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Of Aquarium Clubs

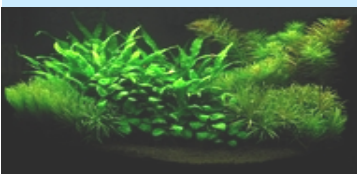
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President's Message

October, 2013

Welcome October!! Happy Fall! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Halloween! This month seems to have an extra activity for every day. Pond closing, leaf raking, harvest festivals, and colourful country drives are only a few things to do between fish club activities.

Club events this month include: DRAS (October 5th) presentation of 'Nature Aquarium 101' (see flyer); the Saskatoon Aquarium Society (October 12 & 13) Fish Show 2013 with speaker, sanctioned show, and auction; Kwas (October 27th) Octoberfish with sanctioned show and auction. Be aware that TFCEC's auction (November 2) and Peel's auction (November 3) will follow very fast. Please plan to attend, participate, and bring a friend (or two) to as many events and club meetings as you can.

This month will bring the e-mailing of CAOAC Membership Application forms and club invoices from Treasurer/ Membership Chairman Albert von Montfort. Every club must complete the Membership Application yearly. Dues and insurance payment deadline is December 8th.

At this writing, the binder updates should all be in the inbox of Recording Secretary/Binder Chair, Ann Stevens. She is compiling the new Web-binder which will replace the 2010 Information CD. When ready, the Web-binder will be available on the CAOAC Website, where it will be updated as necessary.

The 55th Annual CAOAC Convention of 2014 is starting to take shape. The Durham Region Aquarium Society is hosting the Conservation theme event at the University of Guelph –Humber College on the Victoria Day weekend (May 16-18, 2014). Gary Lang will be one of the speakers. Keep watch for further information on the DRAS and CAOAC websites.

The October 20th CAOAC Executive and General meetings are open to all members. We will be voting on a By-law change. (see minutes). Please send your club news and reports to Ann Stevens, in writing, before the meeting .



President's Message

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If you want the CAOAC Newsletter e-mailed to you, please send your request to Lorraine Gregson (koilady@execulink.com). Currently the newsletter is e-mailed to each Club President.

Enjoy the season,
Claudia

Executive Meeting – September 15, 2013

Called to order at 11:15 by Claudia Carthew (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

Executive Attendance 2013-2014		
Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Absent
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Also In Attendance:		
Peter Melady (SAS)	Annette Bishop (LAS)	Richard Carthew (TFEC)

President's Welcome

Claudia asked the question as to payment of a sanctioned show judging. Ron explained it is to cover their costs and time at the auction.

Minutes

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

1	Treasurer's Report Sept 14, 2013	TD Bank May 31	\$ 11,746.98
2	Cash on hand		
3	Paypal		
4		Sub-total	\$ 11,746.98
5	Cashed Cheque # 159 BBQ \$154.95 + Admin Products		\$ 226.22
6	Cashed Cheque # 158 Re 10 Plaques		\$ 226.00
7	Cash deposit		\$ -
8	Cheques deposit		\$ -

9	TD Bank August 30	TD Bank August 30	\$ 11,294.74
10	Outstanding Cheque #		
11	Terry Little Memorial Fund		\$ - 625.00
12	Working Balance		\$ 10,669.74

Please note the Report is from May 31— August 30

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

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

The budget was reviewed and will be voted on at the General Meeting.

Question was raised as to when the web domain expires. Ann printed it and found it to be Feb 28, 2016.

This is the second reading of the constitution motion.

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.

1st VP Report

Received emails from Saskatoon in regards to an open show, will pass on to Barb. Went to Kitchener and represented all the awards.

President's Report

New newsletter editor is Lorraine Gregson, to be voted on in General meeting.

Old Business

The question was raised in regards to how the 40 Year Service Award was created. The award was circulated to the active executive at the time.

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:12 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
2 nd VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Absent
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Bob Wright (BAS)	Absent

Club	Name	
Brant AS	Barb Draper	George Banavage
Barrie	Tony Bernard	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines AS	Phil Barrett	
Tropical Fish Club of Erie County	Richard Carthew	
Guests:	Stephanie Bernard	

