

BENEATH THE SURFACE

NEWSLETTER FOR EIPS MEMBERS

March 2012

FROM THE EDITOR



Hello EIPS Members, March is here and the Sun is shining today as I write this. Our pond here on 34th Street never really froze over this year and looks like so far, no “floaters” I hope everyone else is having a no “floaters” Spring also.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



March 8th 2012

With Spring comes time to think about our ponds and all that goes on with the Society for the year. Two important things that have to be addressed are host/places for meetings and our Annual Pond Tour.

Both of these two opportunities are vastly important to our society and its continued growth and viability. We need some ponds and members to volunteer for the tour and meetings. The tour is always a lot of fun and really is not that much work for the host ponds on the tour. The members that volunteer to set at the ponds do most of the work, the host pond owners get to show their ponds to the public and it really feels good to see how much you're hard work in your pond can be so appreciated by others. Please think about hosting a meeting and/or being on the tour. If you are interested in doing either please email me back at eipspres2011@yahoo.com

We also need volunteers for committees, most importantly the pond tour committee. Please email me also if you are interested in being on this committee and any of our other committees.



MEETING MINUTES FEBURARY 25TH

Feb. 25, 2012 EIPS Meeting
@ The home of Jeff & Kerry

26 members were in attendance for our first meeting of the year. Jeff & Kerry greeted members and tickets were passed out for a door prize to be given away during our meeting. We dined on a wonderful potluck and retreated to the meeting room.

Jeff brought the meeting to order @ 6:45 PM at his Podium (which we all agreed he looked very Presidential standing behind). He reviewed the last meeting and the “Drafting” of the 2012 officers & encouraged members to pay their dues for 2012 to start the cash flow.

- A review of 2012 officers: Jeff Garner – President, Bob Geers – VP, Secretary – Floating & Jackie Allsup – Treasurer. Jeff is also doing the Newsletter and encouraged all members to help him out by submitting articles, jokes, photographs, etc. Remember, this is a Club Newsletter, let’s help Jeff out!!

Treasurer’s Report by Jackie: (Nov. 18, 2011 – Feb. 24, 2012)

Income: Cookbook Sales: \$60.00

Savings Interest: \$ 1.78
Total Income: \$61.78

Expenses: 4th Quarter Tax \$ 7.00
Josh's Check \$150.00
Supplies \$ 34.18
Total Expenses:\$191.18

Total Savings (as of 1/31/12) \$2825.02
Total Checking (as of 1/31/12) \$ 759.80
Total in Bank (as of 1/31/12) \$3584.82

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff brought the following to the member's attention.

- Valerie Grenfell with Badger (no not Honey!) Koi Co. in Colorado Springs, CO. has contacted our club to see about the possibility of advertising in our Monthly newsletter and asked for comments. It was suggested we ask potential advertisers to join our club and then get a free ad using their Business card.
- New house for the Spece family. Their family was a candidate for Extreme Home Makeover and didn't get it. Local businesses want to build them a new home and are raising money. There will be a Fund Raiser at the Buchanan Co. Fair Grounds on March 17th from 4-9 PM with food, clowns, entertainment, etc. It was suggested we should contact the Waterloo Pond Club about going together for a donation for a very worthy cause. It was noted that private donations from club members would also be appreciated.
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- Jeff sent around a sign-up sheet for pond meetings for the year, committees, pond tour, and ideas for possible speakers & possible road trips.
- Speaking of road trips!! St. Louis weekend trip with Waterloo club July 28 & 29. The Waterloo club already has 10-15 members that are interested. Hopefully there would be enough interest to have a bus load. The St. Louis

club put together a fun & busy itinerary. Dick Isard will check on the status, costs, and the possibility of adding one more day because several members thought an extra day would be nice.

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- A 2nd Bus Trip to Koi Acres on May 12 and 13 is also a possibility.
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- Larry & Erma Thompson continue to be involved with the club, helping out with quality control issues and fish food. Both are very much appreciated.
- Jackie passed around a number of thank you letters from the Kirkwood Foundation, the Kirkwood student receiving our scholarship money, and Storybook Hill Children's Zoo for donations received.

