

AKCA Minutes of October 8, 2015

Officers Present:

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

Directors Present:

Ally Chibana
Gordon Chibana
Ally Cunningham

Guests:

Board Highlights:

- ✚ Would current KHAs please contact Julie Miller at her new email address: juliemiller008@gmail.com; also those interested in signing up for the KHA Course.
- ✚ Clubs may request boxes of past issues of KOI USA; not for resale; free except for shipping reimbursement.
- ✚ **We need assistance with fundraising for Project KHV. Anyone interested, please contact Jerry Kyle or Don Chandler!**
- ✚ KOI USA magazine will now be distributed on major newsstands including Barnes & Noble!
- ✚ Congratulations to the North East Iowa Koi Association Inc. and Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs-Southeast Chapter for winning the Speakers Grant lottery!
- ✚ Anyone interested and/or willing to make calls on behalf of AKCA to member clubs each month, please contact Don Chandler.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carole Elliott at 6:02 p.m.

MINUTES: **Motion:** To approve the minutes of September 10th with the following corrections: 1) Fundraising assistance plea should have read KHV - not KHA. 2) Meeting ended at 7:26 p.m. - not 6:26. Motion by Don, 2nd by Gordon. **Approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIALS: We went over the CFO report; beginning balance of \$84,382.56 and an ending balance of \$82,209.27 for a **net loss of \$2,173.29**. The total of all our accounts was \$102,363.48 with a net **loss of \$1,939.76** for the month. Rent for our storage unit went up.

SCIENTIFIC/KHA: Julie signed up anew member: Stacy Schadewaldt of the Rocky Mountain club. They now have 16 students. Sarah Garrison, of Southern Colorado, volunteered to help Julie as an Administrative Officer. She will send out applications, forwarding money, coordinating with Julie, etc.

PROJECT KHV: We discussed the report from Jerry: Lin Jin, DVM from OSU, reported she presented some of their recent KHV work in International Herpesvirus Workshop in Boise, Idaho (<http://www.herpesvirusworkshop.com/2015/>). It is about the new techniques that can sort the KHV infected cells from the rest of the white blood cells. AKCA is proud to be supporting the successful OSU efforts. We have made the first payment on the new grant in the amount of \$1,103.48.

PUBLICATION: Our production manager, Bob Payne, is tweeking and polishing the upcoming Nov/Dec issue, which should be ready for the first proofing the next day for Don to do more proofing; layout will be the last proofing. Ron billed early on the Nov/Dec issue and has already collected over \$6,000. We have only one outstanding advertiser in arrears.

MEMBERSHIP: We currently have 77 member clubs. Ally & Gordon Chibana are moving to Texas and we will have to reassign their clubs to others even though we just went through the process of updating club proxies. Sorry. Anyone interested in making calls on behalf of AKCA please contact Don.

JUDGING: Larry Christensen reported that the judges have given out 8 of the 10 Judges' Tom Ayers Inspirational Awards we recently purchased.

RISK MANAGEMENT: We now have 24 clubs enrolled. We just enrolled the North Florida club who will be hosting a koi show along with the First Coast Koi Club.

BOOKSTORE: Ron had Bookstore sales of \$1008 last month. He sold most of the goods at the Fresno show on Sunday for almost \$400.

SPEAKER'S GRANT: We had three requests for the Speaker's Grant. A drawing was held with the North East Iowa club and Michigan K&PC Southeast clubs winning. A letter will be sent out with conditions of the grant. Congratulations!

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: None

SEMINAR REPORTS:

2016 Seminar: This will be held in Cedar Falls, Iowa with everything on track.

2017 Seminar: Jerry Kyle contacted Carolyn Weiss of the Mid-Atlantic club who said that Joann Mead is interested. There weren't enough members at the last meeting so they will discuss it at the Oct. 17th meeting and get back to us.