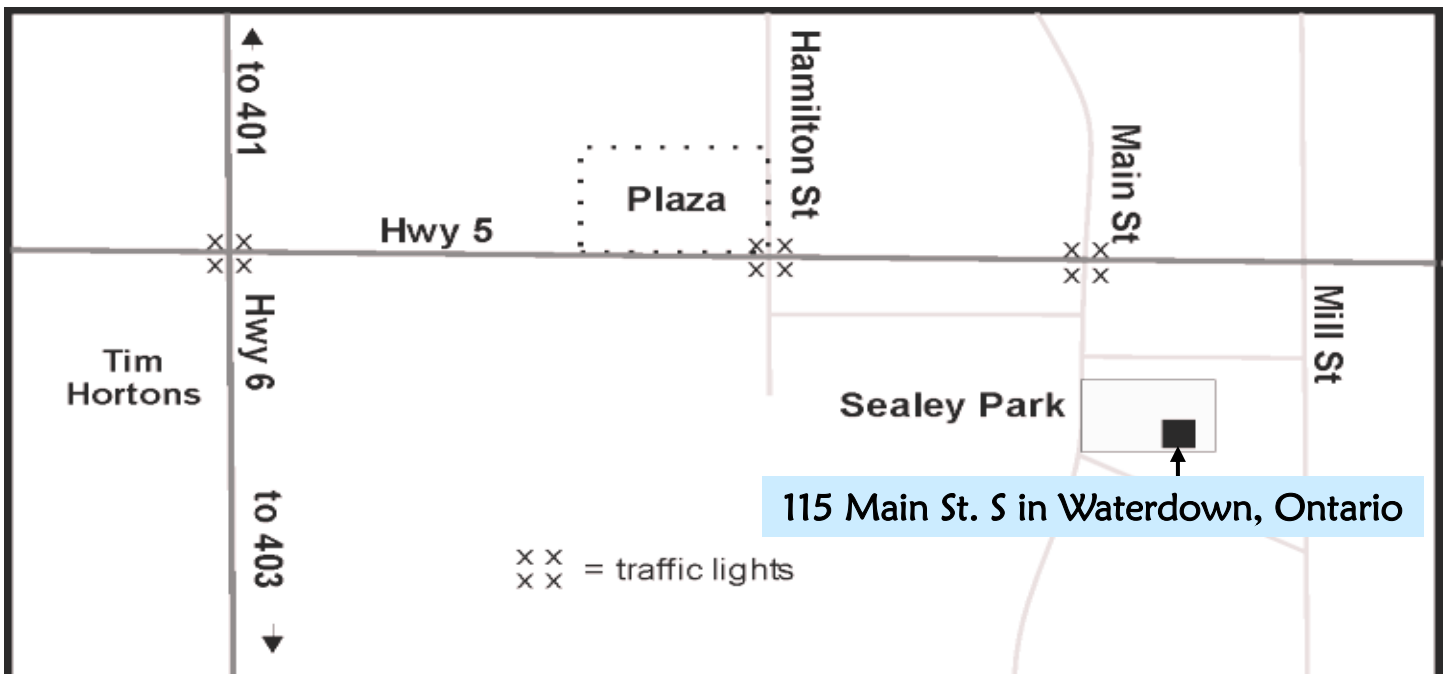


Want to participate in the meeting??

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 onto Skype and accept your call.

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

**CAOAC Meetings are Held at the Optimist Hall,
115 Main Street South Waterdown, Ontario.**



Motion to accept the minutes by Barry, seconded by Peter.

Treasurers report

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



George Serpa came into the meeting and Ann will send an email and he will send us his Treasurer's email address.

Business Arising from Executive Meeting

New newsletter Editor, Lorraine Gregson. Motion to approve Richard, second Albert.

Second reading of the proposed changes (see Executive meeting for details) to the constitution was read. To be voted on in October.

Proposed budget was presented. Request if any committee chair wants anything added to the budget. Ron noticed the \$500 seed money should be listed under Convention.

Motion to accept the proposed amended (addition of convention money) budget, by Peter, Seconded, Richard.

Committee Chairs

Title	Name	First	Second
AHD	AnnMarie Towell	Absent	
Awards	Peter Melady	Present	
Binder	Ann Stevens	Present	
Futures	Tony Bernard	Present	
Judges	Ron Bishop	Present	
Membership	Albert van Montfort	Present	
Open Show	Barb Draper	Present	
Programs	Richard Carthew	Present	
Steering	Richard Cathew	Present	
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Present	

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

Binder – No updates received from Barb, Ron or Ken. Claudia stressed this has been ongoing since 2010. We need to get this updated. It has already been retyped. Claudia said to send current information to John to add to the web. Updates will follow.

Awards – Application for Breeders Award and Recognition Award need to be updated. Ann offered to update and send to webmaster. All forms must be completed and signed by the Club Executive. Tony asked what happens to someone that is deserving of a CAOAC award but the club executive doesn't act on it. It was suggested that in a case where someone qualifies for an award and has not been able to get action from their executive to contact the CAOAC executive chair.

Futures - What is CAOAC doing for every club? What does CAOAC mean to you? Does a sanctioned show mean anything to the clubs? What are the benefits CAOAC provides for its members? Where do we need to focus our energies? Tony would like to conduct a survey by calling all club Presidents to speak to them to get some answers to these questions. He would also like to conduct an internal survey amongst the executive also.

Memberships – Albert will be sending out membership forms in October. Dues are due in December.

Open Show – Hamilton, Kitchener, London are coming. Ron gave Barb the information for Saskatoon.

Programs – It is being reviewed.

Ways & Means – OK for now.

Club Reports

Barrie — nothing to report.

