



President's Message

It hardly seems like a year has passed, but our convention is now here. We've tried to make it interesting, and added some elements to pique your interest. I don't think you will be disappointed when you attend this year, however, you may be if you don't attend.

Nominations were held and the Steering Committee has reported that no one else came forward to show an interest in being on the Executive. So we are keeping the same team. That doesn't mean you can't be a part. We're always looking for people to take the various chair positions and of course, the more Club Representatives that attend, means we're hearing what you club wants. If you're interested in being a chair for a committee, or maybe just being part of it, contact anyone from the Executive and let them know.

The warm weather is here and I know some of you will be busy getting your ponds planned and set up.

Our CAOAC President's barbecue is next month, June 28, please confirm that you will be attending so we can ensure we have enough. It will be a pot luck also. Last year was a good exchange of ideas, so come on out and be a voice. Last time I checked, an empty chair doesn't really have much to say.

We have the survey results and we will be meeting in the summer to discuss some of the comments and see how we can action them.

May is also Mother's Day, so don't forget to thank you Mother. Without her, you wouldn't be here!!

Look forward to seeing you at convention, it's going to be a fun time. Till next time.

Ron Bishop

CAOAC President

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Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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| Committees | | | |
|--|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Archivist / Historian | Paul McIntosh | Fish Rescue Program | Tom Mason |
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Minutes—April 19, 2015 Meeting

Executive Meeting – April 19, 2015

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 st VP | Ken Boorman (CKAS) | Present |
| 2 nd VP | Peter Melady | 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) | Susan Glazier (guest) |
| Lisa Boorman | Brian Glazier (LAS) | |

Old Business

Results of the survey were reviewed. It's thought we need to start moving ahead with the various programs.

Convention

Who's looking after the registration table? Albert, Peter, Annette

Are we having "goodie" bags? Do we have enough samples? Yes - Ken

Some gift ideas for the speakers, I will put into a spreadsheet so you can see pricing also.

Who will introduce the speakers? Ken

Do we have prizes for attendance at the speaker's presentations? Yes – tickets to be purchased

Once Ken finishes the program, do you want me to get a price to print them where we got the tickets done? Yes

Are you having a head table at the banquet? - No

Is there going to be a hospitality room? Are we supplying drinks and treats? Yes, Yes

Who is making the badges with the schedule on the back? Ann

Are there any restrictions for people drinking in the hall? No

Are we having a posting for people selling from their rooms? Yes

How will we distinguish between tickets that don't include the banquet? Different colour name tags? Ann - different

Show awards will be also presented at the banquet.

April 19, 2015 Meeting—Cont'd.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes by Peter, seconded by Ken. Carried
 Comment was made that previous minutes listed judges and Ron Bishop was missed from the list.

Business Arising

Treasurer's Report

| | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Treasurer's Report Mar 15 2015 | TD Bank Jan 30 | \$ 12,935.49 |
| 2 | Cash on hand \$ 158.00 | | \$ - |
| 3 | Paypal Mar 15-2015 \$ 2355.83 | | |
| 4 | Cheque's on hand \$ 158.00 | | \$ - |
| 5 | | Sub-total | \$ 12,935.49 |
| 6 | Cheque's Cashed #181 and cheq charges | | -\$ 2,756.76 |
| 7 | Bank Fees (\$5) and Returns | | -\$ 245.00 |
| 8 | Cheque's + cash deposit's (Feb) | | \$ 567.00 |
| 9 | Transfers deposit's | | \$ - |
| 10 | | TD Bank Feb 28 | \$ 10,500.73 |
| 11 | Outstanding Cheque's # | | |
| 12 | Terry Little Memorial Fund | | -\$ 466.81 |
| 13 | Working Balance | | \$ 10,033.92 |

Albert's expenses Stamps Auction Labels/ card stock/ paper ream - \$ 69.62

Cheque Cost \$132.36 or 66.2 cent a cheque

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|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Treasurer's Report Apr 15 2015 | TD Bank Feb 28 | \$ 10,500.73 |
| 2 | Cash on hand \$ 0.00 | | \$ - |
| 3 | Paypal Apr 17-2015 \$ 1328.78 | | |
| 4 | Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00 | | \$ - |
| 5 | | Sub-total | \$ 10,500.73 |
| 6 | Cheque's Cashed # | | \$ - |
| 7 | Bank Fees | | \$ - |
| 8 | Cheque's + cash deposit's (Mar) | | \$ 259.00 |
| 9 | Transfers deposit's | | \$ - |
| 10 | | TD Bank Mar 31 | \$ 10,759.73 |
| 11 | Outstanding Cheque's # | | |
| 12 | Terry Little Memorial Fund | | -\$ 466.81 |
| 13 | Working Balance | | \$ 10,292.92 |

PayPal is still in Noel's name. In June we will change over after the June meeting to try to make it more generic.

