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President's Message

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year

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 it's all about.

Its time again for the membership and Insurance renewal, emails have been sent to all the clubs, if you did not get yours get in touch with Barry McKee or Ann Stevens and they could get it to you. Remember there is a late charge from the insurance company for any additions after the deadline.

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.

The last auction is done and it is 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.

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 that do.

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 some Eggnog in a glass and light up the Fireplace

Merry Christmas to all and a Fantastic New Year

Ron Bishop

President

CAOAC



Executive Meeting – November 20, 2016

Called to order at 11:13 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 (Skype)
2 nd VP	Ann-Marie Towell (TCGG)	Present (Skype)
Corresponding Secretary	Lisa Boorman (CKAS)	Present (Skype)
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Barry McKee (DRAS)	Absent
Past President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Annette Bishop (LAS)	Ed Bosker (HDAS)
	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	

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

Old Business – Budget to be discussed next meeting

Auditing of books to be addressed at next meeting.

Membership emails did go out.

Insurance, Ann spoke with Barry and he indicated Durham will be paying their premium in full.

Contacts from Pet Expo, Lisa sent out the emails and several bounced back. Two did reply indicating an interest, and one was already a member. Lisa presented some ideas for future shows:

- We absolutely need a colourful banner. The old ones won't cut it anymore.
- We need material for a table skirt.
- We need to have the club information LONG before the expo is run. Maybe someone more local to the show can bring it by. We really should have a local club rep, but that's not always possible.
- All volunteers for the table get a free band to come in. If planned right, they can have lots of free time to wander the show. - benefit to being a volunteer.
- We need tank setups! People are attracted to live animals, colour and movement. We got hardly anyone to the table when there was no set ups. Lots of people when the tanks were there.
- Thinking an aquarium beautiful contest. Was thinking it could be a nano style since we can't expect people to bring big tanks.
- Maybe make it a contest between clubs. Also thinking of maybe a small fee to enter the contest and have a money prize. Or other prize?
- Maybe make the contest open to the general public? With a set amount of entries???
- Maybe get a donation or buy a decent prize and sell tickets to win it, Need to see if that's legal there. I imagine Grant knows.
- Possible to get some small things as giveaways for kids? pens? candy?
- MAST had a TV running with a program on keeping marines. Would be interesting, but not possible for me to bring.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa made a motion to have Ann get our books audited. Seconded by Ken.

Correspondence

We received an email from Frank Moreau. He requested reference to him in the January and February newsletters to be redacted. It was decided that since the newsletters have already been circulated, the letter was the best action to take.

Here is the letter we received from Frank Moreau.

Attn: Executive Body

RE: <http://www.caoac.ca/newsletters/201602.pdf>

<http://www.caoac.ca/newsletters/201601.pdf>

To Whom it May Concern:

I learned of the articles cited above within the last 24 hours, this is why I am responding now. I also sent a Facebook message to Pres. Ron Bishop to keep everyone in the know of my request...

I wish to file a formal request with the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs regarding information that has been presented in the January & February 2016 editions of the CAOAC newsletter at:

<http://www.caoac.ca/newsletters/201602.pdf>

<http://www.caoac.ca/newsletters/201601.pdf>

My positions take the following form:

1) I was rightfully chastised and disfellowshipped for my behaviour at the times in question. It was made clear to me that publicly airing my complaints in public was inappropriate and maybe worthy of legal action...

2) I am more than happy to apologize to Mr. Ken Boorman and to CAOAC for those videos, I behaved like a barbarian and I formally offer that apology in this letter. I do not apologize for speaking up for myself but I apologize for the behaviour toward the gentleman and organization in question. In fact, feel free to reproduce the following on your website:

"I wish to apologize for my past aggressive behaviour toward Ken Boorman of CAOAC and to CAOAC as a whole for my past transgressions on Youtube, I was in the wrong for my behaviour and I apologize to all parties concerned.

I would also like to apologize to BRASS, SCAAS and KWAS along with Mr. Al Ridley for my behaviour toward them.

I particularly wish to apologize to Mr. Jeff Mountjoy for being put in a horrible position due to my inappropriate behaviour."

3) I was never an "executive" of BRASS according to CAOAC and BRASS by-laws, therefore the entire argument about BRASS having to answer for my actions is not a reasonable demand. It also put me in an unnecessary position of suffering greater public humiliation with a club having to apologize for me...

It also placed Mr. Jeff Mountjoy in a position that he did not deserve to suffer, my actions were my own and he had nothing to do with my videos.

4) I removed my videos because my behaviour was inappropriate. If CAOAC felt that some type of legal action was necessary this could have been done between the parties and not published in the newsletter and maintained in the newsletter until this day.

