



President's Message

Welcome back to the Fish room,

I hope everybody had a great summer and got rested up for the upcoming season ahead of us. With all the shows and auctions that are planned, we will all get those much needed additions. It is always nice to see old friends and meet new ones, this is one of the exciting things about our hobby.

First of all I would like to thank the CAOAC executive for all the support in the planning of the CAOAC Convention for next year. It seems that we have the plans in motion for a great weekend, from the speakers to the location. Details will be announced in the near future. Also we will be having draws for convention weekend tickets at as many venues as possible.

We have a full slate of executives for the upcoming year. Thanks to Peter Melady who stepped up and took the 2nd Vice - Presidents position.

The CAOAC Website can only be upgraded if the club info is sent to Ann Stevens or myself to forward to Ann, about the shows or the Auctions, or whatever club event is taking place. I get lots of calls regarding this information and I have to go on some of the clubs websites and it is not even there. At the next CAOAC meeting we can get this done, hopefully sooner,

Also if there are interested people we need some committee people to fill some empty spots. 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, come all!

The shows and auctions are back,

Time to enjoy the fall,

Ron Bishop, President

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Minutes—June 22, 2014 Meeting

Executive Meeting

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

Executive Attendance

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

Old Business

2014 convention feedback – it was suggested the awards be presented at the banquet, not the AGM. Suggestions were made that the President should have a welcome message at the banquet. Some guidelines should be available as to the order of business for a convention. The question was raised on whether the date needs to be changed from the long weekend.

Creation of a welcome package will be reviewed at a special meeting in the summer.

Minutes

A discussion was raised in regards to the formatting in the newsletter of the meeting minutes. Ron asked Ann to contact Lorraine to ask her to send her editable document to proof before sending out.

Motion to accept the minutes (with amendments) as published in the newsletter by Lisa, seconded by Albert. Carried

Business Arising

It was discussed that the hospitality suite at the convention didn't cost as much as was originally thought. Peter made a motion to make a \$500 donation to the Durham Club in support of their efforts for the convention. Seconded by Ken. Carried

A request was made to review the speakers on the CAOAC website. It was determined it is up to date.

June 22 Minutes—Cont'd.

Treasurer's Report

1	Treasurer's Report June 22 2014	TD Bank	\$ 11,606.83
2	Cash on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
3	Paypal Feb-16-2014 \$ 1122.36		\$ -
4	Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
5	Total \$ 1122.36	Sub-total	\$ 11,606.83
6	Cheque's Cashed #169 #170 #171		-\$ 466.40
7	Cash deposit's		\$ -
8	Cheque's deposit's		\$ -
9	Transfers deposit's		\$ -
1		TD Bank	\$ 11,140.43
1	Outstanding Cheque's #168		-\$ 400.00
1	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 625.00
1	Working Balance		\$ 10,115.43

A request for re-imbusement from the Terry Little Memorial Fund for the expense of \$158.19 for an aquarium kit, for a prize of High Aggregate for Juniors at convention.

Albert presented his expenses for stamps, etc. to be reimbursed. Motion by Peter, seconded by Ann to pay. Carried.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Ken seconded by Peter. Carried

Correspondence

Ann received an email was received regarding the hall. There is a group that is attempting to start a new community church and is looking to use the hall. They asked if we'd be willing to move. Ann indicated that if everything was the same, other than location, we would consider it but it would have to be raised with the executive. . After further discussion with the executive it was determined to advise we are not willing to re-locate. Ann to send email and advise.

Ann Marie received two requests to be added as a link to our website. One is about aquatic ponds and the other is about graduate studies. If it's decided that if they are added, a disclaimer should be added to the link page, "These links are not necessarily endorsed by CAOAC". Ann Marie to send to Ann to review.

New Business

Peter raised the issue that Tim McCaskie is going to Madagascar this year and feels that a donation on behalf of CAOAC to show support would be a good gesture.

