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President's Message

December 8, 2013

Happy New Year To One & All

Welcome 2014, the year of change for me as taking over the job as president for CAOAC. First, I would like to thank Claudia Carthew for the time she devoted to the job. Thank you and take care with your future endeavours.

If anybody has any questions or suggestions about CAOAC to what we can do to make it better for the clubs or what the clubs can do to make it better for CAOAC, please get in touch with me.

Now, to the job at hand. We have a couple of vacancies in the committees we have to run the association. If there is anyone interested in filling these, jobs please get in touch with me or anybody else on the executive.

The CAOAC Convention is well on its way with plans being finalized and all the dates and speakers as well as the programs for the weekend. Great work to the Durham Region Aquarium Club.

The Awards Committee is looking forward to all the applicants for the Awards to be submitted on time.

With our move all done now, I have to clean out the garage to find all the missing bits of my fish room. Nothing important like fish nets and heaters and all that sort of stuff. Hopefully, there is not a surprise in any of the boxes. So for now, I wish you all a wonderful New Year and all the best in 2014.

Take care and keep your feet dry.

Ron Bishop



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.

Executive Meeting December 8, 2013

Called to order at 11:09 by Ron Bishop (Vice-President), at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

Executive Attendance

President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
1 st VP	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Skype
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Also In Attendance:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Annette Bishop (LAS)
Sarah Langthorne (HDAS)	Lisa Boorman (CKAS)	John Van Rompu (PRAC)
Barry McKee (DRAS)	George Banavage (DRAS)	

Minutes

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

Business Arising

Ann Marie has not received any updates in regards to money, she paid, for Show Sponsorship.

Ken made a motion to pay Ann Marie for the donation made to the Edmonton show for sponsorship, for a class at the CAOAC Convention. Seconded by Ann.



Albert was advised that it was a personal donation, not CAOAC, generated by Bob, that Bob will be asked to reimburse CAOAC. Ken will contact Bob to get clarification on whether it was personal or CAOAC. Carried.

Albert received the bill for 12 months of web hosting.

Toronto Willowdale requests assistance. Ron's club will pay for his costs to be a speaker at one of their meetings. Ron has tried contacting Jaret but has not received a reply.



Executive Meeting cont'd

Treasurer's Report Dec 8, 2013 TD Bank Oct. 31 \$ 11,153.85

1	Treasurer's Report Nov 16, 2013	TD Bank Sept 30	\$ 11,294.76
2	Paypal \$494.61		
3	Total	Sub-Total	\$ 11,153.85
4	Cashed Cheque #		\$ -
5	Cash Deposit		\$ -
6	Cashed Cheque # 160 re red rocked stick		\$ -
7	Cash deposit		\$ -
8	Cheques deposit		\$ -
9		TD Bank Nov. 29	\$ 11,153.85
10	Outstanding Cheque #		
11	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 625.00
12	Working Balance		\$ 10,528.85
13	Deposit Dec 6 2013 \$1890.00		

John Van Rompu wasn't sure if Peel received a reply to assist with auction. They still need to send the Membership Form. Bob Wright suggested that he would pay \$75 for a speaker. Suggestions were, more advertising, possibly with Kijiji or in aquarium stores. John Van Rompu did a presentation at the April 2013 meeting and didn't charge them.

Albert made a motion to cover the membership and insurance for one year. Seconded by Ken. Carried.

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

Correspondence

New Business:

Email from Claudia, resigning, due to her Sunday's which are no longer available. This leaves 3 open positions.

A motion to accept Claudia's resignation was made by Ann, seconded by Albert. Carried.

With Ron stepping up as President, he'd like to step down as Judges Chair. He needs someone to step up. Ron also received an email from Richard Carthew, resigning from Steering Chair and Program Chair.

Ken volunteered to take the Program chair position.

Barry McKee offered to be Steering Chair.

Windsor sent Ron an email, if they are accepted, they'd like to make an announcement at their meeting. Ann made the motion to accept the Windsor Aquarium Society application to join CAOAC. seconder, Albert. Carried.

Ron asked Ann to filter web updates to John Van Rompu. Any requested updates on the web, please send to Ann Stevens.



The consensus was that CAOAC will assist Durham, however, proving the alcohol is too much of a liability issue, and will not supply alcohol for the Hospitality Suite. Barry will provide estimates for the snacks and breakfast. It was agreed that once estimates are received, CAOAC will make their recommendation on how they will assist.

Adjourned at 12:17

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:42 by Vice-President Ron.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
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	
Brantford AS	Barb Draper	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	George Banavage
Kitchener-Waterloo AS	Zenin Skomorowski	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Peel AS	Haydn Pounder	
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
St, Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Toronto Willowdale AS	Jaret Voce (Skype)	
Guests:	Ed Bosker	Derek Tustin (DRAS)

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

Treasurers report

See Executive meeting for details of the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Barry, seconded by Annette.

