



President's Message

Merry Christmas to all!

The last auction is done and it time to rest and get ready for next year's round of getting great deals and parting with some of the babies we managed to raise from our purchases. St Catharine's had a great auction and lots of great deals for all. Also we had a great time at the Hamilton speaker night. Anton Lamboj put on a fascinating talk before and after supper. We really enjoyed hearing him talk about his passion for the hobby. CAOAC presented him with the Scientist of the Year Award. We all enjoyed the time with him and then we saw him again on the Sunday and is was fun meeting the man on a one to one, only wishing we could bend his ear for a little longer but he had a flight to catch to go home. It is a memory that Annette and Peter and I will truly never forget.

The London Aquaria Society executive has got the raffle tickets 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 .Congrats to Peter Da Sousa as winner of the second draw. Good luck to all.

Its time again for the membership and Insurance renewal, emails have been sent to all the clubs, if you did not receive yours get in touch with Albert or Ann Stevens and they could get it to you. Remember there is a late charge from the insurance company for the lateness of a few.

Also the club magazine should be entered for all that want to compete in this challenge. Send your entries to Ray Lucas at Kingfish51@verizon.net. All other award submissions should be ready for the date in the awards section. Good luck to those who participate.

We had a fair attendance last meeting and lots of great ideas came out. For those who don't care to show up I guess you will have to put up with the ideas of those who do. We welcomed Barrie online through Skype at the last meeting. Also this meeting is our Christmas Pot Luck Lunch. So it would be great if the tables are full of goodies we could enjoy. When the tables are full that means the chairs are full and then we get lots of communication from all the clubs and then we get more activity and fellowship from all. And that's what is all about

If there are any clubs out there that have changes in executive please get the new information to us so we can update our records.

Time to put up the tree Merry Christmas to all and a Fantastic New Year

Ron Bishop, President, CAOAC

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Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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Meeting Minutes—November 15, 2015

Executive Meeting – November 15, 2015

Called to order at 11:10 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)	Ed Bosker (HDAS)
	Lisa Boorman (CKAS)	

Old Business –

Results from insurance survey were discussed and have been forwarded to the insurance broker for a quote.

Albert will send out reminder notice with a proviso there may be an increase in insurance rates based on renewed policy.

Convention

Southern Ontario Killie Association, Trans Canada Guppy Association and Betta Breeders Canada will also be joining in the convention in a limited capacity.

Speakers are all confirmed.

Ron will be meeting with Fanshawe next week to confirm room rates and meals.

Minutes – Peter made a motion to accept the minutes from the September & October meeting. Ken seconded. Carried

Old Business

Participation at the Pet Expo was discussed. Grant feels we should get into the marketing of the hobby. Email from Grant Crossman advised the approximate cost would be \$350 for the weekend. This would pay for the hydro, drapes, and tables. Providing we can get clubs to participate, we will pay for the cost. We will need to have volunteers to man the booths and help to set up. A suggestion to have a battle of the tanks again was made. Ron will ask for more details. Ron will also ask for better location of the booth, possibly close to Big Als.



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Treasurer's Report

1	Treasurer's Report Nov 15 2015	TD Bank Sep 30-2015	\$10,219.02
2	Cheque's Cashed # 199		\$(50.00)
3	Bank Fees (Jun 30)		\$0.00
4	Cheque's + cash deposit's ()		\$0.00
5	Transfers deposit's ()		\$0.00
6		TD Bank Oct 30-2015	\$10,169.02
7	Outstanding Cheque's # 200		\$(400.00)
8	Paypal June 19-2015		\$19.12
9	Cash on hand (in trust \$ 25.00)		\$25.00
10	Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00		\$0.00
11	Terry Little Memorial Fund		\$(466.81)
12	Working Balance		\$9,346.33

To Come for show \$35 **Brant Club Class # 19 Novelty**

To Come for show \$70 **Ottawa Valley Aq Club Class # 17 Sharks & Loaches & #31**

Photograph

Correspondence

An email from Tom Mason was received stating:

I just read what CAOAC does for the hobby and I'm sorry to say it looks very weak to me. I have not seen CAOAC do much for the hobby as a lobbyist. I don't see anything about CAOAC supporting clubs and at this time our national presence is not very national. There needs to be some very long discussions on what CAOAC does. This note just didn't do it for me.

