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## Board of Directors

| <b>Executive</b>   |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |
| <b>Committees</b>  |  |  |  |
| <b>Aquatic Horticulturalist Directory</b>                              | Ann Marie Towell                                       |  | <b>Judges</b>  |
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| <b>Fish Breeders Directory</b>   | Lisa Boorman   |  | <b>Open Show</b>   |
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|  |  |  |  |
| <b>Fish Rescue</b>   | Jerry Draper/Ann Marie Towell                          |  | <b>Ways &amp; Means</b>  |
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|  |  |  |  |
| <b>Futures</b>   | Jeff Mountjoy  |  | <b>Webmaster</b>   |
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## 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. We have been offered space at the Fall Canadian Pet Expo on September 10 and 11th at the International Center in Toronto. We need as many clubs involved in this event as possible. It would be great to have a representative from all the clubs be involved, what a great way to advertise your club and its activities. Please contact Lisa Boorman. 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.

Also we have to cancel the CAOAC Meetings for September due to conflicts in schedules. Can you please send all your club reports to Ann Stevens. Also can you get your event calendars in order so that also can be posted.

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 theirs. At the next CAOAC meeting we can get this done, hopefully sooner, 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 and all

I have an inside source that the CAOAC Convention for 2017 is being organized by the Hamilton and District Aquarium Society. Plans are well under way with a full slate of speakers and events. It seems that the plans are in motion for a great weekend, from the speakers to the location.

The shows and auctions are back,

Time to enjoy the fall,

Ron Bishop

President

CAOAC



I apologize for the cancellation of September's meeting but we will get all back in order for October

## Executive Meeting – June 26, 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)      | Present          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP      | Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)  | Present (Skype)  |
| Corresponding Secretary | Lisa Boorman (CKAS)     | Absent           |
| Recording Secretary     | Ann Stevens (HDAS)      | Present          |
| Treasurer               | Barry McKee (DRAS)      | Present          |
| Past President          | Claudia Carthew (SCAAS) | Absent           |
| Also In Attendance:     | Annette Bishop (LAS)    | Ed Bosker (HDAS) |
|                         |                         |                  |

### Old Business –

Insurance needs to be reassessed before the fall.

Ron's club now needs a Non-Profit number or the school where they meet will charge them full rate as a profit club.

Ann to send names from Pet Expo to clubs.

Minutes – Barry made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Ann seconded. Carried

### Treasurer's Report

#### May 2016

|    |  |                       |                    |
|----|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | <b>Treasurer's Report June 25 2016</b> | TD Bank April 29-2016 | \$ 9,632.35        |
| 2  | Cheque's Cashed # 211 # 212 # 214      |                       | -\$ 3,251.07       |
| 3  | Bank Fees (May)                        |                       | -\$ 4.95           |
| 4  | Cheque's + cash deposit's ( )          |                       | \$ -               |
| 5  | Transfers deposit's (2812.58+207.86)   | Paypal Fund           | \$ 3,020.44        |
| 6  |  | <b>TD May 31-2016</b> | <b>\$ 9,396.77</b> |
| 7  | Outstanding Cheque's # 216 # 215 # 213 |                       | -\$ 231.97         |
| 8  | <b>Paypal May 31-2016</b>              |                       | \$ -               |
| 9  | Cash on hand (0)                       |                       | \$ -               |
| 10 | <b>Cheque's deposit</b>                |                       | \$ -               |
| 11 | Expences committed +/-                 | Caoac signs           | -\$ 248.60         |
| 12 | In Trust For                           |                       |                    |
| 13 | Terry Little Memorial Fund             |                       | -\$ 399.02         |
| 14 | <b>Working Balance</b>                 |                       | <b>\$ 8,517.18</b> |

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

### Correspondence

We received an email to participate in the Peterborough Pet Expo, but it is the same weekend as Hamilton Auction.

## **Membership –**

### **New Business**

Comments about not being able to open the PDF file from the Steering Committee. Possibly save as an earlier version to be more compatible with more people.

Ann Marie received queries in regards to two apprentice judges out west who want to know what is happening. Committee's to be set up during the General Meeting. Ron asked Ann Marie to send the two names to forward to the new Judges Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 by Ken.

