



# President's Message

At the November meeting, we held our first raffle draw for a free convention ticket. Ron Urry of the Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society was the winner. For every 20 tickets sold, we'll have another draw for a free ticket until the March meeting. Come out to our meeting or contact the executive to purchase one now.

The December meeting is our pot luck lunch, so plan to attend. It's also the deadline for the Author's and Advanced Author's Award submissions.

December has made it's way into our lives and Christmas will soon be here, I hope everybody has a great and wonderful holiday season. I also hope we have all been good fish keepers so we don't have to worry about clumps of coal only fine grade charcoal.

It seems not long ago, I took over the President's position with CAOAC. , It's been a great year so far, with people working together to make things happen. Thank you to the executive who have supported me.

At this busy time of year take time to reflect on all you have to be thankful for, and help those in need, if possible.

Remember your fishies need to be remembered at this time too. A nice frozen treat would be a good idea.

Wishing you all the very best of the season.

Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year

Ron Bishop  
President, CAOAC



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# Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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## Minutes—November 13, 2014 Meeting

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# Executive Meeting – November 16, 2014

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**Called to order at 11:07** by Ron Bishop (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

### **Executive Attendance**

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Skype
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Peter Melady (SAS)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Absent
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**

A welcome package was created and circulated for feedback. One change was to change the wording and, rather than direct people to the Awards Chair for the Achievement Awards, to direct them to the web.

### **Convention**

Vendors who donate approximately \$100 retail value of product will qualify for a free vendor's table, otherwise a \$75 fee will be charged.

Hotel should be accepting reservations now.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Business Arising**

To ask Durham reps about Paul and seeing if they can get the slides from Paul to evaluate and get digitized.



# November 16 Minutes—Cont'd.

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## Treasurer's Report

1	<b>Treasurer's Report Nov 16 2014</b>	<b>TD Bank Sep 30</b>	<b>\$ 9,532.62</b>
2	Cash on hand \$ 20.00		\$ -
3	<b>Paypal Sep 23-2014 \$ 76.41</b>		
4	Cheque's on hand \$ 270.00		\$ -
5		<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 9,532.62</b>
6	Cheque's Cashed #178		\$ 73.45
7	Bank Fees		-\$ 4.95
8	Cheque's deposit's		\$ -
9	Transfers deposit's		\$ -
1		<b>TD Bank Oct 31</b>	<b>\$ 9,601.12</b>
1	Outstanding Cheque's #		\$ -
1	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 466.81
1	<b>Working Balance</b>		<b>\$ 9,134.31</b>

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

## Correspondence

Albert received the bill for web hosting.

## New Business

Adjourned at 11:55 by Ann, second by Peter.

# General Meeting

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Called to order at 12:15 by President Ron.

Ron asked for a moments silence in honour of Remembrance Day

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Peter Melady (SAS)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann Marie Towell	Absent
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent

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Club	Name	
Betta Breeders	Catherine Salmon	
Durham Region AS	Barry Iwanocho	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 George, seconded by Barb. Carried.

### **Treasurers report**

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

### **Business Arising from Executive**

Welcome package has been distributed to those clubs in attendance. Ann to send electronic copies to all on the CAOAC distribution to ensure enough people see it. New clubs will automatically receive one when they join.

### **Correspondence**

See executive report.

### **Old Business**

December's meeting, the question was raised "are we going to have the traditional pot luck"? It was decided it will continue.

Ron reported that after talking with some other club president's, wearing his London President's hat; they are going to implement a charge for No Sale items. This is a club's prerogative to implement; this is just a suggestion to help eliminate time wasted on non-selling items.



## November 16 Minutes—Cont'd.

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### Committee Chairs

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

**AHD**- No report

**Archivist** – Barry will ask Paul for his slides to bring to the next meeting. It's asked to stress that this is not taking away from Paul his position.

**Awards** – The deadline for nominations for the Authors/Advanced Authors Awards is the December 14 CAOAC meeting. The January 18 CAOAC meeting is the deadline for submissions for the Newsletter Award. All other Recognition and Achievement Awards have the February 8, 2015 CAOAC meeting as a deadline. All forms and rules are on the CAOAC website.

