



President's Message

First of all I would like to say that Annette and I had a great time at the CAOAC convention put on by CAOAC Executive on the May 24th weekend, they had a great line up of guest speakers and lots of info was gathered by all those in attendance. It was nice meeting the Betta People who put on a great show for the first time in Canada. We spent some time with a lot of the people in the hobby who made this hobby of ours so interesting. A big round of applause, to Ken Boorman and Catherine Salmon and their gang for a job well done. We had a great time and the Holiday Inn staff was most helpful. Thanks to all the Presidents and their clubs who donated to the Presidents Draw at the dinner. Thanks to all who made this convention a success. I know when we got home a well deserved rest was due and we took full advantage of the extra day off.

We have a full slate of executives for the upcoming year. If anybody has an interest in any of the committees please let it be known. Whatever help can be offered will be a benefit to all.

The presidents BBQ will be held in Waterdown on the 28th of June after the Executive meeting with the general meeting also we are going to cover the results from the survey and see what steps can be used to make the association work better with communication and making our great country a little smaller to all the clubs. With the use of Skype and other resources I trust we can fulfill that problem. It would be a lot nicer if we had more seats filled around the table with whatever means that are available to us. After that we all have a chance to enjoy the pleasures of a pot luck dinner. There will be lots of food for all who attend. We will be having our 50/50 Draw and the ever popular draw table so we can all either donate or buy some tickets for a chance to win what is on the tables. So come and join us for a great day.

Our pond is up and the fish and plants are in

Time to enjoy the summer,

Ron Bishop , President CAOAC

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JUNE 2015

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Minutes—Annual General Meeting—May 17, 2015

Annual General Meeting May 17, 2015

Called to order at 8:33 by Ron Bishop (President) at Holiday Inn Convention Centre, Burlington.

Welcome by President – Ron advised Annual Reports are available, Myron & Ken assisted with distributing to those present

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	Present
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent
Club	Name	
Barrie	Leanne Mountjoy	
Betta Breeders	Catherine Salmon	
Calgary	(Sorry, didn't get name)	
Chatham-Kent	Lisa Boorman	
Durham Region AS	Myron Iwanochko	George Banavage
Hamilton District AS	Sarah Langthorne	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Ottawa Amphibian & Reptile	Tom Mason	
Peel District	Jim Robinson	
Sarnia	Bruce Hart	
St. Catharines	Tom & Pat Bridges	
Private	Peter Melady	

Total member clubs—21

Total clubs in attendance— 11 + 1 private

Percentage in attendance—53%

Ken made a motion to accept the Membership in attendance, seconded by Tom Mason.

Annual General Meeting Minutes—May 17, 2015—Cont'd.

Membership Report

Albert Van Montfort read his membership report that is in the Annual Reports. A motion to accept the report by Ken Boorman and seconded by Tom Mason

Treasurer's Report

Albert Van Montfort reported out status which can be found in the Annual Reports. A motion to accept the report by Catherine Salmon and seconded by Ken Boorman.

Annual Reports

Ron asked for a motion to accept the the Annual Reports as distributed by Myron Iwanochko and seconded by Sarah Langthorne.

Other Business

Ron Bishop reviewed some of the results of the survey and advised the executive will be reviewing responses and preparing an action plan.

Elections

Ron dismissed the 2014-2015 Executive with the exception of Ann Stevens (Recording Secretary) who will continue to take minutes. He thanked the executive for a job well done over the past year and turned the meeting over to the steering committee for the election of officers for 2015 – 2016 year.

Tom Mason on behalf of Barry McKee (Steering) conducted the elections.

As per the By-Laws,

7.1) Nominations for the Executive will close at the end of the break at the regularly scheduled April meeting. If there is only one nomination to any position, the person so nominated will be acclaimed to the position for the following year. If there are no nominations, nominations will be requested at the Election at the Annual meeting.

The following is the results for the executive positions which were acclaimed at the April meeting:

Title	Nominee	Result
President	Ron Bishop	Acclaimed
1 st Vice-President	Ken Boorman	Acclaimed
2 nd Vice-President	Peter Melady	Acclaimed
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort	Acclaimed
Correspondence Secretary	Ann Marie Towell	Acclaimed

Annual General Meeting Minutes—May 17, 2015—Cont'd.

Barry returns the meeting over to the new executive.

New Business

Location of President's barbecue on June 28 will be in Waterdown with Pot Luck Lunch

2016 CAOAC Convention –will be hosted by the London Aquaria Society and will be held at Fanshawe College. Plans are well underway and more detail will follow.

Meeting adjourned – Lisa made the motion to adjourn, second by Annette at 8:51.

2015 CAOAC BAP/AHAP Awards

Please see below the recipients of this years awards as prepared and awarded by Peter Melady.

