcoming koi show listed in the last KOI USA magazine in the Upcoming Events/Calendar. Last month this section shrank from 3 to 2 pages, unfortunately cutting off their show’s entry. He assured Larry that his club’s koi show will be listed in the upcoming 2 magazines. Don went over the procedure for putting together the magazine with Larry and told him he would bring up his concerns with the AKCA board.

#### **SEMINAR REPORTS:**

**2015 Seminar:** 25 KHAs have signed up so far; 15 have signed up for the Wet Lab. We have 18 non student attendees plus 10 staff members. We expect between 42-45 people to attend the Business Meeting/Wet Lab/Banquet. Brenda is in charge of contacting vendors and requesting items for the Saturday evening raffle & auction. Thus far, 14 vendors have donated to the raffle/auction. We even have one employee from UC Davis’ lab coming to attend our Wet Lab.

**2016 Seminar:** This will be held in Cedar Falls, Iowa. On Sunday afternoon, there will be a tour of Kloubec Koi Farm.

**2017 Seminar:** If your club is interested in hosting the Annual Business Meeting/Wet Lab, please contact Don Chandler.

#### **PROXY CALLS FOR JULY**

- ✚ 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 JULY**

- ✚ AKCA annual meeting report in Board meeting minutes to clubs.
- ✚ AKCA Year End financials in meeting minutes

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Motion by Carole, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 held their meeting at the home of its president, Dave Keller. They had one of their favorite speakers, Jamie Beyer, talk to the club about Bogs and the plants within. A pot luck was enjoyed by everyone. This meeting was also their annual plant and fish swap. What can be better than a meeting with one of the best speakers, good food, and free plants or fish to take home? Jackie Allsup, of **Northern Iowa P&KC**, said they had their annual fish auction during their May meeting. It was held at the home of Maria and Scott Hermann. The club also had a “Wine and Appetizer” affair, with each member bringing something to share. Prairie Landscape is a local vendor that supplied all the fish, a special thank you goes out to them. Lots of members went home with some real beauties! Ralph Smith, of **Southwest K&PA**, said they had a great meeting at Don & Nell Harrawood’s home, with a presentation by Danny Arellano of Paloma Lofts with his beautiful birds, also Ken Austin speaking on the upcoming event in Spokane, sponsored by PNKCA; he will be attending and be a guest speaker. Jan Jordan, of **Mid-Columbia K&PC**, said they had a great turn out at her house in May. About 2 dozen showed up to enjoy a potluck and companionship of those involved in the ponding hobby, even though it was Memorial Day weekend. A few of them are headed up to Spokane in Mid-June for, if not all, part of the PNKCA convention. Then at the end of June the club will meet at Norlene & Robert Schuyler’s pond for a potluck in the evening. Mel Barutha, of **South Carolina K&WGS**, said that they are having their annual pond tour on June 13<sup>th</sup>. They have 9 ponds on tour this year. They seem to have hit the monsoon season with some rain almost every day. But the ponds are ready as they had their pre-pond tour June 6<sup>th</sup>. This is for the benefit of those folks that will be busy all day greeting people on the day of the public tour as they travel from home to home to view those on tour. Once again, they have had good coverage on radio, newspapers, TV and posters placed in almost 40 locations throughout the upstate. They are hoping for another good turn out like last year. They use this program to get new membership with forms at all the homes to encourage people to join their club. It’s a busy day but there are so many folks that are so pleased to see what they can do in their yards. It’s rain or shine although the forecast is for 90 degrees and sunny. Stephen Dumas, of **North Texas WGS**, said they look forward to their annual Tour of Ponds coming June 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Their monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Jerry Woodbury, of Miami Valley WGS, said they are taking a tour for this month’s meeting of Cox Arboretum and its many beautiful gardens and putting together their

pond tour tickets for the July tour. Warren Yeow Chye Ng, of **Central Alabama K&WGS**, said they recently launched their new website: <http://www.cakawgs.org/>. The club decided no more snail mailing meeting reminders to all current members. Future meeting schedules will be posted at the website. Carole tried but was unable to reach: **Amarillo KS**; **Atlanta KC**; **Hawaii Goldfish & Carp**; **Puget Sound**; **Niagara Frontier K&PC**; **Canada KC of British Columbia**; **WGC of South Texas**; and **Piedmont K&WGS**.

