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President's Message

What a wonderful time we had at the CAOAC Convention hosted by the Hamilton District Aquarium Society. What a super line up of speakers and vendors. The awards dinner was great and all that were there had a great meal and enjoyed the evening talk. Thanks to all the clubs that donated to the Presidents prize table. There were a lot of prizes for all to have a chance to win.

Next year will the convention be hosted by CAOAC and we have a great line up of speakers booked for the event. Same place May 18th to the 20th 2018. Ken Boorman has lined up a slate of speakers already and we have commitments from the specialty Aquarium Fish Clubs of their participation in the show already. This is going to grow more and more every year with more going to be approached.

Also a big thank you to Frank Aquirre, for his efforts with the Biotope Contest. With this being the first year he had 5 entrants. Next year I hope it more than doubles. This year's winner was Annette Bishop from the London Aquaria Society. Yes she beat me as I came in third. She must have had good teacher.

The Annual AGM Meeting was well attended and there was a lot of discussion from all the clubs in attendance about a bigger and better year ahead of us in the hobby and what we can do to build our hobby. This meeting left us all very upbeat heading into next year. Welcome to Ed Bosker as treasurer and a big Thank you to Barry McKee for his work as treasurer this year

If you or your club has any ideas come and join us at the Presidents Pot Luck June 25th in Waterdown, Ontario.

Come one come all to the President's Pot Luck

Ron Bishop

President CAOAC



Annual General Meeting – May 21, 2017

Ron called the meeting to order at 9:15 and welcomed everyone advising the Annual Reports are available

Roll Call – 10 clubs & 26 in attendance.

Acronym	Votes	Name	Present/Absent
ACE	2	Aquarium Club of Edmonton	Absent
ASW	1	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg	Absent
CAS	2	Calgary Aquarium Society	Absent
DRAS	2	Durham Region Aquarium Society	Myron Iwanochko
CPCP	1	Forest City Pond Club	Absent
HDAS	2	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society	Carla MacDonald, Peter De Souza
KWAS	1	Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society	Zenin Skomorowski
LAS	1	London Aquaria Society	Annette Bishop
OVAS	2	Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society	Absent
RAS	1	Regina Aquarium Society	Absent
SAS	1	Sarnia Aquarium Society	Peter Melady
SAS	2	Saskatoon Aquarium Society	Absent
TGVAS	1	The Greater Victoria Aquaria Society	Absent
SCAAS	2	The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society	Tom & Pat Bridges
CKAS	1	Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society	Kathleen Boorman
BRASS	1	Barrie Region Aquarium Society of Simcoe	Jeff Mountjoy
MAST	2	Marine Aquarium Society of Toronto	Absent
WAS	1	Windsor Aquarium Society	Les Turnbull Jr.
		Membership only	
BBC	1	Betta Breeders Canada	Absent
TCGG	1	Trans Canada Guppy Group	Nancy Egelton
PRAC	1	Peel Region Aquarium Club	Absent
SAM	2	Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal	Absent

Guests in attendance – Barb & Jerry Draper & Ed Bosker (HDAS), Gary Oblinski & Dave Holland (SCAAS), LeeAnn Mountjoy (BRASS), Les Turnbull Sr. & Gabe (WAS), Stephanie Egelton (TCGG)

Motion to accept the Membership Report as circulated by Ken Boorman, seconded by Annette Bishop.

It was mentioned the Treasurer's Report in the Annual Reports is last years. Updated report to be included with online version. Motion to accept Treasurer's report as read by Barry McKee, by Ken Boorman, seconded by Myron Iwanochko.

Motion to accept the Annual Reports as distributed by Peter Melady, seconded by Myron Iwanochko

Motion to accept all business as published for the fiscal year by Ken Boorman, seconded by Lisa Boorman

Other Business – President's Pot Luck is set for June 25 at Waterdown

Elections – Ron dismissed 2015-2016 Executive with the exception of Ann Stevens (Recording Secretary) who will continue to take minutes. He thanked the executive for a job well done over the past year and turned the meeting over to the steering committee for the election of officers for 2017 – 2018 year. (it was mentioned that this is not needed, since the executive are acclaimed, other than the open position).