- Jackie filled us in on the AKCA dues and insurance. This is the organization our club buys its liability insurance through, which we need for pond tours. She is the representative for our club and votes on issues. She stated the association is on shaky ground due to political difficulties. If we have any input, please let her know.
- Pond tour will be July 8th and we will discuss it further at our next meeting.

Open Forum:

Some members still have frozen ponds, others are open. A few dead fish have surfaced. Jackie's new fish roof is doing great! Larry Serbousek has a 75 gallon fiberglass stock tank to give away to anyone interested. The drawing for the door prize was given to Karen from Dubuque, which was a fish shaped bottle of wine! Kerry showed an example of what you could do with the bottle after finishing it off – make it into an olive oil dispenser!!

Thank you Jeff & Kerry for a wonderful first meeting!

Notes submitted by: L. Nolan

Thank you Linda for being Secretary at this meeting. We are having a floating secretary position this year and if at any meeting you want to take notes just feel free to volunteer. Linda did a great job, thank you.

BELOW ARE TENTATIVE MEETING DATES. THESE DATES NEED SOME MEMBERS TO HOST. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT EMAIL ME (eipspres2011@yahoo.com) or Jackie (cedarserviceja@aol.com) if you interested in hosting a meeting. It would be nice to have some new members to volunteer so we can see your ponds.

Meetings:

Feb 25 Kerry Shaner and Jeff Garner 6:00 pm Potluck

March 24 Jo and Gary Hunerdosse Potluck at 6 and Meeting at 7pm

April 12 & 28

May 10

May 26(Memorial weekend) Josh Spece

June 14

June 23rd Kloubec Fish Farm

July 8 POND TOUR

July 28-29 St. Louis Tour.

Aug 9

August 25 Lois and Ron Junger

Sept 13

Sept 22 Ed and Connie Railsback

Oct. 27

Nov Recognition meeting

COMMITTEES

WE have a few committees that will need members. Below are a few of them and we will be discussing them at the Meeting February 25th. Please think about volunteering for some committees. We need members to help make these committees viable and positive for our club.

Speaker Committee,
Pond Tour Committee,
Recognition Committee,
Door Prize Committee.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE LOOKING TO ADD A ST LOUIS BUS TRIP PLANNING COMMITTEE.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS March 24th

The next meeting is at Jo and Gary Hunderosse's home at 306 Red Fox Road SE. Potluck to start at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. Jo and Gary have lined up a speaker (thank you for doing that) and it is about selling a home with a pond. We are calling it

"Why would I ever want to sell this home with a wonderful pond, but just in case I want a bigger home with a bigger pond, how do I sell this one?"

Please rsvp to Jo and Gary be either email gfhunk@mchsi.com or phone 364 6624

Linda and Tim submitted this article for reading. I am wondering the same thing Linda.

Where have all the toads and frogs gone??

No, this isn't a country western song!! We are seriously wondering where our toads and frogs have gone!! After enjoying both for many years (we love their serenading), we have had neither toads nor frogs the past two years. Is anyone else having this happen at their ponds??

We do not use chemicals around our pond which is evident by the abundance of healthy weeds!! We do have a family of hawks that have nested in our neighborhood the past two years, and have been seen lurking around our pond. We have made an audio CD that we play on our backyard speakers with a variety of sounds to discourage their presence when we see them smacking their beaks (they don't have lips) as they look at our fish. For the most part they just cock their heads and listen to the barking dogs, doors slamming, gun shots, etc. At night we also hear an owl hooting which sounds very close by! We have not had any fish turn up missing, but are wondering if they have been snacking on our toads and frogs. Does anyone have any insight or suggestions?

Missing our amphibian friends,
Tim & Linda Nolan

One of our singing friends in happier days!



BUY/SELL OR TRADE

Trying to start a buy/sell/trade section here on the newsletter. If you have something you want to let the other members know about please send me the info and I will include it here. We have one from Louann and Larry Jaynes for this email Below is information

FOR SALE;

Black fiberglass stock tank with drain. 43" l.x32"w.x25" deep.
Used to keep fish in. \$35 or B.O.Larry Jayne 373-1134

Well that wraps it up here at Newsletter central. Hope to see you
all at meetings. Jeff