



# President's Message

Don't eat too much Turkey,

I have noticed that the attendance for the general meeting has been kind of light over the past few months. We can get a lot more done when we have representation from all the clubs and then this will stop the scuttlebutt of we never hear anything from CAOAC. Your club representative should be in attendance either by filling a chair or by using Skype to have your clubs voice heard. There are lots of things going on in all the member clubs, that would be wonderful if everybody knows, from Dinners and Guest Speakers and a whole bunch of other events, from the west coast to the east coast. So come out and join us and have your voice be heard.

I hope everybody has had a chance to take in some of the Fall Auctions and Shows. The competition in the shows has been exciting. The London Aquaria Society had their show at the end of September. The turnout was down but all in all there was some great fish. The Auction was well attended as well as lots of great bargains for all. Hamilton Auction will soon be past and then Kitchener and then St Catharine's then to Peel. Lots of miles and lots of great deals. It is always nice to see old friends and meet new ones, this is one of the exciting things about our hobby.

The London Aquaria Society has gotten a full slate of speakers for the 2016 CAOAC Convention and the raffle tickets are being sold for a chance to win your convention ticket. They are five dollars each and with every twenty that are sold then a draw will take place and the winner will get their convention ticket. Good luck to all. .

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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*Happy  
Halloween*



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## Meeting Minutes—September 20, 2015

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# Executive Meeting – September 20, 2015

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**Called to order at 11:18** by Ron Bishop (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

### Executive Attendance

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

Due to technical Skype problems, there wasn't a quorum, because Ann Marie couldn't join.

## General Meeting

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Called to order at 12:13 by President Ron. Due to not having a quorum, the general meeting was closed. Club reports will be included as they were sent earlier.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Peter Melady	Absent
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	
Betta Breeders	Catherine Salmon	
Calgary	Ann Marie Towell	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	

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## Treasurers report

**June July Aug 2015**

1	<b>Treasurer's Report Sept 19 2015</b>	<b>TD Bank May 29</b>	<b>\$ 10,297.61</b>
2	Cheque's Cashed #193-#189-#187-#188-#192-#196-#186-#194-#198-#197		\$(2,000.91)
3	Bank Fees (Jun 30)		\$(4.95)
4	Cheque's + cash deposit's (July 14 \$60)		\$ 105.00
5	Transfers deposit's (PayPal Jun29)		\$1,822.27
6		<b>TD Bank Aug 31-2015</b>	<b>\$10,219.02</b>
7	Outstanding Cheque's #		\$ -
8	<b>Paypal June 19-2015</b>		\$19.12
9	Cash on hand (in trust \$ 25.00)		\$25.00
10	<b>Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00</b>		\$ -
11	Terry Little Memorial Fund		\$(466.81)
12	<b>Working Balance</b>		<b>\$ 9,796.33</b>

## Committee Chairs

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

**AHD-** in the process of updating the online directory.

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## Committee Reports

**Awards** – Now is the time to start getting your paperwork in order for Breeders, Aquatic Horticulturalist and Recognition Awards. **December 13 is the deadline date** for Authors Awards. If you are submitting your Newsletter for the Newsletter Award, you can start sending your newsletters to [Ray Lucas \(kingfish51@verizon.net\)](mailto:Ray.Lucas@verizon.net) at any time making sure that you put "CAOAC Newsletter Award" somewhere in the subject line. Ray has once again graciously agreed to judge the Newsletter Award for us and he will be at the 2016 CAOAC Convention. The Newsletters should be in Ray's hands by the January 2016 CAOAC Meeting which is January 17, 2016. All other Achievement and Recognition Awards submissions are due by the **February 21, 2016** CAOAC Meeting.

**Binder** –no report

**Memberships** – Investigations into insurance are underway. Until then, no pricing can be firmed up.

**Newsletter** – I will try to include some articles from PIHAC Newsletter that are pertinent.

### **Ways & Means** –

Starting Balance \$32.06

No raffle or 50/50 due to lack of parFISHipaction. (I had to use Anne-Marie's word.)