Peter DeSouza (Steering) conducted the election for the one open position. Peter advised he received only one nomination prior to the meeting, Ed Bosker (HDAS). He opened up for any nominations from those present. Hearing none other, Ed Bosker is acclaimed as Treasurer for the 2017-218 year.

Title	Nominee	Result
President	Ron Bishop	Acclaimed
1 st Vice-President	Ken Boorman	Acclaimed
2 nd Vice-President	Ann Marie Towel	Acclaimed
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Ed Bosker	Acclaimed
Correspondence Secretary	Lisa Boorman	Acclaimed

Motion to close the new executive by Myron Iwanochko, seconded by Carla MacDonald

Peter returned the meeting to the new executive.

Ron indicated that the 2018 CAOAC convention will be hosted by CAOAC Flyers were distributed and plans are well under way, with the location staying the same as this year. He asked if anyone was interested in hosting the 2019 CAOAC Convention and to please submit your bid early before the March 2018 meeting.

To note that Skype was available, however, no one joined during the meeting.

New Business

Nancy Egelton advised the Guppyalooza will be held on July 22 at 1:00 more details to follow

Meeting adjourned at: 9:55

Committee Reports Submitted

Awards

2017 CAOAC BAP/AHAP Awards

Cichlid

Basic Merit	Myron & Sharon Iwanochko	DRAS
	Barry McKee	DRAS
Intermediate	Myron & Sharon Iwanochko	DRAS
	Barry McKee	DRAS

Catfish

Basic Merit	Barry McKee	DRAS
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Peter Naef DRAS

Horticulturalist

Aquatic Horticulturalist Ann Marie Towell BBC

2017 Recognition Awards

Scientist Award Ian Fuller

Service Award Bob Wright LAS

Jr. Hobbyist of the Year Shawn O'Halloran Jr KWAS

Newsletter Award Regina Aquarium Society (Paul Mansfield, Editor)

Authors Award Paul Mansfield Regina

OPEN SHOW AWARDS

Jr Champion of Champions Sabrina Winger HDAS

Sr Champion of Champions Bob Steele LAS

Club Challenge Award Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society

Betta Points Award Catherine Salmon HDAS

Futures - Regarding the Futures committee, I regret to say that I have not been able to have the small group meet as of yet, but I am hoping that some of us can informally meet this weekend to get this rolling in the right direction. If the CAOAC Executive feel that a different chairperson may be better suited to steering this committee, I would totally respect that decision. I just feel that I need to be honest and fair and not hold up this important part of CAOAC's interests.

Open Show

The annual winners were presented with their awards at the CAOAC Convention on May 20/17 in Burlington, Ontario.

JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – Sabrina Winger Hamilton District Aquarium Society

SENIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – Bob Steele, London Aquaria Society

CLUB CHALLENGE AWARD - Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society

BETTA POINTS AWARD – Catherine Salmon, Hamilton District Aquarium Society

Ways & Means –

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	- 20.20	11.85	20.00	35.00
Feb.	171.15	- 21.10			
Mar.	150.05	- 73.20	10.75	17.00	10.00
Apr.	114.60	- 15.75	14.55	22.00	27.00
May	162.40	- 71.50			
June	90.90				

\$ 71.50 for hospitality suite at convention, with ending balance for May is \$90.90 There is plenty of pop, water and one bag of chips left for the June potluck.

Club Reports submitted

Barrie – -BRASS currently has 17 paid members and we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Maple Grove Public School, 242 Grove St. E. in Barrie from September to June.

-Our 2nd annual Auction on April 2nd was another success. We thank all of our sponsors, attendees (both buyers and sellers), auctioneers and volunteers for making this day happen! Our 2018 Auction will take place on April 1st at the Barrie Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 147.

-Recent highlights from our most recent general meetings were a very entertaining and informative presentation in April by Frank Aguirre on the custom aquarium installations his business has completed and a video in May featuring fish of the Crater Lakes in Nicaragua.

-Our club plans to have a member get-together and BBQ this summer and we also will be organizing another fish store tour.

