

AKCA Minutes of September 10, 2015

Officers Present:

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

Directors Present:

Ally Chibana
Gordon Chibana

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 Wet Lab.
- ✚ Clubs may request boxes of past issues of KOI USA, not for resale; free except for reimbursing shipping cost.
- ✚ **We need assistance with fundraising for the KHA/Scientific Committee. Anyone interested, please contact Don Chandler!**
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ KOI USA magazine will now be distributed on major newsstands including Barnes & Noble!

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carole Elliott at 6:15 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIALS: We went over the August Statements at a Glance: Beginning checking balance of \$86,392.52; withdrawals/debits/etc. for a total of \$1,979.57; ending balance of \$84,382.56. For the Profit & Loss we had a net income of **-\$2,009.50.**

SCIENTIFIC/KHA: Julie is dealing with some concerns about timeliness with the KHA program; discussion followed. Brenda will be helping with some of the issues.

PROJECT KHV: We read the report from Jerry: He sent a progress report from Dr. Ling Jin that also talked about looking at the oxygen level and its effect on KHV reactivation during temperature ramping. It was decided we would like to take a slate to the San Diego Koi Show for fundraising for KHV; we'll have to clear it with KCSD, of course.

PUBLICATION: Don hopes to upload the Nov/Dec issue to Bob Payne (our Production Manager) before he leaves for the Fresno Koi Show on the 23rd. There were a number of kudos received re: the 40th Anniversary magazine cover.

MEMBERSHIP: Don stated that he has received 2 proxies from clubs thus far. We have 77 member clubs. Carole has taken over Bob's clubs since he has retired from all koi activities. He will be missed!

JUDGING: The Tom Ayers Inspirational Judges Award is being purchased and furnished to AKCA judges to hand out at AKCA sanctioned koi shows. Thus far, we have paid for 10 of these awards at \$50/award.

RISK MANAGEMENT: We have enrolled another club (the North Florida club out of Jacksonville, FL) which is doing a joint show with the First Coast club. We now have 24 clubs enrolled.

BOOKSTORE: Ron had an outstanding month (despite no koi shows) for a total of \$1,230 in sales.

SPEAKER'S GRANT: We will do a drawing for the Speakers Grant next month. It's not too late to email Ally Cunningham if your club is interested.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: None.

SEMINAR REPORTS:

2016 Seminar: This will be held in Cedar Falls, Iowa. All systems go.

2017 Seminar: Jerry Kyle contacted Carolyn Weiss of the Mid-Atlantic club, who passed Jerry on to JoAnn Mead. Hopefully she will realize that this will be a good bridge mender and a great positive advantage for her local club members to be able to take advantage of what KHA does for clubs. It would be a win-win for everyone. They should be giving us a final answer by the next meeting.

PROXY CALLS FOR OCTOBER

- ✚ 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 OCTOBER

- ✚ Pick two clubs for the Speakers Grant

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Motion by Don, 2nd by Brenda. **Approved**.

Respectfully submitted by,
Don Chandler, Secretary

REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTS:

Written report submitted by Carole Elliott: Jackie Allsup, of **Eastern Iowa PS**, said they haven't had a meeting since the last August report. They will meet again on the 26th of Sept. Jackie Allsup, of **Northern Iowa P&KC**, said they met last night at the home of Clyde Franklin. A pot luck was enjoyed by all. Attendance has really been outstanding at all the recent meetings. They talked about such products as ion generators, algae fix, and the proper use of UV lights. Jackie gave a presentation of filters for your pond and the many different types of media in them. It was a beautiful evening for a meeting outside beside the pond and fireplace. Ralph Smith, of **Southwest K&PA**, said that Josie & Gary Brown's hospitality made a great setting for their last meeting. SKAPA would like to thank Albert Martinez for his dedication as SKAPA's editor for years. Albert has asked to step down and will be missed! Ken Austin has volunteered to be SKAPA's new editor. A BIG Thanks to both Albert and Ken. Jan Jordan, of **Mid-Columbia K&PC**, said they had their fall meeting 9/5 at the home of Luann & Gene Garner in Hermiston, OR. They voted in new officers. President: Jisica Watkins; V.P. – Jan Jordan; Secretary – Barbara Gaines & Treasurer – Randy Watkins. Future events were discussed to consider what direction members would like to see the club go towards in 2016. Stephen Dumas, of **North Texas WGS**, said they will have a general meeting Sept. 8th at Universal Rocks in Garland, TX. Universal Rocks is the leading manufacturer of lightweight artificial rock decorations. Yeow Chye Ng (Warren), of **Central Alabama K&WGS**, said they will host two meetings, one on Sept. 20th at the home of Neal Schmitt, and October 18th at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Christine Wilkolaski, of **Niagara Frontier K&PC**, said the club is getting ready for the Reinstein Fall Festival 9/19. They host a tent and do sand art of aquatic animals with the kids and have a display for the adults to look at and ask questions. They even hand out packages of fish crackers and Swedish fish to the kids. They also close up the pond that they built there for the winter. Their September meeting had the "plant whisper" from Rochester, NY come and discuss plants. Bonnie Nakahara, of **Hawaii Goldfish & Carp**, said they just had their Sept. meeting this past Sunday. They had the Sakura fish food distributor for Hawaii talk about the food line and provide samples. Members will be trying the product. They also had hands on culling Kohaku for pattern. They did the first culling for this spawning at one of their earlier meetings. Another member did a presentation on a new koi pump. The club will not be doing a show this year. They are working on a fish, water plant and pond equipment sale at this year's fundraiser. Jerry Hames, of **Olympic K,GF&WGC**, said the club is not active as he would like,

