

Minutes
NM ZNA General Meeting
March 23, 2013

Attendees: Dick Thomas, Brenda Thomas, Cheryl Childers (via Skype), Steve Childers (via Skype), Chester Bailey, Troy Head, Mike Pfeffer, Chris Carter, Linda Kinney

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** After enjoying an array of delicious snacks and beverages, Dick began the meeting at 12:05 p.m. EDT. He thanked Chester and Linda Bailey for opening their home and hosting the meeting.
- 2. Minutes:** Dick called for the reading of the minutes. Chester motioned to waive the reading of the minutes since members were emailed the minutes on January 16, 2013. Troy Head second the motion and all were in favor therefore the motion passed.
- 3. Financial Report:** Mike Pfeffer stated that the club has \$5,073.00 in the bank. He stated that 2013 membership dues are now due. There have been 18 members that have paid and payment to Beppu is now due. Once the payment goes to Beppu, it will leave the bank balance at \$3,618. Please get your payment to Mike as soon as possible. Cheryl motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Chris Carter second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- 4. Election Report:** Dick stated that after the ballots went out he realized that Troy's term as ZNA Regional Representative was not over therefore he should not have been on the ballot. Bill Doyle should have been running unopposed. Dick then announced the election results: Dick Thomas as president, Mike Pfeffer as treasurer, Bill Doyle as ZNA Regional Representative, and Bob and Linda Kirkwood as Koi Persons of the Year. Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do. Bob Kirkwood motioned to accept the election results. Brenda Thomas second the motion and all approved. Motion passed.
- 5. ZNA Rep. Report:** Bill Doyle was not present at the meeting and Troy Head did not have anything to report.
- 6. AKCA Rep. Report:** Marc/Tamara Skaggs were not at the meeting and therefore no report was available.

7. Website: Dick informed members that David has all newsletters posted on the website. Dick will be giving David hotel information for the show to post very soon. Troy explained the positives about posting show information on facebook.

8. Old Business: There was no outstanding old business to discuss

8. New Business:

A. Koi Show 2013: Chester talked about not having a vendor tent this year to help cut expenses. A slide was shown to members as to how the show layout will look using the large gazebo. There will be four or five vendor spots under the gazebo. Mike Pfeffer suggested a price difference for vendors under the gazebo and those that might need to be outside the gazebo and using their own pop-up tent. Linda Kirkwood mentioned she has a couple of pop-up tents if the club needs them. She also stated she has a couple of business cards with possible vendors and she will pass these to Chester. Chester will work with Dick on the situation if there are more vendors than the gazebo will hold if the situation arises. Dick explained the club will need some type of cloth or padding for the concrete walk. Some members had some concern about tanks not being under the gazebo. Troy suggested wood strips to level the tanks that overlap the sidewalk.

Then suggestions as who can judge the show were brought up by Dick. He stated that Alan Stein had declined as well as Mike Frady. Dick stated he has tried to contact Irwin Santos but no reply from Irwin at this point. Some suggestions were Galen Hansen, Grant and Penny Patton and Dick said maybe Jim Reilly if unable to get any other ZNA judge.

Bob Kirkwood then suggested having a banner or sign that can be used year after year. He stated he noticed signs/banners hanging at the square in Carmel advertising their events. Some discussion followed.

Chester mentioned he was going to look for a restaurant for the Friday night meet and greet. There were pros and cons discussed about having it at a restaurant or having something at the show site.

The show hotel will be \$89.00 per night which is the same as last year. Dick stated that he wants tanks assigned ahead of the show and will state in the registration form if a tank is wanted under the gazebo, it will be awarded to the entrant who reserves with payment first. A question was asked if the members of the club get a discount on their tanks as opposed to a non-member. Dick could not remember the prices. Please check the registration form to confirm the pricing.

The banquet will be at the show hotel. This is a no profit deal for the club. A discussion followed about having a raffle or auction at the banquet. There were good points about both. It was decided that there will not be a raffle table at the show site this year.

The awards are planning to remain the same as last year, just need to find someone with photoshop (maybe Dick Thomas) and someone to help get the frames. It was suggested to talk to Joe Cook about the frames.

Dick then mentioned that he will stand firm and enforce the 2:00 p.m. time as the earliest fish may be removed from the show site on Sunday.

B. Next Meeting: Dick stated the next meeting will be at the Louisville Show on May 25. This meeting will be to finalize show needs. Hope you can attend.

9. Program: Brenda handed out judging sheets with five photos of Kohaku from the All Japan Show. These were all Momotaro koi. After members ranked the koi, Dick explained what to look at when judging: Confirmation 40%, *Hi* Quality 20%, *Shiro* Quality 20% and Pattern 20%. Members discussed their selections. After the judging exercise, Troy shared a slide show of his Japan trip back in October. There were lots of Ohhhs and Ahhha over the beautiful fish.

10 Special Announcement: Dick stated he received an invitation to all club members from Ray Alexander to attend the koi seminar with Shintaro on May 18, 2013 in Michigan. Here is the information:

Masaru Saito will be bringing Koi and they will be for sale for those interested.

Lunch will be served so **an RSVP is required by Wed., May 15th. Cost of this seminar is \$10.00 per person.**

Place: Home of MKPC members, Lauren & Derik Kaiser, 38310 Warren Rd, Westland, 48185

Time: 10:30 am to 2 pm

Questions or to **RSVP, contact Ray Alexander, President of MKPC, at 734-846-8588(cell) or bearraya@aol.com.**

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. EDT

Submitted by,
Cheryl Childers