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## President's Message

November 2013

The CAOAC fish year continues with a flurry of activity. Upcoming club auctions are Tropical Fish Club of Erie County (Nov.2<sup>nd</sup>), Peel Region Aquarium Society (Nov.3<sup>rd</sup>), and St. Catharines and Area Aquarium Society (Nov.10<sup>th</sup>). On Nov.9<sup>th</sup>, Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society presents a Dinner with Guest Speaker Ted Judy, and on Nov.16<sup>th</sup>, the Hamilton & District Aquarium Society presents a Dinner with Guest Speaker Mark Denaro. Please check the member club webpage for more information.

November is Membership Month. The 2014 CAOAC Club Membership Application and Insurance Form was sent to each club. It must be filled out completely every year and returned, with full payment, before the December CAOAC meeting (DEADLINE!). Clubs that wish to include the Open Show Sanction Fee (\$20.00) in their payment, please clearly note this and the date of your Show, on your form. PAYPAL is available and if used for payment, note this on your form also. If your club did not receive the new form from our Treasurer by e-mail, it is because we do not have current e-mail information from you. The form is in the November Newsletter and on the CAOAC Website (Downloads). **Reminder:** All checks must be made payable to "Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs" (NOT 'CAOAC').

This month's club meeting is a perfect time to review the CAOAC Awards available to clubs and their individual members. There are Achievement, Recognition, and Competition Awards. Some can be earned within a calendar year, while others require many years. Award categories include fish breeding, aquatic plant propagation, writing, website, newsletter, service and Open Show. A current Quick Reference Guide to BAP and AHAP Awards is in the November Newsletter. Specific rules and requirements for each award can be found in 'Award Programs' on the website ([www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca)). Please note that many award applications must be completed and signed by the Executive body of the applicant's club/society. There are also different deadlines for different award applications.



## President's Message

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Award forms are on the 'Downloads' page of the website. **Correction note:** CAOAC no longer has regional award representatives and these submissions are to be sent directly to Award Chairman, Peter Melady. **Remember:** It is the duty of each club Executive to inform their membership of available CAOAC programs and Awards. Participation is fun, interesting, and rewarding ...for the hobby and hobbier.

The CAOAC Authors Award and Advanced Authors Award application deadline is December 8, 2013. It is awarded to any member who has, by publishing his/her work, contributed to the hobby in an outstanding way. It is not awarded for the publishing of one article, unless there is exceptional merit involved. Long standing editors of club newsletters/bulletins will be considered for this award. These awards are at the discretion of the Awards Committee and are not necessarily awarded annually.

Nominations for the Miecia Burden Ambassador Award are to be sent to Kwas CAOAC Rep. Terry Clements ([tropicalfever@hotmail.ca](mailto:tropicalfever@hotmail.ca)) by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Details of Miecia's importance to CAOAC, Kwas and the hobby, as well as Award details on the CAOAC Website (Award Programs/Achievement Award). This prestigious Award is administered solely by the Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society. Information details on the Web Award and Newsletter Award will be in the December Newsletter. T h e

December CAOAC meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is one week earlier than usual, and will feature a Pot-Luck Holiday Lunch at 12noon. The Executive will meet at 11AM, and the General Meeting will begin after lunch (1PM). Please plan to attend and bring a dish or dessert, and a smile and a friend, to share.

There is a lot to look forward to in CAOAC and a full month of Fall to enjoy before the busy holidays beset us.

Enjoy the season,

Claudia

### Executive Attendance 2013-2014

|                            |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| President                  | Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)    | Present                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP         | Ron Bishop (LAS)           | Present                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP         | Ken Boorman (CKAS)         | Skype                  |
| Corresponding Secretary    | Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)     | Skype                  |
| Recording Secretary        | Ann Stevens (HDAS)         | Present                |
| Treasurer                  | Albert Van Montfort (HDAS) | Present                |
|                            |                            |                        |
| <b>Also In Attendance:</b> | Ed Bosker (HDAS)           | John Van Rompu (PAS)   |
| Peter Melady (SAS)         | Annette Bishop (LAS)       | Richard Carthew (TFEC) |
| Lisa Boorman (CKAS)        |                            |                        |

# Executive Minutes

October 2013

## President's Welcome

Claudia welcomed all present.