5) Since these incidents my behaviour has been exemplary, I have been a productive asset to CAOAC and her clubs by: A) Sponsoring show categories B) Giving expensive aquatic products and stocks to clubs and club members for next to nothing C) Donating large sums of money and products to the clubs and D) Spending money at the auctions then donating them back to the club to help them make additional money.

6) I am not using the following as a sympathy card but at the time I was suffering from mental illness and I chose not to undergo treatment, this was my fault. I am now under treatment and I recognize the past follies of my ways, I look back at those days and vowed that I would never become that beast again.

7) Since these incidents, I have not belittled, insulted or maligned CAOAC in any way, I realized that the removal of the videos was the proper course of action and that an attempt at reconciliation was important...I made the efforts to patch things up.

What am I requesting:

1) That the newsletter references to myself be blacked out or deleted, I took the first step by removing my material and I am asking CAOAC to take the same step.

2) I am asking that if this cannot be done that this letter be published in a future edition of your newsletter

3) If CAOAC chooses to ignore or deny these requests, I will simply keep quiet, thank you for your consideration and continue on my road to recovery, this is not a demand letter but a polite request and an attempt at reconciliation.

Thank you,

Frank Moreau

Membership –

New Business

Ann Marie requested her affiliation to be BBC or TCGG.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 by Ken.

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:14 by President Ron and welcomed everyone.

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Club	Name	
Barrie	Jeff Mountjoy (Skype)	
Betta	Catherine Salmon	
Calgary		
Chatham	Lisa Boorman (Skype)	
Durham		
Hamilton	Albert Van Montfort	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Peel Region		
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Trans Canada Guppy	Ann Marie Towell	
Guests:	Cindy Golden	

Treasurers report –

Minutes - Motion to accept the minutes by Phil, seconded by Albert. Carried.

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Correspondence –

See executive minutes.

Committee Chairs

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

AHD- Received

Archivist – Paul has not been well and looking to move his boxes to a central location

Awards – Authors/Advanced Authors nominations are due at the December CAOAC meeting. Newsletter Award submissions are due by the January CAOAC meeting to Ray Lucas. All other Recognition and Achievement submissions are due by the February CAOAC meeting. All requirements, rules and forms are on the CAOAC website.

Binder – The Anti Violence addendum to the Bylaws has been uploaded.

FAAS – no report

Fish Breeders Directory – London, CKAS, and KVAS have turned in reported spawnings.

I still need some supplies to send out some older certificates.

Still trying to get people to turn in fish for the directory.

Fish Rescue – Ann Marie had inquiry about a shark and forwarded it to Jerry.

Futures – no report

Judges – no report

Memberships – Montreal has paid their membership fees. Albert made the motion to accept the club, seconded by Lisa. Carried. Updated form to be uploaded to web.

Newsletter –

Open Show – Peel indicated show was sanctioned.

Programs – Ann Marie will send a presentation on Arowana's to Ken once completed.

Ways & Means – Ron won the bushy nose plecos from Catherine.

spent \$-6.85 milk and brownies

50/50 +\$13.00 (Ron took home \$12.00)

Month	Balance	Spent	Rec'd	50/50	Raffle
Sept.	93.00				
Oct.	93.00	-8.20	3.05		
Nov.	87.85	-6.85	7.05	13.00	10.00
Dec.	111.05				

Website – Changes to known club executive were changed.

Club Reports

Barrie – BRASS is having a potluck and social for our December meeting and a mini auction. Our January speaker is Frank Aguirre (his November talk had to be rescheduled) and he will be speaking to us about Saltwater aquariums and saltwater angelfish. Our club enjoyed a fish store tour in the Markham area on November 19th. These are now regular events for our club and we do at least 2 per year. Preparations for our large scale auction for April 2nd, 2017 are underway. Ken Parkes is our new Editor of our BRASS bulletin and did a fantastic job on our most recent one. BRASS looks forward to an exciting year ahead for 2017.

Betta – We had another successful Facebook auction. Last meeting was at Peter DeSouza's, with a topic breeding your Betta and look to have other meetings to meet the members. First In by Ann Marie for HAP.

Chatham-Kent – We had a good meeting last meeting. Lots of attendance! Enjoyed an oldie but a goldie "Jewels of the Rift". Next meeting is our Christmas potluck. This meeting is for members and family only. Hopefully having a few speakers again next year. A few are booked already, but we still need some.