-Our elections are held in June and our current Executive are:

Jeff Mountjoy	President/CAOAC Rep
Doug Fleming	Vice President
Kara Fleming	Secretary
Bonnie Smith	Treasurer
Ken Parkes	BRASS Bulletin
Udo Rohmann	Program Co-ordinator
Doug Smith	Past President

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our May meeting was attended by 30 members and four guests.

Our featured presenter was Ron Bishop from the London Aquaria Society speaking on gadgets for breeding fish in your aquarium. Chris Kloetstra gave a quick presentation on easy DIY aquarium lids. The Name That

Plant was Anubias Nana. There were 3 featured classes in the Mini Jar Show this month; Loaches, Killifish and Any Other Variety. There was also some discussion of upcoming events at other clubs as well as the CAOAC convention in May. A nice raffle and small Mini auction ended the evening.

Reminder that the Kwas Oktoberfish annual auction is Sunday October 22.

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

Visit the Kwas website and forum www.kwas.ca

London – We held our spring auction on Sunday, May 7. It was a success! Thank you to everyone who assisted in some way.

We had our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 9. Zenin gave a great talk on filtration. We had a small jar show, and auction as well as a 50/50 draw.

Members are planning their trip to the convention, and preparing to vote in June when we will have a year-end potluck and a small auction, but no jar show or speaker.

Ottawa Valley - Our 2016-2017 season has just ended, and in September 2017-2018 starts.

The newly elected executive are:

President - Errol Choo

Vice President - Jody McManus

Secretary - Sid Arnold

Treasurer - Mike McCarthy

I am not sure who our CAOAC rep will be next season, but I am hoping that we will be more involved.

St. Catharines – Earlier this month we had a guest speaker give us a presentation about ponds. The program was very informative and enjoyable, there were 35 people in attendance including a few guests. For Our June meeting we will be having a potluck BBQ and our elections. Hope everyone has a great summer.

Windsor – The Windsor Aquarium Society usually has its meeting on the second Sunday of the month but because of mother's day and then the CAOAC convention it was pushed back to the 28th. We had 20 members for this month's meeting where we had a brief summary of what the CAOAC convention was all about. We also went over the upcoming bus trip again and we did our mini auction, raffle table and had a bowl show on Old world cichlids. It was a good meeting that left time for us to social time which our club really seems to enjoy.

Thank you Peter Melady, Phil, Annette, Lisa, Zenin, Carla, Francois and Les Turnbull, Jr. for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated.

Upcoming Events

June		October	
10	Peel Regional Aquarium Club Banquet and Talk		
25	CAOAC Executive Meeting – 11:00	22	Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society Auction
10	Peel Regional Aquarium Club Banquet and Talk	29	St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society Auction
September		November	
9	Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction	5	Peel Region Aquarium Society Auction & show
24	London Aquaria Society auction		
30	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society - Auction		



Peel Region Aquarium Club Dinner Speaker

On Saturday, June 10, Ed and I attended the speaker dinner hosted by Peel Region Aquarium Club. The guest speaker was Gary Elson who is a Montreal Aquarist and writer, currently celebrating his fiftieth year in this fantastic hobby. Gary has authored 3 books on aquarium fish and has published more than a 120 articles in several different countries and languages. If it swims (or just sits near water) it interests him. His main fish are killies, West African cichlids, tetras, rainbows and wild type livebearers. His topic for this presentation was African Lakes and Rivers: The Cichlid Killie Crossover – Lessons from the Habitat. Both Ed and I enjoyed this talk very much. It had humour, information and made a lot of sense.

