



## Southern Arizona Koi Association

Organized by those with the interest of raising and improving the quality of Nishiki Koi, and its culture. Promote better community and international relations for the better understanding of brotherhood among members through a common interest. To improve and promote the technology and education of Aquaculture

June 2017

### SAKA Meeting Minutes for 20 May 2017

This SAKA meeting took place at John Goudy's home. 9 members were present.

Dan led the meeting today. Dan reported there are 29 registered and current members in our organization. We need to find ways to bring more of the members back into the organization. That general issue became the primary subject of most of the discussion today.

Officers: Todd Paulus agreed to become the Secretary, and Martha Cover also agreed to take the Treasurer's position. We are still searching for a candidate for President. None of the members present knew what the correct process was to affirm new officers. Dan agreed to address that with Dave and Debby at his earliest opportunity.

We would like to vote on officers at our next meeting. Question: Can we vote via email so that we can allow ALL members to put in their vote? Again, Dan agreed to address that question in the By-laws.

Another question that came up was how we can obtain information on the names, telephone, and email addresses for all 29 members. Every member, it was agreed at this meeting, should have that information. If we are going to increase the enthusiasm in the organization, we need to be able to communicate to everyone. We discussed the privacy issue, and agreed that member information should not be published on our website, including in the Newsletter copy that appears on the website. But all felt we should all have the membership list.

We would like to do an all-member survey to determine what the organization's direction should be, and where to place our priorities. This survey could contain some of the following:

- Do we want to continue the SAKA Organization?
- If yes, what is it about the organization that makes it important to you?
  - Technical information on ponds, koi, etc.
  - Social interaction with people who have the same interests

## PONDERING

**Saturday June 24, 2017, 3:00 pm**

**Country Inn & Suites**

705 N Freeway (west side I10 frontage rd)

exit off of I-10 at Speedway/St. Mary's which splits to St. Mary's as it goes South on the West access road .Next to Denny's and Ramada Inn, Ltd.

**Please come out and VOTE your SAKA Officers**

**July No Meeting**

**August No Meeting**

**September 24, 2017 3 p.m.**

Need a Host

**November - 11th & 12th, 2017**

KOI SHOW

SAKA will reimburse a host up to \$50.00 (with receipts) for beverages and snacks served while holding a meeting. You will also be in the Annual Host Drawing for \$250 held at the Christmas Party each year.

The annual koi show  
 Pond tours  
 Other

Other points....?

All felt it was critical to have another meeting in June. We selected June 24<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday. One suggestion was to look for a meeting location that is midway between the Northwest and Southeast that would allow us to encourage greater participation. Todd agreed to hunt for an appropriate spot and get back to Dan Cover. One option might be the meeting room that was offered at Vaquero Feed & Livestock. I would prefer something a little further South. Again, I would like to encourage larger participation.

The attending members felt it important to get a survey out to ALL members as soon as possible so that the results can be discussed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Debby reported that she filed the 990N 2016 Federal tax forms and the AZ Corporate Commission forms for our tax 2016.

Checking account: \$8971.40

Savings account: \$5226.51

Respectfully yours, Todd Paulus

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**TEMPERATURE / OXYGEN**

As the temperature rises, so does the temperature of your pond's water. As we all know, when water heats it holds less oxygen. Think about a rapidly boiling pot of water; the bubbling is caused by the escape of oxygen. To a lesser extent, this is true of your pond water. At 50F, water holds about 14ppm of oxygen. At 80F water only holds 6 ppm of oxygen.

A pond that is crowded with fish may not have enough oxygen for the fish. Just because last year everything was OK, fish grow and each year need more oxygen to survive.

Overfeeding and dirty filters also causes the oxygen content of you water to diminish.

**Slow down the number of and amount of feedings. Clean the filters. Shade the pond.**