## Minutes

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

| Treasurer's Report (October 19, 2013) | TD Bank (August 30, 2013)    | \$ 11,294.76 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
|                                       | TD Bank (September 30, 2013) | \$ 11,294.76 |
| Outstanding Cheque #                  |                              |              |
| Terry Little Memorial Fund            |                              | -\$ 625.00   |
| Working Balance                       |                              | \$ 10,669.76 |
| Paypal                                |                              | \$ -         |
| Cash on hand                          |                              | \$ -         |
| Sub-total                             | sub-total                    | \$ 11,294.76 |
| Cashed Cheque #                       |                              |              |
| Cash deposit                          |                              | \$ -         |
| Cheques deposit                       |                              |              |
|                                       | TD Bank Sep 30, 2013         | \$ 11,294.76 |
|                                       | Outstanding Cheque #         |              |
| Terry Little Memorial Fund            |                              | -\$ 625.00   |
| Working Balance                       |                              | \$ 10,669.76 |

George Serpa replied and advised Hall rent is paid till end of December, 2013.

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

Claudia corrected Ron's request for the budget to include seed money for convention, indicating the seed money for the convention is only a budget item if the host club requests it in June. It is not to be a part of the budget unless requested.

## General:

This is the third reading of the constitution motion.

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

*That the President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 at this meeting.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report:

Ken has done a couple of interviews on Zoomer in regards to the zoo out west.



# Executive Minutes

October 2013

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## Correspondence:

A University of Toronto youth contacted Ann Marie re looking at forming a club. An email was also received from Moncton about starting a new club to Albert. Ann Marie to send out information.

## President's Report:

Claudia raised concerns on items that used to be done up to 2004. Calendars are not consistent.

Fiscal year – April - April

Membership and dues – Jan – December.

Executive/Chairpersons – May - May

Awards – calendar year

Too many things are being missed, and information is not being shared year over year.

Need to determine who the name is on the hosting and how to get the domain name information changed.

## New Business:

Ann Marie asked for re-imburement of her sponsoring of a show class for \$50 and the convention. It was determined that it will be discussed later.

Adjourned at 12:10

Called to order at 12:23 by President Claudia.

Please keep your reports short and side conversations till later.

# General Meeting

October 2013

Please keep your reports short and side conversations till later.

Motion to accept the minutes by Ron, seconded by Albert. Correction to removal of reference to meal cooked by Richard and happy summer.

## Treasurers report

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

Change to budget is that seed money is not part of the budget, unless requested in June.

## Business Arising from Executive Meeting - None

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

Awards – We are now coming to the start of the 'Awards Season'. Everyone should be checking out the Awards portal on the CAOAC website. Rules and requirements are up to date, for the most part. Authors Award nominations are due by the December CAOAC meeting. This must include all articles, reprints and other necessary documentation for the committee to make a decision. January CAOAC meeting is the deadline for the Newsletter Award. All other Recognition and Achievement Awards, deadline is the February CAOAC meeting. All necessary forms are on the CAOAC site under "Downloads".