but his health has turned bad so he mostly goes along with the other members. They have about 15 or so members now. They mostly just like meetings and doing what they call a round table talking about their ponds, asking and answering questions. He did insist that they learn something at each meeting or he was just going to stay home but continue to be friends with the members. They decided to start to learn the names of all the koi, mostly because it's nice to share with company to their ponds the type of fish when they usually ask. So far they are learning something each meeting these days, and have a good time with the round table. Cassie Homes, of **Gulf Coast KS**, said that Leon Sootin will be the person to contact for her club in the future. She hasn't been active due to health issues. Leo says they're having a meeting on the 20th at a new member's home in Biloxi. David Muraoka, of **Sierra KC**, said that they haven't done anything as a club. Jerry Behlau, of the **Genesee Valley P&KC**, said that he is the 2015 VP. Their treasurer, Denis Monefelt, has been handling all the communications between their club and Niagara Frontier K&PC. Ken Apol, of **Great Ponds & KS of West Michigan**, reports at the Oct. meeting we will have a slide show and discuss some of the qualities of Koi and what to look for. We will do our koi photo contest. (I hope everyone is taking pictures!) We will also do a 50/50 auction at this meeting. Our Christmas party will be on Nov. 21. We will do our annual white elephant gift exchange after dinner. That will be our last meeting for 2015. Carole tried but was unable to reach: **Puget Sound**; **WGC of South Texas**; **Amarillo Koi Society**; **Atlanta KC**; **Miami Valley WGS**; **South Carolina K&WGS**; **Indiana K&WGC**; **Northern Nevada PC**; **North Florida KC**; and **ZNA Potomac Chapter KC**.

Written report submitted by Joan Finnegan: **So Cal Koi Club** held their September meeting at the home of Steve & Susie Brasch. We discussed pond maintenance, especially during the hot summer months. Next month we will have guest speaker Mike Hernandez. Norm Call, of **Oregon K&WGS**, said they are having their Annual BBQ at the Dogwood. Larry Christensen will be their guest speaker. A nominating committee will be formed to select their 2016 Officers and the 2016 Koi Show Chair. We were unable to reach the **Northwest K&GFC-ZNA Northwest**.

Written report submitted by Ally Cunningham: Vincent Smith, of **Prairieland K&PS**, said their club continues to provide support and information for their club members for the working systems of their ponds and fish. They also make available all the needed products for upkeep of ponds and food for their fish at bulk rate prices. They have a meeting coming up in October on the 0th. Its location will be listed on their web site. In November, they will be having their annual banquet. Sheila Jackson, of **San Francisco Bay Area KC**, said the club meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at different members ponds. The club just had their annual picnic social at Sue Edwards beautiful pond. They had a bar-b-que supplied by the club. The members supplied the side dishes. They had live entertainment by Sequoia and Orenzia, and a very exciting and successful raffle. At this time, they have no events planned.

Written report submitted by Don Chandler: William Williams, of **Bakersfield Koi & WGS**, reports the club's 16th Annual Koi Show is fast approaching and will be held Oct 16-18 at the