Business Arising from Executive Meeting

In regards to Toronto's request for assistance, CAOAC will fund the membership and insurance, if requested, for one year. Ron will contact Jaret about getting the membership form completed. Bob Wright offered to sponsor \$75 for a speaker. London is paying for Ron to speak at a meeting. Some suggestions were to have them Skype in and share newsletters from other clubs and advertise. Executive received an email from Claudia resigning as President. Ron also received an email from Richard Carthew, resigning from Steering and Program Chair positions.



General Meeting cont'd

Ron to contact Claudia to pass on any Programs or anything else CAOAC related, to pass on to Phil Barrett to bring to the next meeting. The Steering Chair has been filled by Barry McKee, Programs Chair has been filled by Ken Boorman. Ron is still looking for judging chair.

Explanation of insurance was given. We are covered for \$2,000,000 for third party liability, it also covers up to \$25,000 for medical payments due to a slip or fall at an event. Need to change address, and get copy of actual policy.

Edmonton club's show, they did not complete any paperwork or there is no record of CAOAC being paid, so therefore, it was not a sanctioned show. This is a closed issue.

Ann Marie asked about judges that were apprenticing at that show. How does that affect them? There should have been paperwork sent to the Judges Chair. Ron will send email to Paul Mansfield to get some clarification on this issue, if forms were completed, etc.

Committee Chairs

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

AHD - nothing to report

Awards – Today is the deadline for Authors/Advanced Authors Award nominations. As Claudia mentioned in the December Newsletter, Newsletter Award submissions are to go to Ray Lucas. His email address is in the Presidents message of the December CAOAC newsletter. Please let me know that you have done so. The February 16, 2014 CAOAC meeting is the deadline for all other Recognition and Achievement Award submissions. The Web Award will be done by Ray Lucas in January and needs no formal submission. Sooner is better than later for submissions. Any questions, feel free to email me.

Binder – Awards and Open show completed. Ken will update the sections sent in the next month, judges to be uploaded as is. Barb will try to find the missing names for Open Show awards, if not, will put a note in the newsletter for members to request advising who won in the missing years.



General Meeting cont'd

Breeders – A submission from Hamilton was received.

FAAS – nothing to report

Judges – Looking for new chair.

Memberships – 13 clubs have **completed** applications and paid. Clubs not heard from: Brant (Barb has cheque and will bring to Hamilton meeting), Barrie, Ottawa Amphibian, Ottawa Valley, St. Catharines and Calgary. (Ann Marie will PayPal it), Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Victoria. Toronto is being covered once application is received.

Open Shows – Nothing to report, no shows in the last month.

Ways & Means – Purchased some plates for the pot luck, raised \$30 with the 50/50 draw since Barry donated his portion back.

Club Reports

Brantford – Nothing exciting to report.

Calgary - We are at 65 members and did have our elections in November. Our show and auction is March 15 and 16th with Mike Hellweg and Birgir Kamprath. Our Christmas potluck is this Tuesday December 10th and our January speaker is me on my tour of Florida Fish Farms.

Chatham-Kent - Christmas potluck was well attended despite the bad weather and all had a great time. Our next meeting will be Feb. 8. Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year. Hoping to do another speaker again.

Durham – December 10th Our Annual Social Dinner is February 22 with guest speaker Gary Lange on Gathering Rainbowfish in New Guinea. Flyers will be sent out to all clubs and previous attendees. Dinner and speaker ticket price will also be the same at \$25. The location is La Roya Banquet Hall in Ajax.

Authors and Advanced Authors, Newsletter and Service award nominations will be submitted.

The DRAS Speaker Program for the following six months is:

- January 14th 2014, Katie McMahon - Ripley's Aquarium
- February 11th 2014, David Fraser (University of Guelph) – Elasmobranchs (sharks, rays and skates)
- March 11th 2014, Matt Kolmann (University of Toronto) - Freshwater Rays
- April 8th 2014, Peter De Souza (Southern Ontario Killifish Society) – Killifish
- May 13th 2014, Ken Boorman (Chatham Kent Aquarium Society & ANGFA) - Non-Rainbowfish species of Australia and New Guinea
- June 10th 2014, Nathan Lujan (University of Toronto) - Loricariidae

DRAS - “Aquariama” is on April 6th 2014. Vendor expo and our Buck a Bag auction continues.

Hamilton - December is the Christmas meeting with funds raised for Neighbour to Neighbour Food Bank.

