

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs



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President's Message for July

Summer has arrived! Indoors, the heaters in the tanks are finally off for the summer, daylight replaces half the fluorescent light time to make plants happier, and fish are fast and frisky. Outdoors, the ponds and water gardens are full of beautiful tropical plants and playful fish. Hardy pond plants are grabbing every ray of sun and bursting with growth and blooms. It's a season to enjoy!

The June BBQ was about food, friends, fun, fish, awards, and CAOAC business too. Thank you to our 'official' photographer, Zenin. The 2013-14 nominees for Committee Chairs were reviewed, selected, and presented to the attending membership for approval. I believe we have assembled an ambitious and committed team. Thank you to the departing Chairs for jobs well done, and thank you to the new and re-appointed Chairs for your commitment. We should all remember that no committee consists of one person in a job or position. Every Chair needs support and participation from every club and its members.

We welcome the new CAOAC Webmaster, John van Rompu of Peel Aquarium Society. It is a pleasure to report that we will soon have a refreshed and current Website. The CAOAC on-line binder is in the final days of review and update. It should be available soon on our website also.

The CAOAC Newsletter Editor position is still open. Please contact me if you might be interested. A new e-mail list for the newsletter is being compiled. If you want the CAOAC Newsletter to be e-mailed to you, then you must send your e-mail address to Ann Stevens (ann.stevens11@gmail.com) with the request. The Newsletter is also available on the website.

The Fish Rescue Committee is forming a network of contacts and volunteers. When fish need a home today or next week, it's too late to get organized. Fish Rescue benefits the hobby, club, fish, and the environment. We need this program to move to the forefront now, starting with a contact from each club and a public awareness drive.

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2013-2014 Executive

Position	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Claudia Carthew (TFEC)	crcarthew@yahoo.com	(905) 684-0394
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2nd Vice President	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	rhad@kent.net	(519) 352-5573
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	avanmont@shaw.ca	(905) 575-1509
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	ann.stevens11@gmail.com	(416) 985-0266
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Marie Towell (CAS)	amtowell@shaw.ca	(403) 244-7575
Past-President	Bob Wright	robert.j.l.wright@sympatico.ca	(416) 883-0571

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The Open Show Committee already has a number of members that are ready to help clubs organize, run, and teach the how-to of holding a sanctioned fish show. The Judges Committee needs shows to judge and for teaching new individuals the principals involved in judging fish. Fish shows are great publicity for the hobby and the club. A first Show might have only 20 classes. Yes, bigger is better; but it's a start. If a small Show is successful, a bigger Show will follow. CAOAC clubs need to get back to "Show-fish-ship".

I mention these three committees now because most clubs do their planning for future club meetings during the summer. Fish Rescue should be a concern of every fish club and its members. Sanctioned fish Shows need some preparation, but should be considered by each club. CAOAC has individuals that are ready to help and teach. Our hobby, like the fish we breed and the plants we propagate, is alive in every season. It deserves our full attention; it doesn't take a summer break. Plan a Fish Rescue information event in your club; plan a fish show to go with your auction, plan to activate the hobby and you might be surprised at the response and fun that ensues.

Several CAOAC clubs do not take a summer break. The Forest City Pond Club is one of them. Their next meeting is Sunday July 14th, and features a 1:30 pm visit to the Paul J. Young Landscape and Water Gardens in Delaware, Ontario (west of London, hwy 2). We meet for a deli lunch (on your own) at BJ's Country Market at noon. I am going there to meet this sunny group of outdoor fish and plant enthusiasts led by Lorraine Gregson. If you would enjoy a nice Sunday outing, full of water, fish, plants, fresh air and sunshine, please reserve a place on the tour by contacting the Event Coordinator (annlarkin@rogers.com). Everyone is welcome.

Plan to enjoy a new adventure as often as you can. Just do it!! Happy Days! Claudia

Executive Meeting – June 23, 2013

Called to order at 10:23 by Claudia Carthew (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.
Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	President
1 st VP	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Skype
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Bob Wright (HDAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:		
Peter Melady (SAS)	Annette Bishop (LAS)	Richard Carthew (TFEC)

President's Welcome

Claudia reviewed the Agenda and procedure changes for the meeting.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Ron, seconded by Albert.

Treasurer's Report

It has been requested to only show a summary due to Privacy Act. Details are available on an individual request basis.

Treasurer's Report Jun 22, 2013		TD Bank April 30	\$ 11,881.45
Cash on hand			\$ -
Paypal			\$ -
	Sub-total		\$ 11,881.45
Cashed Cheque			-\$ 134.47
	TD Bank May 31		\$ 11,746.98
Outstanding Cheque	Re 10 Plaques		-\$ 226.00
Terry Little Memorial Fund			-\$ 625.00
Working Balance			\$ 10,895.98

Hall rental cheque is in question as to what dates it was covering. No reply to email from May 21st to George Serpa from Optimist Club inquiry. Albert to continue the investigation.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Ron seconded by Ann-Marie.