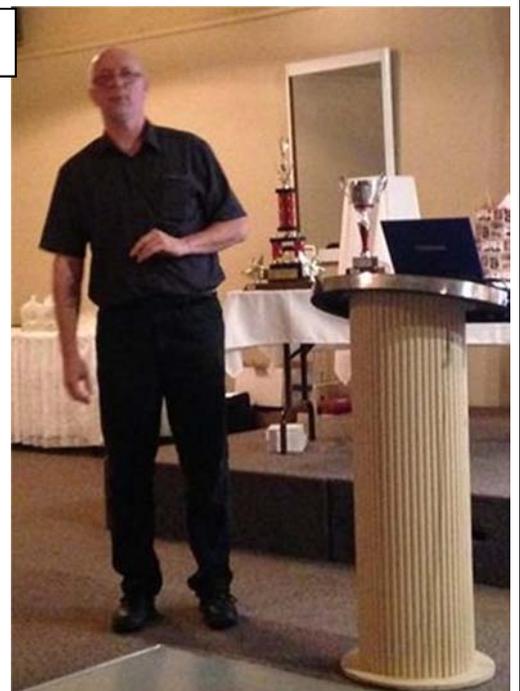
I counted 35 in attendance. Some of the clubs represented were Kitchener-Waterloo, Hamilton Barrie, Durham, London and Trans Canada Guppy and of course, Peel members. There was a delicious 4 course meal and I doubt anyone left hungry.

After his talk, an auction was held, auctioning some bags of fish that he brought. An example was a pair of aphyosemion gardneri that sold for \$31, and a bag of 4 of the same fish for \$29 and pelvicachromis taeniatus that sold for \$51. There were 2 other bags of fish but I couldn't get the names correct.



Emcee Scott Vanderfleet

Guest Speaker Gary Elson



Running River Conservation Update

This is a bit of a generic update email I've been sending out to folks who have donated to the Running River Conservation effort. Be great if you can pass along some of these details to the members of your clubs. The project has been going really well. We've expanded our crowdfunding project to include several rainbowfish species from northern Qld that are in trouble. I'd like to try and get some additional clubs to donate if possible, but if any of your clubs are up for further donations the project would really appreciate it as there is much work still to do, especially with Malanda Rainbowfish and Lake Eacham

Rainbowfish. <http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/uc-foundation/what-can-i-support/tabs/research/running-river-rainbow-fish-fund> Published articles from Fishes of Sahul can be found at the bottom of the link below on Running River RF and the more recent stuff on Malanda RF. I can't thank all of your clubs enough for your help, you should all feel proud to have helped support this conservation effort that looks to becoming successful in saving Running River RF.

Some of you may have seen these details via the ANGFA facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5600808970/>), but some probably haven't, thus wanted to be sure that I shared it with everyone.

We recently visited the Running River area to release fish from the project into Puzzle Creek and to check on fish released by Karl Moy late last year in Deception Creek. We determined that fish have moved at least 2 km upstream and 1.3 or so km downstream of where they were released. They have also substantially increased in number with large numbers of fish from fry through adults being observed. It looks like this release has been quite successful. We'll get a better idea once we see how they do over winter.

We sampled Running River and we struggled to find any fish that looked like pure Running River Rainbowfish, seems like hybridisation has pretty much over run this species in less than 2 years which is rather sad.

We had a bit of exposure in the media with a short piece by channel 7 in Townsville. The video was shot by ANGFA member (and professional cameraman Steve Hume). Unfortunately the crowd funding aspect didn't get as much mention as I would have liked, neither did some of our collaborators at James Cook Uni, Flinders Uni and Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Hopefully we'll be able to get Landline to do a piece which will be more comprehensive. At least ANGFA got a mention in the print articles.

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Steve Hume has been adding some other short videos to facebook. Here are the links to Steve's videos which you can download here if you aren't on facebook.

<https://db.tt/FFIVViOKG9>

<https://db.tt/5ARkIDQnja>

Newspaper stories

<http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/news/scientists-save-rare-fish-found-near-paluma-from-extinction/news-story/0616a1f27e9aef0f45737c87d417472f>

Herbert River paper, images attached.

We are really amazed by the generosity and support shown for this project across many the many individuals and fish clubs, it is really awesome and we massively appreciate the support. This project could never have happened without all of your great support.

Please feel free to pass this along to your local fish club for their newsletter if you wish.

