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President's Message

WELCOME 2017

Happy New Year to all the people out there in our hobby from the East to the West.

I hope we all have a prosperous year ahead and lots of enjoyment with our hobby.

If anybody has any questions or concerns about CAOAC, to what we can do to make it better for the clubs or what the clubs can do to make it better for CAOAC, please get in touch with me. Last year we had a lot of great ideas and some of them we worked on and implemented.

Now to the job at hand as we have a few vacancies in the committees we have to run the association, if there is anybody that would be interested in filling these jobs please get in touch with me or any other executive.

The CAOAC Convention hosted by Hamilton is well on its way with the plans and Speaker and location. Make plans now for a great long week-end in May. The awards Committee is looking forward to all applications for awards from all the clubs. Please make sure all applications are in the hands of the committee on time.

So for now I wish you all a wonderful New Year and all the best in 2017

Ron Bishop

President CAOAC

P.S. Please remember to send your newsletters to Ray Lucas kingfish51@verizon.net



Executive Meeting – December 11, 2016

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

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1 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)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Annette Bishop (LAS)	Ed Bosker (HDAS)
	Myron Iwanochko	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 at next meeting – Albert read the past budget and modifications were discussed. Albert will send revised form to Barry to review and voted on next meeting.

- Barry to ask KW who to contact for bill for web domain registration.
- Ken to watch for sales on banners from VistaPrint and to purchase.
- Postcards to be created for future events.

Auditing of books Barry to bring to next meeting.

Insurance Agent advised insurer no longer wants to renew. Barry and Ann to get different quotes. We will have to decide what to do, once a firm price is obtained.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for October and November is brief.

October 2016

Opening balance forward \$9,124.19
Less:Monthly plan fee \$4.95
Closing balance. \$9,119.24

November 2016

Opening balance forward \$9,119.24
Less:Monthly plan fee \$4.95
Closing balance. \$9,114.29

Correspondence

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 by Ken.

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:55 by President Ron and welcomed everyone.

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)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent
Club	Name	
Barrie	Jeff Mountjoy (Skype)	
Betta	Catherine Salmon	
Chatham	Lisa Boorman (Skype)	
Durham	Myron Iwanochko	Barry McKee
Hamilton	Peter DeSouza	Carla MacDonald
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Peel Region	Frank Aquire	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Trans Canada Guppy	Ann Marie Towell	
Guests:	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Ed Bosker (HDAS)

Treasurers report – Motion to accept read report by Annette, second by Catherine. Carried

Minutes - Motion to accept the minutes by Myron, seconded by Annette. Carried.

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Correspondence –

See executive minutes.

Committee Chairs

Title	Name	
AHD	Ann Marie Towell	Skype
Archivist	Open	
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 (Skype)
Futures	Jeff Mountjoy	Present
Judges	Haydn Pounder	Absent
Membership	Barry McKee	Present
Newsletter	Ann Stevens	Present
Open Show	Barb Draper	Absent
Programs	Ken Boorman	Present (Skype)
Steering	Peter DeSousa	Present
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Present
Webmaster	Ann Stevens	Present

AHD- I have received Sarnia's first ins missed from last month's report. For "first in" , my congratulations to Jean-Mathieu Daoust of the Calgary Aquarium Society for echinodorus vesuvius and to Ann Marie Towell of Betta Breeders Canada for bucephalandra flowering.

Archivist – Paul has stepped down as Archivist and we now need a volunteer. Barry said there are about 12 boxes of archivist material. Albert will store in his house in Hamilton until he sells it. Ken, Ann and some others will meet at Albert's in Hamilton and go through what is there to determine how much storage is needed.

Awards – Today, Dec 11, is the deadline for Authors Award submissions. The next deadline is Jan 15, for the Newsletter Award submissions. They are to be sent to Ray "Kingfish" Lucas. His email address is found in the President's message. It is going to be a long cold Winter, so let's give Ray lots of reading material to keep him busy. All other Achievement and Recognition submissions are due at the February 12 CAOAC meeting. It is never too early to send me submissions as I can go over them and suggest changes or additions to help you.

Binder – Violence & Harassment policy was added as an addendum to the ByLaws

FAAS – no report. Ken will check into the news of FAAS folding.