Peter made a motion to donate \$1,000 to help with Tim McCaskie's trip for conservation to Madascar. A report will be requested for our newsletter upon his return. Seconded by Ken. Carried.

Adjourned at 12:26 by Peter, second by Albert.

June 22 Minutes—Cont'd.

General Meeting

Called to order at 1:10 by President Ron.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Peter Melady (SAS)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Marie Towell	Present (Skype)
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent
Club	Name	
Betta Breeders	Catherine Salmon	
Brantford AS	Barb Draper	
Calgary AS	Ann-Marie (Skype)	
Chatham-Kent AS	Lisa Boorman	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	George Banavage
Hamilton District AS	Albert Van Montfort	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
Guests:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	

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

Old Business

Treasurers report

See Executive meeting for details of the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Ken seconded by Catharine. Carried

Business Arising from Executive

A cheque was presented to the Durham club for \$500 for support of the CAOAC convention.

A cheque was also presented to Barry McKee to give to Tim McCaskie for \$1,000.

A request to possibly change our meeting location was received. It was determined that we will not change out meeting location.

June 22 Minutes—Cont'd.

Correspondence

See Executive reports

Old Business

Motion made by Catherine to read:

In order to hold a position on the executive or committee chair or committee member of CAOAC you must be a member through either a CAOAC club or a CAOAC private membership.

Seconded by Brian.

Vote taken. Carried.

Committee Chairs

Title	Name	
AHD	Ann Marie Towell	Present (Skype)
Awards	Peter Melady	Present
Breeders	Lisa Boorman	Present
Binder	Ann Stevens	Present
FAAS	Ken Boorman	Present
Fish Rescue	Tom Mason	Absent
Judges		
Membership	Albert van Montfort	Present
Open Show	Barb Draper	Present
Programs	Ken Boorman	Present
Steering	Barry McKee	Present
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Present
Webmaster	Ann Stevens	Present
Convention chair	Ken Boorman	Present

All committee chairs have been appointed. Albert made the motion to accept, seconded by Ken. Carried

AHD- no report

Awards – A comment about having a Canadian FAAS newsletter award was mentioned at the General CAOAC meeting. It was also suggested to have the awards presented at the banquet. This will be considered for the future.

Binder – After some discussion it was determined the recipients of awards can be included on the web as part of the binder.

Breeders – two clubs sent items, Kitchener and Winnipeg. First in from Ed Koerner.

FAAS – no report.

June 22 Minutes—Cont'd.

Fish Rescue – nothing at this time.

Judges –no updates from Brian, everything is still in limbo.

Memberships – nothing new

Open Shows – nothing to report.

Programs- program details has been started with a rating system and comments. .

Steering –

Ways & Means – September started with 0.

June ended with 209.35.

Kept \$70 for convention meeting in August.

Gave Albert 189.35 to deposit.3

Raffle raised \$25.00. 50/50 raised \$13.

Website – completed all updates received.

Club Reports

Betta – we had a successful annual Facebook silent dry good auctions. We made \$45 on the draw at convention. Mary Hyland from Durham Club won the draw.

Brantford – currently have 8 active members. Meeting cancelled in May due to too busy. Executive meeting made a decision to fold the club as the end of June.

Calgary –

Chatham-Kent – quiet meeting last month. We are trying to hold our first auction in the spring of 2015.

Durham – new report to be sent

Hamilton – we had a people's choice jar show with plants, fish and invertebrate with some nice prices. Barbecue planned for this week but has been postponed.

Kitchener - Our June meeting was a pizza party with lots of free draw prizes for KWAS members. Show Jar Classes were Cyprinids as well as Any Other Variety. Look for photos on the KWAS Facebook page or the link on the forum.

Several KWAS members attended the CAOAC Convention May 16-18 at Humber College in Etobicoke. Both Terry and I showed fish.

KWAS hosted a Dinner event on Saturday June 14 out at the Blue Moon in Petersburg. Spencer Jack from Winnipeg gave two presentations. One was a collecting trip to Bolivia, the other was comparing new and old world cichlids and the people that keep them.