Kitchener - Several members of Kwas attended the Ohio Cichlid Association Extravaganza in Cleveland Ohio from 22-24 of November. Many other clubs from Ontario also had members attending.



Club Reports

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The annual KWAS Christmas meeting was held on Tuesday December 3rd with just over 50 people in attendance. There was no guest presentation but several events did take place.

Annual awards were presented to several members. There were tables of Pot Luck foods for all to enjoy. Lots of raffle prizes from Angelfins, John's Fish Food, Finatics, Kingfish Services, Brad Smith and The Tropical Fish Room were won by the members. The CAOAC quiz was won by the LaLande family. There were four fish races enjoyed by the children in attendance. Various gifts, including the racing fishes were later distributed to the children. Photos are on the KWAS Facebook page and a link was posted on the KWAS Forum.

London – Our meeting isn't until the tenth of December. At our executive meeting in November, Nancy Egelton announced that she had gotten some free product while she was in Chicago, that she was going to share at our December potluck meeting.

Ron had already made arrangements with the Toronto club for him to come and do a talk in the spring. Ron was going to ask the Toronto club for enough money to cover his gas for the trip but the Executive all agreed that the London Aquaria Society would be more than willing to pay for Ron's gas, so the talk will be free of charge. This is our little way of helping their club. Ron has been trying to contact Jaret to let him know this, to no avail.

Peel – Christmas pot luck is on the 18th with the results of the angel fish growing contest and possibly the man in red.

Sarnia – No report.

St. Catharines – Our last meeting was December 2nd and we had our pot luck Christmas party. Our president Paul, stepped down and was replaced by our 2nd vice president Joe Krawchuk. Our next meeting is January 6th and we will have a CAOAC program .

Cheers and Merry Christmas

Windsor – They are excited about joining CAOAC. They will announce it at their meeting today.

A special thank you again to Annette from London and Zenin from Kitchener-Waterloo for submitting their reports early, as well as Peter Melady who sent his report early, knowing he would not be able to make it as well as ever efficient Albert, sending his Treasurer's report so that I had it for the meeting. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the other clubs that sent their reports to me after the meeting, ensuring their information is correct. They are Phil from St. Catharines, Lisa from Chatham-Kent, Ann Marie from Calgary and Barry from Durham. If I missed anyone, I'm sorry.

Old Business: Convention 2014

CAOAC Convention 2014 – Convention Theme is “Conservation”

Date: May 16th – 18th 2014 Victoria Day Weekend.

Venue: Humber College, North Campus. Double bedroom suites are \$72.00

Speakers: Dr. Paul Loiselle; **Dr Hernán López-Fernández**; Don Conkel ++

Tour: Ripley's Aquarium May 16th



Club Reports

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CAOAC: AGM + Fish Show with Conservation Biotope displays

Auction: Open to attendees and public

Vendors: Vendor hall and Auction combined

Room Sales: Friday and Saturday for attendees

C.A.R.E.S.: Display

COTERC: Display

- **DRAS to guarantee minimum \$1,000.00 Conservation donation from net proceeds to recognized aquatic fish conservation program(s).**
- DRAS are actively looking for sponsors and manufacturer donations.
- DRAS requesting CAOAC participation, sponsorship, or activities at the convention
 - o A suggestion for CAOAC hosting the Hospitality Suite has been proposed
 - o Any suggestions are most welcome

