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**President's Message**

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Happy Father's Day,

First of all I would like to say that Annette and I had a great time at the CAOAC convention put on by Durham Region Aquarium Society on the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend, they had a great line up of guest speakers and lots of info was gathered by all those in attendance. We spent some time with a lot of the people in the hobby who made this hobby of ours so interesting. A nice round of applause to Barry McKee and his gang for a job well done.

We have a full slate of Executives for the upcoming year. Thanks to Peter Melady who stepped up and took the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Presidents position. If anybody has an interest in any of the committees, please let it be known.

The Presidents BBQ will be held in Waterdown on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June after the Executive meeting, with the general meeting after we all have a chance to enjoy the pleasures of a pot luck dinner. There will be lots of food for all who attend. We will be having our 50/50 Draw and the ever popular draw table so we can all either donate or buy some tickets for a chance to win what is on the tables. So come, one and all.

Our pond is up and running and the fish and plants are in. Time to enjoy the summer,

Ron Bishop  
 President  
 CAOAC



# MINUTES OF THE CAOAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## May 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 hours on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by Ron Bishop (President) at Humber College (North Campus), Toronto, the site of the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual CAOAC Convention.

**Executive present:** Ron Bishop (President), Ken Boorman (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Peter Melady (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Albert Van Montfort (Treasurer), Ann Stevens (Recording Secretary).

Ron Bishop welcomed all present. The Annual Report for 2014 and Financial Report were distributed. A round of applause for a great job done by Durham, hosting the Convention this year.

### Executive Attendance

**Barrie** – Jeff Mountjoy

**Betta** – Catherine Salmon

**Brant** – Barb Draper

**Chatham-Kent** – Lisa Boorman

**Durham Region Aquarium Society** – Barry McKee, Myron Iwanochko

**Hamilton & District Aquarium Society** – Albert Van Montfort

**Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society** – Zenin Skomorowski

**London Aquaria Society** - Annette Bishop

**Sarnia Aquarium Society** – Peter Melady

**St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society** – Pat Bridges

**Windsor** -

**11 clubs and 14 votes**

#### Membership:

There are 24 clubs with almost 1200 members. A full detailed report is in Annual Report.

Motion by Myron to accept the report, seconded by Lisa, carried

### Annual Reports

A motion was made to accept all reports by Myron, seconded by Lisa.

The Treasurer's report was missing from the annual report, but is available as an addendum.

### Club Reports

**Barrie** – we are growing.

**Betta** – our silent auction on Facebook did well. We will have another one later. Shortly we will have another silent auction for dry goods and plants. There will be a betta raffle at the auction today to raise funds.

## Treasurer's Report...was read

1	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>May 5 2014</b>	<b>TD Bank Mar 28</b>	<b>\$ 11,516.63</b>
2	Cash on hand	\$ 0.00		\$ -
3	Paypal Feb-16-2014	\$ 1122.36		\$ -
4	Cheque's on hand	\$ <u>0.00</u>		\$ -
5	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1122.36</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 11,516.63</b>
6	Cheque's Cashed	<b>#167</b>		-\$ 145.80
7	Cash deposit's			\$ 20.00
8	Cheque's deposit's			\$ 216.00
9	Transfers deposit's			\$ -
10			<b>TD Bank April 30</b>	<b>\$ 11,606.83</b>
11	Outstanding Cheque's	<b>#168</b>		-\$ 400.00
12	Terry Little Memorial Fund			-\$ 625.00
13	<b>Working Balance</b>			<b>\$ 10,581.83</b>

## Club Reports

**Brant** – report to be sent

**Chatham-Kent** – nothing to report

**Durham** - Ken Boorman was guest speaker at last meeting talking about non-rainbow, with 76 members, and busy preparing for convention.

**Hamilton** – nothing to report

**Kitchener** - Our May meeting featured our own Al Ridley giving a presentation on “Barbs”. Show Jar Classes were Loaches, Killifish as well as Any Other Variety. Look for photos on the Kwas Facebook page. There are several Kwas members who will be attending the CAOAC Convention May 16-18. Kwas is hosting a Dinner event on Saturday June 14. Spencer Jack from Winnipeg will be giving a presentation before and after the meal. All are welcome to join us. See more details and how to reserve your ticket on the Kwas forum. Our June meeting is a social event with pizza and lots of free draw prizes for Kwas members. Show Jar Class will be Cyprinids and Any Other Variety.

**London** – We had our annual spring auction in Dorchester on Sunday, May 5. We had over 1100 items, approximately 200 + attendees, and over 80 sellers. It was a success! Looking forward to our fall show and auction on September 28.

For our May meeting, we had Haydn Pounder come to discuss killifish. It was a very informative talk. Lots of club members are now interested in raising killis. Thanks Haydn.