**Written report submitted by Joan Finnegan**: **So Cal Koi Club** held their annual potluck/White Elephant auction at the home of Mallory Hartt in June. For July, they will be meeting at Andrew's Koi International. Andrew Moo will speak on what to look for when purchasing utsuri. Norm Call, of **Oregon K&WGS**, said they just had their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Show June 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. This was Galen's last show to judge. Their show is all over YouTube. Larry & Pat Christensen, of **Northwest K&GFC-ZNA Northwest**, said they just had a club auction and raised a few dollars for their bank account. This month is the annual club koi lottery. All Japan Koi is supplying the club with grow out koi this year. This weekend is their annual PNKCA Convention. This year Inland Empire Water Garden Club, in Spokane, is hosting the Convention. A number of NW Koi Club members will be attending. The main speakers are from K.O.I. International. They are getting ready for their annual Koi Show in September; it will be their 35<sup>th</sup> show.

**Written report submitted by Bob Finnegan**: David Muraoka, of **Sierra KC**, said they have no current plans to meet. **North Florida KC** met June 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Steve Schade & Vickie Leonard. Their club will be hosting the Jacksonville Koi Show, with the assistance of First Coast Koi Club, on Oct. 16-18<sup>th</sup>. **Northern Nevada PC** is having their pond tour July 11<sup>th</sup>. **Indiana K&WGC** had no meeting in June because their pond tour is June 13-14<sup>th</sup>; the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Koi & Water Garden Exhibit/Vendor Show at Geist Nursery. In July, they will be meeting at the home of Phil and Becky Troyer. The guest speaker will be Phil Troyer on "Plant material and Natural Filtration." Also, Ryan, who owns Country View Nursery, will talk about plant material and his business. Ken Houtman, of **Great Ponds & Koi Society of Michigan**, reports we have seen some beautiful member ponds at our meetings so far this year. The hard winter was bad on the fish but, the gardens have done quite well. Our upcoming August meeting will be at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. 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. In October we will have our photography "Koi Show." We are considering a display at the Grand Rapids Home and Garden Show next Spring.

**Written report submitted by Don Chandler**: Rosimeri Tran, of **Central California Koi Society**, reports I hope everyone will be able to join us at the June 6th joint meeting with our sister club, The Bakersfield Koi and Water-garden Society which starts at 11:00 a.m. at J.R.'s house. The club is providing tri-tip and beverages and as always we ask members to bring a potluck side

dish, which if you could give me a call and give me a head count and what you will bring that would be great. There will also be a raffle table which the club is purchasing items for, and if you would like to contribute to also, please feel free to bring a raffle item, the club and myself would be greatly appreciated. Our speaker will be Dr. Jesse Sanders from Aquatic Vet of Northern California; Dr. Sanders will do a presentation on identifying koi disease. Our 2015 koi show is only 4 months away and will be here soon so the board is busy planning out all the details, our honorable judges will be Head Judge, Larry Gill from the ZNA Norcal club and Dr. Alan Stein of the ZNA So Cal in Los Angeles area. Vendor packets have gone out and so far Sumner Avenue Watergardens and Star Milling – Ultra Balance has confirmed attendance. The show information is up on our website at [cencalkoi.com](http://cencalkoi.com) and show packets will be mailed soon. On June 20th I will be traveling to Sacramento to attend the AKCA banquet and KHA wet lab, there is still time to sign up to go if you are interested. The wet lab runs from Saturday June 20th from 8am to 4pm and ends on Sunday, June 21st from 8am – 1pm. You do not need to be a KHA to attend; the cost for attendance is \$35.00 for AKCA club members. It is a great way to learn about koi health and ways to prepare you for any problems that may arise. Being that I am a Certified KHA I will be attending assisting the KHA Director, Julie Miller with the new KHA students. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cencalkoi.com> Mac McClain, from ***Inland Koi Society***, reports "Come Celebrate the Fourth" with Phil & Rachel Hunter in Temecula on Sunday, June 28 from 2:00 ~ 5:00 PM. Phil will be grilling hotdogs while Rachel serves sodas, iced tea and lemonade. We're asked to bring all the sides to share for a Fabulous Fourth. Speaker: Norm Walsh of Bridge Way Koi. Topic: *New Ways of Filtration*. Check out their website at <http://www.inlandkoi.org>. Mike Poynor, of ***Koi Club of San Diego***, reports: April, 2015- The Steering Committee had its regular meeting and among other business, reviewed the details and financial outcomes of the "28th Annual Koi Show and Water Garden Expo" held last month at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on March 7-8, 2015. Members agreed this was one of the most successful Koi Shows, ever, and they gave the credit to Jack Chapman ("Koi Jack") as the Chair of the event who organized and motivated so many members in making the Show a big success. On April 12, Mavis Porter hosted our potluck lunch meeting at her sprawling home in Solana Beach. Her living room is one of the few homes where you can look out the big windows to the west and see the Pacific Ocean, then turning your head you can look out the windows to the east and see the distant mountains. Jack Chapman ("Koi Jack") used his Koi medical skills to present a program entitled "Spring Time/Aeromonas Alley and Koi Health" and talked about Koi and filter conditions and precautions to take with rising water temperatures. MAY, 2015- The Steering Committee had its regular meeting and among other business reviewed the new and colorful KCSD membership form developed by John Svelan, Paul Atkiss, and Jerry Myers, heard a report from Nominating Committee Chair, Tom Shay, concerning candidates for the upcoming June election, and discussed plans and details for the upcoming "*Friends of Koi Auction*." On May 16 the Club held its annual "Friends of Koi Auction" at the California Koi Farm in Fallbrook, hosted by the owner, Takemi Adachi. This was the last Club event at this location because Takemi has sold the Koi Farm property and will be moving to Japan to rejoin his father's Koi breeding businesses. Club Treasurer, Paul Atkiss, planned, organized, and chaired this event which was a big success in auctioning more than 100 beautiful Koi along with used pond equipment, and netting the Club over \$3,000.00 in revenue. On a breezy Sunday, May 17,

