



President's Message

All awards nominations are due at the February Meeting. So if you have any members in line for awards please submit before then.

The Awards Committee is looking forward to all the applicants for the awards to being submitted on time in order to qualify.

The Web Site has had some updates, a great job by Ann and Peter. There has been a lot of progress getting it more in order every time I get a chance to spend some time getting caught up.

Please consult the calendar for updated events this month, including the Durham Awards Banquet featuring Larry Johnson speaking on his recent trip to Africa. Come out and support them if you can. It is always a fun evening and the meal is great. I know we have enjoyed it every time we have gone. Hamilton Aquarium Club are also planning a talk and dinner for some time in November, watch for updates.

The CAOAC convention is fast approaching on the May Long weekend. Check back often for updates.

Candy is Dandy and it might help get that new tank in the fish room. Happy Valentines Day

Ron Bishop
President CAOAC



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Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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Minutes—January , 2015 Meeting

Executive Meeting – January 18, 2015

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)	Skype
2 nd VP	Peter Melady	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)

Old Business

Welcome package was sent to Albert to send to all clubs as they renew. Suggestions for survey are to be sent to Ann.

Convention

Menu will be set by Ken for the lower priced menu.

Ken's proposal for sponsorship will be sent out to all vendors and was approved.

Minutes

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

Correction in President's message and on the web to change details for draw for Ken McKeighen from a print to a painting.

Business Arising

Treasurer'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

January 18 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

Email received from Hagen requesting to speak at convention and details.

New Business

Adjourned at 12:00 by Ken, second by Ann Marie.

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:22 by President Ron.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Skype
2 nd VP	Peter Melady	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

Where do fish keep their money?

The River Bank

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Club	Name	
Betta Breeders	Catherine Salmon	
Calgary	Ann Marie	
Chatham-Kent	Lisa Boorman	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	George Banavage
Hamilton District AS	Carla De Spaey	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Ottawa Amphibian	Tom Mason	
Guests:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Barb Draper

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

Treasurers report

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

Business Arising from Executive

Recapped items from executive regarding the survey. Suggestion to include a flyer about meetings, etc. or include at start of survey.

Correspondence

See executive report.

Old Business

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

Committee Chairs

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

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AHD- I have nothing to report.

Archivist – no report.

Awards – Today, January 18 2015, is the deadline for Newsletter Award submissions. They should have been sent to Ray 'Kingfish' Lucas.

All other Achievement and Recognition Awards are due by the February 8 CAOAC meeting. All rules, requirements and forms are on the CAOAC website.

Past recipients of all Achievement & Recognition Awards have been sent to the Webmaster for uploading to the Awards portal on the CAOAC site.

Binder – All recipients have been included in the Awards section of the binder. The new program list has been added to the program section.

Breeders – submissions from Kitchener and a first in from Terry Clements for a goby cichlid.

FAAS – nothing until they have another meeting

Fish Rescue – Ontario Anglers and Hunters have asked if we still want to be involved in the fish rescue as they are putting out a new pamphlet. No results from list in newsletter.

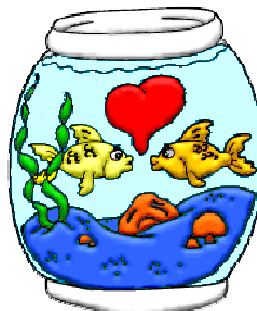
Judges –Current list of Active Sanctioned judges are:

Name	Club	Name	Club
Chris Larsen	Regina	Paul Mansfield	Regina
Kris Taylor	Winnipeg	Ken Ealey	Edmonton
Bill Bishoppe	Regina	Chris Biggs	Winnipeg
Jim Robinson	Peel	Brian Glazier	London
John Swick	London	Karl Baumgarten	London
Udo Rohman	Peel	Jim Clarke	?
Jerry Draper	Hamilton	Charlie Drew	Hamilton
Tom Collins	London		

Hope to have a meeting by the end of March.

Memberships –

The following chart shows the club status as of the meeting this morning.



January 18 Minutes—Cont'd.

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

Motion to accept clubs and private memberships for Peter Melady by Brian and 2nd by Catherine.