| Position                          | Name                       | Absent/Present |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| President                         | Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)    | Present        |  |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP                | Ron Bishop (LAS)           | Present        |  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP                | Ken Boorman (CKAS)         | Skype          |  |  |
| Corresponding Secretary           | Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)     | Skype          |  |  |
| Recording Secretary               | Ann Stevens (HDAS)         | Present        |  |  |
| Treasurer                         | Albert Van Montfort (HDAS) | Present        |  |  |
| Past President                    | Bob Wright (BAS)           | Absent         |  |  |
| Club                              | Name                       |                |  |  |
| Betta                             | Catherine Salmon           |                |  |  |
| Hamilton AS                       | Carla MacDonald            |                |  |  |
| London AS                         | Annette Bishop             |                |  |  |
| Peel AS                           | Haydn Pounder              | Anne Daniels   |  |  |
| Sarnia AS                         | Peter Melady               |                |  |  |
| St. Catharines AS                 | Phil Barrett               |                |  |  |
| Tropical Fish Club of Erie County | Richard Carthew            |                |  |  |
|                                   |                            |                |  |  |
| <u>Guests:</u>                    | Ed Bosker                  |                |  |  |
|                                   |                            |                |  |  |

### Committee Chairs

| Title        | Name                | First   | Second |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| AHD          | Ann Marie Towell    | Skype   |        |
| Awards       | Peter Melady        | Present |        |
| Breeders     | Lisa Boorman        | Skype   |        |
| Binder       | Ann Stevens         | Present |        |
| FAAS         | Ken Boorman         | Skype   |        |
| Judges       | Ron Bishop          | Present |        |
| Membership   | Albert van Montfort | Present |        |
| Open Show    | Barb Draper         | Absent  |        |
| Programs     | Richard Carthew     | Present |        |
| Steering     | Richard Cathew      | Present |        |
| Ways & Means | Annette Bishop      | Present |        |
| Webmaster    | John Van Rompu      | Present |        |



# General Meeting

October 2013

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Claudia mentioned how difficult it is for the western clubs to participate in the Open Show award.

**Binder** – Updates of the Awards section and some Open Show updates were sent to John.

**Breeders** – 2 more submissions in the last month.

**FAAS** – No updates, no meeting in about 6 months.

**Judges** – hoping to have a meeting in November. Going to contact Jerry Draper for any historical information.

**Futures** – Tony was not here but Claudia reiterated that he will to be contacting clubs, starting with the west with a survey, no update as to how far he has got.

**Memberships** – All cheques must be made payable to Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs in full, abbreviated will not be accepted by the bank. Once all new forms are returned, updated BAP and AHAP will be sent to Lisa and Ann Marie respectfully, to contact for updates.

**Newsletter** – send submissions to Claudia by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Programs** – No list is currently available. An old list is on the CD. It needs to be updated.

**Ways & Means** – Annette asked what she needs to bring for the pot luck in December.

**Webmaster** – Has lots of information to upload and update. Question as to who gets club updates. Send updates to Treasurer and he will pass on to Executive.

## Club Reports

**Betta** – Facebook has 199 members. Hopefully the President of IBC will attend the meeting.

**Hamilton** - I wanted to remind everyone that the Hamilton and District Aquarium Society will be Hosting a Dinner Speaker Evening with Mark Denaro on Saturday November 16 at the Waterdown Legion. He will have 2 presentations. One on Anabantids and the other on Marine Fish. The cost of the evening is \$25 and includes a fantastic dinner buffet. The first presentation will start at approximately 6:00 p.m.


For tickets please contact me at 905-515-3771 or de\_spaey\_carla@hotmail.com

Spring auction is set for March 22.

**London** – London had their September meeting. Dr Sandra Fazakas was the guest speaker. Sandra spoke to us about her mobile veterinary services, and about the new Ripley's aquarium that she is the vet for. It was interesting and informative.

Our speaker for October is Zenin from KWAS. He is going to be doing a photography workshop. Everyone is encouraged to bring their cameras, and Zenin will show us how to take great pictures of our fish.

On Sunday, September 29, we had our annual fall show and auction. We had just under 1100 items in the auction and just under 200 entries in our show. We had a fantastic turnout, and terrific helpers, as usual.

We have booked the hall for our spring auction. It will be held on May 4, 2014 . We have also booked the hall for our fall show/auction for Sunday, September, 28, 2014. 

