



President's Message

January is here as well as 2015. Happy New Year to one and all. On behalf of my family to yours, I wish all the best in the future and all the happiness that a new year can bring - like different fish we bring into our home and plans to attend this year's CAOAC Convention.

The CAOAC Annual Convention is being hosted by CAOAC and will be held in Burlington, Ontario. Check our website for details of speakers and pricing. **March 14** is the deadline to purchase a convention ticket and be entered into a draw to win your ticket, as well as, register your hotel room and be entered into a draw to receive a free Ken McKeighen print.

This month **January 18** is also the deadline to send your newsletters to Ray Kingfish Lucas for judging for the CAOAC Newsletter Award. His email address is included in the minutes under the Awards report. Please send an email to Peter Melady informing him that you have entered your newsletters for consideration. Details for this award are available on the website.

Come out to our meetings, where possible, and enjoy the fellowship and sharing of information. We have been having raffles and sometimes even auctions of an item or two. We've even had some hot lunches!

Also, with the start of anew year, brings about spring auctions. Make sure you contact the webmaster to have your auction included in our calendar.

Ron Bishop
President, CAOAC



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Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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*New is the year,
New are the hopes,
New is he resolution,
New are the spirits,
And new are my
warm wishes just for
you.
Have a promising
and fulfilling New
Year.*

Board of Directors

Executive			
President	Ron Bishop	Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens
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Minutes—December 14, 2014 Meeting

Executive Meeting – December 14, 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
2 nd VP	Peter Melady (SAS)	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	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

Welcome package to be sent to Albert who will send it to new clubs and will send with notification of insurance renewal to existing clubs.

Convention

Ken mentioned the menu has to be set.

Email from MARS asking for mailing address to send donations. Donations are to be sent to Catherine at 74 Green-trail Drive, Mount Hope ON L0R 1W0

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, by Peter and seconded by Ken. Carried

Correction: Catherine gave Albert a \$10 cheque and \$90 cash.

Treasurer's Report

Correction to last month's report.

1	Treasurer's Report Nov 16 2014	TD Bank Sep 30	\$ 9,532.62
2	Cash on hand \$ 20.00		\$ -
3	Paypal Sep 23-2014 \$ 76.41		
4	Cheque's on hand \$ 270.00		\$ -
5		Sub-total	\$ 9,532.62
6	Cheque's Cashed #178		-\$ 73.45
7	Bank Fees		-\$ 4.95
8	Cheque's deposit's		\$ -
9	Transfers deposit's		\$ -
10		TD Bank Oct 31	\$ 9,454.22
11	Outstanding Cheque's #		\$ -
12	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 466.81
13	Working Balance		\$ 8,987.41

Revised Dec 12 2014

Around KW \$62.15

December 14 Minutes—Cont'd.

1	Treasurer's Report Dec13 2014	TD Bank Oct 31	\$ 9,454.22
2	Cash on hand \$ 400.00		\$ -
3	Paypal Sep 23-2014 \$ 76.41		
4	Cheque's on hand \$ 2300.00		\$ -
5		Sub-total	\$ 9,454.22
6	Cheque's Cashed #		\$ -
7	Bank Fees (Nov 28)		-\$ 4.95
8	Cheque's deposit's		\$ -
9	Transfers deposit's		\$ -
10		TD Bank Nov 28	\$ 9,449.27
11	Outstanding Cheque's # 179		\$ 62.15
12	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 466.81
13	Working Balance		\$ 9,044.61

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

Correspondence

Ann received an email from Dave Johnson, from the Optimist club. "The City has required us to maintain tenant information and to require insurance by tenants. I would like to use yourself as a contact under our records, via phone or email. The insurance requirement is for \$2 million liability. Your organisation may already carry insurance and the insurer can email certificate to me naming the City of Hamilton and Optimist Club as named insured for the use of the Sealy Park Hall. If not, I can refer you to Jeanne Hood, City of Hamilton, 906 546 2424 x 7594 jeanne.hood@hamilton.ca as she has access to insurance for hall users. As well you may try insurer of your choice. I will keep the church posted with your dates. Thanks Dave Johnson Optimist Club Waterdown." The email was forwarded to Albert who advised this will be done in January.

