



SOUTHERN COUNTIES CICHLID GROUP

The third Group Meeting took place on Sunday 21st November 2011 at the home of Hanne and Peter Qusted, 32 Southfields, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 OBP at 11.00 am.

The following attended: Nick Bennet, Dave Brooks, Spike Collins, Ian Glaubes, Diana and Paul Hollands, Peter Lile, Roger Sleet, Ian Turner, Hanne and Peter Qusted (11).

Apologies from: Chris Meachen, Debra and Gordon Wright.

Peter Qusted welcomed the three newcomers to the Group and they in turn introduced themselves and explained their interest in Cichlids. They were aware of the contents of the first two previous Meetings.

The subject of a future meeting place was raised and it was agreed that unless the Group became too large, we would continue at the Qusted's house.

The question was raised whether the Group should form a Committee and a decision was made to avoid this if possible. Also it was agreed that the Group should pay no fee at this stage, but should contribute towards the catering.

Roger Sleet is the proprietor of Orinoco Aquatics and Ian Glaubes of Kew Aquatics, both dealing in fish products. Ian Glaubes also imports fish from various suppliers.

Roger Sleet informed the Group that at the Aquatics Live Exhibition at Olympia recently, 17 new members enrolled in the British Cichlid Association.

Hanne Qusted brought up the subject of using Tesco Play Sand and stated she had exchanged it for gravel in the Cichlid tanks, but was unhappy about the outcome and had reverted back to the gravel. Apparently, when the Cichlids dig into the sand it flares up and makes the water unclear and goes into the filter.

Roger Sleet mentioned the next British Cichlid Association (BCA) auction is at Redditch on Sunday, 6th of May 2012. He also suggested that perhaps in the future we could have an auction in the South of England run by the BCA and our Group. He stated he would look into this further. The Members of the Group thought this was a good idea.

Various other topics were discussed with great interest.

Lunch was then taken, followed by further discussions and a tour in the fish house.

Our next Meeting will be at the same venue on [Sunday, 4th March 2012 at 11.00 am.](#)

If there are any queries or suggestions, perhaps you could contact me on email: phq32@ntlworld.com or by telephone 0208 224 5574.

Best regards,

Peter Qusted, 6th December 2011