the Club's monthly meeting was a joint meeting between the Koi Club of San Diego and the Water Garden Society at the Chula Vista home of long time members, Al and Tamsie Pierce. President Tamsie and Al treated the Clubs to a delicious luncheon (not a potluck) of lasagna and salad, and deserts which featured a birthday cake to celebrate the birthdays of Jack Chapman (2015 Koi Show Chair) and long time member and Past President/Show Chair Bill Thompson. Long time member and one of the Club's early founders, the unforgettable Norm Meck, was honored for his lifetime of distinguished dedication to Koi and the Club. Steve Buckles received his trophy for "Koi Person Of The Year 2015" for his exceptional service to the Club during the year and for orchestrating the many tasks needed to produce the Club's 2015 Annual Koi Show. Tamsie presented the program and spoke on how to care for and cultivate water lilies, including special protective techniques if Koi swim in your water garden. JUNE, 2015- The Steering Committee of the Koi Club of San Diego (KCS D) had its regular meeting Wednesday, June 3, and among other business, congratulated Treasurer Paul Atkiss for his outstanding work as Chair of the Club's Annual "Friends of Koi Auction" held on May 16, 2015 where more than 100 prized Koi along with pond equipment were sold to the highest bidders, which raised more than \$3,000.00 for the Club. Member Bill Newell (a retired professional photographer and Koi lover) and John Svelan (Membership Chair and past KCS D President) have teamed up to do a monthly "member's pond" article in the monthly Newsletter, featuring photos and backgrounds on a different member's pond each month. The Club's monthly newsletter featured a memorial picture of the late Tom Ayers, Chair of the AKCA Judging Program, in honor of his lifetime Koi keeping contributions and many visits to our Club's Annual Koi Shows. The Club's monthly potluck luncheon meeting was hosted on a sunny afternoon on Sunday, June 14 by member Barbara Jenkins-Lee (founder/owner of Rancho De Mar Travel) and her little white dog, Snoodles, at her beautiful Solana Beach home on one acre of landscaped grounds featuring her Koi ponds, bridges, numerous patios, bonsai, and Buddha statues (one nearly six feet tall). Barbara's twenty Koi were all obtained from member Jerry Myers' "Vagabond Koi" Program which rescues and re-homes Koi. Barbara's travel agent career has taken her to many Asian destinations, and her travel souvenirs are everywhere, indoors and outdoors. By membership vote, the current officers were re-elected for another term: President, Tamsie Pierce; VP-Program, Scotty Yee; VP-Venue, Susi Woods; Secretary, Phyllis Spoor; and Treasurer, Paul Atkiss. Check out their website at <https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org>. Judy Nicholson, of **Santa Clarita Koi & WG Club**, reports the meeting was held at the home of a member. The owner described his endeavors to rid the area of a great blue heron that had discovered his pond. In addition to covering the pond with netting he is planning to run monofilament fishing line from his patio roof to the fence. Member Jim Thirkettle of Kettle Koi Farm in Fillmore announced that his website ([ketlkoifarm.com](http://ketlkoifarm.com)) is now up and running. Photos of the young koi that will be part of the Club's annual Koi Growth Contest are also on this site. The next meeting on June 28 will include announcing the winners of the 2014 Koi Growth Contest and beginning the 2015 Koi Growth Contest. Check out their website at [http://www.scvkoilandwatergardenclub.com/SCV\\_Koi/Welcome.html](http://www.scvkoilandwatergardenclub.com/SCV_Koi/Welcome.html). Nancy J. Moore, of **Washington Koi & WGS**, reports We have set the date for the Washington Koi & Water Garden Society's Pond Tour, which will be July 11<sup>th</sup>, and will involve a Road Trip to Mount Vernon and Anacortes, WA, to visit ponds at the homes of Fred and Kathleen Stark, Dan and Julie Forkan,