**Binder** – No updates at this time.

**Breeders** – Some clubs have made reports - CKAS, SAS, ASW (KWAS did a report as well last month) Peter Melady has a first in - Betta strohi

**FAAS** – no report

**Fish Rescue** – A list of fish seeking homes was included in the newsletter and email.

**Judges** – Nothing to report.

**Memberships** – Half the clubs have been sent emails re insurance, the balance will go out this week.

## November 16 Minutes—Cont'd.

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**Open Shows** – All reports have now been received. Missing is the CAOAC convention show, Barry will send to Barb.

**Programs-** 2 clubs have availed themselves of programmes in the last month. Windsor Aquarium Society borrowed 2 DVDs for a couple of their meetings and St. Catharines borrowed one which they returned promptly. Work is progressing slowly on cataloguing all the DVDs but I hope to have them all at least listed in the coming week. As soon as that list is complete I will send it to Ann. I will then continue to work my way through watching them all and write a summary and rate all of them as I find time.

**Steering** – No report

**Ways & Means** –

CAOAC Ways and Means Report 2014-2015

Starting Balance \$0.00

Date	Balance	Spent	Recv'd	50/50	Raffle
Sept	0	-16.00	+ 2.25+15.00		+ 8.00
Oct	+ 9.25 - 5.10	+13.20	+14.00		+19.00
Nov	+50.35	-12.75+16.90	+14.00		+20.00
Dec	+88.52				
Jan					
Feb					
Mar					
Apr					
May		convention			
Jun					

Ed donated meatball soup in October, and bean soup in November.

The November meeting had one bag of fish for auction, Barry brought *Melanotaenia Splendida splendida* "Deepwater Creek", 8 juveniles from Gary Lange stock for auction. Sold to Ron Bishop for \$20.00. This was instead of a raffle.

Pop and water are going to be purchased for the December potluck. The only other supplies needed are bowls.

50/50 was won by Barry and won \$14 and the CAOAC share is \$14.

**Website** – No new updates. Peter will send an updated list of award recipients for the web.

**Convention 2015**

Catherine has sold 12 raffle tickets at \$5 each and attendees bought the balance to have a draw. Ron Urry, from Chatham-Kent won the first draw. Catherine gave Albert a \$100 cheque for the money raised.

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Catherine is looking at having a separate auction for the Bettas in the show area. She is checking on guidelines for the show, example, is there a maximum allowed, etc.

Barry will send Barb last year's report on the show and then rules and classes will be outlined for 2015. Barb needs to know how the room is going to be set up. Once the classes are determined, correspondence will go out to past sponsors.

Once the hotel receives 20 nights booked, CAOAC will get a suite for free. Any additional free rooms will be for the speakers.

Lisa asked if there is a special logo. The answer is no, we will use the "over 50 years" logo.

### **Club Reports**

Betta – Catherine to send

Chatham-Kent - Last meeting we had Ken give us his new Australian Rainbowfish and Blue-Eyes: A Myriad of Forms talk and it was well received by all in attendance. Next month is our potluck Christmas get-together and as such there won't be a speaker present. We tried a new thing for us at this meeting – we had a mini-auction at the conclusion of the meeting instead of our usual raffle. Money raised was about the same as for a raffle but this is a way of giving something to our club members for their items they were donating before. We work on a 75%/25% split for that reason. Only club members are entitled to submit lots for the end-of-meetings auctions. We will continue this practice for a least a few meetings in the new year when after which we will review things again.

Durham –

Hamilton – -fall auction very successful. Special thanks to Big Al's, Northfins and Martin Mills for setting up booths

-Nov speaker was Zenin on "photograph". Really great presentation. Recommend this program.

- December meeting is one week earlier - Christmas - games with Noel N - neighbour to neighbour food drive - fishy table to raise \$ for neighbour to neighbour. All donation are accepted and do not need to be fish related. We are serving pizza and wings. Potluck deserts.