For our June meeting, we are going to try what DRAS does for their aquariama. We are going to do a \$1.00 a bag instead of our regular 70/30 split.



## Club Reports....cont'd

**London** - We will be handing out our awards, having a potluck, and holding elections as well. There will be no jar show for June.

We will also be having our 3rd annual, members' only bus trip to some fish stores in Toronto in June.

**Sarnia** – nothing to report

**St. Catharines** – Last meeting we had a great presentation from Zenin Skomorowski on photography. Our next meeting will be June 2nd and we are having our elections and a BBQ.

**Windsor** - We currently have 59 members, in April we had Ron Bishop speak on Aquarium gadgets and in June we have Tommy from [shrimpfever.com](http://shrimpfever.com) giving a presentation on caring for freshwater shrimp. May marked our 1 year anniversary.

## Elections

Ron Bishop dismissed 2013-2014 Executive with the exception of Ann Stevens (Recording Secretary) who will continue to take minutes. He thanked the Executive for a job well done over the past year and turned the meeting over to the steering committee for the election of officers for 2014 – 2015 year. Barry McKee (Steering) will conduct the elections.

The floor was opened to any other nominations. Ann nominated Peter Melady second by Ken. No other nominations were received. Peter accepted the nomination. Peter was acclaimed.

## Election Results

Title	Nominee	Result
President	Ron Bishop	Acclaimed
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Ken Boorman	Acclaimed
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Peter Melady	Acclaimed
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort	Acclaimed
Correspondence Secretary	Ann Marie Towell	Acclaimed

The following Executive has been elected.

Ann nominated Peter Melady second by Ken Carried No opposed.

### **NEW BUSINESS - None**

President's barbecue will be at Waterdown with a pot luck meal on June 22.

Question was raised if anyone is offering to host the 2015 convention.



Ron turned the meeting over to Peter to present the awards. None heard, Ken made a motion that the CAOAC host the 2015 convention, seconded by Ann. Carried. The following awards were distributed:

### General Awards

**Basic Merit** - Dennis Coatsworth CKAS

### Livebearers

**Intermediate Merit** - Ed Koerner KWAS  
 Dave Furness SCAAS

**Basic Merit** - Ron & Annette Bishop LAS  
 - Stephen Gregson LAS  
 - Dave Furness SCAAS

**Intermediate Merit** - Ron & Annette Bishop LAS

### African Rift lake Cichlids

**Advanced Merit** - Ed Koerner KWAS

**Basic Merit** - Ed Plesko LAS  
 Tim McCaskie DRAS

### Cichlids (Other Than Rift Lake)

**Senior Merit** - Dave Furness SCAAS  
 - Barry McKee DRAS

**Basic Merit** - Lisa Boorman CKAS

### Horticulturalist

Wayne Cole CKAS  
 Dave Furness SCAAS

**Aquatic Horticulturalist** Tom Hillier SCAAS  
 Ron & Annette Bishop LAS  
 Ed Plesko LAS  
 Derek Tucker LAS

**Aquatic Advanced Horticulturalist** Tom Hillier SCAAS  
 Ron & Annette Bishop LAS  
 Ed Plesko LAS  
 Derek Tucker LAS



## 2014 Recognition Awards

<b>Authors Award</b>	Ed Koerner	KWAS
	Tom Mason	DRAS
	Barry McKee	DRAS
	Derek P S Tustin	DRAS
<b>Advanced Authors Award</b>	Derek P S Tustin	DRAS

### 25 Year Service Award

Ron Bishop	LAS
Jack Parkinson	LAS
John Swick	LAS

### 40 Year Service Award

<b>Newsletter Award</b>	Dorothy Reimer	LAS
<b>Web Award</b>	Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society	
	Durham Region Aquarium Society	

Derek Tustin suggested the awards be handed out at the banquet where more people are present and can be acknowledged.

Derek discussed the possibility of cancelling the web and newsletter awards. A suggestion was made to partner with FAAS to have a Canadian newsletter award.

Carl asked about the process of elections and was duly informed of the prescribed process that is in the By-Laws available on the website.

Meeting adjourned by Myron and Lisa.

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Stevens (Recording Secretary)

Submitted by Ann Stevens  
C.A.O.A.C. →

We were saddened to hear about the passing of Dr. Milton Ness this past week. Over many years Dr. Ness has presented PIJAC Canada's Certified Reptile Specialist program and other exotic animal care workshops, always making himself available to teach at our shows. An avid educator and passionate animal health practitioner, Milton will be sorely missed by the staff at the association and those he taught and shared his passion with. In particular the citizens of Edmonton will be deeply impacted as Milton was also the Chief Veterinarian at the Edmonton Valley Zoo. Below is an article from the Edmonton Sun which shares more detail of Dr. Ness's career and achievements, in particular his widely read about advocacy work for Lucy the elephant.