Ann Marie received email re: fish rescue claiming email didn't work. No replies to her follow up email.

New Business

Peter raised the concern that there seems to be a decline again in attendance at the meeting. We need to reach out to people to see what we need to change. On June 28, 2015 the barbecue meeting will be all 'Presidents' or someone from each club to attend and we will have a discussion on the direction of CAOAC. Ann will create a survey and send out to all clubs. Items will cover programs, awards, and communication. The agenda for the meeting will be determined by the outcome of the survey.

Not for Profit status question was raised again by Ann Marie, as it is in effect provincially and federally. Ann to contact Bob for guidance and call for more information. Include link in newsletter.

Link to Ontario government website information for legislation affecting Not For Profit organizations.

<http://www.sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Pages/onca4.aspx>

It's important to note that this has not finalized, however, it is expected to come into affect in 2016. All organizations will then have 3 years to comply from the date it goes into effect.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 14 Minutes—Cont'd.

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:35 by President Ron.

Ron asked for a moments silence in honour of Remembrance Day.

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	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	
Calgary	Ann Marie	
Chatham-Kent	Lisa Boorman	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	George Banavage
Hamilton District AS	Albert Van Montfort	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Guests:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	

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

Treasurers report

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

Business Arising from Executive

Recapped items from executive.

Correspondence

See executive report.

Old Business

Barry hasn't had a chance to speak with Paul to get the slides.

December 14 Minutes—Cont'd.

Committee Chairs

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

AHD- I have nothing to report.

Archivist –

Awards – The December 14th CAOAC meeting is the deadline for the Authors/Advanced Authors submissions. If they are not in today, they must wait until next year.

Ray “Kingfish” Lucas has graciously agreed to once again judge submissions for the Newsletter Award.

You are to email your 2014 newsletters by January 18, 2015. If you produce 5, 6 or 10 newsletters for the year send them to him electronically. In the subject line put your club name and ‘CAOAC Newsletter Award Submissions’.

Let me know by email that you have done so. His email address is:

kingfish51@verizon.net.

The February 8th CAOAC meeting is the deadline for all other Achievement and Recognition Awards. All rules, requirements and forms are on the CAOAC website.

Binder – No updates at this time.

Breeders Directory – Some reports from November. Peter was presented with his “First in CAOAC Certificate” for Beta strohi

FAAS – no report

Fish Rescue – Nothing to report.

Judges – Nothing to report.

December 14 Minutes—Cont'd.

Memberships –

Insured Member Clubs	2015
Aquarium Club of Edmonton	ACE
Aquarium Society of Winnipeg	ASW
Calgary Aquarium Society	CAS
Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs	CAOAC
Durham Region Aquarium Society	DRAS
Forest City Pond Club	FCPC
Hamilton & District Aquarium Society	HDAS
Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society	KWAS
London Aquaria Society	LAS
Ottawa Amphibian and Reptile Association	OARA
Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society	OVAS
Regina Aquarium Society	RAS
Sarnia Aquarium Society	SarAS
Saskatoon Aquarium Society	SAS
The Greater Victoria Aquaria Society	GVAS
The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society	SCAAS
Windsor Aquarium Society	WAS
Maritime Aquarium Club	MAC
Membership only	
Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society	CKAS
Betta Breeders Canada	BBC
Peel Regional Aquarium Club	PRSC
Barrie Region Aquarium Society of Simcoe	BRASS
No renewal	
Brant Aquarium Society	
Turtle S.H.E.L.L./ Tortue S.H.E.L.L.	
Toronto Aquarium Society	TAS

No cheque received as of yesterday Nov 13	
Calgary Aquarium Society	CAS
Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society	KWAS
Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society	OVAS
Regina Aquarium Society	RAS
Windsor Aquarium Society	WAS
Maritime Aquarium Club	MAC
Membership only	
Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society	CKAS
Betta Breeders Canada	BBC
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December 14 Minutes—Cont'd.

Open Shows – Hamilton has paid the fee for sanctioned shows March 21 and Saskatchewan has paid for Oct 10 & 11 and London for September 27.

Programs-.An extensive list of programs was sent to Ann to be included on website. Maritime Aquarium club also requested a list and Ken has sent it to them also.

Steering – No report

Ways & Means –

I spent \$ 31.55 on pop, plates, bowls, cream, egg nog and ice.