Albert has some expenses for labels, etc. Motion by Ken to reimburse Albert, seconded by Ann. Carried
 Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as read, by Peter seconded by Ken. Carried

April 19, 2015 Meeting—Cont'd.

Correspondence

- Email from Big Al's – to contact him and ask him to attend the convention or June President's meeting.
- Canadian Aquarium Auctions an online auction – Ron will contact him and invite him to convention
- Email from Victoria Aquarium Society – good ideas in regards to the survey – (summarize)
- Email from The Pleco Feeder – Ken has contacted him and he may not be able to attend, due to border crossing.
- Email from Al Ridley to club Presidents re Kids and Facebook – Ron replied with some ideas that electronics are killing some enthusiast and interesting. Usually, kids of current aquarium hobbyists are the norm.
- Carla MacDonald contacted Ron to see if Garnet could link into the membership for insurance. The reply is no, due to Privacy, membership information cannot be shared.

New Business

Adjourned at 12:14 by Peter, second by Ken.

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:30 by President Ron.

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| 2 nd VP | Peter Melady | 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 |
| Club | Name | |
| Betta Breeders | Catherine Salmon | |
| Calgary | | |
| Chatham-Kent | Lisa Boorman | |
| Durham Region AS | Barry McKee | Myron Iwanochko |
| Hamilton District AS | Barb Draper | |
| London AS | Annette Bishop | |
| Ottawa Reptile | Tom Mason | |
| Sarnia | Peter Melady | |
| St. Catharines | | |
| Guests: | George Banavage | Susan Glazier |

April 19, 2015 Meeting—Cont'd.

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

Treasurers report

See Executive meeting for details. Motion to approve the report by Tom seconded by Brian. Carried

Business Arising from Executive

Recapped items from Executive regarding the survey and changes going forward.

The draw for booking for your hotel room early, the winner was Jeff Montjoy won the print.

The draw for buying your convention ticket early was Barb Draper, who was reimbursed her ticket price at the meeting.

Correspondence

See Executive report.

Break was taken

Results from Steering committee

The current slate of officers has all agreed to stay. The question was raised as to anyone interested in running for an executive position. None heard, the current slate of officers is appointed.

Committee Chairs

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

April 19, 2015 Meeting—Cont'd.

AHD- no new report.

Archivist – Barry brought the photo books and slides. Question was raised as to how current pictures are being saved. Suggestion to ask Zenin if we purchased some CD's would he copy them onto it. Then Lisa could upload to Facebook and then add to website.

Awards – nothing to report, just gearing up for convention, certificates are done.

Binder –no report

Fish Breeders – Few reports came in and a first in for Bruce Hart for *Neolamprologus olivaceus*.

FAAS – nothing to report

Fish Rescue – The passing of Barry Sheppard greatly increased the list. He was a great guy. A new list will be in the newsletter.

Futures – to get together to make some plans to action some of the survey items, etc.

Judges – Annual report was given to Ann. Trying to get some items finalized to complete an application. A meeting to be held at the convention at some time, possibly in the morning.

Memberships – nothing changed. Albert is still sending out the certificates and welcome packages.

Newsletter – To leave speaker info and convention information in till June newsletter.

Open Shows – Barb to send. Please remember when reporting an Open Show please use the form available on the web.

Programs- nothing new

Steering – completed.

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. | 70.95 | -2.80 | 7.56 | 17.50 | 32.00 |
| Feb. | 125.21 | -18.55 | 2.45 | 10.00 | 0 |
| Mar. | 119.11 | -70.85 | 16.65 | 18.00 | 36.00 |
| Apr. | 118.91 | -13.75 | 13.70 | 19.00 | 30.00 |
| May | 167.86 | Convention | | | |
| June | | | | | |

Food grab bag – won by Ann

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Frog Bite Plant – won by Tom

Strawberry guppies – won by Ron

Ilydon furcidens – won by Barb

Swords – won by Barry

Val – won by Catherine

50/50 draw was won by Barry McKee and 20 from donations.