Durham – Just a quick note regarding the Durham Region Aquarium Society December 13th "Pot Luck" social meeting. (Anderson Collegiate, Oshawa)

A few DRAS members are travelling to Uruguay on a collecting trip for the last two weeks of November. While we each have some target species we hope to collect, we expect to collect numerous species of interest and will have many of these to donate to our December meeting auction. We will be able to list the actual species to be auctioned on our DRAS Facebook site soon after we return and will communicate that list in early December. Please forward to anyone you think may be interested.

Hamilton – Our November speaker was Ron Bishop. We had a really great turn out for his presentation on Axolotls. Our December Christmas program will include games by Noel, a Fishy draw table by Sarah and Neighbour to Neighbour Food Drive. Pizza and Wings, bring an item to share if you wish.

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our September meeting featured guest speaker Nancy Egelton from London speaking on Guppies and her recent trip to the 19th World Guppy Contest in Vienna Austria. FAAS author awards were presented to various members. Special mention for Karen Murray who was awarded FAAS Author of the Year and Editor of the top Newsletter. Mini Show classes were Livebearers and Any Other Variety. There were 29 people in attendance.

Our October meeting featured work station presentations by club members on showing fish, filters, controlling algae, live foods and aquascaping. Mini Show classes were Large American Cichlids and Any Other Variety. There were 24 people in attendance. Our annual Oktoberfish show and auction was held in a new location a week earlier than usual. Total attendance was lower and there were fewer items in the auction, however in the show there were 228 entries from 23 exhibitors representing 6 clubs. See photos at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1210411655681884.1073741944.141380715918322&type=1&l=52cf5b38e7> and

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1210451042344612.1073741945.141380715918322&type=1&l=51f8d80bc9>

Our November meeting featured guest speaker Mike Davies from the University of Guelph on water chemistry in the aquarium. Mini Show classes were Anabantids, Plants and AOV. There was a Name That Fish, raffle and mini auction. There were 22 people in attendance.

Visit the Kwas website and forum www.kwas.ca

See us on Facebook - search for Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society.

London – Our meeting was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Nancy Egelton and Brian Glazier did an informative talk on bagging and transporting fish for shipping.

We had our usual club auction and jar show. Brian Glazier won the 50/50 draw and took home \$14.00.

Our December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. There will be no speaker. We are having a potluck social. The club will be providing pizza and pop. There will be no show, but we will have a small auction and prizes will be available to current members.

The name of the school is changed to East Carling, same building, different name for our meetings.

Our club executive has decided to remove minimum bids from the auctions.

St. Catharines - We had our auction in October and we're very happy with the results. 550 items auctioned off, thanks to everyone who helped. For our November meeting Frank Aguirre gave a excellent presentation about the incredible high end aquariums his company has designed and built. For December we will have our club Christmas party.

Trans Canada Guppy - Trans Canada Guppy Group wishes to submit first report.

We have been very busy promoting our club Canada wide. Recently we have had a club online auction where a member bred his own line. 3 trios were donated and auctioned off. We made \$150 for the club.

TCGG participated in the PRAC specialty show where we swept the guppy categories and also picked up new members in the process.

Our meeting last week concentrated on properly bagging and transporting fish to shows and auctions. We also talked about propagating our own live food cultures and what are the best foods in dry form for our fish.

Also discussed was the CAOAC Convention next May- We will be participating.

Thank you from the Trans Canada Guppy Group.

Thank you Peter Melady, Phil, Carla, Lisa, Jeff, Zenin and Nancy for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated. If you don't see a club report here, contact the person that is supposed to send it.

Convention 2016 –

Update, Fanshawe was cheque \$7,409.03. Sponsorships, to be looked into for next meeting. Gratuities were for the food at Fanshawe.

Convention 2017

The 2017 CAOAC Aquatic Expo is in full gear. Lots of exciting ideas have been presented to our team. For information about speakers and pricing please check out our website (HDAS.ca). Big thank you to the Windsor aquarium Society for sponsoring Ian Fuller's 2 presentations. We are currently looking for speaker sponsors, show sponsors, vendors. Please contact me at president@hdas.com if you have any ideas.

New Business

Next meeting is the Christmas Pot Luck.

Adjourned at 1:17 by Albert, second by Annette.

7 Easy Coldwater Aquarium Fish

Most fish sold in pet- and aquarium stores come from tropical regions and require a heated aquarium. If you're interested in setting up an unheated aquarium, though, you may be surprised to hear which popular "tropical" fish are actually sub-tropical and appreciate lower temperatures! Keep reading for a list of easy aquarium fish that don't need a heater.