PROXY CALLS FOR NOVEMBER

 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 NOVEMBER

- ✚ Deliver issue 3 of KOI USA

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✚ None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Motion by Don, 2nd by Jeff. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Don Chandler, Secretary

REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTS:

Written report submitted by Carole Elliott: Jackie Allsup, of **Eastern Iowa PS**, said they met at the home of Larry & Erma Thompson. They have a very nice pond in a 3 seasons room. Larry talked about some of the disadvantages of an inside pond. If you can believe there are any! A pot luck was enjoyed by everyone. Jackie Allsup, of **Northern Iowa P&KC**, said they won't meet again until the 20th; will have a report then. Ralph Smith, of **Southwest K&PA**, said that SKAPA would like to thank Ted Milliken for hosting their last meeting; they discussed this year's Pond Tour. Stephen Dumas, of **North Texas WGS**, said they had a meeting Sept. 8th at the Universal Rocks in Garland, Tx. David Muraoka, of **Sierra KC**, said that they haven't done anything as a club; they are dormant. Jerry Behlau, of the **Genesee Valley P&KC**, said they had their 8th meeting of the year at the Adams Street Recreations Center. They encouraged their members to check their web-site more frequently. They also voted for "Koi Person of the Year." Jerry also gave a presentation entitled "Winterizing Ponds, Plants, and Critters." Their Nov. 6th meeting will be held at the Adams Street Recreation Center. Their guest speaker will be Christine Wilkolaski who will do a presentation on her clubs 2015 pond tours. Gary Elmore, of **Atlanta KC**, said they are having their 21st annual koi show on Oct. 9th. All of the exhibitor tanks are rented (about 35) so they are looking forward to a good show. Corporate sponsor is the Koi Store out of Watkinsville, Ga. There will be a good number of wet and dry vendors and they have moved to the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds; it's inside and air conditioned. Head Judge is Troy Head and Dale Gingrich as Assistant Judge. Goldfish Judge is David Hardcastle. Last month they visited a new koi dealer, Grand Koi, located right outside of Atlanta. He has a great new facility and they are looking forward to working with them in the future. November will be the elections and their fall social. They rest in December and start all over again. Mel Barutha, of **South Carolina K&WGS**, said they just finished up their South Carolina Regional Koi & Goldfish Show. Their entire show was challenged by Mother Nature and they will call it a draw.

The upstate of South Carolina where they live and the show was held was battered but not beaten. They had heavy advertising to draw more visitors in with two TV station appearances; heavy ads on two radio stations and numerous newspapers throughout the state. After Joaquin storm showed up, they had two cancellations. Their banquet was fun with many surprising winners. They changed up this year to have Botan, Sakura, and Tsubaki awards giving people who do not have top Gosanke to present other great koi to win an award. Please keep many people in their state in your prayers as the rivers are slow in receding and some lower county areas are receiving another 3 to 5 inches of rain. Jerry Hames, of **Olympic KGF&WGC**, said they don't do much as a club anymore. Their members are mostly over 60 and they don't have very many of them. They have picked up 6 new members but they weren't even at their last meeting so he doesn't know how active they will be. If his health holds up, he is going to try for a couple activities next year after their club comes back from winter break. They used to have a Koi Appreciation Day where their members discussed all the aspects of having a pond, from the planning, digging, the need for bottom drains, skimmers, etc. Then it would be fun to have what use to be an Annual Pond Tour. Jon Floden, of **Gulf Coast KS**, said they will participating in the First Annual All Jacksonville Koi Show Oct. 17-18th at the Masonic Lodge in Jacksonville, Fla. Marilyn Strange, of **Indiana K&WGC**, said their club met at the home of Mike & Paulette Lewis in Indianapolis. This was their annual BBQ and everyone enjoyed Squealer's BBQ pork, rib tips, side dishes and desserts. They are working on their 20th Anniversary pond tour and elections in October. Dan Chevalier, of **Land of Lincoln WG&KS**, said that in the middle of July they held their members only pond tour. The tour featured 5 member's ponds. Ponds ranged in size from 300 gallons up to 6500 gallons with many beautiful koi and plants in full bloom. SoCal Koi Club held their Oct meeting at the home of Don & Brenda Chandler. Next month they will hold their annual Christmas Party (Nov 29th) at the Claim Jumper, which has a great banquet room with Christmas decorations and music. Carole tried but was unable to reach: **Puget Sound; WGC of South Texas; Canada KC of British Columbia; Central Alabama K&WGS; Hawaii Goldfish & Carp; Amarillo Koi Society; Niagara Frontier K&PC; Miami Valley WGS; Great Ponds & KS of West Michigan; Gulf Coast KS; Indiana K&WGC; North Texas WGS; Northern Nevada PC; North Florida KC; Piedmont K&WGS; and ZNA Potomac Chapter KC; Northwest K&GFC-ZNA Northwest; Oregon K&WGS.**