Award	Recipient	Club
Livebearers—Senior Merit	Brian & Susan Glazier	LAS
Aquatic Horticulturalist	David Scott	MAC
Aquatic Advanced Horticulturalist	David Scott	MAC
Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturalist	Brent Lemanski	KWAS
Recognition Awards		
Service Award	Ann Stevens	HDAS
Scientist Award	Anton Lamboj	
25 Year Service Award	Brian Glazier	LAS
	Susan Glazier	LAS
	Char Breitmaier	KWAS
	Ron Urry	CKAS
40 Year Service Award	Ron Bishop	LAS
	Charles Drew	HDAS
	Jerry Draper	BAS
	Jack Parkinson	LAS
	John Swick	LAS
Newsletter Award	Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society (Jayne Glazier, Editor)	

Convention Open Show Report and Awards

This year's show was a great success. There were 31 classes with a total of 168 entries comprising of 14 entrants. This year's winners were:

Award	Name	Club	Details
People's Choice	Sabrina Winger	HDAS	albino bristlenose pleco
High Aggregate	Bob Steele	LAS	
Best Livebearer	Bob Steele	LAS	xiphoperus alverezi
Best Egglayer	Bob Steele	LAS	L204 panaqulus albivermis
Best in Show	Peter DeSouza	HDAS	Blue Galaris

Annual Awards		
Junior Champion of Champions	Gavin Bernard	BAS
Senior Champion of Champions	Zenin Skomorowski	KWAS
Club Challenge Award	London Aquaria Society	

These are also included in the Annual Reports

Club Reports

Because this month's meeting was a little different than our regular meetings, due to it being our Annual Meetings, Club reports were not requested, however, since some of you still sent me your report, I only felt it was fair to include them in the newsletter. Thank you for continuing to contribute to the association and the newsletter.

Durham—Membership is currently 61.

The final DRAS Speaker Program for 2014/15 is June 9th, 2015 featuring

Ken Boorman (Chatham Kent Aquarium Society & ANGFA) - Rainbowfish and Blue Eyes of Australia and New Guinea

2016 DRAS "Aquariama" is on April 17th. Vendor expo and our Buck a Bag auction continues.

Kitchener-Waterloo—Our May meeting featured Zenin Skomorowski presenting "Beginners Guide to Photographing Your Fish". The "Name That Fish" was a group of 5 Habrosus Dwarf Corys guessed by Sean Lovegrove. The Mini-Show featured classes were Loaches, Killifish and AOV. Lots of raffle and auction items went home. Check the KWAS Facebook page for meeting 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)

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Visit our website and forum www.kwas.ca

Club Reports Cont`d.

London— Our bus trip is on June 13th. There may be changes in our executive after our elections

St. Catharines—For our May meeting we had A club member give a very good presentation about ponds . Our June meeting we will have our club elections and year end BBQ.

Windsor—May: Windsor Aquarium Society Membership BBQ

June: Cichlid Presentation By Larry Johnson

July : Awards meetings. We will be handing out awards to members in our BAP, HAP and Bowl Show Programs.

Ways & Means Report

Here is the final report for the June newsletter.

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	93.15	0	0	0
June	74.71				

The discrepancy of 5 cents is due to splitting ticket sales which will discontinued as of June.

May started with 167.81. I spent 48.06 on snacks for the convention, 31.54 on drinks for the convention, and 13.55 on tickets for next year. This resulted in a total of 93.15 spent in May.

My new total to start June should be 74.66 however, I actually have 75.65 !!

I should have enough to get food for the BBQ.

I will send you a final report after the BBQ to be included in the September newsletter.

PS thanks to Ann and Albert for making the necessary food purchases for the convention. It was appreciated.

Fish Rescue Report

The fish rescue program became very active in the latter part of the CAOAC fiscal year. Fish were picked up by member clubs from Calgary, Alberta to Port Hope, Ontario. To help find homes for many of these fish, a list of collected and available species was developed and members were encouraged to contact the coordinator to get fish onto the list. The idea was to have the list distributed to member societies so that club members across CAOAC could get first refusal for obtaining available fish. Many people stepped up to help maintain and hold fish until a final adoption site could be found.

Although the "Fish Rescue" program was developed as a cooperative effort, it appears that the only group actively collecting and finding homes for fish coming into the program is CAOAC. Other partners include: the OMNRF, Ontario Anglers and Hunters Association and Toronto Zoo. It is hoped that in the 2015 - 2016 season that a meeting can be arranged with these partners to see where these groups can be more helpful. Of the groups, there has been some educational information developed by the Ontario Anglers and Hunters. This info however has not had much input from the CAOAC and I know of only one club (DRAS) that had a presentation done at their club on the risk of exotic fishes (and plants) as invasive species in our waterway. It will be important to have the "Program" officially recognized by the OMNRF, so no complications in the removal and transfer of species creates problems for CAOAC representatives.

Personally I would like to thank all the members and non-members that helped pick up and house the specimens collected this year. Below is a full list of species collected since records started in February. Any specimens in bold are still available. Unfortunately records only go back to February.

Thank you for all your aid.

(This complete report will also be included with the Annual Reports to be available online for download shortly.)

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

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 - 11:00 PM - CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown ON

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

27 - London Aquarium Society Fall auction & show.