### **General Meeting**

Called to order at 12:45 by President Ron and welcomed everyone.

| Position                | Name                    | Absent/Present       |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| President               | Ron Bishop (LAS)        | Present              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP      | Ken Boorman (CKAS)      | Present              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP      | Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)  | Skype                |
| Corresponding Secretary | Lisa Boorman (CKAS)     | Absent               |
| Recording Secretary     | Ann Stevens (HDAS)      | Present              |
| Treasurer               | Barry McKee (DRAS)      | Present              |
| Past President          | Claudia Carthew (TFCEC) | Absent               |
| Club                    | Name                    |                      |
| Barrie                  | Jeff Mountjoy           |                      |
| Betta                   | Catherine Salmon        |                      |
| Calgary                 | Cate Forbes (Skype)     |                      |
| Chatham                 |                         |                      |
| Durham                  | Barry McKee             |                      |
| Hamilton                | Carla MacDonald         | Albert Van Mountfort |
| London AS               | Annette Bishop          |                      |
| Peel Region             | Anne Daniels            |                      |
| St. Catharines          | Phil Barrett            |                      |
| Guests:                 | Leanne Mountjoy (BRAAS) | Haydn Pounder (PRAC) |
| Ed Bosker (HDAS)        | Karen Rogers (HDAS)     | Cindy Golden (SCAAS) |

**Treasurers report –** see Executive meeting Motion to accept by Ken, seconded by Catherine. Carried.

**Business Arising from Executive** – see Executive minutes.

### **Correspondence –**

See executive minutes.

Email from Tom Mason to change the contact information for Fish Rescue. The number will be 519-771-3474, Jerry Draper's mobile number, for Fish Rescue.

## Committee Chairs

| Title                   | Name                          |                |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| AHD                     | Ann Marie Towell              | Skype          |
| Archivist               | Paul McIntosh                 | Absent         |
| Awards                  | Peter Melady                  | Absent         |
| Fish Breeders Directory | Lisa Boorman                  | Absent         |
| Binder                  | Ann Stevens                   | Present        |
| FAAS                    | Ken Boorman                   | Present        |
| Fish Rescue             | Jerry Draper/Ann Marie Towell | Absent/Present |
| Futures                 | Jeff Mountjoy                 | Present        |
| Judges                  | Haydn Pounder                 | Present        |
| Membership              | Barry McKee                   | Present        |
| Newsletter              | Ann Stevens                   | Present        |
| Open Show               | Barb Draper                   | Absent         |
| Programs                | Ken Boorman                   | Present        |
| Steering                | Peter DeSousa                 | Absent         |
| Ways & Means            | Annette Bishop                | Present        |
| Webmaster               | Ann Stevens                   | Present        |

**AHD-** Sarnia has sent in a report. I am looking for someone to help me merge the Calgary excel into the master spread sheet.

**Archivist** –

**Awards** – At the last CAOAC Convention, Ray ‘Kingfish’ Lucas agreed to once again judge the Newsletter Award. Your newsletters can be sent to him, by email, monthly or bi-monthly as they are produced. Let’s try and get more clubs involved especially our Western clubs. Also please remember that award applications can be submitted at any time of the year. You don’t have to wait until the deadline to apply. INCLUDE Ray Lucas in your email distribution of your newsletters.

**Binder** –The new Anti-Violence & Harassment Policy to be uploaded on the web.

**FAAS** – no report

**Fish Breeders Directory** – Sarnia and Chatham updated their list in the last month. No new first ins.

**Fish Rescue** – I am still getting calls for fish rescue. I'll do what I can but I don't have tanks anymore to hold fish and my phone number will be changed by the end of July. So perhaps we could take the number off the website and contact the OMNRF about the change.

