



**Newsletter
Of the
Canadian Association of
Aquarium Clubs**

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**Merry Christmas
Joyeux Noël**

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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.

It's 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 Ed Bosker or Ann Stevens and they could get it to you. Remember there is a late charge from the insurance company for the lateness of a few.

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 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 who 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 Egnog in a glass and light up the Fireplace

Merry Christmas to all and a Fantastic New Year

Ron Bishop

President CAOAC

Executive Meeting – November 19, 2017

Called to order at 11:10 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	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Annette Bishop (LAS)	

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

Old Business

- 2018 Convention – hotel contacted Ken in regards to switching the venue rooms, due to a request for a large banquet on the Saturday night. Ken outlined the moves and it sounds like it will work. He will see if he can get some perks for accommodating their request.
- Ann to check prices on speaker gifts
- Ken McKeighan will send a picture for the early bird room booking. To add to web once picture is received and will post picture on the web with the announcement.
- Archive boxes– some had newsletters, some are for awards, some annual reports, some convention booklets, more investigating to determine what else. An original of the signed Corporate Charter was found framed.

Treasurer's Report

October			8,388.26
Deposit-convention ticket raffles		200.00	
Deposit-KWAS Show sanction		20.00	
Ending Bank Balance Sept. 29, 2017			8,608.26
Reserved Funds - Terry Little			(475.81)
Working Balance			8,132.45

Cheque written but not cashed: #227-Waterdown Optimist - \$800

Bill for web hosting received and will be paid this week.

Received \$100 cash for another raffle prize

Motion to accept the report by Ken, seconded by Lisa. Carried

Correspondence

Email received from Joe in Kingston who wanted to start up a club in Kingston.

Ann Marie received an email for starting a club in Thunder Bay.

New Business

Ann Marie noted that club reports should include relevant information. Some suggested items to include in the club report are:

- Club membership number
- Upcoming meetings
- Upcoming events
- Reports on past events
- Any fish rescues
- Any questions for CAOAC

Motion to adjourn at 11:58

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:20 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	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Claudia Carthew (TFCEC)	Absent
Club	Name	
Betta	Catherine Salmon	
Chatham	Lisa Boorman	
Hamilton	Barb Draper	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Peel	Haydn Pounder	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Trans Canada Guppy	Ann Marie Towell	
Guests:		

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

Treasurers report – see Executive report for details

Membership for London received

Motion to accept by Ken, seconded by Catherine. Carried

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Committee Chairs

Title	Name	
AHD	Ann Marie Towell	Present (Skype)
Archivist	Open	
Awards	Peter Melady	Absent
Binder	Ann Stevens	Present
FAAS	Ken Boorman	Present (Skype)
Fish Breeders Directory	Lisa Boorman	Present (Skype)
Fish Rescue	Jerry Draper/Ann Marie Towell	Present/Skype
Futures	Jeff Mountjoy	Absent
Judges	Ken Boorman	Present (Skype)
Membership	Ed Bosker	Present
Newsletter	Ann Stevens	Present
Open Show	Barb Draper	Present
Programs	Ken Boorman	Present (Skype)
Steering	Peter DeSouza (?)	Absent
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Present
Webmaster	Ann Stevens	Present

AHD- Received report from Chatham-Kent

Archivist – Items are still being reviewed, see old business in Executive meeting.

Awards – Next month is the deadline for the Authors Award.

Newsletter Award submissions are due the January 2018 CAOAC meeting. Ray “Kingfish” Lucas (Kingfish51@verizon.net) is once again judging them. Make sure that they are sent to him. A good idea is to mention ‘CAOAC Newsletter Award submission’ in the subject line as some have been missed in the past.

All other Achievement and Recognition Award submissions are due the February 2018 CAOAC meeting.

Everything that you need (rules, requirements and forms) is on the CAOAC website under the Awards portal. I look forward to all your submissions.

Binder – nothing new

FAAS – no news, still looking for a President

Fish Breeders Directory – Clubs reporting since the last report: Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society, KWAS and Sarnia Aquarium Society.