Kern Co. Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Home Show. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.bkwgs.com/>. Rosimeri Tran, of ***Central California Koi Society***, reports the date for their 37th annual CCKS Koi Show is rapidly approaching and preparations are under way. The board still needs people to sign up for various duties before, during, and after the show, so please contact Rosimeri to sign up for a job. The board encourages all members who show fish to help with the set up and tear down. All help is greatly appreciated. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cencalkoi.com>. Mac McClain, from ***Inland Koi Society***, reports the club's Sep 27th Potluck meeting on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. will be held at the amazing home of Jack and Norma Marrin in Redlands. Come tour the gardens and enjoy the hospitality. Check out their website at <http://www.inlandkoi.org>. Scotty Yee, of ***Koi Club of San Diego***, reports the Sep 13th meeting will be held at the home of Carol Costarakis and Rolf Haas in San Diego. Guest speaker will be Spike Cover. 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 Club member who built his pond years ago and now has a couple smaller ponds, quarantine tank and other garden features. He led a group discussion on maintaining and regularly checking pond pumps to prevent a sudden breakdown that could lead to the loss of fish. Member Mike Przewoznik advised members of two koi shows/auctions in September. He will request approval from the Club Board to sponsor a "Friendship Award" at an upcoming AKCA event. The Club has received a donation of used and surplus pond filters and pumps from a local resident that has removed her pond. An itemized list of the items and their condition will be sent to the members and a Club auction/raffle will be held at the October 24 meeting. Planning is under way for the Christmas dinner to be held at a local restaurant. Check out their website at http://www.scvkoiandwatergardenclub.com/SCV_Koi/Welcome.html Nancy Moore, of ***Washington Koi & Water Garden Society***, reports reports the Plants & Desserts Membership Meeting will be held on Sep 16 at 4:25 p.m. at the Bothell Police Station. The club's 24th Annual Koi Show will be held on Sep 19-20 at Sky Nursery on Highway 99 in Shoreline. Check out their website at <http://washingtonkoi.org>. Don Chamberlain, of ***ZNA NorCal***, reports on Sunday, 8/16 we held the first of three Koi Handling events at David Trans pond. Rick Blazo displayed the proper way to net and move koi by hand. We had a great turnout and BBQ. A number of hobbyists took the opportunity to capture and move a koi from a bowl to a nearby tank. On August 29th the second seminar was held at Champion Koi in San Jose. Owner Tom Lai demonstrated a number of benching skills. Removing koi from bags, netting and bowling them in a tank, measuring and re-bagging. Again, we had a pretty good turnout. The presentation was very informative. The final seminar is scheduled for Saturday, 9/19. This event will be held at Genki Koi in San Jose. Rick and Tom will review their presentations. Kevin Pham will then go into more detail on measuring and classifying koi for a show. Finally Duke Nguyen, a well known and experienced hobbyist will present the hobbyists' viewpoint. To attract as many people as possible, Kevin is sponsoring a free raffle for an extremely nice showa that will go to one of the koi club members that arrive between 10 & 11. Only members of any koi club are eligible. The seminar will begin at 11. For more details, check out znanorcal.info or Facebook/[znanorcal](https://www.facebook.com/.../ZNA-NorCal-Koi-Club/114370775244634). Check their website at <https://www.facebook.com/.../ZNA-NorCal-Koi-Club/114370775244634>

Written report submitted by Brenda Chandler: Wendell Ford, of **Charleston Showa Koi Club**, reports the club held their Charleston Pond Tour 2015 all day on Sat the 12th and the self guided tour sold out of tickets! Check out their website at <http://www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org>. Ben Soedjono, of **Dallas Koi Kichi Group**, reports he's stepping down as AKCA Dir/Rep and President Vickie Patsdaughter will fill the void for now. Check out their website at <http://www.dallaskoikichi.org>. Brenda Chandler, of **Nishiki Koi Club**, reports the club met at the lovely home of Dr. Victor and Christina Siew in Irvine Cove. Several new members attended and the conversation covered numerous topics of great interest to new hobbyists. Check out their website at <http://www.nishikikoiclub.com>. Claude Head, of **North East Iowa Koi Association**, reports things are humming with the warm weather but fall (then winter) will be here soon, so getting ready is of great importance in the Heartland. Check out their website at <http://www.neikakoiassoc.com/index.html>. Laura Lunsford, of **Rocky Mountain Koi Club**, reports the club is hosting a koi Health Seminar presented by Dr. Nick Saint-Erne on Sat, Oct 3rd at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Broomfield, CO. Check out their website at <http://www.rmkc.net>. Debby Young, of **Southern Arizona Koi Association**, reports they're holding their 36th Annual Koi Show, Auction and Vendor Fair on Nov 7-8 at Oro Valley Marketplace. Check out their website at <http://www.sakoia.org>. Phil Goulding, of **Southern Colorado Koi Club**, reports their Sep 2nd meeting featured speakers Phil Goulding and Jerry Hunter on Myths & Question in the Koi Hobby. Check out their website at <http://www.socokoi.org>. Mary Oxman, of **Ventura County Koi Society**, reports last month's meeting was a most welcome chance to check up on what is new at the home of Bob & Andi Artz. Looking at their pond I immediately spotted a beautiful young butterfly showa! The Sep meeting will be on the 12th at 2 p. m. at the home of Jan and Bruce Hunter in Ventura. Please note the date for the October meeting will be October 17th at Eric Howes home. Check their website at <http://users.vcnet.com/rrenshaw/vcks.html>