Our summer picnic was held on June 21 at Kiwanis Park. The kids really loved the swim pond.

KWAS had an information display booth at the Kitchener Reptile Expo on June 27.

See you in September when Show Jar Classes will be Livebearers and Any Other Variety.

June 22 Minutes—Cont'd.

London— Our elections were held in June. Most of the executive remains the same. We have a new Vice-president - Nancy Egleton. New CARES co-ordinator - Jennifer McNaughton.

We had our awards night. CAOAC awards were given out to anyone that was not in attendance at the convention.

We had 3 members of LAS receive their lifetime memberships. We used a slide show quiz, written by Walter Murfin of BAS, as a ruse to give them their awards.

We had our annual bus trip to Toronto. It was very successful. We were able to visit 9 fish stores, including the Tropical Fish Room.

We are looking into visiting the Ripley's aquarium on our next bus trip.

Ron was contacted by the Sarnia club regarding their visit to Moore's, at the end of the month. They asked if we would like to go to the stores in London with them. Ron invited them to come back to our house for a BBQ afterward. The SAS will be supplying the food, while the LAS supplies the beverages, and condiments.

Sarnia – trip next weekend to Moore's water garden next week with a barbecue at Ron and Annette's. Dates set for barbecue

Thank you Barry, Annette, Phil and Zenin for sending their reports prior to the meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Ron reported that Larry Johnson has recently lost his wife to cancer. Ann Marie to send a card. Annette to give contact information.

2015 Convention

Ken sent out some letters out to speakers for next year's convention to look for availability and interest. Catharine Salmon has suggested having an IBC sanctioned Betta show at the convention. Currently there are no sanctioned IBC judges in Canada, but one of the suggested guest speakers does qualify. Location, Catharine has checked into the Holiday Inn in Burlington and has received quotes. Barry provided a quote from Humber for next year. Ann to get updated quote from Niagara College.

A discussion was raised about standardizing the show tanks and that the fish are shown in tanks that are more humane.

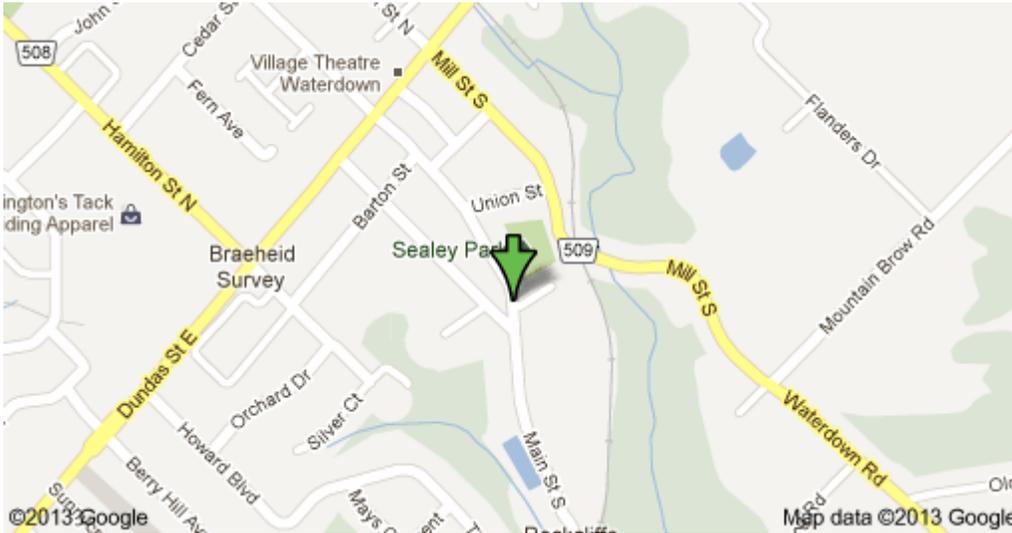
Thanks for all who donated today.