Thanks

Peter Unmack

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The Herbert River express

**STREET WATCH:
KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY**

Rare fish found only in the North

A group of scientists have travelled to North Queensland in a bid to save a critically endangered fish species. It is the only place in the world where the Running River Rainbow fish is found and local rivers are being restocked.
Full report: page 5

The image shows a newspaper cover for 'The Herbert River Express'. At the top, it says 'WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017 • \$1.40 (inc GST)' and includes social media links for Facebook (facebook.com/hrexpress) and Twitter (twitter.com/HRExpress4850). The main title is 'The Herbert River express' in large white letters on a dark background. To the right is a small 3D map of the region. Below the title is a large photograph of five people (three men and two women) standing in a rocky riverbank. The headline reads 'Rare fish found only in the North'. A text box at the bottom of the photo provides details about scientists in North Queensland and mentions 'Running River Rainbow fish'. A small 'STREET WATCH' section is visible on the right side of the cover.



Juvenile Running River Rainbow Fish.



The juvenile fish are held in this pond before release.



The Running River Rainbow fish. Picture: STEVE HUME

Fish in fight for survival

Victoria Nugent

SCIENTISTS have saved a rare fish found near Paluma from extinction.

A research team from the University of Canberra released 1500 Running River rainbow fish into two creeks near Paluma last week in the latest stage of a two-year-long project.

The breed is unique to 13km of Running River, a tributary of the Burdekin River, and is found nowhere else in the world.

Primary project supervisor Peter Unmack said interbreeding with other varieties of rainbow fish had caused the species to become extinct in the wild.

The fish have been released into Deception Creek and Puzzle Creek, where waterfalls will prevent them from breeding with other rainbow fish species.

"The first really challenging thing is you've got to find place that don't have rainbow fish there," Dr Unmack said.

"You don't want to be releasing fish only for them become hybridised again."

The researchers found the ideal locations at the Mt Zero-Taravale Wildlife Sanctuary, a piece of land owned by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy between Paluma and Hidden Valley.

"It was unbelievable," Dr Unmack said.

"The local landholders in the area have also been very supportive of our project."

This week was the second release of fish after 2500 were put into 10 different pools in December by masters student Karl Moy.

Mr Moy said it was a great feeling to be able to bring the species back from the brink.

"As far as we can tell, there's none of them left in the wild," he said.

The fish were bred at the University of Canberra and then shipped to James Cook University ahead of their release.

Dr Unmack said there had been no government assistance for the project, which was instead crowdfunded by the Australian and New Guinea Fishes Association.

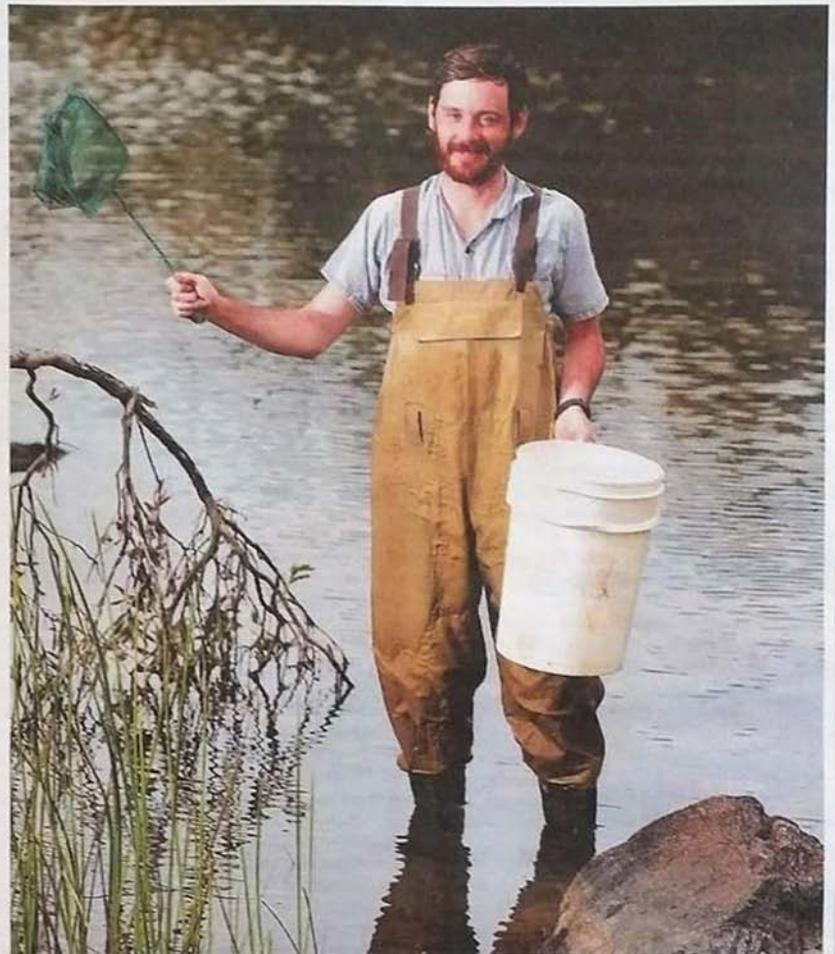
"There's a tremendous desire in the aquarium community to contribute back to fisheries," he said.