Written report submitted by Don Chandler: William Williams, of **Bakersfield Koi & WGS**, reports the club met at the home of Walter & Barbara McKinney. They have redone their pond from a liner pond to a concrete pond. They did a great job and he discussed all the upgrades done. Weather was warm but we had a productive meeting discussing the upcoming "Golden Empire Koi Show." A discussion on bacterial blooms was discussed and they also discussed Ron & Malise's (along with Mike Przewoznik's) trek to the Rocky Mountain Koi Show in Denver. The next meeting is at the home of Rowell Abella. This is a pond not seen by the club before. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.bkwgs.com/>. Georgia Lanigan, of **Cascade Koi & GFC**, reports she has taken over as AKCA Dir/Rep and will be furnishing club reports in the future. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cascadekoiandgoldfish.org>. Rosimeri Tran, of **Central California Koi Society**, reports that thanks to everyone we had a fabulous koi show, of course none of which would have happened without the support of our club members

who put in numerous hours in volunteering for setting up the show site and providing support throughout the koi show. Also thanks to our vendors for taking time out to come spend their weekend at our show. Of course thank you to all our local club member exhibitors. Plus those that traveled to Fresno to show their koi and support our club we greatly appreciate you too; some traveled more than 8 hours to come here with their koi, quite an accomplishment in support of this show, I truly appreciate your taking time from your busy schedule to come here. We had 22 tanks with a fish count of 115. Plus there were nine tanks of koi being sold by Barstow Koi, Eastern Koi, Koi Select and RNR Koi, lots of selections to choose from. On Sunday we held a koi auction with some donated koi from those very same vendors. So as we put our 2015 koi show behind us, we shall start planning for 2016, I know it will be another fabulous one! Our next club meeting is scheduled for Sat, Nov 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Ryan and Richele Kleiser, located in Clovis; please make an effort to attend as this will be our last official meeting of the year. In Dec we will have our Holiday gathering at the Winn's home. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cencalkoi.com>. James McAdams, of ***Deep South Koi & Pond Society***, reports the club will hold their election of officers in Nov and in Dec; Howard & Mary Lou Kennedy will host the club Christmas Party. Check out their website at <http://www.deepsouthkoi.org>. Doug Stuber, of the ***First Coast Koi Club***, reports the club co-hosted the First Annual All Jacksonville Koi Show on Oct 16 – 18 along with the North Florida Koi Club. Check out their website at <http://www.firstcoastkoiclub.com>. Sue Boydston, of ***Idaho Koi & WGS***, reports the club will be holding a board meeting on Nov 2 @ 6 p.m. at Idaho Pizza on Glenwood in Garden City, ID. Check out their website at <http://www.iwgks.org>. Diana Lynn Rehn, of ***Inland Empire WG&KS***, reports the club will be holding their End-of-the-Year Banquet on Sat, Nov 14th at 5 p.m. at Twigs on E. Indiana in Spokane Valley, WA. White elephant exchange, door prizes, lots of fun and great food. RSVP is required. Check out their website at <http://www.iewgks.org>. Mac McClain, from ***Inland Koi Society***, reports the Oct 25th Potluck Meeting will be held Sun from 2 – 5 p.m. at the home of Randy & Pauline McGarvey in Yucaipa; speaker will be from Van Ness Watergardens. The Nov meeting will be held on the 22nd at the Malls in Temecula. Edward-Dean Museum has asked for help with a pond clean-out in November. Steve & Laura Nyirady have been maintaining the pond there, and if this is scheduled it will be a team effort. Any interested in helping should check with them or Rob. Two Director and two Officer seats are vacant, and several appointive/volunteer jobs are available. Check out their website at <http://www.inlandkoi.org>. Scotty Yee, of ***Koi Club of San Diego***, reports the Oct meeting was at the home of Mickey & Sherry Goldman in Carlsbad. Guest speaker was Ben Plonski from Laguna Koi Ponds, whose topic was “Buying Koi in Japan.” The Nov meeting will be at the home of Vito and Nathalee Adragna in Lakeside; guest speaker will be Dr. Galen Hansen on Judging Koi. Check out their website at <https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org>. Paul Moss, of ***Lone Star Koi Club***, reports he wanted to thank Neil and Marybeth for hosting the Oct meeting. The meeting was well attended, a great turnout along with new members Mike and Jo Ann Innersrity. I gave a brief talk and gave a show and tell on the topic of bottom drains with examples of both fixed and the retro types that work very well. In addition Linda Pinder, who volunteered to become the club's Social Media Director, has established our official Facebook page. There will not be a Pond Pull in November. Dr. Nam is in the process of making improvements to the pond facilities, including automatic feeders etc. The pull will be held in the Spring of 2016. There will be no meeting in Nov and the Christmas Party and club Auction will be held at the home of Austin and Mary Freeman. Details to follow. Check out their website at <http://lonestarkoi.com>. Bernard