There are 2 new First In Awards:

Peter Melady for *Aphyosemion campomaanense* and Terry Clements *Neolamprologus obscurus*.

Fish Rescue – Jerry reported he has some turtles that need a home as well as some big goldfish and plecos. Someone down east has a large pacu that needs a home. Ron reported that a *synodontis* catfish needs a home, and a London member picked it up.

Ann Marie received notification about a tank in Vancouver, with harlequin raspbora, plus others and found a home.

Futures – So that a Futures Committee can make progress in 2018, I would like to reach out here to anyone that is a member of a CAOAC club who would be interested in participating to hopefully generate a few priority areas that will benefit our hobby and health of our clubs the most. I have spoken to a few interested individuals but we could use a few more to gather a variety of perspectives and ideas. Please email me at jmtjoy@rogers.com or my cell at 705-528-3601 if you are interested. A passion for this great hobby is the only pre-requisite :)

Judges – hopefully will get a Facebook page set up for discussion. If you are a judge and haven't been contacted, please let Ken know.

Memberships – Membership renewal email was sent out November 4. Renewals received so far from Trans Canada Guppy Group, Kitchener-Waterloo and London.

Newsletter – nothing new to add

Open Show – reports have been filed, still waiting on Kitchener's. Some topics for discussion were:

- Are separate shows included in the numbers?
- How do we address all the individual speciality shows?

This needs to be decided prior to the first show next year. Ken suggested Barb, Jerry and himself get together, create a proposal for next meeting as to how this will be handled. Recommendation will be in the minutes of the December meeting and comments will be available until the January meeting. When a show sanctioning is received, the show sanctioning form will be sent, copying Barb, to complete.

Haydn to send shrimp judging information to Ken.

Ways & Means –

Month	Balance	Spent	Rec'd	50/50	Raffle
Sept.	26.65	-8.90	2.50	6.00	12.00
Oct.	38.25	-20.00	8.45	10.00	25.00
Nov.	61.70	-8.30	8.25		
Dec.	61.65				

Ed brought Lentil soup for all in attendance.

Convention raffle ticket won by Ron drawn by Jackson Draper

Another \$100 given to the treasurer for the convention raffle ticket sales.

Website – add meeting address to where meetings are located.

Club Reports

Barrie – At our November meeting we welcomed 2 new guests, Brandon and Cameron.

A DIY workshop was enjoyed by all with one of our own members, Brittany Watts showing us how to create an aquascape nano aquarium. Each member was provided with their own attractive glass bowl to work with. She brought in specific substrate materials, aquarium-safe fertilizer, different pebbles and rocks and a variety of attractive and interesting plant clippings suitable for the project. Some cherry shrimp were supplied to top off everyone's own unique bowl beautiful creation. Everyone was encouraged to update the club with how their creations have done and post pictures to share on our facebook page.

Jeff provided some updates on CAOAC and upcoming events in the New Year. Information was distributed for the 2018 Convention to everyone and all were encouraged to attend.

For our December meeting a pot luck social is being organized and 2018 Auction planning will begin. It will again be held on April 8th, at the Barrie Legion location (410 St. Vincent Street off Cundles).

Betta Breeders - Oct was a great month for our Club. We have several new members and our District Show had a Great turn out.

The District Show was held in conjunction with the Peel auction. There were 40 entries including purchased Bettas, Self breed Bettas and several Wild Bettas. Five people entered their fish. One of our newest members Karen Rogers won Best of Show with her first ever BBC show. Considering it was her first ever spawn made it even nicer.

Elections will be held in Jan, and all positions are still open. Please consider taking a position to help our club grow."

Chatham-Kent – Frank Aguirre did a wonderful presentation at our last meeting regarding biotope aquariums and the contest he is running at the next CAOAC convention. Our next meeting will be our annual potluck dinner. We are starting to look for speakers for next year. If anyone wants to come down to Chatham to speak, please let us know. We will not be having a January meeting. The new year will start at our February meeting. Memberships are being taken for the new year.

Durham – I am in Ohio and will not be at the meeting.

