



Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

# CAOAC Monthly Newsletter

May & June 2016 Edition

Editor: Ann Stevens  
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# Presidents Message

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## *Happy Father's Day,*

First of all I would like to say that on behalf of the London Aquaria Society we would like to thank all who joined us in London at Fanshawe College at the CAOAC convention on the May 24th weekend. We 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 second time in Canada. It was also great to have the Southern Ontario Killifish and the Trans Canada Guppy Breeders all join in to make the convention that much more of an occasion. We spent some time with a lot of the people in the hobby who made this hobby of ours so interesting. We had a great time and the Fanshawe College 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.

Congrats to the Hamilton District Aquarium Society for their bid on the 2017 CAOAC Convention. I cannot wait to see the fantastic job that will be doing to make their event as much fun as possible. I hear rumours that they have already been in contact with some speakers and the venue has been approached. Looking forward to all of their announcements with the plans of convention 2017.

We have a couple of vacancies to fill with Tom Mason stepping down as the Fish Rescue person. Tom has done a great job for so many years in the fish rescue program. I am positive if somebody or a group of people do this job it will run as smoothly as it did when Tom did it. Also we had another resignation from Brian Glazier from the Judges Committee Chairman. Brian has done a fantastic job and will be another needed position to fill. Thanks to both of you guys for your service to CAOAC over the past years.

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 Pot Luck will be held in Waterdown on the 26th of June after the Executive meeting with the general meeting. 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.

Time to enjoy the summer,

Ron Bishop, President, CAOAC

# Executive Meeting – April 10, 2016

Called to order at 11:15 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 (SAS)	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)	

## Old Business –

Pet Expo – Successful show, see the newsletter for the report.

Anti-bullying policy – The Open Show concern discussed at the last meeting is covered in Open Show Rules. It is published in the newsletter for the second time and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

**Minutes –** Peter made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Albert seconded. Carried

## Treasurer's Report

<b>1</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report Apr 10 2016</b>	<b>TD Bank Feb 29-2016</b>	<b>\$ 9,920.92</b>
<b>2</b>	Cheque's Cashed # 208 #209 #210		<b>-\$ 278.67</b>
<b>3</b>	Bank Fees (Mar)		<b>-\$ 4.95</b>
<b>4</b>	Cheque's + cash deposit's ( )		\$ -
<b>5</b>	Transfers deposit's ( )		\$ -
<b>6</b>		<b>TD Bank Mar 31-2016</b>	<b>\$ 9,637.30</b>
<b>7</b>	Outstanding Cheque's # 211 ???		\$ -
<b>8</b>	<b>Paypal Apr 03-2016</b>		\$ 2,430.54
<b>9</b>	Cash on hand (0)		\$ -
<b>10</b>	<b>Cheque's deposit after Feb 29 31-2016</b>		\$ -
<b>11</b>	Expences committed +/-		<b>-\$ 80.00</b>
<b>12</b>	In Trust For Londen Club		<b>-\$ 2,430.54</b>
<b>13</b>	Terry Little Memorial Fund		<b>-\$ 466.81</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Working Balance</b>		<b>\$ 9,090.49</b>

Motion to accept by Peter, seconded by Ann. Carried.

## **Correspondence**

Oscar from the Flowerhorn Club inquired about the convention. Ron replied but has not received any reply.

Ann Marie reported that I know both Albert and I received an email about a mobile app to be used at our convention. I replied it was too late but we may be interested for next year. I suggested they contact us in August WITH A PRICE and they want to send me a calendar invite to get in touch with them. They even called me.

Information on Canadian Pet Expo on June 25-26 was received.

**Membership** – No replies to past inquiries.

## **New Business**

Peter made a motion to sponsor any show classes that aren't covered as of May 1, currently there are 4 left. Seconded by Albert. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 by Peter.

**Steering** – Barry was unable to attend, however, sent the following email:

“I am nominating Lisa Boorman for Corresponding Secretary and I would accept a nomination as Treasurer. Lisa has verbally accepted.

If I am nominated, someone else would need to you take on the Steering Chair role.”

Peter would like to nominate Barry McKee for the position of CAOAC Treasurer.

Based on the By-Laws the current slate of officers for the May Annual Meeting is as follows:

President – Ron Bishop – by acclamation

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Ken Boorman – by acclamation

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – candidates are:

- Ann Marie Towell – Calgary Aquarium Society
- Frank Moreau – Calgary Aquarium Society

Treasurer – Barry McKee – by acclamation

Recording Secretary – Ann Stevens – by acclamation

Corresponding Secretary – Lisa Boorman – by acclamation

Due to Barry McKee standing for Treasurer, Peter DeSousa has graciously accepted to stand for Steering Chair.

# **General Meeting – April 10, 2016**

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Called to order at 12:30 by President Ron.