## Club Reports

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**Peel** – Auction November 3 with rule changes for show. Pre-registration for your items available October 26.

**Sarnia** – April 12 spring auction, elections next month.

**St Catharine** - Our October meeting was highlighted by Ron Bishop giving a presentation about gadgets, which was very good .Our next meeting is on November 4 and will feature Tom Mason and Tom Lamb will be helping to give a presentation about fresh water crustaceans . Our club auction is Sunday November 10th .

**Erie County** - November 2, auction.

### Old Business

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To be voted on at this meeting. Unanimously passed. Carried.

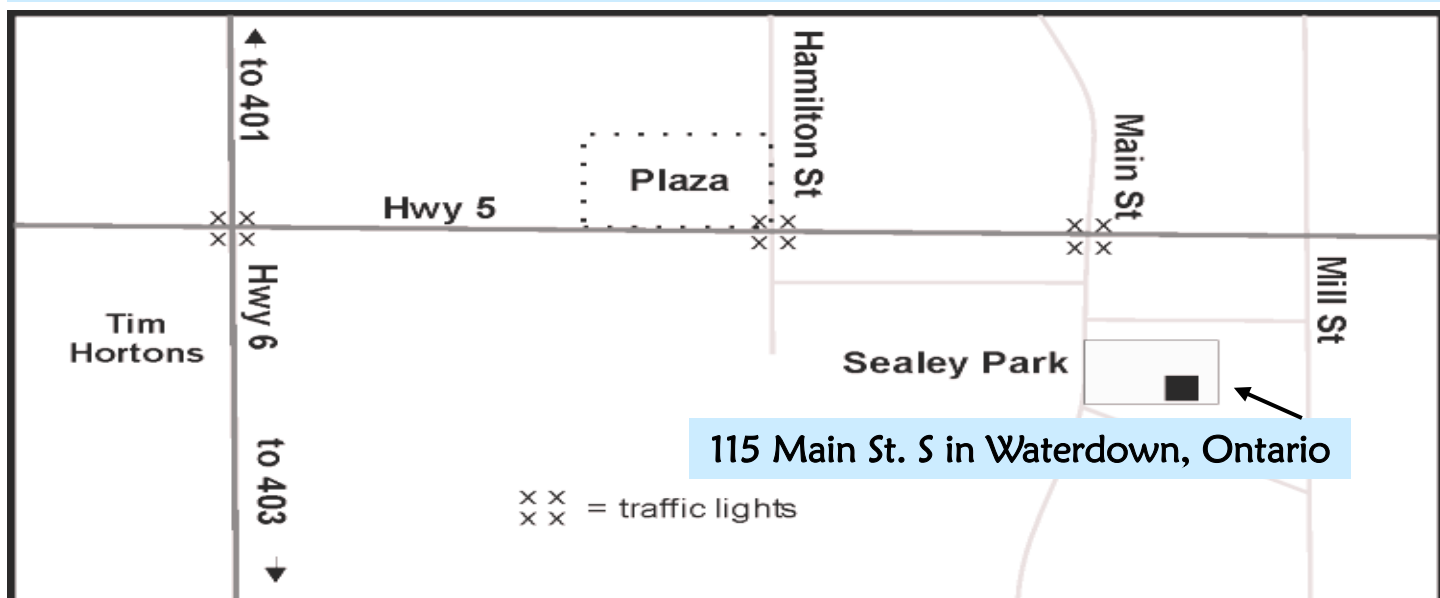
### New Business

Annette read a letter received in regards to rebagging at their auction. Someone had an issue with paying for a rebagging of catfish, which he admitted the bag was leaking before he left home. Other clubs should beware. He wanted to be reimbursed for the bagging fee.

Hayden asked about clubs holding auctions on back to back to weekends, for e.g. Saturday is one club, Sunday is the other. It makes it difficult for attendance because it's splitting them trying to attend one or the other.