A lengthy discussion took place as to what CAOAC does for the clubs. For the clubs that purchase insurance, that, in itself is a help. We joined PIJAC to have a voice for lobbying as well as Past President Bob Wright attended government meetings when the hearings for importation of fish were being conducted. CAOAC members are there to assist clubs run auctions, shows and conventions when needed.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 12:02

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:06 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	
Barrie	Leanne Mountjoy	Skype
Chatham	Lisa Boorman	
Durham	Barry McKee	
Hamilton	Ed Bosker	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Sarnia	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Guests:	Cindy Golden (SCAAS)	

A quorum of 25% as per the By-Laws was met so the meeting will continue.

Ron welcomed all and thanked Albert's club for hosting a great dinner and speaker last night. .

Minutes – Peter made a motion to accept the last General Meeting minutes in October. Seconded by Lisa.

Treasurers report – see Executive meeting

Ken made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Barry.

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Correspondence – Ron apologized for not replying to the Flowerhorn request. Ken will reply on behalf of CAOAC. Ron will ask if they have judging standards and if they'd like to join CAOAC.

Break was taken

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Committee Chairs

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

Committee Reports

AHD- no report.

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)** 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.

A question was raised about the 25 year service award, does it have to be CAOAC or club service. Advised can be the club, but must be documented showing service. This is not a longevity award.

Binder –no updates

Fish Breeders – Four Certificates were presented for First Ins. The updated list of Fish Breeders First Ins are available on the web. If you wish to receive a copy of the full directory, please contact Lisa and she will email it to you.

I have been slowly going through the Fish Breeders directory fixing up old records (some had 5 entries with people entered under all 5). I am also starting to check some older records to see if the unnamed species are now named species. This would allow a first in award (awarded at a later date). I found one and am getting that award printed. For your records, since the species name is complicated...

Laetacara araguaiae done by Myron & Sharon Iwanochko. This species was bred in 2002. The species was named in 2009, but is only now getting an award. There will probably be more, but it will be a slow process.

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Here's a list of all of 2015

Terry Clements - *Tanganicodus irsacae* Jan 2015
Bruce Hart – *Neolamprologus oliveaceus* Mar 2015
Shawn O'Halloran – *Corydoras schultzei* May 2015
Peter Melady – *Betta patoti* Aug 2015
Peter Melady – *Cryptoheros chetumalensis* Aug 2015
Myron & Sharon Iwanochko - *Laetacara araguaiae* Nov 2015

Memberships – New membership information packages were sent to Trans Canada Guppy, Windsor Cichlid & Catfish Association and Michel Drolet from Montreal.

Newsletter – address to meeting location is missing and will be fixed next month.

Programs – No requests. Still under review by Ken.

Ways & Means –

Starting Balance \$29.90

50/50 winner is Ron with \$11.00

Started with 55.30

Month	Balance	Spent	Rec'd	50/50	Raffle
Sept.	32.06	-12.16	10.00		
Oct.	29.90	-10.00	9.40	11.00	15.00
Nov.	55.30	- 12.85	3.90	15.00	20.00
Dec.	81.35				

Website – Albert's email address is outdated and will be fixed.

Club Reports

Barrie – About 18 members at the last meeting plus some guests. There was no program, must hold a meet and greet.

Chatham-Kent – next meeting is pot luck, members only.

Durham – Membership is currently 66.

The DRAS Speaker Program in November was our giant auction and we had approx. 65 attendees.

December 8th is our social pot luck event and includes small group discussions on Planted tanks, Breeding fish and Marine tanks.

The DRAS Annual Dinner and Speaker details are under development.

Aquarium is April 17th, 2016 at the Ajax Community Centre.

Barry McKee, DRAS CAOAC representative.

Hamilton – We've a busy week. Our Nov speaker was Randy Seufert from Erie county aquarium society. He did a great presentation on Livebearer. Awesome job.

