

Our April WAKO meeting was held on Sunday April 15th at 2pm at the home of Rick Ivik in Monroe, WI. (Rick helped write this summary and provided the pictures other than those of fish which Jim Gasior has photographed.)



Rick had assistance from fellow WAKO member and fellow “Monroviaan”, Gary Guralski, who supplied the attendees with some packets with information about Green County and also a pot of excellent chili. There were 25 attendees including Bill Wolfe from Wausau, newly returning member Chuck Witte and 3 members of M.A.A.H. (Madison Area Aquatic Hobbyists). MAAH is a very active club, please note:

MAAH SPRING 2012 AUCTION – MAY 19, 2012

Howard Johnson Hotel
3841 East Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53704

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM – AUCTION STARTS AT 11:00

CASH or CHECK (with matching ID) ONLY...NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

NO ENTRY FEE! More info available at: http://madisonaquatic hobby.com/fall_fish_fest/fff-auctions/

The 3 MAAH members took charge of the grill and whipped up some great dogs and burgers.

Some of the topics discussed during the business portion of the meeting were:

Our Nov. 3-4 WAKO show, speaker topic (LED lighting) and new Class titles.

Report on the shows that WAKO members attended or sent fish to. It was noted that fish prices have been very good at recent shows. WAKO was represented via fish at the AZ event, MI show and Northwest weekend. By participating in shows such as this, we hope to encourage those clubs to support our show in turn.

It looks like there will be about 8 people from WAKO attending the AKA National Convention which will be held Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27) in St. Louis, Missouri. Darlene Weisman with several WAKO members will be running the Fish Sale room at the Convention. Several members will also be providing Live Foods for the sale table and Rick Ivik will spearhead the breakdown of the show fish on Saturday night in prep of the Sunday auction.

Darlene W. reported on the Chicago club’s “Box Sale plus”. Their speaker from the Field Museum was very well received.

It was agreed to have Rick Ivik be our AKA Affiliate Club liaison. Thanks, Rick!! Rick will be in communication with Mike Jacobs, the Affiliate Club Chairperson, and keep him updated with meeting dates/times/locations, info, pictures and concerns. Check out the web site for Affiliate Clubs: <http://aka.org/affiliates/> There are some interesting topics under business and of course you have to check out the pictures.

Updates:

Please update your rosters:

changing Frank Kray's email to: FRANKDAFISHGUY@GMAIL.COM and also adding returning member:

Chuck Witte, 2426 South Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172, 414-305-4930

WAKO members: Gary Greenwood and John Metzger were featured authors in the just released issue of the Journal of the American Killifish Association (Nov./Dec 2011 Vol. 44 Number 6). The articles are on "Breeding Killies with Sphagnum Moss".

The meeting ended with a good size auction of fish, plants and live foods.





Rick did a great job with the meeting and getting his new home ready for the WAKO crew.



Rick is currently running 85 tanks. He is working with Killies (of course), corydoras cats, dwarf African Cichlids, rainbows and a few other odds and ends. He has kept Killies and has been a member of A.K.A., M.A.S., and W.A.K.O. since 1978. He does not specialize in any type of Killie but does like the Epiplatys, Gardneri, Rivulus, Lampeyes as well as other Aphyosemions. His choice of foods for his fish are: baby live brine, frozen brine, live blackworms, maintains a healthy culture of whiteworms (thanks to Gary Greenwood), and also maintains a paramecium culture for his little fry. His water is a mix of his well water with R.O. water. Rick prefers the “hand’s on” method of breeding fish by picking eggs and doing manual water changes. Pictured below are 2 of his Killies: Aphy. Primegenium GEB 94-21 and Ep. Caperi Angoma.



Next meeting: Sunday May 20th 2pm at Frank Kray's Salem, WI info available at: www.aka.org/wako

Correspondence: Please contact the senders of the email directly if you can be of help.
Is anyone interested in receiving some Madagascar Killifish from the Zoo? The catch would be that we will probably be requesting offspring from them in the future. I can provide several dozen pairs or trios of *Pachypanchax arnoulti*.

I am also looking for Killies from L. Tanganyika, Malawi, & Victoria for the Zoo exhibit.... Perhaps a swap?

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I have two mature *Pachypanchax sakaramyi* males. They're nice sized with good color, but I no longer have any females. Even though they're older fish, I'm sure they would still produce viable fry. If anyone is working with them, please contact me..

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ED: Many thanks to Gis Gasior and Rick Ivik for taking the time to send this to the AKA GUY!!!!!!