**Futures** –

**Memberships** – no changes.

**Newsletter** – new edition to be created by next newsletter.

**Programs** – no requests, nothing new to add

**Ways & Means** – Cindy won 50/50 \$18.50

Karen Rogers won 2 fish ornaments, Books,

Proficient Fish Food – Barry

Charcoal – Catherine

Seahorse ornament – Cindy

Fish table centre ornament – Cindy

Ron raffled off the left over bags of chips from convention.

| 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   | - 2.85                  | 4.65  | 13.50 | 32.00  |
| Jan.  | 128.65  | - 10.85                 | 17.10 | 12.00 | 25.00  |
| Feb.  | 171.90  | - 7.65                  | 9.85  | 15.00 | 10.00  |
| Mar.  | 199.10  | - 7.35                  | 15.85 | 23.00 | 17.00  |
| Apr.  | 247.60  | - 58.05                 | 10.25 | 10.00 | 15.00  |
| May   | 224.80  | -122.30                 |       |       |        |
| June  | 102.50  |                         | 37.00 | 18.50 | 35.00  |
| July  | 193.00  |                         |       |       |        |
|       |         | -100 given to Treasurer |       |       |        |
|       | 93.00   | starting balance        |       |       |        |

**Website** – give report. Ask speakers if they want to be included.

### **Club Reports**

Barrie – Jeff to send

Betta – good showing at convention. Thank you London for including them in the convention. We have 2 apprenticing to be IBC Judges.

Calgary – We are at 75 members and had both our home competition and tour in the last month. The home tour ended with a lovely bbq on Eagle Lake. Our last meeting featured our president Cate Forbes speaking on her trip to Thailand. Our magazine, the Calquarium had its first issue in sometime in June. We are looking for clubs to exchange with (editor@calgaryaquariumsociety.com). Our next auction is October 2. Our next meeting in September is Irene Gustafson on “how to bag fish” and the jar show is tetras. We are preparing for a show early next March.

Chatham-Kent – Had a good speaker, Ken, speak on Fish for Nano aquariums. No meeting in July. Good attendance.

Durham – Barry to send

Hamilton – Carla to send

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our June meeting was a social event with pizza and soft drinks for the members.



Mini Show classes were Cyprinids and Any Other Variety. We had a free member's raffle with lots of prizes. Everyone received something from canister filters, heaters, accessories and magazines. The KWAS executive positions were finalized for this year. We are having our KWAS family BBQ on Sunday, June 26. Our membership currently stands at 21 adult / 16 family / 1 Junior.

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

See us on Facebook.

London – The last meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, June 14.

We discussed how well the CAOAC convention in May went. We are still waiting for a couple of numbers and at least one more cheque to arrive to complete our final totals. We feel that it was a success.

Elections were held. A few new faces will be on the executive, as well as a few long-time members. (see email sent from Sharon MacDonald for complete list)

We had a potluck and a large club level auction of approximately 80 items.

A possible fall bus trip was mentioned, and will be discussed further at our executive meeting.

Our fall auction will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2016, at the Optimist hall, in Dorchester, as usual. Just a reminder that we will not be having our annual show at our fall auction, due to us having a show at the CAOC convention in May. Our annual show will return in September 2017 in conjunction with the auction. Our spring auction will be Sunday May 7, 2017.

Peel – Anne to send

Sarnia – no report

St. Catharines - For our June meeting we had a barbecue and our club elections, all positions remain the same except for second vice president and now that is Pat Shriner. His email is [gptriner@cogeco.ca](mailto:gptriner@cogeco.ca) .

Cheers Phil

P.S. Thanks to the London club for hosting a very enjoyable 2016 convention, I had a great time. My only regret is that I didn't start going to convention earlier in my fish keeping hobby.

Thank you Peter Melady, Tom Mason and Albert for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated.

**Convention 2016 –**

Annette to send.

**Convention 2017**

Carla to send

**New Business**

June 16 at 10:51pm · Macomb, MI, United States

Dewey Schehr has passed away

I just got word from Rhonda (his daughter in law), that Dewey passed away this evening.

For those of you that didn't know him, he and his wife Delores were two of the founding members of the Michigan Cichlid Association.

He and his wife Delores also owned a well renowned hatchery "Wet Thumb Aquatics" until health problems forced them to retire.

Dewey, Delores, and their long-time employee Bob Schuster (deceased) were the three people directly responsible for my passion in this hobby, and I've missed being able to talk to him, as he was always entertaining and informative.