Fish Breeders Directory – We have a new club reporting fish for the fishbreeders report. Thank you Calgary!

There are a few First Ins. Glossolepis dorityi, Thorichthys helleri, Aptereronotus albifrons and a First In Marine: Amphiprion ocellaris. Some really tough ones in the list.

Fish Rescue – no report

Futures – I regret that I have not made any headway with the Futures committee formation. Ann to send Jeff the ideas that Carl McCleary had a few years ago.

Judges – no report

Memberships – Most clubs have responded to membership and insurance notice sent in November. Reminders will be sent out this month.

Newsletter – Suggestion that cover page is “too busy”, to change cover to just logo and month.

Open Show – no report

Programs – no changes

Website – Letters to be sent to Speaker’s List to ensure they still wish to be included. Updates as received were completed.

Ways & Means –Ron won the jewelry.

starting balance for December is \$111.05

spent -\$ 31.80 milk, coffee, pop, egg nog, received +\$ 15.25 for donations, raffle +\$ 5.00

50/50 +\$ 25.00 Myron won \$25.00

ending balance for December \$ 124.50

I will bring left-over pop to January meeting

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	-31.80	15.25	25.00	5.00
Jan.	124.50				

Website – Add the PayPal address to enable people to send different sums of money.

Club Reports

Barrie – Frank Aquire coming in January. Auction is April 2.

Betta – No meeting yet. Working on International show.

Chatham-Kent – We had our annual Christmas potluck yesterday. This was enjoyed by all. Lots of wonderful food and good times with friends. We do not have another meeting until February 11. We do not do a January meeting due to the fact that winter weather can be quite rough and January seems to be the worst month.

Durham – This Tuesday is our potluck. Barry, Tim and Tom are doing a talk on their travels. Aquariana is April 9.

Hamilton – Our December meeting was about giving back. Noel provided our group with his rendition of Fish and HDAS Trivia with his version of Jeopardy. Everyone had a great time. We had a Neighbour to Neighbour Food Drive with lots of goodies collected. Sarah held her annual Fish Draw table to raise funds donated to our N to N cause as well. We provided pizza and wings. We had many deserts and snacks donated to help fill all our bellies.

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our December meeting was a social year end affair. There were 31 people in attendance. Everyone brought food to share. The annual club awards were given for Author of the Year, Breeders of the Year, Junior Hobbyist and Hobbyist of the Year.

There was a free raffle for bags of fish that were purchased at discounted rates by the club at The Tropical Fish Room in Brantford, Finatics in Mississauga and Big Al's in Kitchener. Several members also donated fish and other items.

A quiz was given with 4 members getting a perfect score. The winners were Richard Yandle, Brad McClanahan, Stuart Morley and Terry Clements. The random winner was Shawn O'Halloran Jr. Photos can be seen here:

www.facebook.com/media/set

Visit the Kwas website and forum www.kwas.ca

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

London – The London Aquaria Society will be having their Christmas meeting, on Tuesday, December 13.

The meeting is a potluck. The club is supplying drinks and pizza. We will have prizes and our usual club auction (no jar show).

One of our newer members (Steven) will be doing a talk in January on his work on planted tanks.

St. Catharines - Our December meeting was our club Christmas party with food and prizes. Our January meeting will feature a presentation from one of members Ryan Koch on plants, everyone is welcome.

Trans Canada Guppy - We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas. We are in the process of setting up a buy and sell page for private Canadian breeders. It will be linked to our Facebook page. It will be live sometime soon in the new year. We are looking forward to the CAOAC convention and will be participating.

Thank you Peter Melady, Phil, Carla, Lisa, Jeff and Nancy for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated.

Convention 2016 –

Ron lost a lot of the information for convention when his computer crashed. He will try to find out about the sponsorship information.

Convention 2017

We look forward to 2017 and the exciting year we will share with fish friends near and far including the Aquatic Expo - May 19 to 21. Please forward any suggestions and ideas to our attention.

Frank Aguire said he came today to express his support and pledges \$300.

Frank suggested having a Biotope contest. To send more info.

New Business

Adjourned at 2:45 by Ed, second by Annette.

5 New Dwarfgobies Discovered and Described

The gobies are native to waters off Fiji.

By John Virata, April 11, 2016

Researchers with the California Academy of Sciences and Hawaii's Bishop Museum have described five new goby species of the genus *Eviota* that have recently been discovered in Fijian waters.