Nesmith, of **Low Country Koi Club**, reports the Nov meeting will be on the 8th from 2 – 4 p.m.; location to be announced. Check out their website at <http://www.lowcountrykoiclub.com>. John Rae, of **Michigan Koi & Pond Club SE**, reports members need to be prepared for a fun time with raffles, auctions, and camaraderie at the 2015 MKPC Social & Election! The 2015 Social will be held Oct 24, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. The event will be hosted at Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen, located at 1317 Coolridge Road – Troy, MI. The cost is \$25.00 per person which includes an appetizer, salad, bread, soup, pasta, 2 entrees, a dessert of your choice, 1 glass of wine, with tax and gratuity. There will be a cash bar available as well. Check out their website at <http://www.mkpc-se.com>. Adra Ross, of **Monterey Bay Koi & Pond Club**, reports on Sat, Sep 12, club members visited the new home and new pond of Julie and Dave Buttigieg. The pond features 15 mature koi, two bottom drains, two Cetuses, two Nexuses, a waterfall, a gas heater, a depth of 7.5 feet, 15,000 gallons, and is 25 feet by 14 feet. Because of unstable ground, cement walls were built with a liner placed inside. The Buttigiegs graciously hosted a question and answer session and served lunch. Check their website at <http://www.monterey-bay-koi-and-pond-club.org/Monterey-Bay-Koi-and-Pond-Club/Welcome.html>. Judith Henderson, of **Mountain View Koi Club**, reports the Oct meeting will be on the 18th at the home of Jean and Nicole Leger in Ontario at 2 p.m. It has been two years since our Constitution was signed on September 22, 2013 so that means it is election Time. All Positions Are Now Vacant: President: Verne Gilkes: Expired Vice President : (1) Jean Paul Lupien: Expired Vice President: (2) Pat Hardisty : Expired Treasurer: Paula Gilkes: Expired Secretary: Christine Morris: Resigned and position is now vacant. Daniel Shelton has been our interim secretary for this summer`s term. Check their website at <http://www.mountainviewkoiclub.com>. Don Chamberlain, of **Santa Clara Valley K&WGC**, reports their next General Meeting will be on Tues Oct 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Willow Glen Library. Speaker will be a representative for API – one of the major manufacturers fo water testing and treatment supplies. Have pond or koi issues, questions or comments? Come on down. Check out their website at <http://www.sckoi.com>. Judy Nicholson, of **Santa Clarita Koi & WG Club**, reports the meeting was held at the home of Club President Doug Sudbury. Reservations and deposits are being accepted for the Club's 9th Annual Christmas dinner to be held at a local restaurant. An optional gift exchange and/or swapping often proves to be the highlight of the evening. An auction of donated surplus pond items will be held at the Oct 24th meeting. Nominations were opened for the election of a president and secretary for 2016 and 2017. There were no new nominations from the floor. The current incumbents are willing to serve for another term. Due to the low meeting attendance, a club email notice on the election will be sent advising that nominations are open and will be voted on at the October meeting. Check out their website at http://www.scvkoilandwatergardenclub.com/SCV_Koi/Welcome.html. Rick Jokerst, of **St. Louis Water Gardening Society**, reports the Oct 20th meeting at 7 p.m. at the Missouri Botanical Garden's Ridgway Center's Beaumont Room will feature Ellen and Myron Kloubec (of Kloubec Koi Farm) speaking on Non-Gosanke Koi and Advanced Filtration. Don't forget the Annual Potluck and Election is coming up on Nov 17th. Check out their website at <http://www.saintlouiswatergardeningociety.org>. Dick Hadley, of **Upper Midwest Koi Club**, reports the last meeting of 2015 was held on Oct 3rd at the home of Michelle Gravenish. Members were excited about the Koi Acres Pond Pull and Annual Harvest on Oct 9 – 11 in Scandia, MN. Check their website at www.uppermidwestkoiclub.org. Nancy J. Moore, of **Washington Koi & WGS**, reports our 24th annual koi show at our new venue, Sky Nursery, was enjoyable and successful on multiple levels. Since the show tanks were inside, in Sky's