### Future CAOAC dates

|         |                             |                    |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Sept 18 | Dec 11 – Christmas Pot Luck | Mar 19             |
| Oct 16  | Jan 15                      | April 23           |
| Nov 20  | Feb 12                      | May 21 – Annual GM |
|         |                             | June 25            |

Adjourned at 2:54 by Anne Daniels, second by Ken Boorman.

### CAOAC Magazine

We received the following request:

*CAOAC used to have a publication in the sixties and early seventies call Canadian Aquarium Journal Does anyone have any? If so, could we get them scanned and made available?*

If anyone is aware of this, please contact Ann Stevens at [ann.stevens11@gmail.com](mailto:ann.stevens11@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

| September |   | November |                                   |
|-----------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 10-11     | Pet Expo - Toronto                              | 6        | Peel Region Aquarium Club Auction |
| 17        | Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction                 | 20       | CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00   |
| 25        | London Aquaria Society Auction                  | 20       | CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00     |
| October   |   | December |                                   |
| 2         | Calgary Aquarium Society Auction                | 11       | CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00   |
| 16        | CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00                 | 11       | CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00     |
| 16        | CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00                   |          |                                   |
| 23        | Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society Oktoberfish |          |                                   |



## Amazonas & Coral Magazines want your dates

We received this email in August.

*AMAZONAS and CORAL magazines endeavor to support freshwater and marine hobbyists as much as possible. And we want to help make your club events successful and profitable!*

*We are compiling a list of club events scheduled to occur in 2017 (auctions, conventions, workshops, swaps, socials, pond tours, etc). Please send me the details of your club's 2017 events as soon as you have the following information available and I will post it on our website's UPCOMING EVENTS calendar (<http://www.reef2rainforest.com/events/>) as free advertising for your event. As room allows, freshwater events may also be listed in the AMAZONAS Magazine Calendar!*

*If you have a flier, please send me that as well, but I do need the following information:*

- *What the event is and who is the host club*
- *Dates and times*
- *Location and address (such as "VFW Hall" "123 Main St, Boston, MA 22222")*
- *Is it a freshwater event, marine event or both?*
- *Any other details about the event (open to the public, free, food available, raffles, door prizes, etc).*
- *A website address for the event or at least for your club.*

*Please note that publishing deadlines run at least 3 months ahead so **it is never too early to send me your information!!***

*We are pleased to make annual donations of subscriptions to fish clubs' fundraising events when requested. Another reason to contact me as early as possible! We ask in exchange that you post our banners on your website (or in a show or convention program) as a supporter of your group.*

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Here's a great way to advertise your event.

## Highlights from the June Meeting

The June meeting was traditionally the President's barbecue. Due to some constraints, it became a Pot Luck. We had good attendance at this meeting. You missed some good food and comradery. Here are some pictures:



Lots of food



Ron, Annette, Phil, Karen, Catherine, Haydn, Anne Daniels, LeeAnne



Ed, Ken, Carla, Albert, Barry, Jeff, LeeAnne



## Awards

### 2016 CAOAC BAP/AHAP Awards

| Category         | Award                    | Who                      | Club      |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 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

| Award                 | Who   | Club |
|-----------------------|---|------|
| Scientist Award       | Hernan Lopez-Fernandez  |      |
| 25 Year Service Award | Lorraine Gregson  | LAS  |
|                       | Stephen Gregson   | LAS  |
|                       | James Kelly   | LAS  |
| Newsletter Award      | Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society<br>(Karen Murray, Editor) | HDAS |

## 2016 Open Show Awards

| Award                         | Who                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Club Challenge                | London Aquaria Society |
| High Aggregate                | Bob Steele (LAS)       |
| Most Points in Betta Category | Catherine Salmon       |
| Junior High Aggregate         | Shawn O'Halloran Jr.   |

## Annual Report – Fish Rescue

If you were at the convention and received a copy of the Annual Reports, the Fish Rescue was missed. Here it is. I also want to thank Tom Mason for his tireless efforts of keeping this program going. He will be missed, as he moves further away from the area.

### Report on Fish Rescue 2015-2016

This past year has been an extremely busy year. Calls came in up to three times a week. In past years they calls were closer to five times a year. Unfortunately I failed to keep records this year but I had approximately 50% of my aquariums with rescue fish in them.

