



OCTOBER 2014

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

President's Message

Don't eat too much Turkey,

I hope everybody has had a chance to take in some of the Fall Auctions and Shows. The competition in the shows has been exciting. The London Aquaria Society had their show at the end of September. The turn out was down but all in all their was some great fish. The Auction was well attended as well as lots of great bargains for all. Hamilton Auction will soon be past and then Kitchener and then St Catharine's then to Peel. Lots of miles and lots of great deals. It is always nice to see old friends and meet new ones, this is one of the exciting things about our hobby.



The CAOAC executive has got the postcards and the raffle tickets for a chance to win your convention ticket. They are five dollars each and with every twenty that are sold then a draw will take place and the winner will get their convention ticket. Good luck to all.

I would like to thank Lorraine Gregson for the great job she did with the CAOAC Newsletter. Her efforts were greatly appreciated.

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 all.

The shows and auctions are back,

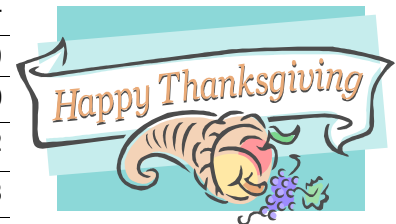
Time to enjoy the fall,

Ron Bishop

CAOAC President

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Minutes—September 21, 2014 Meeting

Executive Meeting – September 21, 2014

Called to order at 11:05 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 (Skype)
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)

Old Business

Creation of a welcome package will be reviewed later.

Minutes

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

Business Arising

Concern that the current Newsletter Editor has more than she can handle at the moment so Ann Stevens has offered to take it over in the meantime.

Treasurer's Report

1	Treasurer's Report Sep 20 2014	TD Bank May 30	\$ 11,140.43
2	Cash on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
3	Paypal Jun 24-2014 \$ 0.00		
4	Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
5		Sub-total	\$ 11,140.43
6	Cheque's Cashed #168 #172 #173 #174 #175		-\$ 2,107.62
7	Cash deposit's From Ways & Means		\$ 139.35
8	Cheque's deposit's		\$ -
9	Transfers deposit's From Pay Pal		\$ 1,122.36
10		TD Bank Aug 29	\$ 10,294.52
11	Outstanding Cheque's #		\$ -
12	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 466.81
13	Working Balance		\$ 9,827.71

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

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Proposal was made from the Awards committee to change the qualifications to read:

- In the event that there are no nominations from member clubs for Service and Hobbyist of the Year Awards, the Awards Committee reserves the right to nominate, discuss and award these.

Proposal made at the convention meeting by awards committee be accepted. Motion made by

Peter seconded Albert. Carried.

Budget –

Ann to get quote to digitalize slides of past conventions for consideration in budget.

Balance of budget to be reviewed and voted on at next meeting.

Adjourned at 12:18 by Peter, second by Ann.

General Meeting

Called to order at 1:10 by President Ron.

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Club	Name	
Betta Breeders	Catherine Salmon	
Calgary AS	Ann-Marie (Skype)	
Chatham-Kent AS	Lisa Boorman (Skype)	
Durham Region AS	Myron Iwanochko	George Banavage
Hamilton District AS	Albert Van Montfort	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Guests:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	

Question was raised if cheque was given to Tim McCaskie. A thank you was received and he's been and returned and already giving talks.

Motion to accept the minutes by Myron, seconded by Peter. Carried.

Old Business

Report regarding the hall and church. The church is holding their meetings in the main hall and using our meeting room for the nursery. They are meeting at an earlier time in order to be finished with the nursery so we can have our meetings. They are being very accommodating. It was suggested we set dates for next year, June will be 28th, May will be convention. Apr 19. March 15, Feb 8, Jan 18 these will be added to the web and sent to the hall and Dave Smith from the church.

Treasurers report

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

Business Arising from Executive

September newsletter will be sent out by Monday night.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

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Committee Chairs

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

AHD- One inquiry re saltwater algae, nuisance algae, they wanted to know if there are points for it? The answer was no, no record could be found to indicate otherwise.

Awards – So begins my Annual exhortation to the clubs. Awards deadlines are approaching. All rules, requirements and forms are on the Web-site. Please encourage your members to apply and the sooner the better. Please don't wait until the last minute. Proposal was made from the Awards committee to change the rules for Recognition Awards to read:

- In the event that there are no nominations from member clubs for Service and Hobbyist of the Year Awards, the Awards Committee reserves the right to nominate, discuss and award these.

Binder – Added accounting guidelines and copyright laws.

Breeders – submissions received from Sarnia and will be reviewed for the next meeting.

FAAS – no report, still no meeting.

Fish Rescue – Ron reported that Tom Mason has some large plecocs that he needs to find a home for.

Judges –still no meeting yet and have to vote on an apprenticeship.