greenhouse, we had lovely light, did not have to rent tents, and were spared having chickens, ducks, raccoons from entering the show space (which used to happen at our Country Village site). While we had fewer entrants this year, and oddly, no size 7 fish, the koi were gorgeous and the public entranced with them. Show chairs Lorie and Don Lyman tried a new set-up, which allowed the public to be close to the perimeter of the tanks during judging. So while they couldn't interact with our judges (Jan Thompson, Steve Drake, Zak Schmidt), they could watch all the dynamics. James Nguyen won Grand, Reserve, and Junior, while Nancy Moore & Lucy Macneil won Grand Champion B. Baby Grand was awarded to Lorie Lyman's fish, Ted Baughman & Jennifer Treiberg won Mature Champion, and Karen Miller & Jorn Beam took the Young Champion Award. The Tom Ayers Judges' Award will be presented at our October meeting. We had a financially successful auction, which is our big money raiser for the club, and we sold fat little koi at our fish sales booth. Our information booth was kept busy, selling Super Raffle tickets and answering questions, primarily about koi health and pond issues. The sales area sold pins, posters, and t-shirts, all with Patti Magee's design of "The Seahorse," a koi that won our 2007 Grand Champion award. Raffle winners won a week in Waikiki, a Patti Magee print, a lovely planter, and a Sakai Fish Farm yearling kohaku. A few days before the show, at our Sep meeting, we held a plant sale, which netted \$168, to be used for the club library. We will be electing officers at our Oct 21 meeting; the slate was presented in Sep, and a few tweaks had to be made, but Nominations Committee Chair Lucy Macneil reports that the slate is complete, and we will be taking additional nominations from the floor (if there are any), and we will proceed to vote. New officers take over in Jan 2016. In Oct, serious winner James Nguyen will be discussing his evolution as a koi keeper ("I will never show fish; I will only have 3 koi"), and we will also highlight winterizing check-off points, as well as doing a quick show re-cap. Thanks to AKCA for sending copies of KOI USA, but since they arrived after our show, we will distribute them at our Oct meeting. Thanks also for the KOI USA ad in our show book, and the two subscriptions for KOI USA you gave to our auction (I was outbid). Check their website at <http://washingtonkoi.org>. Dinh Nguyen, of **ZNA NorCal**, reports the annual ZNA NorCal holiday lunch celebration for this year will be held on Sun Nov 29 at Dr. David Tran's place. ZNA NorCal invites all koi enthusiasts around the nation to attend this event as we celebrate the holidays and recognize our members that have contributed their efforts during the year. This kicks off at 11a.m. and will go to about 4:00 p.m. Holiday Lunch + Koi Harvest + Toys for Tots. Check their website at <https://www.facebook.com/zna.norcal?fref=ts>