At this time, the last of the fish are finding homes and I will be unable to continue on with the program after July 30th, 2016. Please let our partners in this know that the present number on Fish Rescue will no longer be in use. This includes the Ontario Anglers' and Hunters', the OMNRF and Toronto Zoo. It will be important to replace my old number asap and ensure that the partners receive it.

Besides getting much busier than had occurred in the past, the type of fish being rescued also shifted. In the past, the normal rescued species tended to be a large fish that had basically outlasted everything else in the aquarium. The species included: large cichlids, pacu, large plecostomus and koi or goldfish. Representatives of these species did show up but they were a minor part of what was picked up. It was more common to get full tanks and at times colonies of good quality species. There were also tanks of community species including livebearers, tetras and various catfish.

The program also went Canada wide. Most calls were in Ontario. The Chatham club helped out often and were able to find homes for their area which was a great help. London also reported a couple rescues. And there was at least one call taken care of by the Calgary club. Two calls were of particular interest. The first call came

from a community in northern Ontario. The person had a koi and a plecostomus. The closest club was Winnipeg. I called people in Winnipeg but had no luck finding a home for them, however the person was able to follow some leads and find a home. The second call came from a gentleman in Alberta. His father lived in Hasting Hot Springs in BC. I found a person in Langley BC that would help. As of yet I have not heard the final disposition for this specimen.

I do apologize for not keeping good records over the past year but I have put a record of species that I remember from the past year. Hopefully CAOAC will continue to help re-home the species through this program.

Tom Mason

## List of Species passing through Fish Rescue Program over 2015- 2016 Period

| Species         | Type                                | Qty        | Disposition               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Catfish         | Common plecostomus                  | 3          | Private people            |
|                 | Sailfin Plecostomus                 | 1          | Private people            |
|                 | Reverse pattern Sailfin Plecostomus | 2          | Private people            |
|                 | Spotted Synodontus                  | 2          | Private person, pet shop  |
|                 | Walking catfish                     | 7          | Private people, pet shops |
| Livebearers     | Platies                             | 2 colonies | Private people            |
|                 | Guppies                             | 5 groups   | Private people            |
| Tetras          | Black Neons                         | 3          | Private people            |
|                 | Black tetras                        | 2          | Private people            |
|                 | Silver Dollars                      | 1          | Pet shop                  |
| Cichlids        | Gold Zebra                          | 2          | Private people            |
|                 | Yellow Labidochromis                | 1 colony   | Private people            |
|                 | Frontosa                            | 1 colony   | Private people            |
|                 | Moori                               | 1 colony   | Private people            |
|                 | Brichardi                           | 1 colony   | Private people            |
|                 | Convict                             | 1          | Pet shop                  |
|                 | Chanchito                           | 4          | Private, pet shop         |
|                 | Mozambique mouthbrooders            | colony     | Pet shop, private people  |
| Barbs           | Tiger Barb                          | 3          | Private people            |
|                 | Cherry Barb                         | 1          | Private                   |
|                 | Gold Barb                           | 1          | Private                   |
|                 | Tinfoil Barb                        | 1          | Pet shop                  |
| Other           | Koi                                 | 8          | Private people            |
|                 | Goldfish                            | Colony +1  | Private people            |
|                 | Golden orfe                         | 7          | Private people            |
|                 | Pearl danio                         | 2          | Private people            |
|                 | White Cloud mountain                | Colony     | Private                   |
|                 | Clown Loach                         | 2          | Private                   |
|                 | Arrowana                            | 1          | Not known *               |
|                 | Red eared slider                    | 2          | Private                   |
| Yellow anaconda | 1                                   | Private    |                           |
|                 | Corn snake                          | 4          | Private                   |

\* Unknown destination taken care of by London Aquarium Society

These were all animals collected since the last AGM. Several other specimens including a large Oscar, and a number of large Plecostomus of several species were picked up before the last AGM and dispersed after the AGM. Many of these went to pet shops. One Jack Dempsey with a missing eye, still resides at my house.

As of the week of May 15th, I have a goldfish to pick up in Toronto and three African cichlids to collect from the Brampton OSPCA shelter. Hopefully they will be taken care of soon.