A quorum was not met therefore no General Meeting was held. We sat and discussed the convention, etc. prior to leaving.

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Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent
Club	Name	
Barrie	Jeff Mountjoy (Skype)	
Betta	Catherine Salmon	
Hamilton	Peter DeSousa	
London AS	Annette Bishop	

See executive minutes.

### **Committee Chairs**

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

### **The following reports and submissions were submitted later or discussed with those present.**

**AHD-** I did have an inquiry from Sarnia (thanks Lisa) and with the help of Peter Melady, we decided it was a 10 point plant. I am working on updating the directory but hope to get Saskatoon's records as well. I am in the process of changing jobs again!!!) so I've been busy..

**Awards** – While we are all preparing for the Convention and the presentation of last year's Achievement and Recognition awards, I would like to encourage hobbyists to set their sights on next year's convention by preparing now. Check the rules and requirements on the CAOAC website now

**Fish Breeders Directory** – So far no clubs reported, but due to a newly named fish, we have a first in.

Fred Olynyk (ASW) - Pseudomugil luminatus – May 2016 (originally bred 2013, discovered sp was named May 2016)

**Ways & Means** –

Draw ticket for convention – #8 went to Bob Wright

Raffle winners:

Daphnia (from Peter DeSousa) – Catherine Salmon

Bronze Cory (from Catherine Salmon) – Ann Stevens

50/50 winner – Ron Bishop \$10

Thanks again to Ed for the great hot soup!

**Club Reports**

**Barrie** – BRASS currently has 24 members and growing. On April 3rd we had our 1st large scale auction and it was a tremendous success. We had close to 600 items from sellers and donators. We had attendees from as far away as Montreal. There were over 100 people in attendance. BRASS would like to thank the many friends from CAOAC clubs who made the trip to Barrie to assist us. We could not have done it without you! We have booked the same location for next year on Sunday April 2nd so mark it on your calendars!

**Calgary** – I did have an inquiry from Sarnia (thanks Lisa) and with the help of Peter Melady, we decided it was a 10 point plant. I am working on updating the directory but hope to get Saskatoon's records as well. I am in the process of changing jobs(again!!!) so I've been busy..

**Chatham-Kent** –

**Durham** –

**Hamilton** – Our speaker this month is Sasha Hunter from Aquascape. She will be giving us a pond presentation. I'd like to thank Mike at Big Al's Hamilton for helping to arrange this program. Our Fall Auction will be on Sat Oct 1 at the Waterdown Legion. We hope to have a few vendors included.

**Kitchener-Waterloo** -

**London** – WE have our meeting this Tuesday, April 12. Ron and Annette were going to do a talk on collecting live food, and they were going to bring in some minnows that they were going to collect from the Thames River. Unfortunately, the weather has not co-operated. They will instead be doing a talk on live food collecting, and the axolotls that they are keeping and breeding. This will be their first time using a computer to do a talk. Let's hope it goes well.

Sarnia - At our membership meetings we do our best to have a guest speaker. In March, our guest speaker was Tim Hall from It's so Koi, a fish farm in the Dresden area. We learned about setting up and maintaining an outdoor's pond, and we plan to take a field trip to the farm in the summer.

We have some exciting events happening over the next month or so. If you are in the Sarnia area on any of these days, we hope you will come!

1) Our SPRING AUCTION is on Saturday, April 16th starting at 11 AM; doors open at 9:30 AM. You're welcome to sell or buy your fish and related items;

2) Membership meeting on April 19th with guest speaker Zenin Skomorowski from the Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Club, who will be speaking on Loaches. We also will be asked to vote on amendments to the SAS Constitution;

3) Membership meeting on May 17th with guest speaker Mr. Jake vanRooyen from the Bluewater Hatchery. The Bluewater Hatchery is widely known and respected for raising hundreds of thousands salmon and trout, which are released to the area waterways (such as Lake Huron and the St. Clair River) for the enjoyment of fisher men from all over Canada

All events will take place at Sarnia Christian School, 1273 Exmouth Street (at Pontiac Drive).

We hope to see you at all of these events!

St. Catharines - Our April meeting was a great presentation by Ken Boorman on Rainbow Fish we had about 40 people in attendance. Our May program will be given by a club member on a axoltios everyone is welcome.

Thank you Peter Melady, Carla MacDonald, Bill Reckman and Jeff Mountjoy! for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated.

### **Convention 2016 –**

Request was made for updated on the CAOAC website for details of the Show and auction.

Still looking for sponsors for show classes as well as sponsors for speakers. Only two speakers left to sponsor. (Karen Randall, and Leslie Dick) We will be making the draw for the winner of the painting for the early room booking, and also for the free convention ticket, at our April meeting.