Written report submitted by Brenda Chandler: Jerry Kyle, of **Camellia Koi Club**, reports membership continues to increase. Month after month we see new faces at Camellia Koi Club Meetings. Aug was the Annual Koi Auction for members and saw happy faces going home with beautiful new additions to their ponds. Sam is becoming well known as a Koi Rescuer at a time when the CA drought is causing some to decide not to have fish ponds. Sam is often not saving babies but large impressive koi many are willing to house. With an Ice Cream Social in Aug and Taco Salad Bar in Sep, it may be the good food and social attributes that are the big draw. Point is, CKC is well and growing in Northern California valleys and foothills. Having 5 Certified AKCA Koi Health Advisors who are dedicated and help at no cost is also a plus. Check out their website at <http://www.camelliakoi.org>. Wendell Ford, of **Charleston Showa Koi Club**, reports the Oct meeting is scheduled for the 11th at Susan Markham's house (NFI). Check out their website at <http://www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org>. Ben Soedjono, of **Dallas Koi Kichi Group**,

reports the club's 13th Annual Koi & Fancy Goldfish Show was held Oct 8 – 4 at Bass Pro Shops. Supreme Champion went to Danh Phan with an 82 cm Kohaku. Check out their website at <http://www.dallaskoikichi.org>. Brenda Chandler, of ***Nishiki Koi Club***, reports the club met on Oct 10th at the Aquaponics Farm on Vermont Street in Anaheim where they use rescue koi and tilapia to feed the aquaponics vegetables they raise, 20% of which are donated to the needy. Ally and Gordon provided hot dogs and hamburgers while members brought side dishes and desserts. Check out their website at <http://www.nishikikoiclub.com>. Claude Head, of ***North East Iowa Koi Association***, reports Fall reflections of crisp apples, pumpkin pie and cool overnights mean it is Harvest Time. A road trip to Koi Acres in Scandia, Minnesota will be on our club GPS this week-end. Always a good time and much cooler this time versus UMKC Koi show last August. Happy Fall Y'All. Check out their website at <http://www.neikakoiassoc.com/index.html>. Laura Lunsford, of ***Rocky Mountain Koi Club***, reports there was no club member meeting in Oct due to the Koi Seminar that was held on Oct 3rd. If you weren't there you missed an awesome day with Dr. Nick Saint-Erne! The Christmas Party will be held on Sat Dec 5th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Daavid and Jill Pepper's house in Aurora. Check out their website at <http://www.rmkc.net>. Debby Young, of ***Southern Arizona Koi Association***, reports their 36th Annual Koi Show will be held Nov 7 – 8 at Oro Valley Marketplace. Contact Show Chairperson Brent VanKoevering at bvankoevering@longrealty.com and check out the website at <http://www.sakoia.org/koi%20show.htm>. Phil Goulding, of ***Southern Colorado Koi Club***, reports the Oct meeting scheduled for the 7th was rescheduled to the 14th at the East Library and elections will be held. Sarah Garrison is slated to speak on pH, KH, GH, etc. The Nov Members Annual Party is scheduled for Sat the 14th starting at 6 p.m. at Phantom Canyon. Check out their website at <http://www.socokoi.org>. David Yee, of ***Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.***, reports their Holiday meeting will be on Dec 21st at the home of Lucy Ross. Check their website at <http://www.vskc.net>. Mary Oxman, of ***Ventura County Koi Society***, reports the Pirate themed Oct meeting will be on Sat the 17th at Eric Howes home in Thousand Oaks at 2 p.m. Rigging creaks and timbers groan, the smoke of cannon fire fills the air, a flash of steel, the glint of gold! There be pirates in these waters, mates, so get ready to set sail! Come one, come all, and enjoy our annual Pirate themed fall "Meetn' With The Fishes!" This 8,000-gallon concrete pond is embellished with elaborate cast concrete pattern block waterfalls and columns - all set in a lavish themed backdrop that would make any Buccaneer feel at home. Feel free to come as your favorite Scurvy Dogg! ...and remember, Dead Men Tell No Tales! Check their website at <http://users.vcnet.com/rrenshaw/vcks.html>.