50/50 draw was for \$13. Won by Ron. 50/50 draw made \$13.

Motion to adjourn by Peter and seconded by Albert. Meeting adjourned at 3:04.

Regular Meetings

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO OUR REGULAR MEETINGS:



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

- 11:00 AM CAOAC Executive meeting
- 12:00 PM CAOAC General meeting

NEXT MEETING IS September 21, 2014.

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

September

- 13 - Sarnia Aquarium Society Fall auction.
- 21 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
- 21 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON
- 28 - London Aquarium Society Fall Auction & Show.

October

- 4 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Fall Auction. .
- 5 - Calgary auction.
- 19 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
- 19 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON
- 26 - Edmonton auction.
- 26 - Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfish Auction & Show.

November

- 16 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
- 16 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

December

- 14 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON
- 14 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON



Check
www.caoac.ca
for more details

2015 CAOAC Convention



2015 CAOAC Annual Convention
Featuring the IBC District 6 Sanctioned Show
May 15, 16, 17 2015
Burlington Holiday Inn & Conference Centre

Speakers

Bob Fenner
Rachel O'Leary
Ken McKeighen
Gerald Griffin

Features

38 CAOAC Class Show
IBC Sanctioned Betta District 6 Show
Large auction of tropical fish & supplies
Vendor Show Room
Saturday Banquet
CAOAC Annual General Meeting
\$79 full Convention Ticket (includes speakers and dinner)
\$39 Speakers only
\$45 Dinner only

Check our website for a chance to win your free convention ticket.

www.caoac.ca/convention

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Did you miss a copy of the newsletter?

Past copies of the newsletter are available on our website www.caoac.ca/newsletters

Why isn't my event listed on the website?

If you have an event you want included on the website, send the information to the webmaster and it will be added.

Why am I not receiving emails or notifications?

Please send changes of email address to the newsletter editor and correspondence secretary to keep us up to date.

I'm not a CAOAC representative, can I attend a meeting?

You are welcome to attend a General Meeting. You just do not have a vote. We'd be happy to see you.

I don't live in Ontario, how can I participate in the meeting?

You are available to Skype into the meeting. Search for ann.stevens11@gmail.com in Skype and request to be added, mentioning your interest in participating in the meeting.

Do I have to belong to a club to attend the convention?

No, but it is helpful to keep up to date with current events in your area.

I have a suggestion for the meeting, how can I get it mentioned?

You can email anyone on the executive and they will raise your comment at the next meeting under Correspondence.





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We're on the web
www.caoac.ca

What is CAOAC?

We are often asked this question. CAOAC stands for The Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs. We are a non-profit corporation and are composed of member aquarium, reptile & amphibian, pond & water garden, and similar clubs or societies from across Canada and the Northeast United States.

CAOAC was founded in 1959 (incorporated in 1963) to allow the clubs to work together for their common good and the good of the hobby. Legislative issues, promotion of events, a judging system, national awards, assistance for new clubs, & liability insurance are just a few of the things on which clubs can work and benefit together. Recently, a Fish Rescue Program has begun. This has been developed with outside partners who also have an interest in our hobby and environmental issues.

What are the benefits of being a member?

National awards program to honour those in member clubs who have achieved success in breeding, plant propagation, or other endeavours related to the hobby.

National judging program to train and certify judges as well as set standards that all can use to judge their shows.

Third-party liability insurance program to protect club members in case of an unfortunate accident at one of their functions.

National forum to express views and opinions.

National voice to deal with legislation which may impact negatively on our hobby and to put forward constructive ideas to politicians and bureaucrats.

A chance to become involved with people who share similar interests with yourselves.

If you are interested in joining CAOAC as a club or as a private (non-voting) member, please contact our Membership Chair, see under committees for email address.

In person meetings are held monthly (except July & August) in Waterdown, Ontario (unless otherwise posted) at the Optimist Hall where clubs which are within driving distance send their representative (s) to discuss issues of the day as well as the future.