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Re: Art Lemke, DDS, AKCA Judge

Dear Gentlemen;

I am writing to inquire and complain. The purpose of this letter is threefold.

- First, I would like to know in what capacity Art Lemke represents the AKCA.
- Second, I would like to know whether you have a process for grievances against AKCA Judges.
- Third, I would like your assistance in either initiating the grievance procedure, or whatever process is necessary to revoke Art Lemke's judgeship.

Art Lemke has committed libel against me. A six month campaign of smears and personal attacks has ended in a final missive. A copy of that written communication to others, publicly posted, is attached. In this post, Art Lemke accuses me of being a detriment to the hobby, when I am currently supporting the most widely read koi hobby website, which distributes information and assistance to koi keepers. In this post Art Lemke states that I was denied access to the

Charlottesville show, when the truth is neither Stephen nor Mary Height requested a tank, a booth, or made any attempt to participate in the Charlottesville show in either 2005 or 2006. In this post Art Lemke accuses me of being a “con-man”, which is an accusation of a crime, and false.

Art Lemke publicly declares that I would not be allowed to show at the Koi American 2007 show.

Art Lemke makes these statements and takes these positions on behalf of the AKCA, and Mid-Atlantic Koi Club, as Show Chairman and Judge.

So the first question, is: does he represent AKCA? Is this AKCA’s position? Are the statements those of the AKCA?

If these statements are not those of the AKCA, then do you have a grievance process for complaints against Judges?

If so, where is it published? I have been through every page of the AKCA website and do not see any publication showing that persons aggrieved by the unethical conduct of judges can complain.

If you do not have a grievance process, how may I initiate a process to remove Art Lemke’s certification as a Judge. I am sure you would agree that this kind of personal attack is not becoming to one who purports to represent the largest group of American Koi Clubs.

Throughout this letter, I am assuming that Art Lemke is not acting on your behalf, despite his statement that he does represent you. We are making inquiry concerning the other allegations of his posting as well.

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However, if Art Lemke does state your position, then please accept this as notice of suit pursuant to Chapter 770 of the Florida statutes concerning libel actions.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Height

Encl: "Enough is Enough"



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Enough is Enough

« on: December 08, 2006, 03:35:09 PM »

Ok, now I am posting on this crazy board and now I am opening a new thread. What have I done? Well dam the torpedos. Listen up because this type of post from me may never happen again. I have met some really ugly people in this hobby. Thankfully 99% are great people. Those ugly people normally go away if you ignore them and they cease to be a problem. Always have before. Live and let live. They get the idea. Before, this was always the way I felt about SH. He has his board if he wants it. Leave him have it. Can't hurt. Can't have too many koi boards can you? Not too many people with any koi experience or that respects the hobby goes there anyway. What can you learn there? Some of the head moderators or webmasters do not even have a pond. But I digress. The point is that these people would normally have a right to do their thing. I leave them alone, they leave me alone and everybody enjoys the hobby.

Well for some reason this is different with SH. Not only is he a person to ignore but he has become a detriment to the hobby. I can see him now smiling just because I am talking about him. That is what he likes. Good or bad press, as long as he is the center of conversation.

Well it seems for some reason the more he is not wanted, the more he wants to go to a show and harass people. He likes to intimidate. Makes it bad for everyone, except him that gets the attention. He knew he could harass people at Charlotte, so even though not wanted sent people to pass out balloons and just stare at people hoping to scare up trouble. He was turned down for a tank, turned down for booth, and vendors complained because he was advertising without paying for the right like they did, yet they still come.

Now I have a few different shows asking me for suggestions on how they can keep Stephen from showing up. It spoils their fun and makes people very uncomfortable. Why would you want to go to a show, where the main

objective, even if you think is eductaion, is actually for people to let loose and have fun. I do not get it, but in his mind it gets him on front page. If he wanted to actually compete, people would like that, but not just to raise controversy or beat a particular person. Seems if it it all about the hobby with him that the hobby got lost somewhere along the line.

So the problem is not just a problem that we can just ignore and watch go away. Now it is eating into the hobby and draging the hobby down. He has chosen to chastise and bad mouth AKCA but if you call him on that, he says he donates money. Yes, money makes everything alright. He mocks ZNA rules by trying everything he can to bend the dealer rules to see if someone calls him on it. He is just trying to stir up controversy to be the topic of the day. He has no interest in ZNA Theology or he would not even be testing the waters with this "buy boxes and sell boxes" thing.

Every con-man needs a partner to run the scams. He even pays someone to do that for him. If he gets in trouble on a computer generated scam then he has backup that can push buttons and make it smell more like a rose. And people say that we are the agressors. This person can also screen this Kings Court to make sure there is no distention and only good things are set before the King in his own castle. We peasants can not get in and everybody loves the king for protecting the from us, but outside the gates the crowds are chanting his name in disgust.

To those people that have asked me how to keep Stephen from coming to their shows good luck. Why not just ask?

Stephen Height. I am Show Chair for Koi America 2007 in Sept. 2007. Please do not come to my show. You are not welcome. Please do not apply for a booth. It will be turned down. Please do not pass out any advertising on our property as the building is not open and we control what can and can not go on in the building. Any of your members that want to show fish are welcome, just not you. This includes, Bart, David, Kathy, Sue and any others I have forgotten. I think this is very plain to understand. I feel we have come to a point where it seems you do not get the point. When you are ignored and you have become a blemish for the hobby. It is all about the hobby and the hobby is about fun. Not pushing peoples buttons. I wish you well with your life and I hope you can find peace and true friendship. Everyone deserves that in their life. Just do not expect to find it around me or many areas of the hobby you decide to visit.


Sorry this went so long. Needed to be said and I might not be posting here again and not starting another topic.


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Re: Enough is Enough

« **Reply #1 on:** December 08, 2006, 03:52:49 PM »

Quote from: Koidoc on December 08, 2006, 03:35:09 PM

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March 16, 2007

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Dear Mr. Finnegan,

I hope you had a wonderful trip to Japan. I look forward to talking about it the next time we meet.

I am interested in your reply to the letter I sent on December 12th, 2006. I hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you,

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March 6, 2007

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Subject: Letter sent December 12, 2006

Dear Mr. Finnegan:

My employer, Stephen Height, sent you a letter regarding Art Lembke's conduct on December 12, 2006. We have yet to receive a reply.

We would prefer not to involve our attorney's but will be forced to if we do not receive a written response by March 20th, 2007.

Thank you,

Justin Pennington