White cloud mountain minnow (*Tanichthys albonubes*)

White cloud mountain minnows (video below!) are very popular aquarium fish often sold to beginning aquarists as tropical. Although these fish do naturally experience seasonal fluctuations and warmer summers, they actually prefer a temperature between 60-72 °F or 15-22 °C. This means you can keep them without a heater and even outside if you live in a warmer area. Their slightly smaller and lesser known cousin, the Vietnamese mountain minnow (*Tanichthys micagemmae*), prefers slightly warmer temperatures between 64.5-71.5 °F or 18-22 °C.

Mountain minnow habitat is quite easy to imitate, something these fish will really appreciate. In the wild, they occur in shallow streams with a low to moderate flow and possibly some vegetation. In the aquarium hobby, you can keep a group of at least 6 (preferably more) in a rectangular aquarium of at least 15 gallons (54L, preferably more). A dark sandy substrate with smooth pebbles as well as a relatively strong filter flow and some stem plants is ideal, although they will also do well in a normal aquarium setup.

Paradise fish (*Macropodus opercularis*)

Paradise fish (pictured at the top) are a beautifully colored, feisty species that naturally occurs in some parts of Asia. Like the popular betta, they are a labyrinth fish (*Anabantoid*), meaning they possess a labyrinth organ that allows them to breathe air. Unlike many other labyrinth fish, they are actually subtropical and can tolerate a temperature anywhere between 50-71.5 °F/10-22 °C.

If you're interested in keeping paradise fish, keep in mind that the males are very territorial and shouldn't be kept with other males: a trio of one male and two females works best. A tank of at least 20 gallons (75L) with plenty of cover in the form of normal plants and driftwood as well as floating plants is recommended. Paradise fish actually naturally occur alongside white cloud mountain minnows (discussed at the top of this list) and can be kept with this peaceful schooling species in your aquarium as well!

Hillstream loach (*Beaufortia kweichowensis*)

Although they're often sold as algae eaters or plecos suitable for normal aquariums, hillstream loaches like *Beaufortia kweichowensis* are actually entirely different fish that naturally occur in very fast-flowing waters. In the aquarium, it's best to imitate their natural habitat: without fast-flowing, cooler water between 61-75 °F/16-24 °C oxygen levels will often be too low for them. A strong filter and additional circulation pump(s) are definitely a good idea if you want to keep these fish! A group of at least five should do well in an aquarium of at least 20 gallons (75L).

To further imitate these hillstream loaches' natural habitat and provide them with the biofilm they feed on, use strong lighting and smooth rocks to promote (green) algae growth.

(Dwarf) crayfish (Cambarellus & Procambarus genus)

Many of the crayfish often kept in aquariums can withstand a very wide range of temperatures. For example, the popular *Procambarus alleni* will survive in anything between 57-80.5 °F or 14-27 °C. Although these larger crayfish species are very aggressive and require an escape proof, single species setup of at least 15 gallons (54L), they are a favorite among many aquarists for their funny behavior and tendency to “rescape” their own tank by moving things around.

Dwarf crayfish species from the *Cambarellus* genus can also be kept at room temperature and are, as the name suggest, much smaller than their big cousins. They are also known to be much less aggressive and more suitable for community aquariums, so if you're not ready to set up a single species tank these may be a better choice for you. A tank of at least around 8 gallons (30L) with plenty of hiding places is a good start!

Cherry shrimp (Neocaridina heteropoda var. Red)

Cherry shrimp are a small dwarf shrimp variety appreciated for their red color and very easy care. They are a great beginner shrimp and will do well in pretty much any temperature: between 57-86 °F/14-30° C is usually recommended, but they're known to survive far lower as well. This means a heater is not necessary.

Cherry shrimp should be kept in groups of at least five and can be introduced in pretty much any cycled aquarium, although a tank of at least 5 gallons (18L) with plenty of cover is a good place to start. These shrimp breed very quickly, so unless tankmates with a taste for fry are present you should soon see your colony growing. Excess shrimp can be sold, used as live food or just left in the tank: their bioload is so low they don't pose too much of a risk of overstocking. Cherry shrimp can be kept with all other species on this list with the exception of *Procambarus* crayfish and paradise fish.

Fancy goldfish (Carassius auratus)

Goldfish are probably the most popular subtropical fish kept in aquariums. Unfortunately this often results in bad care, as common goldfish are actually only suitable for ponds and fancy goldfish require a lot of care. Although they occur in many different interesting varieties, have great personalities and can be kept in unheated tanks (preferably between 62-71 °F/17-22 °C), getting into fancy goldfish keeping is not something to take lightly. These fish grow very large and need at least 20 gallons (75L, preferably more) per fish, with a minimum of two fish. Filtration should be very heavy and weekly large water changes are required.