Will would like to thank all who attended our anniversary event. The Nov. Meeting was our annual fall auction, and we had an excellent turnout. The Dec. meeting is our holiday pot luck.

Hamilton – Randy Seufort conducted a talk at our last meeting. December will be a pizza/wing meeting. Donations for Neighbour to Neighbour will be collected. Silent auction contributions will be also donated to Neighbour to Neighbour. Our Spring auction is March 24 at Legion Hall in Waterdown.

Kitchener-Waterloo -Our November meeting was attended by 32 members and 2 guests.

Our featured presenter was KWAS member Zenin Skomorowski speaking on Filters and Filtration in home Aquariums. Karen Murray gave a quick presentation on an DIY modification using a divider in a small 3 gallon aquarium. The Mini Jar Show categories were Anabantids, Plants and Any Other Variety. There were 8 people showing 13 entries. The Name That Fish were a couple of Panda Garra. A Mini auction with many items donated by Mike Bandura at Finatics and a nice raffle ended the evening.

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

London –Bob Wright was the speaker for our November meeting. He did a talk about his holiday to Honduras. We had a small jar show, a 50/50 draw which Bob won. We also had our monthly auction with another visit from Glen Hawkins from Windsor. A few BAP/HAP certificates were handed out.

Our December meeting will be our potluck. We will be supplying pizza and pop.

Peel – Haydn to send. June 9, Rachel O'Leary with book signing.

St. Catharines – Our November meeting featured a great presentation from Jessica Bullock that highlighted some Hamilton members fish. We had a mini auction and jar show as per usual. Sunday October 29th was our annual auction. There were 550 items and the auction was a success. For December we will have our annual club Christmas party with mini auction and jar show.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal – The Super Auction was held November 12 and was attended by many.

La Super Auction a eu lieu le 12 novembre et a été suivie par beaucoup.

Trans Canada Guppy – No report received because Nancy was in Shanghai, China at the International Pet show judging.

Thank you Annette, Zenin, Peter, Catherine, Myron, Jeff, Lisa and Phil for sending their reports prior to the meeting. Thank you to those who sent their reports after also. It is appreciated.

Old Business

Catherine mentioned that she is going to work on the show program. Ann to add note in Open Show on the web, that a program is available and to contact the Show Chair.

Any clubs interested in hosting the 2019 convention. Deadline is March meeting.

Convention 2018

Ken to send bio's for internet.

Hotel info is available and Ken McKeighen will send a picture for early bird hotel registration.

New Business

Barb has indicated they are interested in reviving the Brantford club. They need insurance for December meeting. Barb to send details of name, location, etc. to send to broker for cost.

Hadyn asked what protocol is in place for comments on social media? There needs to be a protocol for oversight or at least reviewed by the executive.

Next month's meeting is pot luck on December 10.

Dave Boehm is having his second round of chemo and Haydn reported Jim Robinson is also not well and in hospital.

Adjourned at 2:20 by Ed.

Upcoming Events

December		February 2018	
10	CAOAC General Meeting – Pot Luck – 12:00	11	CAOAC General Meeting– 12:00
January		March 2018	
21	CAOAC General Meeting– 12:00	18	CAOAC General Meeting– 12:00
		24	HDAS Auction

Check the website calendar for links for more details.



Aquarium fishing is no longer allowed in Hawaiian waters

Saturday, October 28th 2017, **By Jobeth Devera, Reporter**, AIEA, OAHU (HawaiiNewsNow) -

A new ruling upholds a state [Supreme Court ban](#) on Hawaii's aquarium fishing industry and there's no timeline on when it will be lifted.

On Friday, the First Circuit Court -- sitting as the Environmental Court -- ruled that any and all existing aquarium fish permits issued to commercial collectors to date are illegal and invalid.

Randy Fernley, co-owner of Coral Fish Hawaii in Aiea, is one of more than 230 commercial fisherman affected by the ruling.

"Usually we bring in anywhere between 50 to 100 fish per day," he said.

Through the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, a \$50 annual permit allows commercial fishermen to collect an unlimited amount of marine life for aquariums from Hawaii's coastal waters.