Our raffle of donated items brought in \$12.00

The donated heater brought in \$2.00

There were no donations made.

The 50/50 total came to \$34.00, (did not include in in/out totals) but it was decided that instead of keeping the CAOAC's 50% that we would have 2 winners of \$17.00

Money out was 31.55

Money in was 14.00

We still have \$70.90 to start next month.

Website – No new updates. Peter will send an updated list of award recipients for the web. A request was made to create a PDF form for the membership application. Program list will be uploaded within the next few days.

Convention 2015

Ken has reviewed all the proposals for dinner. It appears we will be losing about \$7. Per ticket

Catherine asked if a betta judge wants to attend the speakers, what type of ticket do they need to purchase. The answer is, if they are going to attend a speaker's presentation, then a full convention ticket needs to be purchased. This applies to anyone accompanying a guest speaker.

Club Reports

Betta – Catherine to send

Calgary – The CAS is at over 70 members and we had our potluck with annual awards last meeting. Our January meeting is plants and CO2 by our own plant expert, Barry Benia. We have our spring auction booked for March 8th

Chatham-Kent -

Durham – The December general meeting was a Pot Luck social event with an auction. Great food and great conversation.

January program is Carol Taylor speaking on the invasive Lionfish in the Caribbean with great underwater video – everyone is welcome.

Our annual Dinner & speaker program is February 21st at the Mandarin (Pickering) with the full buffet dinner and speaker (TBA). Cost is \$35.

Membership is 76.

Hamilton – Our December meeting was a fun night with a neighbour to neighbour food drive and a fishy raffle table with donations from our club members. We raised \$251 and 159.5 lbs of groceries to help our community.

We also celebrated the season meeting up with members at "Kings Buffet" this week. It's always nice to get together.

Our January meeting will include HDAS elections.

Our spring auction and show is on Sat March 21. The fall auction is on Sat Oct 3.

Have a great holiday season everyone.

December 14 Minutes—Cont'd.

Kitchener – Our December meeting featured our year end social party. Everyone brought some food to share. There were lots of free raffle gifts. There was no Mini-Show, guest presentation or auction. Plaques were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall Mini-Show entrants. Other annual awards were Hobbyist of the Year, Breeder of the Year and the President's Award. The Author of the Year was not in attendance, so it will be presented at the January meeting. The highlight of the evening were the fish races!

Check the Kwas Facebook page for photos:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-AquariumSociety/141380715918322?sk=photos_stream&tab=photos_albums

London – At our December meeting, we had our annual potluck. The club supplied drinks and pizza. There was plenty of good food. Each member was given a ticket when they came in. The club supplied 6 gift certificates worth \$40. each that were from our advertisers. There were also some other items donated for the draw.

Nancy Egelton went to the Aquatic Experience in Chicago and brought back goody bags for each member in attendance. There were some left over to use on our bus trip in June. We did not hold our jar show, or have a speaker, but did have a good sized auction. We did a 50/50 draw worth \$27.50 and Linda Chapman won again! We also donated \$100 to the London food bank.

Sarnia – Our December meeting was our annual Awards/Christmas potluck.

St. Catharines – Our December meeting was our annual Christmas party. Our next meeting will be Monday January 5th and our very own Tom Bridges will be giving a presentation about discus . Please come out everyone is welcome.

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

Old Business

Ann asked for some write up for the Meicia Burden award. All that was received was a link to the CAOAC web page. It has been suggested that since this is not a CAOAC award, it will be moved to the bottom of the list and suggest they provide a link to the web page from their own website.

New Business

Next meeting will be January 18.

Motion to adjourn by Ken and seconded by Albert. Meeting adjourned at 1:57.



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	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 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; Minnows; 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

Not-For-Profit Corporations Act

This item was discussed briefly at the last CAOAC meeting. It is Federally and provincially legislated. Here are some links:

Federal— [Canada Not For Profit Corporations Act](#)—unless you are registered with the federal government, you do not need to worry about this. If you are, the transition date was October 17, 2014. CAOAC is not incorporated federally.