and Bill Putnam. Also, we have at least 7 members of our club attending the PNKCA wet lab on June 19<sup>th</sup>, part of the PNKCA Convention in Spokane, WA, with more attending the actual convention itself. Syd Mitchell, Spike Cover, Karen Pattist, and Ken Austin, of K.O.I. will be lab instructors. Club member Chris Charbonneau serves as Chair of the Pacific Northwest Koi Clubs Association this year. Our June membership meeting next week will be in Monroe, WA, at Falling Water Gardens; owner Rick Perry will be speaking about stunning garden plants that will enhance our pond sites. Members will arrive early and stroll through the gardens. Our Raffle Tickets have arrived for our Super Raffle, in connection with our 24<sup>th</sup> annual Koi Show in September: we are offering a week in Waikiki, a Sakai yearling koi, a fab garden planter, and a Patti Magee print; tickets are \$1 each. Check their website at <http://washingtonkoi.org>

**Written report submitted by Brenda Chandler:** Jerry Kyle, of **Camellia Koi Club**, reports the club is ready to host the 2015 AKCA Business Meeting, Banquet and Wet Lab later this month. Check out their website at <http://www.camelliakoi.org>. Brenda Chandler, of **Nishiki Koi Club**, reports the club met at the home of Gordon and Ally Chibana. Members held a Pot Luck and raffle and discussed ways to increase member participation. Check out their website at <http://www.nishikikoiclub.com>. Claude Head, of **North East Iowa Koi Association**, reports planning continues for hosting the 2016 AKCA Business Meeting, Banquet and Wet Lab. Claude and family attended the MPKC show and came home with several awards. Check out their website at <http://www.neikakoiassoc.com/index.html>. Phil Goulding, of **Southern Colorado Koi Club**, reports the auction is over, we're mostly cleaned up, and many of us have new fish in our ponds. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hours today, earlier in the week, and over the last couple months on the rescues. We may not have made a lot of money and we'll find out later how much we did make, but the important thing is that a lot of people went home with some beautiful fish and that should be our main goal. I saw new faces there and hope we have new members. A special thanks to Sarah for organizing us as we might have just wandered around without her guidance. Thanks to Lee Stevens for his fish wrangling and organizing the tanks, and to Ellen Simco for her auctioneering skills. I don't have a list of all the volunteers but we could not have managed this event without the help of every one of you. Every Fish found a new home and I even came home with a beautiful fish and I hadn't planned on getting any more. Thanks again for all your support for the club. I think our next event is a get together at a member's pond next month and then the pond tour on August 22nd. Check out their website at <http://www.socokoi.org>. Mary Oxman, of **Ventura County Koi Society**, reports our meeting last month at the home of David Luna and Jim Rivera was everything one could possibly want from a koi club meeting. The joy of life and love of entertaining shown by our hosts was truly contagious. What could be better than visiting with fellow koi hobbyists; dining on good food, and learning about koi behavior and nutritional needs from our most knowledgeable Ultra Balance Koi Food representative, Iva Gaglione. Iva told us how to avoid turning our koi into finicky picky eaters by staying with one well balanced diet. She said that the smell of the food attracts them first and that taste is very important-no rancid food will be tolerated! I especially want to thank Iva for taking the time to be with us and so generously giving out bags of Ultra Balance for people to try. I always enjoy the opportunity to visit with Iva and greatly appreciate the chance to ask her every question I can think of. Our ANNUAL BARBEQUE will be held Saturday, June 13th, at 4 p.m. at the home of Rick and Janet Shaw in Woodland Hills. Check their website at <http://users.vcnet.com/rrenshaw/vcks.html>.