Fernley says about 60% of his fish are caught in Hawaii and he's hoping he doesn't lose business.

"We'll follow the court's direction and do a HEPA study and hopefully it won't take too terribly long," said Fernley.

The court order puts the aquarium fishing industry on hold, pending a review of the Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA).

Opponents including Earthjustice lawyer Summer Kupau-Odo have been challenging the state's permit system, claiming that the impact to Hawaii's reefs has never been properly studied.

"DLNR has a duty to protect these resources for us today and for future generations," Kupau-Odo said. "All of the existing permits are illegal, collection under them is illegal and no one should be out collecting for commercial profits. No one should be out taking our reef resources for sale elsewhere to make a private profit."

In a statement, DLNR said in part "The department continues to believe that existing aquarium fishing practices are sustainable and environmentally sound. And the department appreciates that dozens of local businesses and families depend on the industry for their livelihoods. But the department respects Judge Crabtree's ruling and will fully comply so long as it remains in effect."

"It's just unfortunate this has happened," Fernley said. "I am confident we will get through this and be successful."

The aquarium fish industry in Hawaii has posted annual gross sales of \$3.2 million. The ruling does not impact recreational fishing permits which authorize the collection of 1,825 aquarium fish every year.

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Convention 2018 Hotel Information

(please note, the deadline for booking should read April 22, 2018, not 2017)



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BURLINGTON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Reservation Information



CAOAC Convention

Thursday May 17th to Monday May 21st 2018

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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

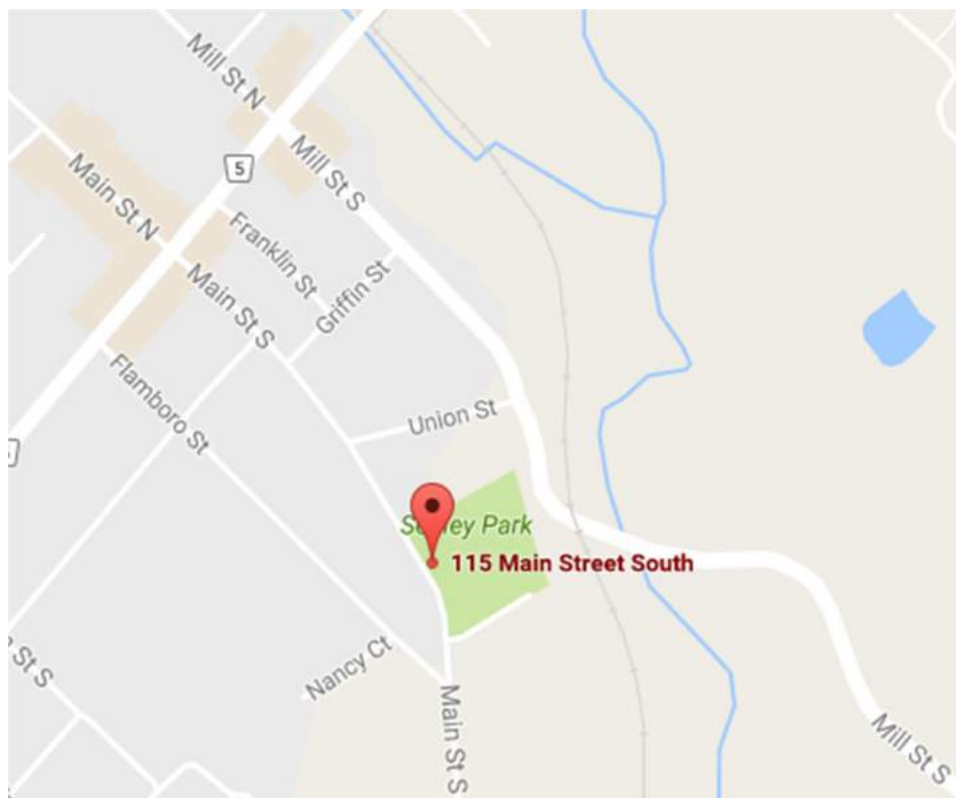
Can't attend the meeting? You can Skype in and participate that way. Here are the details:

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.