Memberships – nothing new. Albert wanted to ensure the late fee of \$50 is on the form. To send out reminder in October, due December.

Open Shows – No Report

Programs- Ken is continuing to review the programs and give reviews to update web.

Steering – No Report

Ways & Means – CAOAC Ways and Means Sept 2013- Jun 2014

Starting balance 13.50

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Date	Balance	Spent	Recv'd	50/50	Raffle
Sep	13.50	-12.75	10.90	n/a	n/a
Oct	11.65	-14.80	9.55	n/a	n/a
Nov	6.40	-7.50	8.30	10.00	n/a
Dec	17.20	-39.35	50.10	30.00	n/a
Jan	57.95	-10.30	14.30	48.00	n/a
Feb	109.95	-14.95	15.00	19.00	23.00
Mar	152.00	-72.15	12.60	16.00	24.00
Apr	132.45	-11.10	1.00	16.00	33.00
May	171.35	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jun	171.35	n/a	10.00	13.00	15.00

End of Year 209.35

Ending balance 209.35

Turned in 139.35

New balance (kept) 70.00 This 70.00 was used for food at the convention meeting in August. Starting balance for 2014-2015 is 0.00.

n/a not applicable

Note:

December cheque received to cover expenses of supplies for potluck

March awards meeting spent 60.00 for pizzas/cookies

May AGM at convention no food required no raffle or 50/50 held

June potluck

Please see minutes for 50/50 winners for each month. Some winnings donated back.

Website – completed all updates received. Some dates have been sent to be added to the calendar. The Accounting Guidelines and copyright Guidelines are now located in the index for the binder on the web. Please recommend your club members to read this.

Convention 2015

Speakers bio have been sent to Ann for website. Post Cards are created.

Ken advised there is another draw. For all people who book their hotel rooms by March 14 will be entered in a draw for free art work (8x10) from Ken McKeighen. Ken Boorman will send the link for Ken's website to link to his artwork.

On May Victoria Day weekend, May 15-17 with 4 speakers lined.

Vendor's room, the question was raised if there is a charge? Last year they paid \$50 for a table. The charge will be \$75 per 6' table for 3 days; donations are encouraged but not mandatory.

Hotel room rates will only be applied to CAOAC paid convention ticket attendees.

Ken will include a postcard with any books sold in North America. Ann to send 50 to Ann Marie.

Any raffle tickets sold for a convention, if the winner has already purchased a full convention ticket, they will be re-imbursed for their ticket. If they win a second raffle ticket, they will receive a free ticket only.

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Ann will get tickets printed and will be available for the next meeting. There will be full convention tickets, speaker tickets and dinner tickets by request only.

All show fish must be set up by Friday night for the IBC show due to their ruling that they must be set up 12 hours before judging. All CAOAC show fish must be set up by 10:00 AM Saturday morning. No late entries will be allowed.

Show Awards and CAOAC Awards will be presented at the Saturday Banquet. A suggestion was made to present only the main awards and list all other recipients of others, ie. basic, intermediate etc. and present an envelope to club.

AGM should be just the election and annual report.

Club Reports

Betta – webmaster/publisher and Catherine went to the first IBC show in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania to learn how to run an IBC show.

Calgary – Calgary is at over 70 members and we have our auction October 5th. Our last meeting featuring one of our members was well attended with over 50 people. We are setting up our spring auction date.

Chatham-Kent – nothing to report

Durham – nothing to report

Hamilton – Our Sept speaker was Ron Bishop who presented a very interesting program on "showing fish". Our group seemed to really enjoy his talk and participated in the discussion. He had some really great and true stories to share with our club. We had a good laugh at some of these stories.

Speaker for Oct is Larry Johnston on his trip to Lake Malawi. Nov speaker is Al Ridley on Barbs. Our Dec program is about celebrating Christmas and also a time for sharing with a "neighbour to neighbour" food drive. We also have a "fishy" table raffle with donated items to help raise money for neighbour to neighbour. We hold our elections in Jan.

Fall Auction - Sat Oct 4/14

Spring Auction and Show - Sat Mar 21/15

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Kitchener - Our September meeting featured Brian Glazier speaking on food for your fish, mostly live cultures. Show Jar Classes were Livebearers as well as Any Other Variety. Look for photos on the KWAS Facebook page or the link on the forum.

Our Spencer Jack dinner evening back in June almost broke even with about 60 people in attendance. About half of the attendees were KWAS members, the remaining were from at least 5 other clubs, plus some retailers like Mike Bandura of Finatics and Jerry Draper from the Tropical Fish Room. Also in attendance was NorthFin aquatic food founder Darius Chodocinkas.

See you in October when Show Jar Classes will be Large American Cichlids and AOV.

Later in October on Sunday the 26th, KWAS will be hosting our Oktoberfish Show and Auction. See the KWAS forum for more details.