Motion to adjourn by Ron. Meeting adjourned at 2:32.

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



## QUICK REFERENCE FOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

| RECOGNITION AWARDS          |        |   |
|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| NAME OF AWARD               | AWARD  | REQUIREMENTS  |
| Author                      | Plaque | By his/her articles, contributed to the betterment of the Hobby. Long standing editors will be considered.                      |
| Advanced Author             | Plaque | By his/her outstanding articles, contributed to the betterment of the hobby. For both, articles and reprints must be submitted. |
| Hobbyist of the Year        | Plaque | Contributed immensely to the betterment of the hobby over the past year   |
| Junior Hobbyist of the Year | Plaque | Time and energy to advance themselves in the hobby over the past year   |
| Service                     | Plaque | Time and energy over extended period of time to benefit C.A.O.A.C.  |
| Scientist                   | Plaque | Contributed scientifically to advancement in the field of Ichthyology   |
| 25 Years of Service         | Plaque | 25 years of continuous service to C.A.O.A.C.  |
|                             |        | OR<br>25 years of combined continuous service to club and/or C.A.O.A.C.   |
| 40 Years of Service         | Plaque | 40 years of continuous service to CAOAC<br>OR<br>40 years of combined continuous service to club and/or CAOAC                   |
| Newsletter                  | Plaque | Presented annually to a club's editor for the best newsletter published in the past year  |
| Webmaster                   | Plaque | Presented annually to a club's webmaster for the best website in the past year  |

### Canadian Pet Industry Awards This Friday

Hagen Chairman honoured with prestigious Jiro Matsui Award

<http://www.pijaccanada.blogspot.ca/>

The pet industry Summit Awards will be taking place this Friday in Lake Louise, Alberta. These awards recognize and celebrate organizations and individuals who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the lives of pets and pet families in Canadian communities. We are proud to announce our member nominees for the 2013 awards.

Source: Rolf C. Hagen Inc. October 3, 2013

<http://www.petsinfo.net/get/9430/29?detailtype=article&newsid=1845>

The World Pet Association (WPA), America's oldest non-profit organisation within the pet industry has awarded Hagen's late Chairman Rolf C. Hagen with the Matsui award at SuperZoo 2013.

Deemed the organisation's highest honour, the Matsui Award is named after former WPA board president Jiro Matsui, and is presented to honour lifetime contributions to the pet industry. The award is not given every year, only when the WPA's past Presidents/Chairs and Board of Directors feel that there is someone worthy of the honour.



| OPEN SHOW COMPETITIVE AWARDS |  |           |  |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| NAME OF AWARD                | CRITERIA   | TYPE      | KEEPER   |
| Champion of Champions        | Individual with the most points through the year         | Revolving | C.A.O.A.C.   |
| Junior Champion of Champions | < 16 years old with most points through the year         | Revolving | C.A.O.A.C.   |
| Challenge Award              | Club with most points through the year                   | Revolving | C.A.O.A.C. 2002  |
| Betta Award                  | Individual with the most "Betta" points through the year | Revolving | Ed Petrie until 1986<br>Frank Buhagiar until 1997<br>C.A.O.A.C. 2002 |
| Best Livebearer              | Best at the Convention Show                              | Revolving | Usually from host club   |
| Best Egglayer                | Best at the Convention Show                              | Revolving | Usually from host club   |
| Best of Show                 | Best at the Convention Show                              | Revolving | Usually from host club   |
| Centennial                   | Club with the most points at the Convention show         | Revolving | No keeper  |

| NAME OF AWARD   | POINTS | NUMBER OF SPECIES | CLASSES  |
|---|--------|-------------------|--|
| Aquatic Horticulturalist  | 50     | 4                 | B C D  |
| Advanced Aquatic Horticulturalist   | 120    | 12                | 2C 2D 1E   |
| Expert Aquatic Horticulturalist   | 250    | 30                | 2D 2E 1F   |
| Master Aquatic Horticulturalist   | 500    | 40                | 3D 2E 2F 1G  |
| Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturalist   | 1000   | 80                | 3 lectures   |
| NOTE: This page has been created as a "Quick Reference Guide", for details, please refer to the actual sections for the Award applying for. |        |                   | OR 3 photo essays  |
|   |        |                   | OR an article of identification 2000 words for publication |