-Jan elections

Kitchener – Our November meeting featured Kirk Gibson from Toronto speaking on aquarium plants in low tech and high tech setups. Show Jar Classes were Anabantids, Plants as well as Any Other Variety. This was the last show jar of the year, plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall at the December meeting.

Our annual Oktoberfish Show and Auction on 26 October had an 11% increase in registered sellers and buyers from last year. There were less fish in the show, but a similar number of people placing entries.

Our December meeting is a social event with pot luck food, a free raffle for members and fish races.

Check the Kwas Facebook page for recent meeting photos and Oktoberfish [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-Aquarium-Society/141380715918322?sk=photos\\_stream&tab=photos\\_albums](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-Aquarium-Society/141380715918322?sk=photos_stream&tab=photos_albums)



## November 16 Minutes—Cont'd.

London – Our meeting was held on Remembrance day. After a moment of silence, for our fallen soldiers, and one of our club members, we started. We had approximately 35 members in attendance. We had Darius and Javier from Northfin come in to speak about their foods. It was a good talk, and many questions were asked and answered. A few of our members are looking forward to discussing further food options and possible suppliers with Darius and Javier.

We had our second successful 50/50 draw with Betsy Ulyatt winning \$24.00. We had a jar show which included a novice category for newer members. We also had our regular monthly auction. One of our club members, Stewart Groenveld passed away, on October 28, 2014. Our club decided to make a \$100.00 donation to brain cancer research in Stewart's name, in lieu of flowers. Many of our members were able to attend a lovely service on November 8, 2014. Stewart's smile and energy will be greatly missed.

Our Christmas meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. It will be a potluck, there will not be a speaker. The club will supply pizza and soft drinks. Nancy Egelton, who just returned from the Aquatic Experience, has brought back many gifts to be shared with the membership at the meeting.

Our new membership cards will also be coming out.

Sarnia – Tuesday, Nov 18, our program will be BAP presentations by our members to satisfy requirements for points. We also will be having our elections for the coming year. Our December meeting is our Christmas/ Awards potluck where we give out year-end awards

St. Catharines – Please say thank you to Ron and Annette and the others from London that helped us with our auction last week.

My club report is as follows, for our October meeting we had a CAOAC program about cichlids from lake Malawi . Last Sunday was our auction we were pleased with how everything went. Our December 1st meeting is our Christmas party, no program scheduled as of yet.

Thank you Annette, Phil, Albert and Peter for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. I appreciate it.

### **New Business**

Barb will send a write-up for Junior Champion of Champion award to be included in the newsletter. Ann will send an email to Kitchener-Waterloo for information for the Mecia Burden award to be included in newsletter for awareness.

Barb mentioned using some of the money left from the Brantford club. One to be set up as a trust for sponsorship for CAOAC convention show class and the other to be held in trust for when a Brantford club is re-opened.

**Next meeting will be the Christmas Potluck on December 14.**

Motion to adjourn by Ed and seconded by Barry. Meeting adjourned at 2:27.

# 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](mailto:hpmelady@hotmail.com).

RECOGNITION AWARDS		
NAME OF AWARD	AWARD	REQUIREMENTS
Author	Certificate	10 articles and at least two (2) different reprints.
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 SPE-	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

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**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](http://www.caoac.ca/convention)

# Message from the Membership Chair

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## From the Membership Chair.

To All Clubs.

President's and Treasurers and other board members, it is renewal time for membership and/or the insurance.

Please fill in the **new 2015** Form, less info is required.

If a cheque is used, it can be post-dated as January 1-2015, and please make sure it is Made payable to the full name. The bank will not accept cheques payable to CAOAC.

**"Canadian Association Of Aquarium Clubs".**

**Membership forms, Dues and Insurance cheque's are due by December the 14th 2014.**

**Please note there is a sizeable fee for late payment (\$50.00)**

For the clubs that pay the "Show Sanctioning" early add \$20. And the **date for the show** on the membership form.