London – For our September meeting we had Peter DeSouza do a talk about his passion for killifish.

We had a good turnout, and a few younger members joined the club.

We are preparing for our fall show and auction, which is Sunday, September 28. It will be held at our regular location in Dorchester.

Our guest speaker for October will be.....

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Sarnia – We recently had our Fall Auction and while poorly attended did result in a profit for the club. Our September meeting featured Nancy Egelton speaking on 'Guppies'. Our October speaker will be from the St. Clair Conservation Authority.

St. Catharines - Our last meeting was Monday September 8th and Ron Bishop spoke about showing fish. Our next meeting will be Monday October 6th and Catherine Salmon will be speaking about Bettas. Our new secretary is Emma McCormack and her email is scass_secretary@hotmail.com and Lee Routhier is our new newsletter editor and her email is scat.newsletter@gmail.com . If I've made a mistake with either of these emails they would be on our website .

Auction is Sunday, November 9.

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

Old Business

New Business

Thanks for all who donated today.

Thank you Peter for bringing in a donation of Pelvicachromis taeniatus Moliwe. Won by Ron 50/50 draw made \$15. Won by Ed Bosker.

Next meeting will have raffle draws for convention tickets.

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

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

October

19 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON

19 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON

26 - Edmonton auction.

26 - Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfish Auction & Show.

November

9 - St. Catharines Annual Auction. Check here for details.

16 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON

16 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON

December

14 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON

14 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON

January

18 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON

18 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON

February

8 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON

8 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON



Check
www.caoac.ca
for more details

Recognition & Achievement Awards

They may not be due until the beginning of next year, but now's the time to look at what awards are available and how close you are to achieving these

Check out the list below.

If you have any questions, you can either check the website <http://www.caoac.ca/awards.html> or contact Peter Melady, Awards Chair at hpmelady@hotmail.com.

RECOGNITION AWARDS		
NAME OF AWARD	AWARD	REQUIREMENTS
Author	Certificate	
Advanced Author	Plaque	By his/her outstanding articles, contributed to the betterment of the hobby. For both, articles and, if available, 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	Framed Certificate	25 years of continuous service to C.A.O.A.C.
		OR 25 years of combined continuous service to club and/or C.A.O.A.C.
40 Years of Service	Framed Certificate	40 years of continuous service to CAOAC
		OR 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

Achievement Awards

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
			OR 3 photo essays
			OR an article of identification 2000 words for publication

NOTE: This page has been created as a "Quick Reference Guide", for details, please refer to the actual sections for the Award applying for.

Achievement Awards Cont'd.

QUICK REFERENCE FOR BAP AND AHAP AWARDS

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

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?

Your 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?

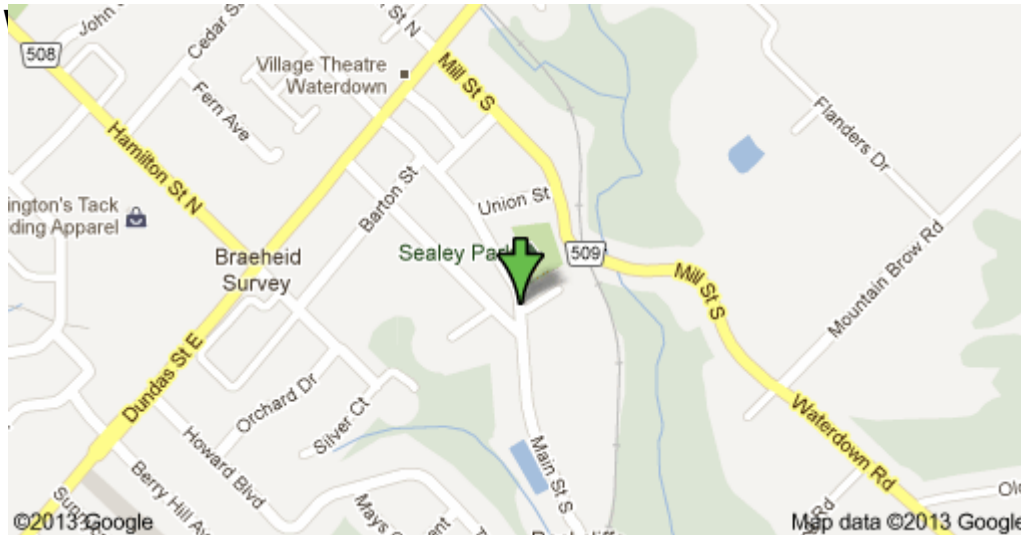
No, but it is helpful to keep up to date with current events in your area.

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.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO OUR REGULAR MEETINGS. Where we meet



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 October 19, 2014.



OCTOBER 2014

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.