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Koi Ahoy

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There will be no ZOOM meeting this month. Instead, we will meet in person at the pond of Chuck and Nita Cottam, 302 Sunnyside Ct., Lincoln, 95648. **To allow you to enjoy the Memorial Day weekend, this month's meeting has been moved up to Sunday, May 23.** Covid protocols will apply.** It will be outdoors with bathroom privileges, of course. It won't be our usual three hour meeting. One hour: 12:30-1:30pm. No potluck but you may bring your own food if you like. Water and iced tea will be available.

The board will meet briefly at 12:30. After that, some brief announcements, discussions, Q&A, etc.

****Covid Protocols** for the May 23 meeting: Face masks will be optional. Your own sensible responsibilities are expected. It's an outdoor event that only lasts an hour. There is plenty of space to keep a reasonable distance from each other. Hand sanitizer, wipes, sprays, and natural UV lighting will be provided.

Chuck is a semi-retired pond builder so, as expected, his pond shows forethought and professionalism. It's a large pond and has an appropriate number of large adult koi; not over crowded. The waterfall is more of a babbling brook, allowing good oxidation without any excessive noise. A small rock bridge over the brook allows access to the back side of the pond. At the other end of the pond is an ingenious goldfish and plant pond. The pump and filter is along the side of the property so that the noise and esthetics are controlled.

Photos from the April Meeting



President Chuck addressing the meeting atop the back-porch steps. No, that's not his halo. It's koi nets hanging from the awning.

Dodging the occasional nuisance rain, some wore masks, others didn't. At least 13 bags of Tosai were gathered on this card table. \$265 was donated to the club.





Bagging your selection was self-serve. There were about 60 tosai to choose from. Some were placed in these blue tubs to make viewing and bagging easier. Even Pondo likes watching the pretty fish.



We captured and weighed this years' projected Mama fish. Bobby Wilson won the pool by guessing the correct weight at 4.6 pounds.



Minutes from April

The board met very briefly and discussed whether or not to continue to schedule meetings, The unanimous opinion was in favor. The President, VP, and Treasurer; Chuck Cottam, Bob Haugland, and Carl Huppert are willing to extend their roles through 2021. Lyn Pitts has volunteered to serve on the board so an election wasn't needed.

The general meeting, although a bit rushed due to the Covid restrictions, was also in favor. The March financial report by Carl was approved. Since there hasn't been a meeting or minutes for over a year, that didn't need approval. Meeting adjourned at 1:31pm. Right on time.

April CKC Financials.

Starting Balance - \$ 4,325.30

Expenses - \$43.88 (Yahoo Web Hosting, PayPal Fees)

Revenues - \$938.00 (Membership, Haugland Koi Sale Donations)

Ending Bank Balance - \$ 5,219.62

As of today, 43 of our 82 members have not paid 2021 dues. Nineteen of those 43 did not pay in 2020, either and we have to assume they are no longer interested in being in the club. Our agreed upon policy is to keep the entire membership active through 2021 due to the pandemic and address roster changes in 2022.

Thanks
Carl

2021 Calendar

May 23...Chuck & Nita Cottam, Lincoln

June 27...Carl % Nicole Huppert, Sacramento

July 25...Sandy & Bob Mascadri, Cameron Park

August 29...Duane & Melody Carlson, Granite Bay

September 26...George & Denise Garbero, Sacramento

October 31...Michelle Cardenas, Carmichael

From the Editor

Please have patience with us as we attempt to get back into the groove. Decisions we make are going to sometimes seem arbitrary and will always be subject to change. Your opinion is welcomed. Please attend meetings and help to make decisions regarding the path forward for Camellia Koi Club.

After a few lean years, we are attempting to rebuild our financial position. If you haven't paid dues you can mail a check for \$30 to Carl Huppert, 2910 Riverside BL., Sacramento, CA 95818. Just make the check out to CKC.

There is interest in reviving the Koi Classes. We have one scheduled for the evening of June 8, but we'll need to schedule additional dates. Those still interested will have our own meeting at this month's meeting.

Those folks at the April meeting witnessed moving a female to a spawning tank. I have been planning this spawn for over a year. Later that day, the wife and I transferred two males to the tank. The next morning, at sunrise, they were already spawning. They were done around noon so they were removed to recover and to prevent them from eating the spawn.

Fungus is always a problem for koi eggs. Un-fertilized eggs get it quickly and it will spread to the live eggs if not treated. Unfortunately I over treated the tank and killed all of the eggs. Once they all died it wasn't long before everything was covered in fungus. A years' work and planning literally down the drain. Lesson learned the hard way.