## Canadian Pet Industry Awards This Friday

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The WPA described Mr Hagen as "one of those select few who gave so much back to the industry he loved." The award was presented at the Industry Event at the House of Blues in Las Vegas, where there was also a video tribute to Mr Hagen.

Hagen's late Chairman is currently the only person in the industry to be honoured with three major Lifetime Achievement Awards:

American [Pet Products](#) Association Hall of Fame Award (1999) (This award was also renamed the Rolf C. Hagen Award in 2012)

1. Pet Industry Distributors Association Lifetime Achievement Award (2004)

World Pet Associations – Jiro Matsui Award (2013) The Matsui Award has been presented 31 times since its inception in 1969, with 2012's [winner](#) being Paul Jolly, vice president for Petco Animal Supplies, executive director for the Petco Foundation and co-founder of PAWS LA.

| NAME OF AWARD            | GENERAL   | KILLIES   | AFRICAN RIFT LAKE CICHLIDS   | LIVE-BEARER  | CHARACINS   | CATFISH  | CICHLIDS (Other than Rift Lake)  |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Basic Merit Award        | 6 species of fish<br><br>3 different egg-laying species   | 10 species of Killifish<br><br>2 separate classes | 12 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids   | 12 species of Live-bearers   | 8 species of Characins                            | 8 species of Catfish   | 10 species of Cichlids<br><br>2 different Genera                                   |
| Intermediate Merit Award | 17 species of fish categories:<br>Cichlids;<br>Killies<br>Anabantids;<br>Livebearers;<br>Minnows;<br>Tetras;<br>Barbs; Catfish; Inverts (variance of 3) | 20 species of Killifish<br><br>4 separate classes | 36 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids<br><br>10 - class B<br>6 - class C<br>1 - class D | 25 species of Live-bearers<br><br>2 families maximum of 18 per family                | 15 species of Characins                           | 15 species of Catfish.<br><br>2 different families               | 20 species of Cichlids<br><br>5 different Genera & 2 different geographical areas  |
| Advanced Merit Award     | 37 species of fish<br>Categories as above plus 4 target fish (variance of 6)  | 40 species of Killifish<br><br>6 separate classes | 50 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids<br><br>12 - class C<br>4 - class D                | 50 species of Live-bearers<br>3 families maximum of 35 per family plus 2 target fish | 25 species of Characins<br><br>plus 1 target fish | 25 species of Catfish.<br><br>3 different families and 5 Genera. | 40 species of Cichlids<br><br>10 different Genera & 3 different geographical areas |
| Senior Merit Award       | 75 species of fish<br><br>No more than 10 live-bearers. 10 target fish  | 75 species of Killifish<br><br>8 separate classes | 75 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids<br><br>14 - class C<br>7 - class D                | 75 species of Live-bearers<br><br>4 families maximum of 60 plus 5 target fish        | 40 species of Characins<br><br>plus 5 target fish | 40 species of Catfish.<br><br>4 different families and 6 Genera. | 75 species of Cichlids<br>4 different geographical areas                           |

## APPLICATION FOR C.A.O.A.C. MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

MEETING DATES & TIMES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEETING PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PUBLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH OF CLUB ELECTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

The CAOAC newsletter is available each month on the web site and will be emailed to the club President at the address listed below. To add more people to the email list, please contact the CAOAC newsletter editor.

The following information is used to update CAOAC records, the Club information page ([www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca)), and is also shared by the respective chairpersons in CAOAC.

PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ BAP CHAIRPERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: \_\_\_\_\_ HAP CHAIRPERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**60 MEMBERS OR LESS is \$60**

**LIABILITY INSURANCE IS \$180**

**OVER 60 MEMBERS IS \$90**

**PRIVATE MEMBERSHIP IS \$20**

If you need another party such as a school board listed on the insurance policy, please put their full name on the lines below.

**Memberships:** For CAOAC purposes, a member is defined as any paid up member such as but not restricted to Junior, Adult or Family. A Family membership is considered to be one membership even if there are ten people in that family.

**New Memberships:** A pro-rated formula applies as follows. Divide the fee by 10 months and multiple by the number of months remaining in the membership year (July & August are not counted). Example; If you join in March then it is  $\$6 \times 7 \text{ months} = \$42$  for a club of 60 members or less. If you join after June you must also pay for the following year in advance at the current rate.

**Liability Insurance:** Two million-dollar third party liability insurance is available to Canadian clubs only. It must be purchased at the time of membership and runs for the calendar year.

**This form and all fees MUST be received by the Membership Chair no later than the December CAOAC meeting (2nd Sunday of Dec.) preceding the start of the membership year. Cheques may be post-dated to January 1st of the membership year.**

If Pay Pal is used email the form to [avanmont@shaw.ca](mailto:avanmont@shaw.ca)

Make the cheque payable to **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AQUARIUM CLUBS** (Must be written out in full) (not CAOAC) and send to: Albert van Montfort, Membership Chairperson, 298 Hawkrigde Ave., Hamilton, ON. L9C 3L2



## Richmond Hill Decides to Collaborate Not Ban

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

<http://pijaccanada.blogspot.ca/2013/09/richmond-hill-decides-to-collaborate.html>

A battle has been waging in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Activists have been working to discredit local pet store owner Elif Parnian of Pet Friends implying that she offers sub-standard dog and cats to her community. After weeks of attacks, Elif finally had her say Monday night at a council meeting. A brief presentation to council outlined Elif's business and husbandry practices, addressing accusations about her breeder and the care of the animals in her facility.

Supported by her customers, her veterinarian and proof of inspection for both her and her breeder's facilities, Elif was able to prove that she operates a top notch facility and offers healthy animals backed by guarantees and health records. By the end of the meeting Councillors voted unanimously to pass a revised motion, changing it from *how to stop the sale of dogs and cats in stores* to *how to stop animal mill animals from being offered in Richmond Hill by any source*. In addition Councillors asked Elif to join the city working group to investigate how to make this happen.

Elif contacted us weeks ago to ask for assistance and we were able to offer her the Municipal Toolkit crafted to help members address this very situation. It was our pleasure to work with her and offer her additional resources as she prepared. We also congratulate Richmond Hill city council for doing their own research and being open to working with their constituents. We will also be contacting council to offer our assistance. This is an excellent example of what can happen when parties are willing to share their resources and accept the help of others in an effort to find solutions through collaboration. This isn't as much a victory for pet stores but more of a victory for allowing good sources to continue to offer healthy pets to their community. Regardless of which side a stakeholder is on, city, breeder, rescue, citizen or business, the common goal must always be the well being of animals in our communities.



### 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.

## C.A.O.A.C. Events Calendar

### 2013

#### October

27 - Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society Oktoberfish, Kitchener, Ontario. 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 a Dinner and Guest Speaker - Ted Judy, Chatham Ontario.

10 - St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society - Fall Auction -

16 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society presents a Dinner & Guest Speaker - Mark Denaro, Waterdown, Ontario.

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

March 22 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Show and Auction, Waterdown ON

29 - Brant Aquarium Society, Annual Spring Show & Auction

#### April

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

12 - Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction

#### May

4 - London Aquaria Society, Spring Auction, Dorchester, Ontario -

16-18 - CAOAC Convention hosted by Durham & Region Aquarium Society