Whenever a club has **a change of board members** please keep me informed at **avanmont@gmail.com**

Also the Corresponding Secretary **amtowell@shaw.ca** so we can email the right persons in your club.

Albert van Montfort

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Membership Chair and Treasurer for the  
Canadian Association Of Aquarium Clubs.

**avanmont@gmail.com**

*PS You can pay by Pay pal on the website and email the completed forms to me.*

*Forms can be found on the CAOAC website at [www.caoac.ca/downloads](http://www.caoac.ca/downloads)*

**www.caoac.ca**



# Fish Rescue

The Chair of Fish Rescue, Tom Mason, is looking for homes for the following. If you know of someone that is interested, please contact Tom Mason at [coterc09@gmail.com](mailto:coterc09@gmail.com)

Name	Description	Name	Description
<b>Loricariidae:</b>		<b>Cichlidae</b>	
Glyptoperichthys (Pterygoplichthys) gibbiceps	1 -45cm, 2- 35cm	Labidochromis caeruleus	4 males
G. joselimaianus	1- 30cm, 1- 37cm	Aulanochromis sp.	1.1, 1 female gold
G. scrophus	1- 32 cm	Archocentrus nigrofasciatus	2.1
Hypostomus robinii	1- 22cm	Vieja synspilum	1 female
Liposarcus disjunctivus	1 - 32 cm.gold, 2- 32 cm., 2 - 35cm., 1 - 37cm., 1- 20cm	Amphibolus citrinellum	1.1
<b>Clariidae</b>		Aequidens rivulus	1
Clarias batrachus	1- 30 cm	Austoleamus ocellatus	2 females - 25cm
		Tilapia zillii	male 25 cm
<b>Reptile:</b>			
Trachemys scripta elegans	male red eared slider		

## Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

### December

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

### January

18 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON  
 18 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

### February

8 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON  
 8 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

### March

15 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON  
 15 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON  
 21 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Spring Auction & Show.



Check [www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca) for more details

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Did you miss a copy of the newsletter?

*Past copies of the newsletter are available on our website [www.caoac.ca/newsletters](http://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](mailto: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?

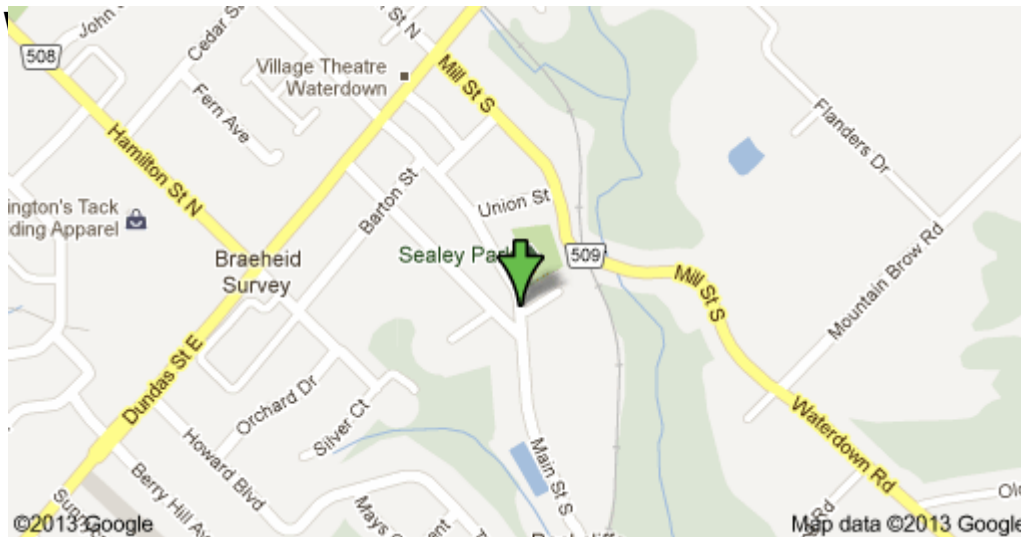
No, but it is helpful to keep up to date with current events in your area.

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 December 14, 2014.**



DECEMBER 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?

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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.