Eviota eyrae. California Academy of Sciences

The dwarfgobies include:

- *Eviota eyrae*
- *Eviota mimica*
- *Eviota richardi*
- *Eviota teresae*
- *Eviota thamani*

The fish collections are with the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, Calif.



Eviota teresae. California Academy of Sciences

The description of each of the five species, along with all dwarfgobies in the *Eviota* genus can be read in the paper "A review of the dwarfgobies of Fiji, including descriptions of five new species (Teleostei: Gobiidae: *Eviota*)" on the Journal of the Ocean Science Foundation website.

(story from www.fishchannel.com)

December CAOAC Meeting

For those of you that missed the meeting in December, here are some pictures to show you what you missed. Other than what is pictured, we had macaroni & cheese and salads, etc.



Barry McKee, Phil Barrett, Carla MacDonald, Albert Van Montfort, Annette Bishop



Ed Bosker, Barry McKee, Myron Iwanochko, Catherine Salmon, Annette Bishop, Ron Bishop



Desserts



Clam Chowder, Turkey dinner in one

Upcoming Events

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
		25	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society - Auction
February		April	
12	CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00	2	Barrie Region Aquarium Society Auction, Barrie
12	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00	9	Durham & Region Aquarium Society Aquariana
		22	Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction
		23	CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00
		23	CAOAC General Meeting – 12:00
		30	Société d’Aquariophilie de Montréal Auction





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.

Skype Details

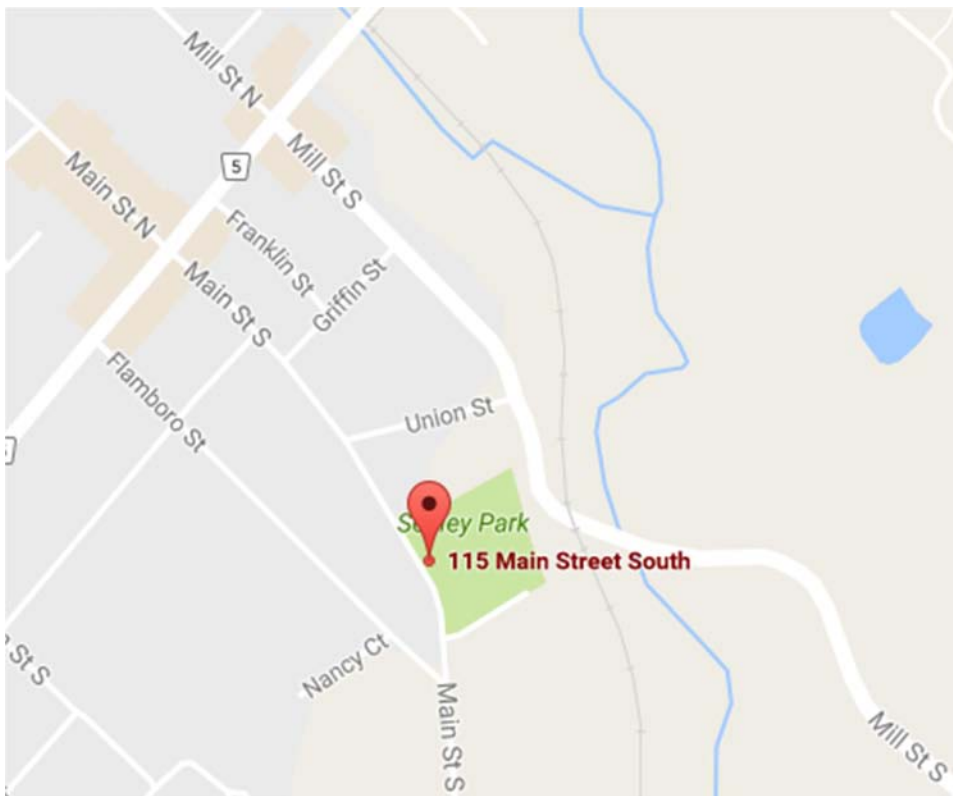
Can't attend the meeting? You can Skype in and participate that way. Here are the details:

Search for either Nov18angel or ann.stevens11@gmail.com

Request to added to your contacts and I will accept.

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.