Once the population builds up further the scientists will be able to catch some of the fish and move them to other locations downstream.

Dr Unmack said the population was already booming after Mr Moy's December release of fish.

"He went back and dived into those pools where there were 250 each and found there were now 400 or 500," Dr Unmack said.

"They've reproduced and there's multiple generations."



SAVIOUR: Karl Moy from the University of Canberra Institute for Applied Ecology is in North Queensland leading the charge to save the critically endangered fish. Picture: SCOTT RADFORD-CHISHOLM

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

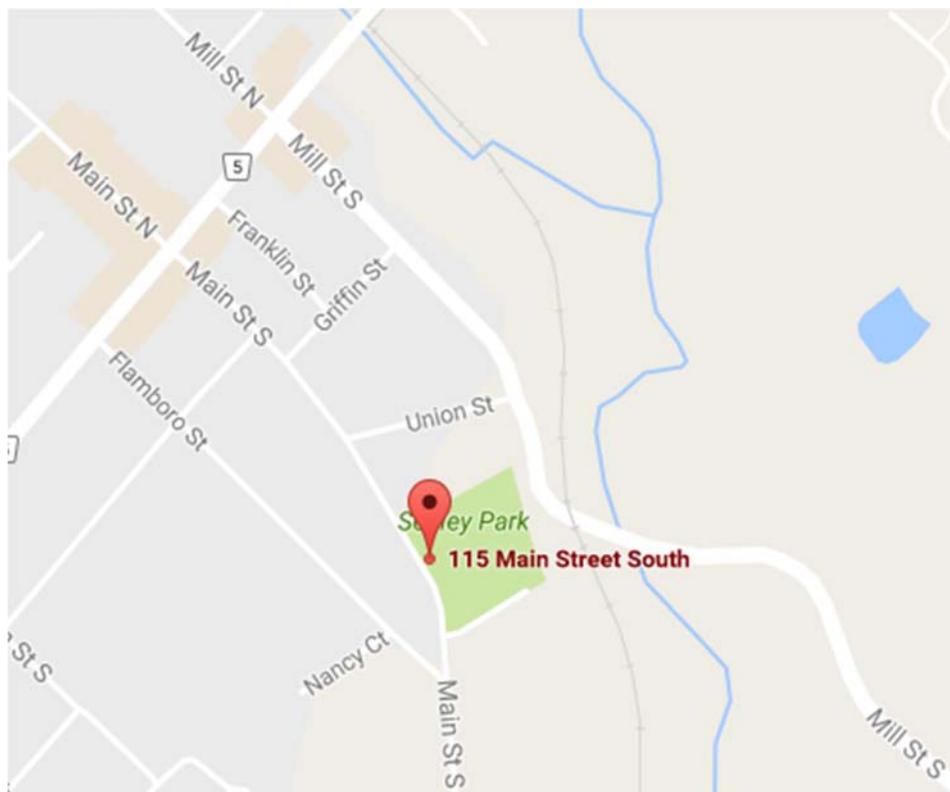
Can't attend the meeting? You can Skype in and participate that way. Here are the details:

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

Request to be 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.