Question was raised as which executive positions should have signing authority at the bank.

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We are currently not conforming to the Corporation By-Laws.

Ron made a motion to change the By-Laws to state:

That the President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, 1st VP, 2nd VP and Corresponding Secretary have the option to have signing authority. There should be a minimum of four active signing offers at the bank. Seconded Albert.

To be voted on in the October meeting.

New Business — Committee Chair Nominations

AHAP – Ed Koerner, Ann Marie Towell

Archivist – Paul McIntosh

Awards - Peter Melady

Binder – Ann Stevens

CAOAC/FAAS Liaison – Lisa Boorman

Fish Rescue – Tom Mason

Fish Breeders Directory – Lisa Boorman

Futures – Tony Bernard

Judges – Paul Mansfield, Ron Bishop

Membership – Albert van Montfort

Newsletter – Open

Open Show – Barb Draper

Programs – Richard Carthew

Steering – Richard Carthew

Ways & Means – Annette Bishop

Webmaster – John Van Rompu

All committee nominations were reviewed and discussed. Selections were made for presentation to the general membership for their approval.

General Meeting

Called to order at 1:13 by President Claudia after a delicious and generous pot luck lunch and barbecue, cooked by Richard Carthew.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
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Club	Name	
Brant AS	Barb Draper	
Betta Breeders of Canada	Catherine Salmon	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	George Banavage
Hamilton	Karen Rogers	
Kitchener-Waterloo AS	Zenin Skomorowski	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines AS	Phil Barrett	
Tropical Fish Club of Erie County	Richard Carthew	
Guests:	Carl McCleary (DRAS)	
Jerry Draper (BAS)	Tom & Pat Bridges (SCAAS) (Skype)	

May minutes were published in the newsletter. When asked if there were any errors or omissions, Zenin asked about the Open Show Awards. It was an oversight. They will be presented today. Motion to accept the minutes by Ron, seconded by Albert.

Treasurers report

See Executive meeting. Motion to approve Catherine, seconded by Richard.

2013-2014 Committee Chairs—Presented for Approval

Title	Name	First	Second
AHD	AnnMarie Towell	Catherine	Ron
Archivist	Paul McIntosh	Barry	Albert
Awards	Peter Melady	Richard	Albert
Binder	Ann Stevens	Richard	Peter
CAOAC/FAAS Liaison	Lisa Boorman	Barry	Albert
Fish Breeders Directory	Lisa Boorman	Barry	Albert
Fish Rescue	Tom Mason	Peter	George
Futures	Tony Bernard	Ron	Annette
Judges	Ron Bishop	Peter	Barb
Membership	Albert van Montfort	Peter	Richard

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Title	Name	First	Second
Newsletter	(open)		
Open Show	Barb Draper	Peter	Ron
Programs	Richard Carthew	George	Peter
Steering	Richard Cathew	Peter	Ron
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Albert	Richard
Webmaster	John Van Rompu	Ron	Richard

Claudia stressed that all reports should be submitted to Ann in writing.

Binder – Peter completed all updates for the awards section of the binder on a zip drive. Ann transferred to the laptop for updating to the web. Ann sent all files that were sent to Bob to Claudia on June 13. Claudia has been working on them. Goal is to get it updated by September. Ann will send the Judges and Open Show files to Ron and Barb respectfully after the meeting. Suggestion to have the binder available online and a disclaimer that if they want a list of recipients to request the list from the chair. Ann made the suggestion to have the binder contents available online under a separate page, without password protection and if someone wishes to view the list of recipients for awards, they can contact the chair for it directly. This avoids having to have it password protected.

Awards Presentation:

Peter presented the people that were in attendance or representatives from their club, with their awards that were announced at the May AGM.

Barb presented the following Open Show Awards:

Betta Award – 2012 – Catherine Salmon, she was also presented with the 2011 due some problems with that award in the previous year.

Junior Champion of Champion Award – Catie Austin

Seniors Champion of Champion Award – Jeff Looney

Club Challenge for 2012 – Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society

Club Reports

Betta – some members have had luck breeding wilds

Brant

Trish & Walter Murfin had a baby girl on June 18. Ivy is doing well.

Last month's speaker, Ernest, was fabulous on Fish collectibles - stamps, coins and stuff like that.

Brant club BBQ is being postponed until August – TBD

Calgary

Dealing with the flooding and lots of water changes.

Durham

The next annual Aquariama event date is April 6th, 2014. Elections were held.

Hamilton

Trip to Moores - the HDAS group went to Moores water gardens on June 2 to enjoy a great day of rain and sunshine. We met up with some members of the London club while there. We got some great pictures while there. Those that were there were treated to a 10% discount.