Newsletter – please send any event flyers to be included in the newsletter or any specific dates. Catherine to send list of Betta classes.

Open Shows – All stats for last year have been compiled.

Programs- nothing new.

Steering – Barry won't be able to attend convention but will need someone to run the election. Barry can appoint someone that is not running and not already on the executive.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

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Ways & Means –

Starting Balance \$0.00

Month	Balance	Spent	Rec'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.	88.50	-31.55	0	*0	14.00
Jan.	70.90	-2.80	7.56	17.50	32.00
Feb.	125.16				
Apr.					
May	Convention				
June					

Ed donated soup in October, November, January.

Ron donated jellies, crackers and cookies in January.

The November meeting had one bag of fish for auction, instead of a raffle.

Supplies purchased for December potluck were pop, water, ice, egg nog, cream and bowls.

*December 50/50 gave two prizes of \$17.00 each instead of keeping the CAOAC's 50%

Ed won \$17 for 50/50

Raffle

pair of gold australe from Barry – won by Catherine

Fundolupanchex gardneri josplateau from Brian - won by Tom

Pair of corydorras from Barry – won by Barb

Jellies won by Catherine

Anubias plant from Brian– won by Ed

Website – As mentioned in the binder report, they recipients have been added in the awards section; a complete list of programs has been added. If you have any dates to be added to the calendar, please send them to me and if possible, please include the link to more information. To correct convention dates in calendar.

Club Reports

[Betta](#) – At our Jan on-line, the membership worked on the plans for the IBC District 6 show. The final touches were put on the class list for the show. Plans were made to send a copy of the class list to all the CAOAC clubs to promote the Betta show.

There was a discussion on limiting the number of items to be entered by each individual for the Betta auction at the convention. The thinking was that we did not want someone to place a large number of one spawn in the auction just to get rid of them. We will be looking for top quality fish to help further members breeding programs. Also dry goods will be accepted.

Fund raising was discussed: Possibility of putting in a t-shirt order with the clubs logo, having another Face Book live Betta auction.

The BBC post cards with the CAOAC and IBC District show are being printed and will be distributed when available. Members were asked to check out their local trophy shops to see what their prices are. Trophies or plaques will be needed for the top awards at the show.

[Calgary](#) – 76 members, with 5 new ones at the last meeting. Auction is on March 8th. Last meeting was on plants, LED's and CO2 by Barry Benia, next meeting is TBA possibly on fish breeding, March is the Chicago Aquatic Experience by yours truly.

[Durham](#) – Durham Region Aquarium Society December report.

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We anticipate receiving our certificate of insurance at this meeting as it expires on the 21st of January. The January general meeting featured Carol and Jim Taylor on "Lionfish in the Caribbean" which included great underwater video.

February January program is Jessica Bullock HDAS – everyone is welcome.

Our annual Dinner & speaker program is February 21st at the Mandarin (Pickering) with the full buffet dinner and speaker is Larry Johnson on "Swimming with Cichlids". Cost is \$35. Tickets can be purchased or reserved at the CAOAC General meeting.

Membership is 79.

[Hamilton](#) – Our January meeting was the beginning of another year with our executive remain in the same.

President - Karen Rogers

1st vice - Peter Desouza

2nd- Jessica Bullock

Secretary - Margaret Dent

Treasurer - Albert Van Montfort

Our program was presented by Jessica Bullock on Dwarf Cichlids. It was an excellent program that I highly recommend.

February speaker is Peter Desouza on Killie fish. Our spring auction and show is on Sat March 21 at the Waterdown Legion. Doors open at 8 am.

They are looking at bringing Anton Lamboj as a guest speaker in the fall. More details to follow as they are firmed up.

[Kitchener](#) – Our January meeting featured our President Al Ridley discussing various methods of breeding fish and our Breeder's Award Program. A new room layout was tried to encourage more interaction between those in attendance.

The Mini-Show featured classes were Rainbows, Dwarf Cichlids and AOV. The Author of the Year was presented to Bob Channen. We had some guests and a few new members due to our presence on Facebook.

