



President's Message

Welcome back to the Fish room,

I hope everybody had a great summer and got rested up for the upcoming season ahead of us. With all the shows and auctions that are planned, we will all get those much needed additions. It is always nice to see old friends and meet new ones, this is one of the exciting things about our hobby.

I have an inside source that the CAOAC Convention for 2016 is being organized by the London Aquaria Society. Plans are well under way with a full slate of speakers and events to assist London Aquaria Society for their 60th Anniversary. It seems that the plans are in motion for a great weekend, from the speakers to the location. Details will be announced in the near future. Also they will be having draws for convention weekend tickets at as many venues as possible.

The CAOAC Website can only be upgraded if the club info is sent to Ann Stevens or myself to forward to Ann, about the shows or the Auctions, or whatever club event is taking place. I get lots of calls regarding this information and I have to go on some of the clubs websites and it is not even there. At the next CAOAC meeting we can get this done, hopefully sooner,

Also if there are interested people we need some committee people to fill some empty spots. 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 one all

The shows and auctions are back,

Time to enjoy the fall,

Ron Bishop

President CAOAC

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Meeting Minutes—June 28, 2015

Executive Meeting – June 28, 2015

Called to order at 11:30 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)	
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)
	Brian Glazier (LAS)	

Old Business

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

Minutes

Motion to accept the April minutes by Albert, seconded by Peter. Carried

Treasurer's Report

One 50/50 ticket was not claimed. The last 3 digits of the ticket were 921. Please call Albert if you still have this ticket to claim your winning. Please have the colour of the ticket and the other numbers to verify you are the winner.

1	Treasurer's Report June 27 2015	TD Bank Apr 30	\$ 11,838.13
2	Cash on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
3	Paypal June 26-2015 \$ 1822.27		
4	Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
5		Sub-total	\$ 11,838.13
6	Cheque's Cashed #182-183 184 185 190-191		-\$ 7,474.72
7	Bank Fees		-\$ 0.30
8	Cheque's + cash deposit's (May)		\$ 5,934.50
9	Transfers deposit's		\$ -
10		TD Bank May 29	\$ 10,297.61
11	Outstanding Cheque's #186-187-188-189-192-193-194-196		-\$ 1,189.90
12	Paypal June 26-2015 \$ 1822.27		\$ 1,822.27
13	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 466.81
15	Working Balance		\$ 10,463.17

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented with more information from the convention to follow by Peter seconded by Ann. Carried

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Correspondence

- ◆ Email from someone in regards to details of a private membership. Email was answered and waiting on reply.
- ◆ Email in regards to optimizing the website. Reply “we’re a not for profit so I assume you’re offering your services for free”.. no reply.

New Business

Adjourned at 12:08 by Peter, second by Albert. All in attendance enjoyed the Pot Luck President's meal.

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:30 by President Ron. Due to not having a quorum, the general meeting was closed. Reports will be included as they were sent earlier.

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President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
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		
Calgary		
Chatham-Kent		
Durham Region AS		
Hamilton District AS	Barb Draper	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Ottawa Reptile		
Sarnia	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Guests:		Susan Glazier

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Club Reports

Calgary—we had a good home tour on June 14th with approximately 30 people in attendance. We were able to tour a tank builder, Concept Aquariums as well as visit Bandi's aquariums in Three Hills. Our home competition was well participated in with over 10 entries. Our last meeting featured pics from that. September's meeting will be pics from this years CAOAC show. Our next auction is October 18th. We are having a show March 11-13th, 2016 and are in process of asking speakers. No plans to ask for CAOAC sanctioning. We are using social media to grow our club and are at 80 members.

Hamilton—HDAS still has a few activities happening this summer. We are having a pond tour on Sun July 19. It looks like we have 5 ponds to visit and we will have a BBQ at Carla 's place. Our fall auction is on Sat Oct 3 at the Waterdown Legion.

Come meet Anton Lamboj at our dinner speaker night - Sat Nov 14 at the Waterdown Legion. \$15 and a potluck item. We will also be supporting a neighbor to neighbor food drive. Please contact Carla - de_spaey_carla@hotmail.com for tickets.

Kitchener-Waterloo – Our June meeting was a social event with pizza. There were lots of free raffle prizes given to the members. Filters, fish foods, heaters, magazines, and other dry goods, along with 8 bags of fish went home with members. The Mini-Show classes were Cyprinids and AOV. Some auction items were sold. The executive was acclaimed for another year. BOD and committee chairs will have some minor updates. Annual CAOAC awards were presented to Jayne Glazier for Newsletter Of The Year, and to Zenin Skomorowski for Champion of Champions Annual Show Award.

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

London—In May we had Ernest Biktimirov do a talk about fishy items that you can collect.

In June we had our potluck and held our elections. There were a few minor changes, with some of the old executive leaving, or switching positions to allow new members to join in. Our new executive looks like this.