October

3 - Hamilton District Aquarium Society fall auction

18 - Calgary Aquarium Society auction

18 - Region Aquarium Society Giant Fall auction

18 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

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

25 - Kitchener-Waterloo AS Oktoberfish - Waterloo Inn,



Check www.caoac.ca for links and more details

Fishes Collected and Available from Fish Rescue Program

	<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1	Liposarchus disjunctivus	1 (white)	30 cm	
	Common Pleco	3 (normal)	30 - 35 cm	
		3 (normal)	30-35 cm	Big Al's Whitby
		2 (normal)	20 cm	
2	Glyptoperichthys gibbiceps	1	20 cm	
	Sailfin Pleco	2	30 cm	
		1	45 cm	
3	Glyptoperichthys joseli-maianus	2	30 cm	
	Reverse Sailfin Pleco			
4	Glyptoperichthys scrophus	1	30 cm	
	Crocodile or Rhino Pleco			
5	Ancistrus sp.	10	2 - 9 cm	Home found private member
6	Clarias batrachus	12	7 - 30 cm	Private members - Big
	Walking Catfish			
7	Carassius auratus	24		Private members
	Goldfish			
8	Cyprinus carpio	4		Private people
9	Tanichthys albonubes	50		
	White cloud Mountain			
10	Myleus rubripinnis	5		Being held in Chatham
	Red hook characin			
11	Piaractus brachypomus	1		Big Al's, Whitby
	Red bellied pacu			
12	Atractosteus spatula ?	1	50 cm	
	Alligator gar (possibly Tropical gar)			
13	Lepisosteus platyrhincus	2	25-30 cm	Big Al's, Whitby
	Florida gar			
14	Notopterus chitala	1	35 cm	Big Al's, Whitby
	Clown Knifefish			
15	Poecilia reticulata	50		
	gold guppies			
16	Poecilia shenops	6		
	Liberty molly			
17	Trichogaster chuna	24		Private people
	Honey gourami			
18	Betta splendens	Group		With Betta Breeders Canada
	Siamese Fighting Fish			

Fishes Collected and Available Cont`d.

19	Belontia signata		2		
		Comb tailed Paradisefish			
20	Fundulopanchax australe		8		
		Australe killifish			
21	Fundulopanchax gardneri "mamfensis"		7		
22	Aulonocara "red shoulder"		7 (2 males)		
		Red Shouldered Peacock			
23	Aulonocara sp.		1 male		
		Albino peacock			
24	Metriaclima sp.		1 male		Private person
25	Pelvicachromis pulcher		1 female		Private person
		Kribensis			
26	Oreochromis mossambicus		10	15-10cm	
		Mossambique Mouthbrooder			
27	Amatitlania siquia		40		Private Person
		Costa Rican Convict Cichlid			
28	Cryptoheros nanoluteus		10	2- 7 cm	
		Yellow convict			
29	Australoheros sp.		4	2- 8 cm	Private Person
		Chanchito			
30	Astronotus ocellatus		2	25 cm	
		Oscar			
31	Amphilophus labiatus		2 (pair)	18 - 22 cm	
		Red Devil			
32	Pterophyllum scalare		2 (males)	9 cm	
	Specimens in blue available still.				

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?

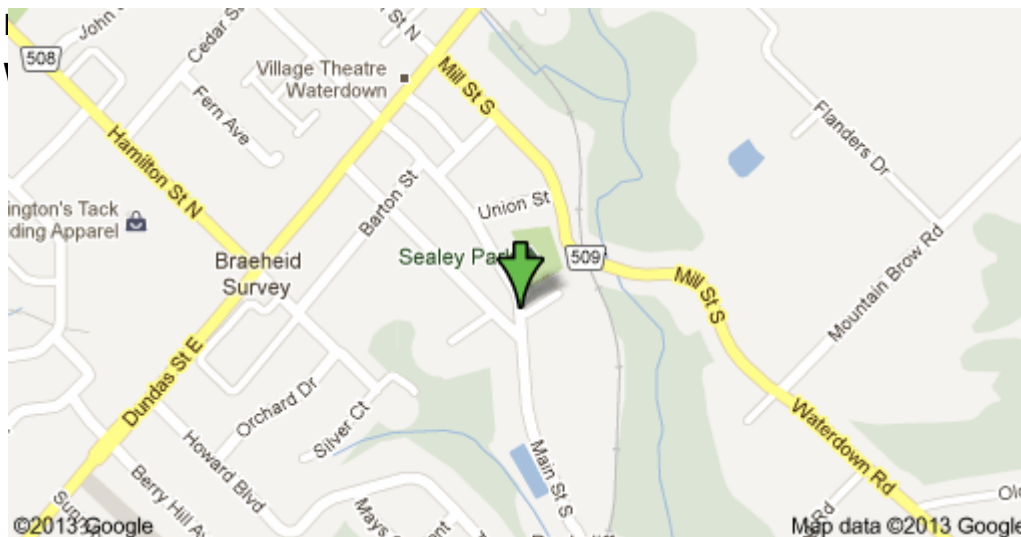
You are available to Skype into the meeting. Search for ann.stevens11@gmail.com in Skype and request to be added, mentioning your interest in participating in the meeting.

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.



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



JUNE 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.