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			
Sept.	32.06	September starting balance			
Sept.	32.06	- 12.15	9.99		
Oct.	29.90				

**Website** – Please send changes for club information to me.

**Betta** – Catherine to send



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## Club Reports

Calgary – Calgary is at 75 members and we have our next auction October 18th (hence I cannot attend the meeting as I'm the auction chair). Hoping to make it our largest auction in some time. Last meeting was a presentation on public aquariums in the US and jar show was bettas. We have our show march 11-13, 2016 with Ted Judy speaking, not CAOAC sanctioned owing to the cost of bringing a judge.

Durham – DRAS Membership is currently 66.

The DRAS Speaker Program for September 22nd, 2015 is Cindy Lee (Toronto Zoo).

As reported earlier we have been notified that our liability insurance for 2016 must be \$5,000,000. Therefore we need a quote for our 2016 insurance.

Note: We had to provide \$5,000,000 liability at the 2014 CAOAC Convention at Humber College for the weekend.

As this may become a requirement for other clubs I suggest each club president be advised to enquire with their meeting and event facilities regarding their liability requirement for 2016.

Hamilton – The HDAS fall auction is on Sat Oct 3 at the Waterdown Legion. Doors open at 8am.

HDAS presents a "Dinner with Anton Lamboj" on Sat Nov 14 at the Waterdown Legion. Cost is \$15 with a pot luck dinner, Neighbour to Neighbour Food Drive. Anton will be presenting 2 talks. Please contact Carla @ de\_spaey\_carla@hotmail.com for tickets and information.

See you soon.

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our September meeting featured Frank Aguirre speaking on Plecos. The Mini-Show classes were Livebearers and AOV. Name that fish were Clown Plecos. Some auction items were sold. CAOAC Achievement award was presented to Brent Lemanski for Grand Master Horticulturist. FAAS author awards were presented, congratulations to Karen Murray, Michael Reiter, Ed Koerner and Zenin Skomorowski. There was some discussion of upcoming events at other clubs as well as our Oktoberfish on Sunday October 25th.

Check the Kwas Facebook page for meeting photos: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-Aquarium-Society/141380715918322?sk=photos\\_stream&tab=photos\\_albums](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchener-Waterloo-Aquarium-Society/141380715918322?sk=photos_stream&tab=photos_albums)

Visit our website and forum [www.kwas.ca](http://www.kwas.ca)

London -

St. Catharines - Our September meeting was a meet and greet with no program and we had some new people join our club. For the month of October we will be having club member give a talk about setting up a planted tank and doing a demonstration and donate the tank to our auction. Our new president is Paul Paradis and his wife is our new secretary there # is 905 941 9867 and email is pparadis1@hotmail.com

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

## **Convention 2016**

Ideas are being bantered in regards to a Junior Aquarium competition. However, concern as to whether clubs will promote it.

Speakers are lined up and plans are well underway.

**Old Business**—several items were discussed among those present, but due to a lack of quorum, nothing

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will be documented.

### **New Business**

Albert made a motion to sponsor a class, School of Fish, in the Saskatoon CAOAC Sanctioned Show for \$50. Seconded by Ann Marie. Carried.

2016 dates for CAOAC meeting.

Jan 17

Feb 21

Mar 20

Apr 10

June 26

Adjourned at 2:00

## 150 Toronto crocodiles, alligators rescued by reptile zoo

Bry Loyst spent hours wrestling illegal pet crocodiles in Toronto last weekend.

The curator of the Indian River Reptile Zoo and a small group of volunteers carefully wrestled, muzzled and removed about 150 pet crocodiles, alligators and caimans from their mystery Toronto-area home on Friday, quietly whisking them away in four large transport trucks to a new reptile facility just east of Peterborough.