April 19, 2015 Meeting—Cont'd.

Auction of bag of food was won by Ann for \$7.00

Website – calendar updates were complete for what was sent.

Club Reports

Betta – Catherine to send

Calgary – over 80 members . Our last meeting was Jason from Hagen speaking on ponds. We have our home competition in May and home show in June. Auction date for October has been set and I will get it to you.. Show date is being set for March of next year...

Chatham-Kent – Greg Steeves coming up in September. Flyer in all convention bags.

Durham – Our April speaker was Tim McCaskie speaking on the Madagascar Endangered Species Program and featured anecdotes and pictures from his last two trips.

The DRAS Speaker Program:

- May 12th 2015 Elections and Myron Iwanochko speaking on Bettas
- June 9th 2015 Ken Boorman (Chatham Kent Aquarium Society & ANGFA) - Rainbowfish and Blue Eyes of Australia and New Guinea

DRAS “Aquariama” was a success with 1327 items in the auction. Next Aquariama is on April 10th 2016.

The Vendor expo and our Buck a Bag auction continues.

Tom thanks all who helped at the Pet Expo.

Hamilton – APRIL is Home Show month at HDAS. Our judges Charlie D, Peter D and Frank H along with our camera person Jessica B went to 6 members homes to do an aquarium beautiful work up. The tanks were absolutely beautiful. They were all winners.

We are having an "experts panel" with ask the expert questions for our May meeting. Get your questions ready!!!

Our fall auction is on Sat Oct 3. We will also be having vendors tables.

Anton Lamboj will be our dinner speaker on Sat Nov 14 at the Waterdown Legion. We are having a pot luck dinner asking guests to bring a fill in (salad, veg, desert) or a donation for Neighbor to Neighbor. This will be decided when purchasing your ticket \$15 per person.

Hope to see you there.

Kitchener – Our April meeting featured Jessica Bullock from Hamilton presenting on Dwarf Cichlids, mostly from South America, but also from West Africa and Lake Tanganyika. The “Name That Plant” was Red Ludwigia guessed by Sean O’Halloran. The Mini-Show featured classes were Catfish and AOV. Lots of raffle and auction items went home.

Check the Kwas Facebook page for meeting photos: www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-Aquarium-Society/141380715918322?sk=photos_stream&tab=photos_albums

Visit our website and forum www.kwas.ca

London - For our April meeting we had Ken Boorman do a talk on blue eyes and rainbows of Australia. Very interesting to see all the locations, and the pictures were breathtaking.

We have our annual spring auction coming up, on Sunday, May 3. It will be held at the Optimist hall in Dorchester, ON.

For our May meeting, we will have Ernest Biktimirov doing a talk on collecting.

In June we will be holding our elections, and on June 13, our club members will be going on our annual bus trip. The fish store stops are yet to be announced.

April 19, 2015 Meeting—Cont'd.

Ottawa Amphibian - The next OARA meeting will be on May 5 at Andrew Mott's place.

Sarnia – good auction, good attendance. Brian Glazier is speaking on Killi's for the April meeting and Ken is the speaker for May on blue eyes and rainbows of Australia.

Windsor – looking at holding an auction in the fall.

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

Convention 2015

Convention Show – added 3 classes, everything is sponsored, rainbow, minnows, danios, rasbora's and a cichlid. Now 31 classes.

Show entry form to be available in Word format.

Correction of wording in regards to fish in category.

Catherine has 4 ticket sold so far for the free ticket draw. Need to sell more to have draw.

Old Business

New Business

President's barbecue will be held at the hall on June 28.

Next meeting will be at the convention. At the Annual General Meeting, no club reports are given.

Motion to adjourn by Ken and seconded by Barry. Meeting adjourned at 2:35

Convention meeting

To pay \$5 to advertise on board, if non registered \$10

Albert to buy tickets for draws

Ann to buy lanyards and name tags & print schedule on back. Colour code to match tickets

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

May

3 - London Aquarium Society Spring auction. Click here for details

15-17 - 2015 CAOAC Annual Convention - check the convention page on our site for more details

June

28 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

28 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

September

12 - Chatham-Kent presents Greg Steeves dinner and talk, more details to follow

19 - Sarnia Aquarium Society Fall auction. 20 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

20 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

27 - London Aquarium Society Fall auction & show.