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We were fortunate to offer a world class dinner presentation with Anton Lamboj was last night. A very successful event. Anton Lamboj did 2 presentations on West African Cichlids and Bettas. He also commented on how aquarists make an important effort in the preservation of environment and the future of fish friends. Great turn out with 80% of the CAOAC executive in attendance. Albert Van Montfort was presented with the Paul McFarlane award.

Our Dec meeting is on Dec 10. Noel will be presenting a Club Favourite Game with a fish quiz, draws, and munchies. Neighbour to Neighbour Food Drive and Sarah's Draw table. All monies made go to help families less fortunate thru Neighbour to Neighbour.

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our November meeting featured Larry Johnson and his recent trip to Lake Malawi. The Mini-Show classes were Anabantids, Plants and AOV. Name that fish was a couple of Spiny Eels. Some auction items were sold. A couple of Horticultural Award Program certificates were given to Stuart Morley. There was some discussion of upcoming events at other clubs as well as a review of our Oktoberfish Show and Auction.

Check the Kwas Facebook page for Oktoberfish and November meeting photos. Visit our website and forum www.kwas.ca

London - For our November meeting, we had Jessica Bullock do a talk on dwarf cichlids.

We enjoyed the talk very much. We had a very small show and a small auction.

For our December meeting, we will be having our potluck.

Just to inform everyone, we will not be having our annual spring auction, due to the fact that we are putting on the CAOAC convention this year.

The convention will be held on the long weekend in May 20, 21, 22, 2016. See Convention in the minutes for more information. We will still be having our annual fall show and auction, which will be on Sunday, September 25, 2016

Sarnia – Membership is at 18, our elections were completed. Christmas party & awards night is the 2nd Tuesday in December.

St. Catharines - In November we had a great presentation from our club member Pam about nutrition and there was a good turnout of over 40 people. Next up is our fall auction Sunday November 29 th, see our website under news and events for more info. Our next meeting is Monday December 7th and we will be having our Christmas party.

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

Convention 2016 – see executive report.

The first convention ticket draw was reported last month. Last night, the second ticket was drawn and won by Peter De Sousa.

Tourism London are offering \$10 coupons to attend the slots, sponsor LTC bus passes and routes to use the buses to go shopping, 2 for 1 dinner coupons downtown, discount coupons for Museum London.

Shirts are still in discussion but will be London Anniversary, not convention shirts.

Still need to hear from clubs that are interested in hosting the 2017 convention. It could be a partnership with CAOAC and not solo operation. It could also be a joint venture with more than one club in an area.

New Business

Phil's guest, his fiancé, has offered to assist with the Facebook page. Lisa will add Cindy to assist. Cindy mentioned social media is the way to reach out to the community. She will set up Twitter and Instagram identities.

Next meeting is our Christmas Pot Luck. Items for the raffle are always appreciated.

Adjourned at 1:48 by Albert, second by Phil.

Ever wondered what the various chair positions do (cont'd. from last month)?

Here are a few more with more next month.

Binder/CD:

- ◆ The Chairperson shall update the Information as necessary or as requested by the Executive.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall print the annual reports for the convention (along with the Newsletter publisher).
- ◆ The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the C.A.O.A.C. convention.

Breeders Directory:

- ◆ The Chairperson shall keep up to date the directory and produce a new one from time to time. 2) The Chairperson shall make suggestions to change for C.A.O.A.C. BAP guidelines.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the C.A.O.A.C. convention.

C.A.O.A.C./F.A.A.S. Liason:

- ◆ The Chairperson shall be responsible for communication between C.A.O.A.C. and the Federation of American Aquarium Society (FAAS).
- ◆ submit an annual report at the C.A.O.A.C. convention.
- ◆ award the Judging certificates at the Annual Convention.
- ◆ handle all problems regarding C.A.O.A.C. certified judges at open competition club shows.
- ◆ submit an annual report at the C.A.O.A.C. convention.

Futures:

- ◆ The Chairperson shall be responsible for chairing the committee meetings.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall generate ideas for future development of C.A.O.A.C. and promoting the hobby.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the C.A.O.A.C. convention.