Tom Mason

## What do you want to read?

The intent of this newsletter is to share some of the details of the meeting and upcoming events. From time to time, I try to include recent news. If there is something you would like to see, or if you have an article you would like included, please send it to me, [ann.stevens11@gmail.com](mailto:ann.stevens11@gmail.com).

## Aquatic Experience To Host Inaugural Shrimp Competition

By Pet Business Staff



The World Pet Association (WPA) <http://worldpetassociation.org> is calling for entries for the 1st International Shrimp Competition (<http://usashrimpcontest.com>), to be held during the fourth annual Aquatic Experience - Chicago (<http://aquaticexperience.org>) in November. Contestants will compete in ten categories for \$1,000 in prize money and the top Shrimp King award, and all competitors receive free admission to the Aquatic Experience show floor.

The competition will give shrimp breeders the opportunity to share their hobby with the greater public and exhibit different freshwater dwarf shrimp species and color morphs. An international jury will judge all entries and winners will be publicly honored on the Aquatic Experience show floor. Additionally, designated competing dwarf shrimp will be included in the raffle being held on the show floor for all attendees.

Registrations for the competition are due by September 30. The competition is sponsored by Dennerle, JBJ Transworld Aquatic, Shrimp King and the WPA.

## Regular Monthly Meetings

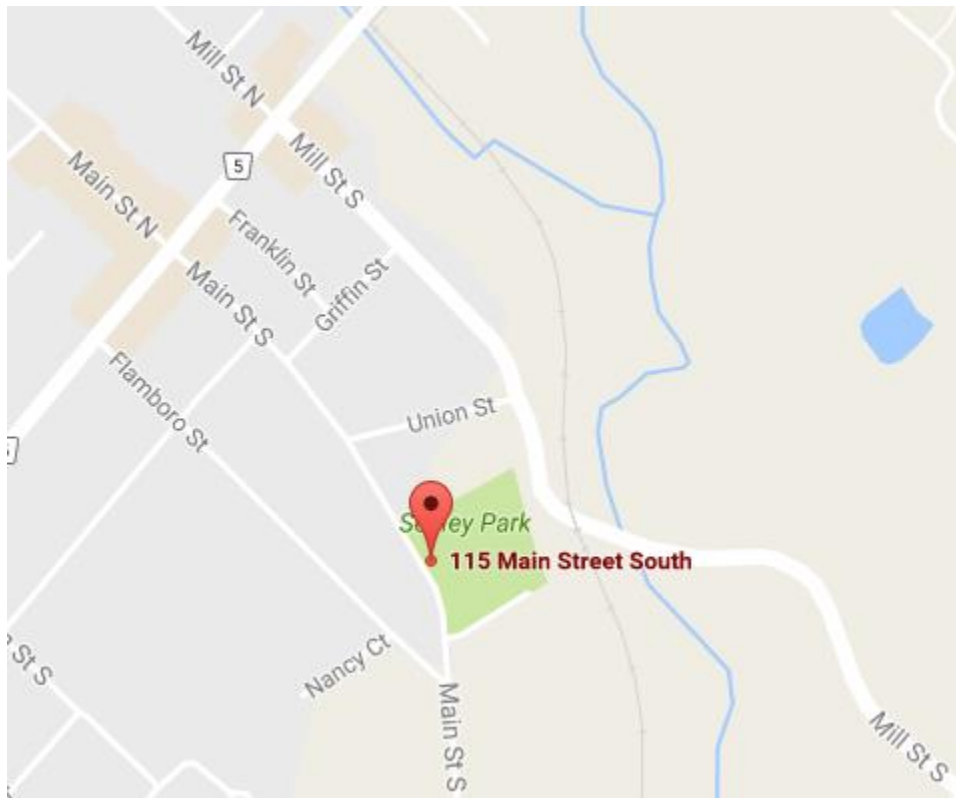
Who can attend? Any member of an Aquarium Club can attend the General Meeting that follows the Executive Meeting. It usually starts around 12:00 noon.

We have raffles, 50/50 draws, and snacks to share.

Why should you attend? To be part of the discussion that takes place between other clubs and items that are raised by the Executive. It's a great way to share ideas and discuss issues you may be having.

## Where do we meet?

Optimist Hall, 115 Main Street South Waterdown, Ontario



## 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.