Brant – First meeting, brief talk on puffer fish, which will be the grow fish. You must be a member of the club to participate. Tom Mason will be speaking at next meeting.

Durham - First meeting next week, with Tommy Lamb from Shrimp Fever. Free presentation on Nature Aquariums October 5.

London – The first meeting of the season for London was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. We cut the meeting short due to the overwhelming heat. The meeting was a round table discussion of the things that happened in our tanks and ponds over the summer. We heard about bullfrogs killing fish in ponds, and losing fish through our siphon hoses, oops! We had a couple of new members join.

We have our annual show and auction coming up on Sunday, September 29 in Dorchester. We still have a few classes to be sponsored, so anyone who would like to do so, should contact Stephen Gregson.

In October we have Sandra Fazakas, who has a mobile veterinary service for fish, and works for the Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto, coming to do a talk about veterinary medicine for fish.

In November we have Zenin coming to do a photography workshop. Everyone is encouraged to bring in their cameras.

We will have our Christmas potluck in December..

Sarnia – Auction yesterday, attendance was down.

St Catharines - First meeting with Jeff Mountjoy from Martin Foods. October Ron Bishop is talking about gadgets.

Erie County - November 2, auction, speaker series in October.

Old Business

Convention 2014

Will be held at the University of Guelph - Humber College. It will be the May 16-18 weekend. Gary Lang is the only speaker confirmed. It will not be a CARES convention. It will be a conservation theme. There will be a CAOAC sanctioned show. Sunday will be the auction day with possibly the AGM meeting prior. More information to follow.

New Business

Motion to adjourn by Peter. Meeting adjourned at 2:30. Have a great summer!!

2013

September

- 14 - 11:00 a.m. - Sarnia Aquarium Society Fall Auction. Details can be found [here](#).
- 15 - 11:00 a.m. - CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario
- 15 - 11:00 a.m. - General Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario
- 21 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Fall Auction, Waterdown, Ontario, Details can be found [here](#).
- 29 - London Aquaria Society Fall Show & Auction, Dorechester Ontario. Details can be found [here](#).

October

- 20 - 11:00 a.m. C.A.O.A.C. Executive Meeting, Waterdown Ontario
- 20 - 12:00 a.m. C.A.O.A.C. General Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario
- 27 - Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society Oktoberfish, Kitchener, Ontario. Please not room location has been changed to the basement this year. Details can be found [here](#).

November

- 2 - Tropical Fish Club of Erie County - Auction only - Details can be found [here](#).
- 3 - Peel Region Aquarium Society Auction. Details will be found on [here](#) their website.
- 9 - Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society presents a Dinner and Guest Speaker - Ted Judy, Chatham Ontario. Details can be found [here](#).
- 10 - St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society - Fall Auction - Details can be found [here](#).
- 16 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society presents a Dinner & Guest Speaker - Mark Denaro, Waterdown, Ontario. Details can be found [here](#).
- 17 - 11:00 a.m. - CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario.
- 17 - 12:00 a.m. - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario.

December

- 8 - 11:00 a.m. CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario
- 8 - 12:00 a.m. CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario

2014

March

- 29 - Brant Aquarium Society, Annual Spring Show & Auction

April

- 6 - Durham & Region Aquarium Society, Aquariana Show & Auction

May

- 4 - London Aquaria Society, Spring Auction, Dorchester, Ontario - Details will be found [here](#).



Durham Region Aquarium Society & Miyabi Aqua Design Ltd.

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NATURE AQUARIUMS 101

Join us on Saturday, October 5th, 2013 for a special presentation by Joseph Uy, owner of *Miyabi Aqua Design Ltd.*, the exclusive Canadian distributor of ADA (*Aqua Design Amano*) where he shares his knowledge about "Nature Aquariums". Nature Aquariums, a Japanese art form based on a thriving and aquascaped planted tank, is like underwater bonsai. Practiced by enthusiasts all over the world, Nature Aquariums are designed to reflect the beauty of nature. Joseph shares his knowledge from studying with the master, Takashi Amano.

Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity to learn all about Nature Aquariums.

PLEASE E-MAIL EXCHANGE@DRAS.CA TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.



The Art of the Nature Aquarium

- Techniques of Takashi Amano
- The Do's and Don'ts of Aquascaping
- Arranging Stones

The Science of the Nature Aquarium

- Water Parameters and Substrates
- CO2 and Lighting
- What makes plants grow underwater

Living with the Nature Aquarium

- Daily, Weekly and Monthly maintenance
- Adding Nutrients
- Trimming Techniques

Door Prizes!
Aqua Flora Plants for show and sale!

<p>When: October 5th, 2013 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM</p> <p>e-mail exchange@dras.ca for more details</p>	<p>ADMISSION IS FREE</p>	<p>Where: Whitby Centennial Building (Attersley Room) 416 Centre Street South Whitby, Ontario L1N 4W2</p>
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