We did draw number 8 in Barrie for a free convention ticket. Bob Wright won. Grant Crossman of the Canadian Pet Expo, that was held on the Easter long weekend, has donated a tank set up to be raffled off at the convention. The Paypal account that has been used to receive payment for convention tickets etc, will be turned over to the LAS closer to the date of the convention. As of April 1, the full convention ticket price went up to 90.00 from 85.00. If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, please do so soon, so that we can make arrangements for food.

### **New Business**

All in attendance left at 1:30

# Annual General Meeting – May 22, 2016

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The Annual General Meeting was held at the Fanshawe College in Forwell Hall, prior to the auction commencing.

Ron called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15.

Ron welcomed everyone and thanked them for their interest in attending. The Annual Reports were distributed to those in attendance.

The Recording Secretary conducted the Roll Call for all clubs and Guests in attendance and advised the number of votes per club. 12 clubs in attendance.

## **Clubs in Attendance**

Barrie Regional Aquarium Society of Simcoe	Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society
Betta Breeders of Canada	London Aquaria Society
Calgary Aquarium Society	Peel Region Aquarium Club
Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society	Ottawa Amphibian & Reptile Association
Durham Region Aquarium Society	St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society
Hamilton & District Aquarium Society	Windsor Aquarium Society
Guests Included: Jay Gannon from the Windsor Cichlid & Catfish Group, Ray Lucas	

A motion from Phil Barrett (SCAAT) was made to accept the Annual Reports as distributed, seconded by Annette Bishop. The online version will include the Fish Rescue, which was received after printing.

A motion from Catherine Salmon to accept all business as published for the fiscal year was seconded by Anne Daniels.

Ron then dismissed the 2015-2016 Executive with the exception of Ann Stevens, Recording Secretary who will continue to take the minutes. Ron thanked the executive for a job well done over the past year and turned the meeting over to the Steering Committee, chaired by Peter DeSousa, for the election of officers for the 2016-2017 year and the tabled motion for acceptance of the Anti-Violence and Harassment Policy.

## **Steering**

The vote for the Violence and Harassment Policy was conducted, including proxy votes for those clubs unable to attend. The policy was passed unanimously and will be included as part of the By-Laws.

The vote for 2nd Vice-President was then conducted, including proxy votes that were sent prior to the meeting. Peter DeSousa reported the results were concluded and Ann-Marie Towell was elected.



The 2016-2017 Executive are:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Result</b>
President	Ron Bishop	Acclaimed
1st Vice-President	Ken Boorman	Acclaimed
2nd Vice-President	Ann Marie Towel	Elected
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Barry McKee	Acclaimed
Correspondence Secretary	Lisa Boorman	Acclaimed

Peter DeSousa asked for a motion to destroy the ballots, second Gary Olenski (St Catharines)

Peter then turned the meeting over to the new term of executive to conclude the meeting.

### **New Business**

Ron reported that Tom Mason is moving and resigning from the Fish Rescue. It's some big shoes to fill, but we need someone to step up and continue with this worthwhile program. Remember, you're not alone in this. Please see either Ron Bishop or Tom Mason for more information.

Ron also received a resignation from Brian Glazier as Judging Chair. We need someone to step up and get this committee going.

Ron thanked both Tom and Brian for their contributions.

Carla McDonald made a presentation for the 2017 CAOAC convention. May 19-21, Burlington Conference Centre. Ian Fuller and Lawrence Kent are confirmed already. They are looking to incorporate combining clubs like this year, Guppy, Killifish, Betta and any other smaller clubs. Unanimously accepted.

Gary Olenski suggested having a judging training session on the Friday night for those interested.

Ray Lucas was asked if he wanted to say a few words. He reinforced that we have to get youth involved. Teach them proper handling of fish and how to's in the hobby.

Other Business:

The President's Pot Luck will be June 26 at the Waterdown Optimist Hall at 12:00. Hope to see you all there.

Meeting adjourned at : 10:07

## **2016 CAOAC BAP/AHAP Awards**

### Livebearers

Intermediate Merit                      Myron & Sharon Iwanochko    LAS

### Killifish

Intermediate Merit                      Brian & Susan Glazier    LAS

### Cichlid

Basic Merit                                      Ron & Annette Bishop    LAS

Ed Plesko    LAS

### General

Basic Merit                                      Catherine Salmon                      HDAS

Senior Merit                                      Peter Melady                              Sarnia AS

### Horticulturalist

Aquatic Horticulturalist                      Stephen Gregson                      LAS

## **2016 Recognition Awards**

Scientist Award                                      Hernan Lopez-Fernandez

25 Year Service Award                              Lorraine Gregson                      LAS

Stephen Gregson                      LAS

James Kelly                                      LAS

Newsletter Award                                      Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society (Karen Murray, Editor)