President Ron Bishop

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Vice-president Nancy Egelton
Secretary Sharon Macdonald
Treasurer Bob Steele
BAP/HAP Stephen Gregson
Membership Gina Zinn
Show chair Nancy Egelton
Jar show Sara Lee
Auction chair Sherry Archer
Newsletter Lorraine Gregson
Advertising Leean Shore
Member at large Derek Tucker, Jennifer McNaughton
Junior member at large Matt Chase, Tyler Zinn
CARES Co-ordinator Jennifer McNaughton
CAOAC Rep Annette Bishop
Library Jim and Margaret Kelly

We also had our potluck. We had our bus trip On June 13, 2015. We had 27 people come on the bus trip, including a few new faces and some out of towners. Unfortunately we had a few people who couldn't make it. We visited 8 stores in the Toronto area, starting with Finatics. Our final stop being at Big Al's in Hamilton. Thanks to all of the retailers for making us welcome, especially Mike Bandura and Mike Majer. They were the perfect first and last stops!

St. Catharines— We had a BBQ and our elections and we have a new president Paul Paradis and his wife Tina Paradis is our new secretary , and Dave Easingwood is our new 2nd vice president. Our next meeting will be Monday September 14th everyone is welcome. I will have to send to you there contact info once I have it.

Committee Reports

HAP— nothing from the clubs though Chatham Kent is trying. Need the records for the HAP awards handed out from 2012-2014. Have asked Peter but no luck so far. Would suggest HAP and BAP awards be approved by their chairs before going to awards so this doesn't happen again. (also suggested by the Calgary president too)

Ways & Means— I made purchases totaling -11.15. The raffle brought in \$10.00 and 50/50 was \$12.50. There were no donations potluck. I gave Albert 60.00 to deposit

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Month	Balance	Spent	Rec'd	50/50	Raffle
Sept.	-	- 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	14.00
Jan.	70.95	- 2.80	7.56	17.50	32.00
Feb.	125.21	- 18.55	2.45	10.00	-
Mar.	119.11	- 70.85	16.65	18.00	36.00
Apr.	118.91	- 13.75	13.70	19.00	36.00
May	173.86	- 93.15			
June	80.71	- 11.15		12.50	10.00
July	92.06	ending balance			
	- 60.00	Given to Albert			
	32.06	September starting balance			

Scientists call for ban on live salamander imports to US to stop skin-eating disease

The import of hundreds of thousands of live salamanders to the US each year should be banned to save wild salamanders from a deadly disease, scientists say.

They say the move is needed to stop the skin-eating fungal disease, *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (Bsal), from spreading via the pet trade to wild populations, where there is currently no effective way to control it.

The pathogen was identified in the Netherlands where it has been blamed for the extinction of yellow and black fire salamanders, and causing rapid salamander declines across Europe by eroding their skin and often proving fatal. It is believed to have originated in Asia.

Dr Vance Vredenburg of the University of California, Berkeley, the author of a paper published on Thursday which calls on the US Fisheries and Wildlife Service to implement an immediate ban, said: "Our study provides striking evidence that the introduction of Bsal to the US, the world's salamander biodiversity hot-spot, could be devastating.

"Because we have caught it early, the US has the opportunity to make a difference and lead the way in implementing conservation action and developing effective responses to wildlife emerging infectious diseases." The study, published in the journal *Science*, highlights serious risks to wild salamanders in North America, which is home to 48% of the world's 676 salamander species. Almost 2m of the lizard-like creatures have been imported to the US since 2005, with around 99% coming from Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Japan.

The spread of Bsal to North American wild salamanders could have wider environmental knock-on effects.

Vredenburg said: "They are the most abundant vertebrates in many North American ecosystems, and they are top predators of insects and invertebrates. They are also an important food source for larger predators, such as birds, mammals, and snakes.

Scientists call for ban on live salamander imports to US to stop skin-eating disease—Cont'd.

“So if major losses of salamanders occur, we could experience degradation of healthy ecosystems, which could lead to issues beyond where they occur now.”

Dr John Wilkinson, science programme manager of the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust, welcomed the intervention but stopped short of calling for an outright ban on live imports, favouring stronger import controls instead.

“Of course something needs to be done, or it could be a catastrophe. Species allowed in should be captive-bred individuals and any entering the country must be tested for deadly diseases,” he said.

But previous efforts to ban the import of live salamanders have failed, and there are concerns that authorities may not act quick enough to impose tighter controls or a ban on imports for the lucrative pet trade.

Peter Jenkins, president of the Center for Invasive Species Prevention said, “The potential for bureaucratic delays is very real and worrisome, as Bsal could arrive within the USA any day. Unfortunately the US Fish and Wildlife Service regulatory authority and capacity for addressing wildlife pathogens are weak and barely adequate to the task of stopping Bsal.”

James Lewis, programme officer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s amphibians specialist group, called for further research into nascent but promising treatments for the disease, coupled with better trade controls.

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Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

September

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

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

20 - 11:00 PM - CAOAC Executive Meeting, Water-down ON

20 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON

27 - London Aquarium Society Fall auction & show.

October

3 - Hamilton District Aquarium Society fall auction

10 & 11 - Saskatoon Aquarium Society show & auction.

18 - Calgary Aquarium Society auction

18 - Region Aquarium Society Giant Fall auction

18 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON

18 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON

25- Kitchener-Waterloo AS Oktoberfish - Waterloo Inn,

November

8 - Peel Region Aquarium Society auction.

14 - Hamilton District Aquarium Society speaker dinner with Anton Lamboj.

15 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Water-down ON

15 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Water-down ON

29 - St. Catharines Aquarium Society fall auction. .



Check www.caoac.ca for links and 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 invited 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 September 20, 2015.



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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.