New Business

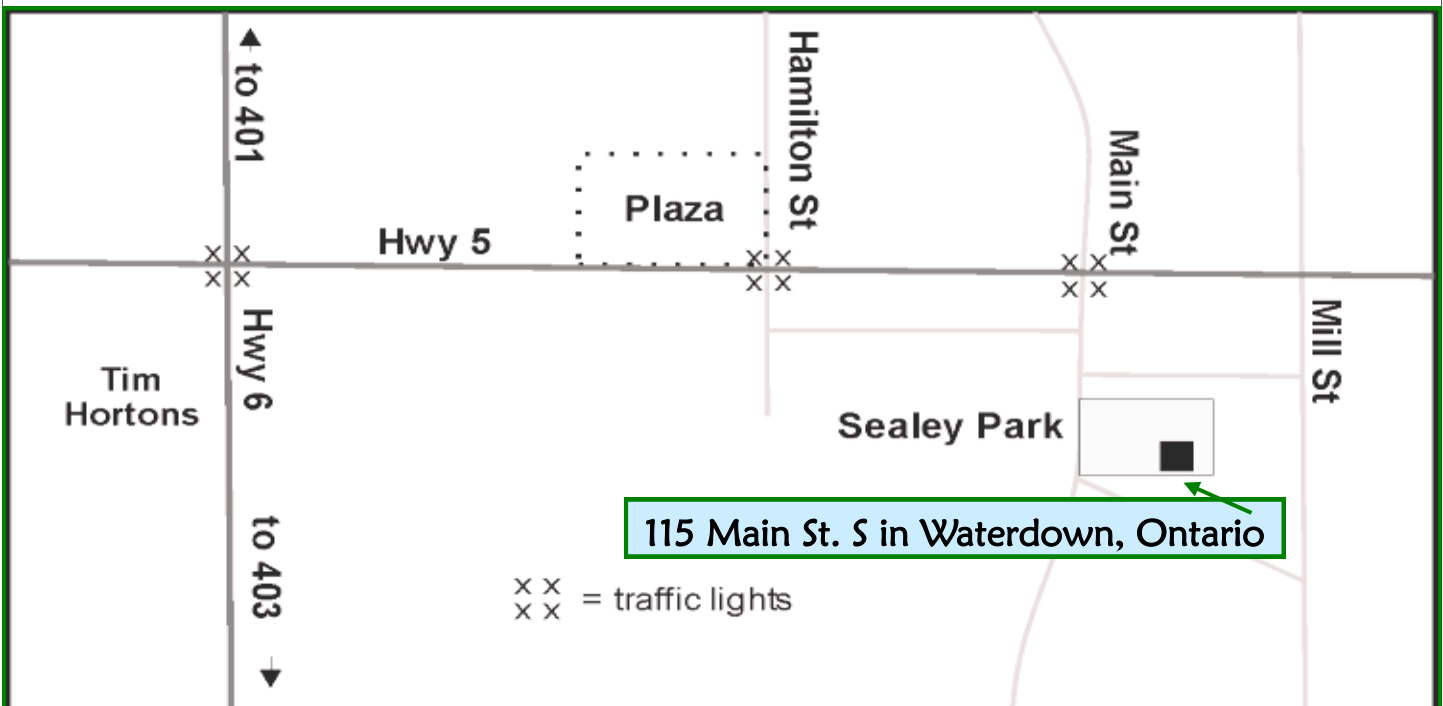
Thank Lorraine for a good job on the newsletter.

Ann Marie is looking for accounting guidelines for non-profit. This should be part of the binder.

Derek suggested that the requirement for reprinted articles be dropped since most people aren't re-printing, but referring to the electronic exchanges. Newsletter trades that suggest reading an article should be considered. This is an outdated requirement. This will be referred to Peter for review with the Awards committee.

50/50 draw was won by Barry, donated back to CAOAC. The winnings were \$15.

Motion to adjourn by Barry. Meeting adjourned at 2:01.





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

October

27 - Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society Oktoberfish, Kitchener, Ontario. Please not 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

- 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



Did you know that these awards are available from CAOAC?

- Recognition:
- Authors/Advanced Authors
 - Hobbyist of the Year
 - Junior Hobbyist of the Year
 - Service
 - 25 & 40 Year Service Awards

Achievement: General and Specialty Breeders Awards

Aquatic Horticulturalist Awards

Details, deadlines and Application Forms are on the CAOAC Website www.caoc.ca

Durham Region Aquarium Society

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2014 DRAS Annual Dinner

Featuring special guest speaker

Gary Lange

It's Not A Problem, It's An Adventure

Collecting Fish, Surviving and Expanding Patience in a Third World Country

New Guinea... one of the last unexplored wildernesses on the planet, home to numerous undiscovered species. It takes a courageous and intrepid individual to brave the primitive conditions in a quest to seek out new fish species, boldly going where few have gone before...

Join us on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014 for DRAS's Annual Dinner featuring special guest speaker Gary Lange. Gary, renowned as one of the premier Rainbowfish breeders in North America, an experienced hobbyist and fish photographer, shares the trials and tribulations he experienced during his four fish collecting expeditions to New Guinea.



Cost:

\$25.00 per person
(dinner & presentation)

When:

Saturday, February 22nd, 2014
6:30 PM – Cocktails
7:00 PM – Dinner followed by presentation

Where:

La Roya Banquet Hall
185 Westney Road South
Ajax, Ontario
L1S 2C9

Menu:

Dinner includes;

- Salad
- Main Course
(Roast Beef, Chicken or Pasta Alfredo [vegetarian])
- Dessert



To order your ticket and confirm your attendance (or if you have any questions) please send an e-mail to:

barry.mckee@rogers.com

Please include your name, Main Course selection and your club affiliation (if any).

Gary intends to accept pre-orders for some species of Rainbowfish that he is currently breeding, and will hopefully be bringing some egg kits for sale at the dinner. Please visit the forums at www.dras.ca in the coming months for further details...