Check www.caoac.ca for links and more details

Fish Rescue

The Fish Rescue List has grown since last month, with a passing of a Durham Region member. Home were found for some from last month's list. Thank you..

List of Fish Available Through Fish Rescue

| as of April 2015 | | | | | |
|--|------|--------|-----|---------|----------------|
| | | | | | |
| CAOAC Program | | | | | |
| Species | Qty. | Detail | Qty | Size | Disposition |
| Liposarcus disjunctivus | 1 | white | | 30 cm | |
| | 3 | normal | 3 | 30-35cm | |
| | | | 3 | | Big A's Whitby |
| Glyptoperichthys gibbiceps | 4 | | 1 | 15cm | |
| | | | 2 | 30cm | |
| | | | 1 | 45cm | |
| Glyptoperichthys joselimaianus | 2 | | | 30cm | |
| Glyptoperichthys scrophus | 1 | | | 30cm | |
| Oscars females | 1 | | | 25 cm | |
| Alligator gar | 1 | | | 55 cm | |
| Goldfish | 12 | | | ** | |
| Red Hook characins | 5 | | | ** | |
| Mozambique Mouthbrooders | 10 | | | DRAS* | |
| Archocentrus nanoluteus | 10 | | | DRAS* | |
| Australoheros sp. (Chanchito) | 4 | | | DRAS* | |
| Angels (Black & Common) | 2 | | | DRAS* | |
| Red Shouldered Peacocks | 8 | 1.7 | | DRAS* | |
| Albino peacock | 1 | | | DRAS* | |
| Kribensis | 1 | female | | DRAS* | |
| Bushymouth plecos | 9 | | | DRAS* | |
| Golden guppies | 50 | | | DRAS* | |
| Black Mollies | 10 | | | DRAS* | |
| White Cloud Mountains | 50 | | | DRAS* | |
| Australe killifish | 8 | | | DRAS* | |
| Fundulopanchax gardneri | 10 | | | DRAS* | |
| Combtail Paradisefish | 2 | | | DRAS* | |
| | | | | | |
| If interested in any fish call Tom Mason at 905 839 6764 or email coterc09@gmail.com | | | | | |

** from one private person to another private person

DRAS* - from Durham Region Aquarium Society member's estate

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—unable to attend
Gerald Griffin
Ray Lucas ** added
Jae Hovius ** added

**Change of
speakers**

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

www.caoac.ca/convention

Change of Speakers at Convention

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Ken McKeighen is unable to attend. Ray Lucas has graciously accepted our offer to speak. We also have an additional speaker, Jae Hovius.

Who are these people? Well, the following have been highlighted in past issues and can be found on the Internet:

Bob Fenner

Gerald Griffin

Rachel O'Leary

Ray Lucas—Many of you may already know Ray Lucas, but here is his bio:

Ray “Kingfish” Lucas has been a hobbyist for over 55 years, starting out when he was 13 breeding live bearing fish and quickly expanding into aquatic plants, then South American Cichlids, catfish, goldfish and Koi – and it’s still happening today!

He has been active in numerous aquarium societies since the late 1950’s, including Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (Past President), Buffalo Aquarium Society, Western NY Aquarium Society (founding member), FAAS, North American Breeders Guild, AGA, the Dead Fish Society and many more.

Ray traveled around the country for years to enter fish shows and then later as a speaker on many different topics. Ray retired from General Motors after 30 years and started travelling around the country with Kingfish Services, a company he started in 1989 to promote the hobby and as a manufacturer’s spokesperson.

He has traveled to Peru on collecting trips with Dr. David Schlessor and Margarita Tours. Besides fish Ray loves music, NASCAR, his grandkids, old cars (ask him about his 1951 4-door Merc) and being with good people. He still maintains 14 aquariums and an 8,000 gallon koi pond.

Jae Hovius—Jae is somewhat new to our circle but not to the hobby. Here is his bio:

Jae is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a Bachelors of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Management, and a Master of Science in Botany which he completed in 1998. While at university he started his first aquarium and once he moved out of residence he set up a fishroom with over 60 tanks for breeding African cichlids. He then paid off his student loans breeding fish, building aquariums, and with servicing contracts at the University and around Guelph.