HDAS BBQ - this was our first club BBQ. It was held at Carla's home. We had a great turn out with 25 members coming out all bringing a little bit of their fish expertise. We enjoyed hot dogs, burgers, sausage and many salads and deserts were brought along by the many HDAS group. It was a great night and the weather participated. I'm sure we will do this again.

Speaker Line Up

Sept - Klaus Steinhaus - Cares Program

Oct - Frank Aguirre - Most Beautiful Aquariums

Nov - Tom Mason - Crayfish, Lobsters and Shrimp

Dec - Christmas Party, Neighbour to Neighbour Food Drive

Sept 21 - HDAS Fall Auction and Vendors Table - Waterdown Legion. If anyone is interested in purchasing a vendors table, please contact Carla president@hdas.ca

Hamilton and District Aquarium Society is pleased to announce that Mark Denaro will be our Guest Dinner Speaker on Saturday November 16th at the Waterdown Legion. He will be presenting 2 programs - Hope you can join us. The cost is \$25 and includes a fantastic dinner and prizes. To purchase your ticket please contact a member of the HDAS executive.

Kitchener-Waterloo

Our June meeting was a give back to the members. We had pizza for all and give a ways including canister filters, LED lighting, a round 3 gallon desktop aquarium, heaters, plant soil, water treatments and Gift Certificates to a local fish store.

The summer family picnic on Sunday June 23rd was attended by over 20 people.

The September guest speaker will be Dr. Sandra Fazakas. Dr Fazakas is a local fish veterinarian who is also employed at Ripley Aquarium in Toronto. The CAOAC and FAAS awards will be presented as well.

KWAS will hold their annual Fish Show and Auction Oktoberfish on Sunday October 27th at the Waterloo Inn.

We currently have 96 members, including family members.

London

In June we had a potluck/elections/awards/bus trip, details as follows:

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Our new executive was elected. The next two positions have been reinstated after not having anyone to fill them for quite some time.

The club is trying to encourage members to be more involved in earning club and CAOAC awards.

Awards Chair is Nancy Egelton. We are trying to get more of the younger members involved in the inner workings of the club.

Junior Member at Large Morgan Jensma and Joshua Fairchild.

Sorry at this time I do not have all of the particulars for some of our newest executives.

Awards

Sharon MacDonald was presented with her lifetime membership award, for her many years of work for the club and going above and beyond. We can always count on Sharon!

Monthly jar show awards (yearend)

Fish first place Ron and Annette Bishop

Plants first place James Kelly

BAP certificate Ron and Annette Bishop

HAP no certificate presented due to no entries being received.

This is the reason we are trying to make people aware of the awards that are out there and how they can work toward getting them.

We had approximately 30 people attend our June potluck, when we held our elections. We had our usual monthly auction, but no jar show. Awards were also presented.

Bus Trip

On Saturday June 22, we had our second bus trip. We had 33 seats booked, unfortunately 3 people had to back out. 5 of the people who attended were from the Chatham club. We requested the same driver as last year. Don Brazier from Badder Bus Lines. He is amazing! We had 4 50/50 draws to collect some money for Don's tip. When we handed him his \$ 100.00 He was very touched, and said that he doesn't consider taking us on our tour work, and he donated the money back to the club. We are giving him an honorary membership. Ron and Annette and some of our other club members donated some "fishy" items for prizes. We drew tickets and everyone on the trip received a "fishy" prize. We went to 7 fish stores, and even had time to go to a Chinese bakery, a retro candy store and a couple other shops as well. We were treated well at all of our stops. Mike and Jerry went out of their way to make us feel welcome. Mike at Finatics provided us with snacks and beverages and even opened early. Jerry at the Tropical Fish Room provided us with beverages and entertainment and stayed open late. Jerry was kind enough to feed his piranhas and teach us about the species. He also donated two items for draws. Despite the rain and humidity, the trip was a great success! We are looking forward to bus trip # 3 in 2014!

Sarnia

The club summer BBQ will be held on August 3. The Fall Auction is September 14 at the new location

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St Catharines

June's meeting was the annual club BBQ and Election night. They have a new President and Secretary..

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

The Club Picnic and Annual Tree- Frisbee Tournament is July 23. The August 20th meeting is the Home Show: videos of members tanks. For the last six months, President Randy Seufert and BOD member Bill Duzen have spent Sunday afternoons visiting members' homes and videotaping the fish tanks. Prizes will be awarded in several categories after member viewing and voting on the presentations. The Speaker Series continues September 17th with Scott Ray from Erie, Pennsylvania. The Fall Auction will be Saturday, November 2.

Old BusinessConvention 2014

Durham, still looking for venue for 2014 convention. It will be the May long weekend. Gary Lang is the only speaker confirmed.