Check the KWAS Facebook page for photos:

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-Aquarium-Society/141380715918322?](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-Aquarium-Society/141380715918322?sk=photos_stream&tab=photos_albums)

[sk=photos_stream&tab=photos_albums](#)

[London](#) - Our January meeting was supposed to have Tom Lam from Shrimp Fever, but unfortunately he was unable to attend, instead everyone talked about how they got into the hobby, who their mentors were, etc. There was some lively discussion. Even some of the newer members got involved.

Our 50/50 draw was won by one of our junior members, Tyler Zinn. Tyler won 27.50. We had a very good sized auction.

Our February meeting will have Bill Gibbons doing a talk.

Spring auction is Sunday, May 3 in Dorchester.

[St. Catharines](#) – In January our own Tom Bridges give an excellent presentation about discus.

Our next meeting is February 2nd, no word yet about a program.

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

Convention 2015

The menu has been set. A sponsorship letter was approved by the executive and will be sent out by Ken this week.

For the Betta Show, all fish must be pre-registered prior to convention.

Convention post cards are available.

Discussion ensued about the number of classes for the CAOAC show. It may be reduced and the change will be reflected on the web. Sponsors are needed and the cost is \$30 per class. Best of Classes are \$50 and Best of Show is \$100. Cost to enter the show is \$1.00 per entry. Levacks will handle the award plaques again this year.

Albert is looking after the administration of the auction. George volunteered to run the 50/50.

New Business

Next meeting will be February 8.

Motion to adjourn by Barry and seconded by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Recognition & Achievement Awards

This is your last chance to apply for these awards. All awards must be to the Awards Chair by the start of the meeting, February 8, 2015. Any received after that date will apply to next years' awards .

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	LIVE-BEARER	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 livebearers. 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 still looking for homes for the following. If you know of someone that is interested, please contact Tom Mason at coterco9@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. scroplus	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

February

- 8 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON
- 8 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON
- 21-Durham Region AS Annual Dinner & Speaker

March

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

April

- 18 - Sarnia Aquarium Society Spring auction.
- 19 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON
- 19 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON



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?

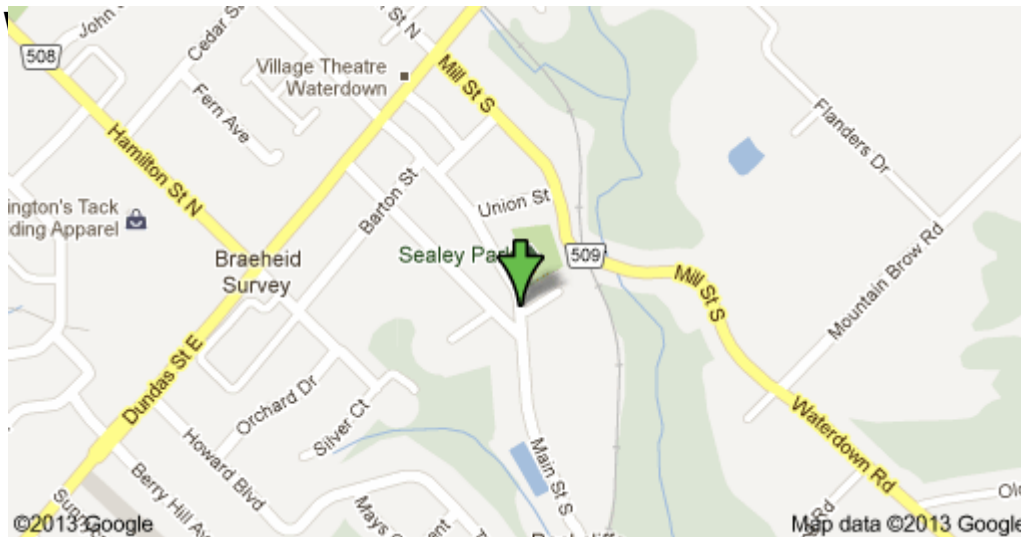
No, but it is helpful to keep up to date with current events in your area.

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 February 8, 2015.



FEBRUARY 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.