Weather loach/Dojo loach (Misgurnus anguillicaudatus)

Weather loaches are a large loach species named after their ability to detect storms and displaying a strong reaction to weather changes. They are a great fish for larger, unheated and escape proof aquarium setups of at least 70 gallons (270L, rectangular tank). A temperature between 59-75 °F/15-24 °C is considered ideal for these loaches, although they are also said to tolerate lower for some time.

I often see aquarists keep their loaches on (sharp) gravel, but this is not a good idea. Many loach species, including this one, naturally spend a portion of their time burrowing and appreciate a fine sandy substrate that doesn't hurt their bellies. Also be sure to provide plenty of additional hiding places: like most loaches, they spend a portion of the day in a dark place and don't come out until evening.

This list of easy coldwater species is by no means exhaustive. Other subtropical fish you should be able to find in your aquarium store include peppered Corydoras, rosy barbs and danios! The species mentioned here seem

to be most tolerant of temperatures under 62.5 °F/17 °C, though, and are interesting as well as not too difficult to keep.

To read the complete story online with links to more information, it can be found here:

www.aquariadise.com/7-easy-coldwater-aquarium-fish

Upcoming Events

December		February	
11	CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00	12	CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00
11	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00	12	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00
January		March	
15	CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00	19	CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00
15	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00	19	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00





*Hamilton & District
Aquarium Society Presents*
Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs
Aquatic Expo 2017

May 19-21, Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference
Centre

Full weekend Show with specialty classes (Guppies and Killifish)

3rd Annual *Betta Breeders Canada* Betta Show

Saturday Betta Auction, Sunday General Auction

Vendors Room

Saturday Banquet Dinner

Guest Speakers:

Ian Fuller **Regina Spotti**

Lawrence Kent **Gerald Griffin**

Eric Bodrock

Early Bird Ticket Price: \$85

Vendors Room, fish shows and auctions open to the public

Visit hdas.ca/convention or contact president@hdas.ca for more details

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.

Regular Monthly Meetings

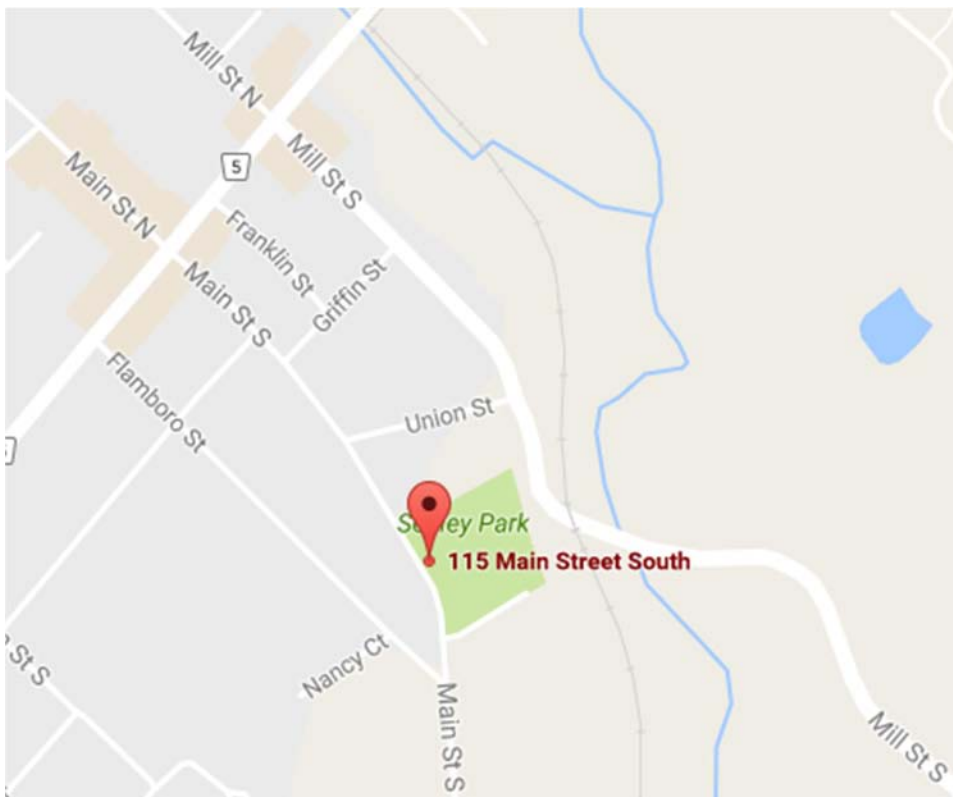
Who can attend? Any member of an Aquarium Club can attend the General Meeting that follows the Executive Meeting. It usually starts around 12:00 noon.

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.