Membership:

- ◆ The Chairperson shall be responsible for anything pertaining to the membership in C.A.O.A.C.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall receive all membership dues.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall maintain a record of the allocation of the number of votes per club in accordance with the by-laws.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall seek ways to increase membership within C.A.O.A.C.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall send due notices at least 2 months prior to the due date of each club.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the convention.

Newsletter:

- ◆ The Chairperson shall prepare the monthly newsletter and ensure it is given to the webmaster in a timely manner.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the C.A.O.A.C. convention.
- ◆ The Chairperson shall submit an annual report at the C.A.O.A.C. convention.

Suspension of Malaysia certificate for ornamental fish- entry of refuse entry into AIRS

Email Received via PIJAC.

I just wanted to notify you that a refuse entry will be entered into AIRS for imports of aquatic animals from Malaysia for the end uses of Aquarium Commercial /Aquarium Private /Outdoor Holding Unit Commercial/ Outdoor Holding Unit Private tomorrow morning and a border lookout for shipments from Malaysia will be issued.

This action is due to the suspension of the current export certificate as a result of an outbreak of disease in Canada in ornamental fish that were imported from Malaysia.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Best regards,

Dr. Bernita Giffin

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AIRS—Automated Import Reference System

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming CAOAC Events

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

January

17 - 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting Waterdown ON

17 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown ON



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?

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 in Skype and request to be added, mentioning your interest in participating in the meeting.

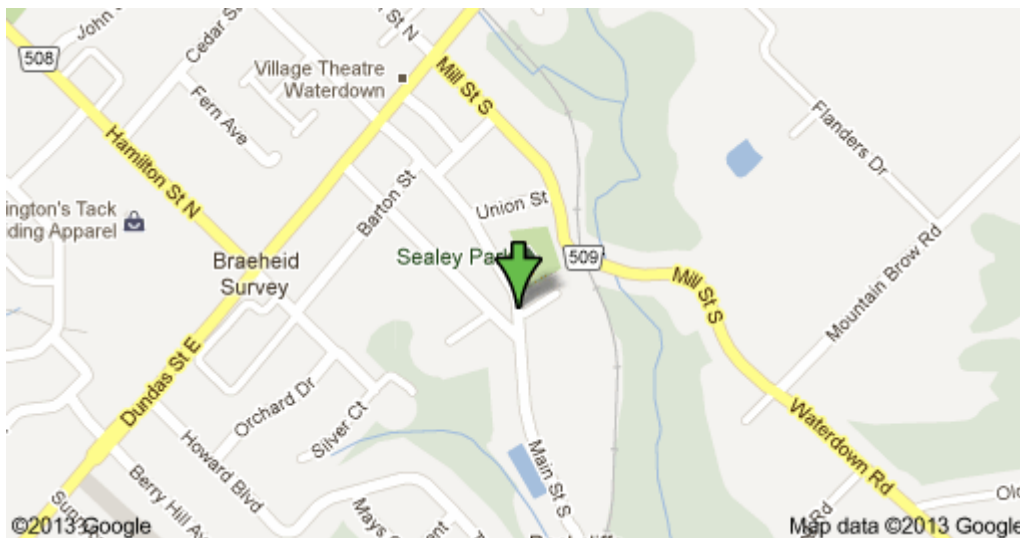
Do I have to belong to a club to attend the convention?

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.

Where we meet



Everyone is welcome to our regular meetings.

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 December 13, 2015.

Recognition & Achievement Awards

They may not be due until the beginning of next year, but now's the time to look at what awards are available and how close you are to achieving these

Check out the list below.

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

Achievement Awards Cont'd.

QUICK REFERENCE FOR BAP AND AHAP AWARDS							
NAME OF AWARD	GENERAL	KILLIES	AFRICAN RIFT LAKE CICHLIDS	LIVE-BEARER	CHARACINS	CAT-FISH	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 live-bearers. 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)

NOTE: This page has been created as a "Quick Reference Guide", for details, please refer to the actual sections for the Award applying for.



DECEMBER 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.