Once he finished his Masters he worked for 2 years managing the fishroom at the new Pet Para-

Change of Speakers at Convention

dise store in Guelph and at the end of those 2 years went on a Lake Safari in Lake Malawi for 2 weeks with 8 other cichlid enthusiasts. He had Ad Konings as the tour Guide based out of facilities developed by Stuart Grant, on the shores of Lake Malawi.

After returning from that trip he was hired by Hagen in 2000 as a sales rep and Ontario aquatics specialist, a role that has him traveling to stores across the province advising and training aquatics staff.

Currently he also manages the Laguna Pond supply brand in Ontario with sales to both pet stores and Garden Centers He is still running over 1000+ gallons worth of fish tanks with some fish descended from wild ones he brought back from Africa.

Tropical fish becoming more common in N.S. waters

Warmer than usual weather has been affecting native flora and fauna but it has also brought some unusual marine visitors to Nova Scotia waters.

A school of several grey triggerfish, usually a tropical species, is giving Nova Scotia divers a unique view.

Bob Semple, a local diver, has been watching the southern visitors.

"I heard this big 'crunch' and it went down and it got a green crab, and it ate a green crab," he said, "Probably not their typical food."

The small fish, usually less than 2.3 kilograms, is commonly found throughout the warmer parts of the western Atlantic Ocean.

Identifying characteristics of the species include tough, leather-like skin, and iridescent blue patches along its body.

Grey triggerfish are [not the only tropical aquatic visitors](#), flying fish were spotted in the waters around Halifax harbour last week.

Last August a [180-kilogram tropical sunfish washed up](#) during low tide in Annapolis County.

At the Nova Scotia Museum, Zoology Curator Andrew Hebda says it is not unusual for warm water fish to hitch a ride on the Gulf Stream to Canada.

Triggerfish are occasionally found off the coast of Nova Scotia but usually in late summer to early fall when the water is warmest.

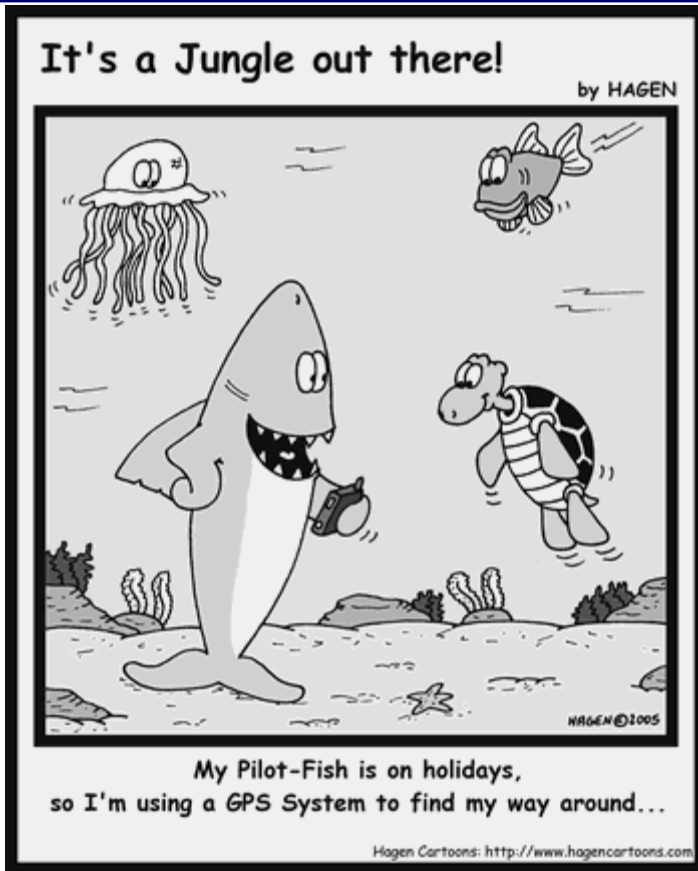
Hebda has been tracking all the unique arrivals.

"We're about two weeks ahead of what we normally see, which would mean, if it stays warm in the fall, we'll see more fish than we normally do," says Hebda.