Provincial

Alberta—[Incorporate a Non Profit Body](#)— This act has two classifications that may apply to aquarium clubs. One is a Not for Profit and the other is Society. Guidelines for both are listed there. I didn't find any new legislation pertaining to this. There is an independent file available in regards to incorporating and covers the different legislation. Check it out at volunteeralberta.ab.ca/varc/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/rcvo-howtoincorporate.pdf

British Columbia—[Incorporating a Society in British Columbia](#)— Information is available here to set up or register.

Manitoba—[Guidelines for applying for Not For Profit status](#)—The step by step guidelines are here, but I don't see anything new.

New Brunswick—[Starting a Non-Profit Organization](#)—guidelines and questions and answers can be found here.

Newfoundland & Labrador—[How to Incorporate a Non-Profit Organization](#)—information is available here to help set up if not already

Nova Scotia—[Society Incorporation \(and registration\)](#) - this site gives you some basics as well as links to other government websites pertaining to this topic.

Northwest Territories—[Handbook for directors and members of societies](#)—a helpful handbook in PDF form

Nunavut—I couldn't find anything for this province relating to not for profit organizations

Ontario— [Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act](#)— This act has not been passed into law yet. Currently it is expected to possibly be in effect in 2016. Once it does go into effect, you have 3 years to comply.

Prince Edward Island— Other than filing an Annual Return, I couldn't find any real information

Quebec—[Constitute a Non Profit Legal Person](#)—Quebec refers to a group as a person

Saskatchewan—[The Non-Profit Corporations Act](#)—This is divided into two groups, charitable or membership.

Yukon—couldn't find anything specific here

From reviewing most of these sites, it appears that most state you do not have to register, however, the main benefits of incorporating are:

1. To have a formal operating structure. A corporation is a distinct legal entity with the powers of a natural person -- it can sue and be sued in its own name (an unincorporated organization can only sue through its members personally).
2. To allow members to have limited legal responsibility (liability) Generally, members of a corporation are not personally responsible for its debts and obligations, unlike members of an unincorporated organization. Directors and officers, however, may be personally responsible in certain circumstances.

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

Name	Description	Name	Description
Loricariidae:		Cichlidae	
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
Clariidae		Aequidens rivulus	1
Clarias batrachus	1- 30 cm	Austoleamus ocellatus	2 females - 25cm
		Tilapia zillii	male 25 cm
Reptile:			
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 for more details

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?

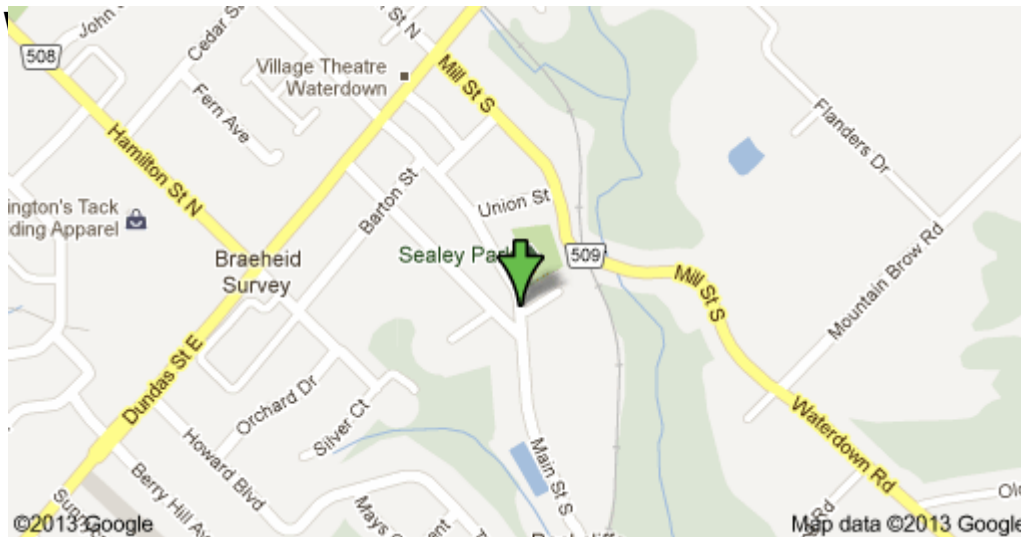
No, but it is helpful to keep up to date with current events in your area.

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 January 18, 2015.



JANUARY 2015

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.