"It's nuts," Loyst said Monday of what he believes could be the largest crocodylian rescue of its kind in Canada. Days after the rescue, the zoo still needed volunteers to unload and move the last of the reptile army to its spacious new crocodile-friendly enclosure.

He said a Toronto couple had been looking after the horde of reptiles and kept them as pets for "years and years and years" in a mixed residential and industrial area of the city.

Then, two years ago, Loyst said, the couple asked the reptile zoo for help.

The city prohibits owning crocodiles as pets, as it does bears, elephants, poisonous animals and other exotic creatures.

"I think [the owners] just realized that enough is enough, and they need a larger place," Loyst said. "Kudos to them. A lot of people don't do the right thing with exotic pets, and they actually did."

Most of the 400 animals at the zoo, in addition to the new arrivals, are rescues that had been abandoned, imported illegally or seized in drug busts, but many haven't been taken care of as well as the Torontonians crocodylians.

"The individual that looked after them did a really good job considering the situation and the housing," Loyst said. "Most of the animals are in great health. They don't have much muscle tone, obviously, because they can't move much, but they're fairly healthy. We're really impressed."

While the ill-suited Toronto home might have comfortably housed the crocodiles when they were younger and smaller, Loyst said the animals outgrew their cramped quarters.

He said the host of rescued crocodiles, alligators and caimans, which includes several different species, also ranges in age and length, with some reptiles measuring three feet long, and others about 11 feet.

Staff at the city of Toronto's Animal Services division said they didn't know of any recent complaints or reports of an investigation into a home with crocodiles.

Fiona Venedam, a supervisor with Animal Services, said news of the 150 crocodylians kept in Toronto was unexpected, adding complaints about owning prohibited animals are unusual.

"It's surprising that somebody would be keeping 150 (crocodylians) without somebody complaining about it, definitely," Venedam said.

# 150 Toronto crocodiles, alligators rescued by reptile zoo cont'd.

Loyst and the Indian River Reptile Zoo won't say where in Toronto they recovered the reptiles, but the curator said the owners helped the zoo pay for an expansion of its crocodylian rescue facility, an area of the zoo that is not yet open to the public and is needed to house the extra animals.

The zoo will also need help getting enough food for its new residents, Loyst said, emphasizing the zoo's use of leftovers from a local chicken farmer.

The Indian River Reptile Zoo isn't alone in fielding calls for help. Frantic owners looking for a way to house their overgrown, illegal and exotic pets often turn to the Reptilia reptile zoo and education facility in Vaughan, too.

Andre Ngo, Reptilia's director of research and curriculum, said his facility receives "constant calls" for help.

"The problem is, people see these things when they're babies and they're adorable," Ngo said, adding that in the case of the 150 crocodiles, alligators and caimans, the owner likely had "a collection attitude."

"It is pretty irresponsible. Just one crocodylian requires a lot of space and a lot of time and a life-time commitment," Ngo said — aside from the fact that the crocodiles are "completely illegal" in the city.

"Keeping them at home is a really bad idea," he said.

But that doesn't stop people from getting their hands on the scaly creatures to sell or keep for themselves.

Last summer, a team of authorities and reptile experts captured a spectacled caiman, believed to be an abandoned pet, in the Catfish Pond at High Park.

"Are there some [owners] out there that do a good job? There very well could be with crocodylians, but I haven't seen them. It is possible, I suppose, but they're just not something that should be kept as pets," Loyst said.

"They should be back in their countries of origin in the wild."

## Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

### 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 Waterdown ON

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

15 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON

29 - St. Catharines Aquarium Society fall auction. .

### December

13 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

13 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON



Check [www.caoac.ca](http://www.caoac.ca) for links and more details



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Did you miss a copy of the newsletter?

*Past copies of the newsletter are available on our website [www.caoac.ca/newsletters](http://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 invited to Skype into the meeting. Search for [ann.stevens11@gmail.com](mailto: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



**OCTOBER 2015**

**We're on the web**  
**[www.caoac.ca](http://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?

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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.