New Business

Carl asked why the newsletter was not distributed anymore. Ann explained that when Phil resigned from CAOAC he left a large place to fill. Phil did a lot of work behind the scenes. The mailing list for the newsletter was maintained by Phil and it was not passed on. We are now starting from scratch, building a distribution list. Ann has sent the last two newsletters to the club President's that received the survey. It is also available on the website. It is the responsibility of the club to keep CAOAC advised of changes to contact information.

If a club wants a date added to the CAOAC calendar, please send the information to Claudia and she will then compile updates and send to John.

Newsletter should be sent to Club President, CAOAC rep and Newsletter Editor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42.

Have a great summer!!

Want to participate in the meeting??



Can't make a meeting in person but would like to attend via Skype. You can, just look up **Ann Stevens** our Recording Secretary and add her to your list. Search for user **Nov18angel** and then let Ann know prior to the meeting, and she will sign on to Skype and accept your call.

CAOAC Calendar of Events

2013

July

14—Forest City Pond Club—Paul J. Young Landscape and Water Gardens in Delaware,
23—Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Club Picnic and Annual Tree- Frisbee Tournament

August

20—Tropical Fish Club of Erie Country—Home Show—video of members tanks

September

14 - 11:00 AM - Sarnia Aquarium Society Fall Auction.
15 - 10:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
15 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON
21 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Fall Auction, Waterdown ON.
29 - London Aquaria Society Fall Auction & Show, Dorchester ON.

October

20 - 10:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
20 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON
27 - Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society Oktoberfish, Kitchener ON. Please note room location has been changed to the basement this year.

November

2—Tropical Fish Club of Erie County—Auction only
3 - Peel Region Aquarium Society - Auction.
9 - Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society presents Dinner and Guest Speaker - Ted Judy, Chatham ON
10—St Catharines and Area Aquarium Society—Auction only
16 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society presents Dinner and Guest Speaker - Mark Denaro, Waterdown ON
17 - 10:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
17 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

December

8 - 10:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
8 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

2014

March

29 - Brant Aquarium Society Spring Annual Auction & Show

April

6 - Durham & Region Aquarium Society Aquariana Show & Auction

May

4 - London Aquarium Society Spring Auction, Dorchester, ON

For more information in regards to events listed above, please check their website or members.

CAOAC President's Barbecue—June 23, 2013



Thank you Zenin for the following pictures

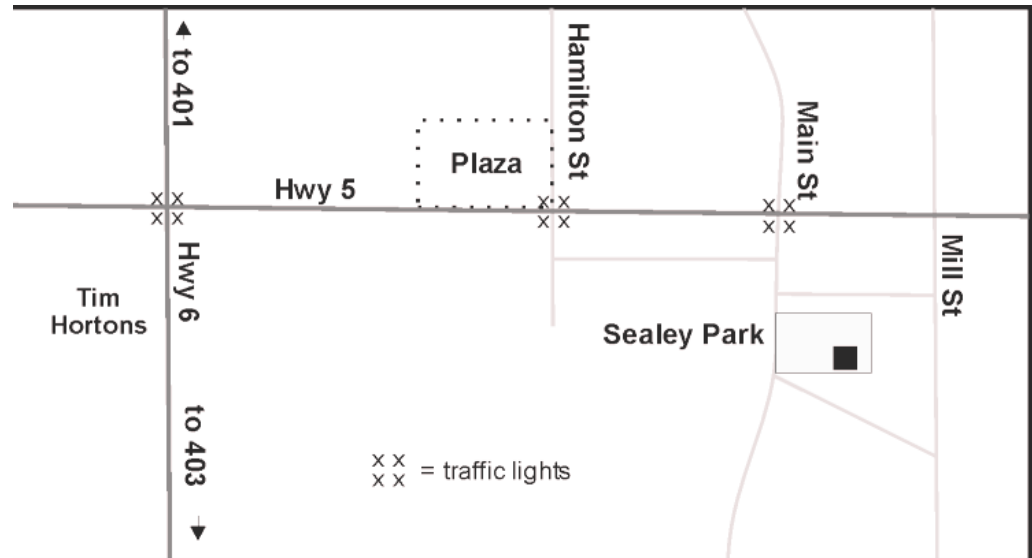
- Top left—good food
- Top right—the new Ron Bishop & Annette receiving their Hobbyist of the Year Award.
- Middle Left—some of the other club members in attendance.
- Middle right—Catherine Salmon receiving her 2011 Betta and 2012 Betta award.
- Bottom right—George Banavage receiving Durham's award

Thank you Albert for the picture of Zenin receiving the award for Kitchener Waterloo.



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Directions to the CAOAC Monthly Meeting



2013-2014 Committee Chairs

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