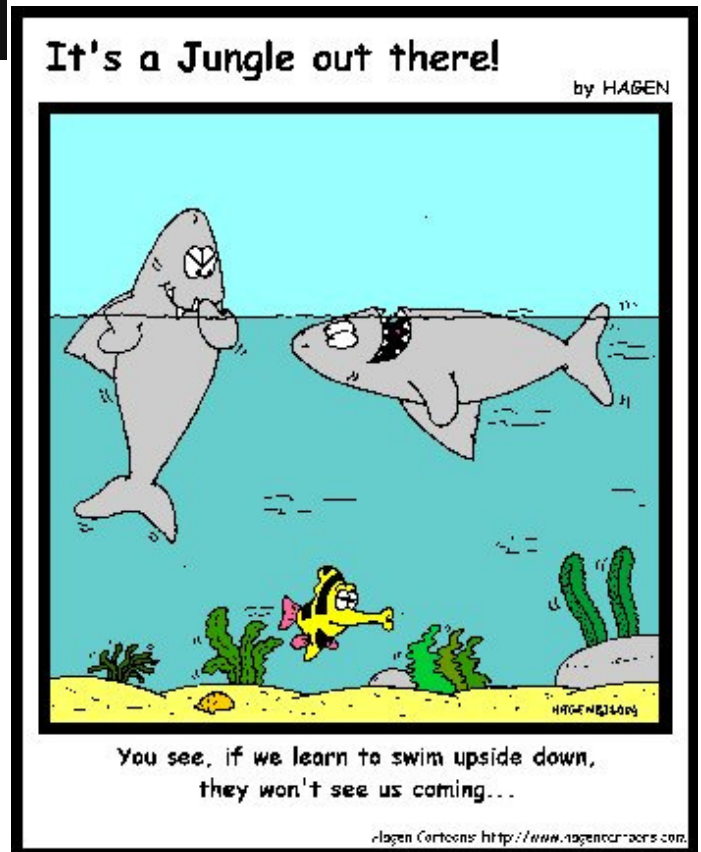
While some of the fish may be able to find their way back to warmer waters, others won't survive the winter.

Hebda says it's possible for tropical marine species to become permanent fixtures off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Smile!!



Courtesy of Hagen Cartoons.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Did you miss a copy of the newsletter?

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

Why isn't my event listed on the website?

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

Why am I not receiving emails or notifications?

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

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

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

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

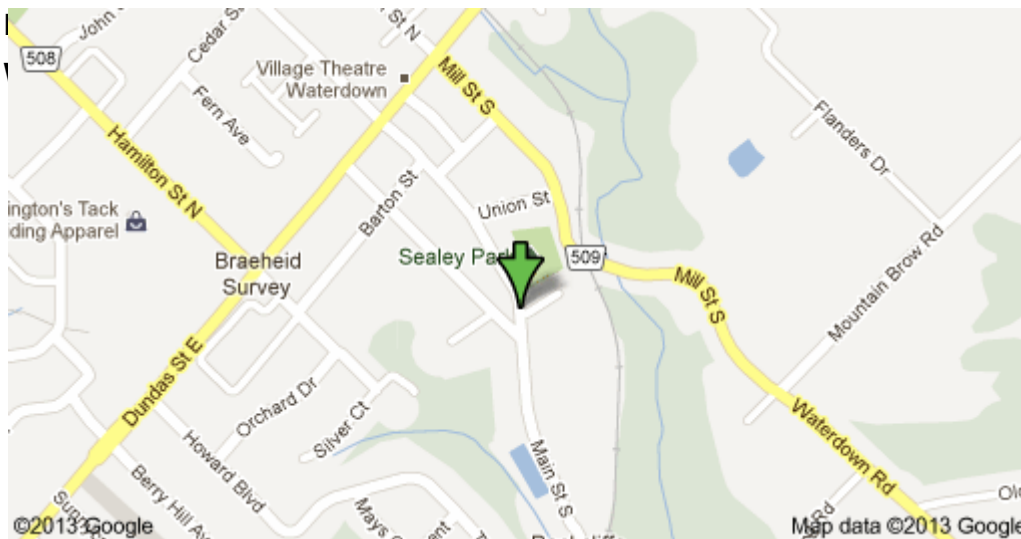
You are available to Skype into the meeting. Search for ann.stevens11@gmail.com in Skype and request to be added, mentioning your interest in participating in the meeting.

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

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

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

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



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



MAY 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.