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Happy Canada Day!



Bonne Fête du Canada!

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President's Message

Yes, it's finally summer!

Time to put those tubs of fish outside and enjoy a cold drink out by the pond.

Many of our clubs have had their end of season Barbecues and all the shows are done.

Try to relax and enjoy our wonderful hobby this summer, go on a road trip to one of the local aquarium stores or even one that's a bit farther away.

Take a good look at your tanks, this is the time of year when you can take things outside and give them a really good scrub or replant your show tank!

As for CAOAC, you will see a few new faces, or old ones too!

Murray Brown will be our new club secretary

Albert Van Monfort as our Treasurer and Cindy Golden is the new correspondence secretary.

We will be trying out a new web design in the near future to revitalize our CAOAC website and make it the "GO TO " site to visit.

Our September CAOAC meeting will be taking place at one of the September Auctions, I just have to finalize plans for that. It will be announced shortly.

CAOAC is going to try to be more accessible to our clubs by being "Out and About " a bit more.

Have a Wonderful Summer !

Nancy

Big Announcement!!!

Durham Regional Aquarium Society will be the host of our 2020 Convention.

They will be trying a new concept that I'm sure will be lots of fun! The focus will be Rainbowfish and DRAS has fantastic speakers lined up already.

Of Course the regular CAOAC All Species Show and specialty shows will be there too! Betta Breeders, Southwestern Ontario Killie Society, Trans Canada Guppy Group, Flowerhorn Society and the Shrimp show

Stay Tuned for more info coming soon about our 2020 convention.

Annual General Meeting – May 19, 2019

Nancy called the meeting to order at 9:27 and welcomed everyone advising the Annual Reports are available

Executive Present: Nancy Egelton, Peter DeSouza, Ann Marie Towell, Murray Brown, Ed Bosker, Ann Stevens,

Roll Call (Ann) – Clubs – Guests – 13 clubs & 27 in attendance.

Acronym	Votes	Name	Present/Absent
ACE	1	Aquarium Club of Edmonton	
ASW	2	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg	
BRASS	1	Barrie Region Aquarium Society of Simcoe	Jeff Mountjoy
CAS	2	Calgary Aquarium Society	
CKAS	1	Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society	Lisa Boorman
DRAS	2	Durham Region Aquarium Society	Derek Hebbes, Udo Rohmann
GVAS	1	Greater Victoria Aquaria Society	
HDAS	2	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society	Mike Majer, Albert Van Montfort
KWAS	1	Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society	Zenin Skomorowski, Glenn Roberts
LAS	1	London Aquaria Society	Rick Hodgins
OVAS	2	Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society	Jody McManus, Liam Epp
RAS	1	Regina Aquarium Society	
SAS	1	Sarnia Aquarium Society	Peter Melady
SAS	2	Saskatoon Aquarium Society	
SCAAS	1	The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society	Phil Barrett
WAS	1	Windsor Aquarium Society	
		Membership only	
BBC	1	Betta Breeders Canada	Morgan Ruttle
GTA	1	Greater Toronto Aquarium Club	Marcus Soolepp
PRAC	1	Peel Region Aquarium Club	Dave Holland
SAM	2	Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal	
TBAS	1	Thunder Bay Aquarium Society	
TCGG	2	Trans Canada Guppy Group	Reg Charney, Ed Plesko

Guests in attendance – Cindy Golden (SCAAS), Gary Oblinsky (SCAAS), Pat Brydges (SCAAS), Steven Therealt, Leanne Mountjoy (BRASS), Tom Bridges (SCAAS), John Swick (LAS), Bruce Hart (SAS), Catherine Salmon (BBC), Carolina Bergels (TCGG), Stephen Elliott (speaker)

Motion to accept the Membership Report as circulated by Lisa Boorman, seconded by Phil Barrett.

Motion to accept Treasurer's by Lisa Boorman, seconded by Mike Majer.

Motion to accept the Annual Reports as distributed by Peter Melady, seconded by Jody McManus

Motion to accept all business as published for the fiscal year by Morgan Ruttle, seconded by Udo Rohmann.

Old Business

- Elections – Nancy dismissed 2018-2019 Executive with the exception of Ann Stevens (Recording Secretary) who will continue to take minutes. She thanked the executive for a job well done over the past year and turned the meeting over to the steering committee for the announcement of officers for 2019 – 2020 year.
- Peter DeSouza (Steering) reported the results of the elections.

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- Motion to change the Executive Quorum from majority to 3 was raised at the meeting Discussion ensued. A vote was taken by those in attendance. Carried

Title	Nominee	Result
President	Nancy Egelton	Acclaimed
1 st Vice-President	Peter DeSouza	Acclaimed
2 nd Vice-President	Ann Marie Towel	Acclaimed
Recording Secretary	Murray Brown	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort	Acclaimed
Correspondence Secretary	Cindy Golden	Acclaimed

Motion to close the new executive by Rick Hodgins, seconded by Jeff Mountjoy

President's Pot Luck is set for June 23 at Peter DeSouza. Please let Peter know how many will be attending.

New Business

Nancy reported that Glen Robert Hawkins is hereby banned permanently from all CAOAC affiliated functions for violating the CAOAC anti bullying policy. This includes all clubs, social media, auctions and shows .

Gary Oblinsky asked about trickle down to clubs to keep minutes. Advised clubs are not mandated by government, but CAOAC is incorporated and therefore all minutes since inception are kept. The newsletter is the avenue for transaction of all business at CAOAC meetings.

Mike Majer has recommended we purchase T-Shirts. Udo suggested having all the club logos on it. This can be purchased by club members. Seconded by Udo Rohmann. Mike Majer, Carolina Bergles, Reg Charney, Udo will work on a design and possible CAOAC logo. The CAOAC executive must have the final say. To check into whether our logo is registered.

Nancy suggested that CAOAC is not in the business for running conventions.

Derek Heddes put in a proposal to hold the 2020 convention with a focus on Rainbow. All groups will be able to have participation. There was some concern that it would be Rainbow exclusive.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:35 by Lisa

Executive Meeting – June 23, 2019

Called to order at 12:30 by Nancy Egelton at the home of Peter DeSouza in Hamilton.

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Nancy Egelton (TCGG)	Present
1 st VP	Peter DeSouza (HDAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ann-Marie Towell (TCGG)	Present

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Corresponding Secretary	Cindy Golden (SCAAS)	Present
Recording Secretary	Murray Brown (TCGG)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS & DRAS)	Present
Past President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Phil Barrett (SCAAS)	
	Rick Hodgins (LAS)	Catherine Salmon (BBC)
Tom Mason (DRAS)	Marissa McCrae (DRAS)	Doug Chessel (DRAS)
Leanne Mountjoy (BRASS)	Jeff Mountjoy (BRASS)	Ann Stevens (HDAS)
Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Carolina Bergles (BBC)	

Minutes –Nancy moved to accept the minutes from the April meeting as distributed. Seconded by Murray. Carried

Old Business

Change address on website to: 606 Stonebridge Lane, Pickering ON L1W 3B3

Treasurer's Report

May			8,219.20
Cash Advance for Show payouts	1,140.00		
Cash Advance for Float	500.00		
#252-Barb Draper - show awards	113.00		
#253 - Peter Melady - awards	41.57		
Bank Fees	8.67		
Deposit:			
Show Sponsorship		35.00	
PayPal			
Full Convention (39*\$85)		3,315.00	
Full Convention (1*\$100)		100.00	
Banquet Only (4*\$60)		240.00	
Speaker Only (6x50)		300.00	
Show Sponsorship (4*\$35)		140.00	
Memberships (2*\$60)		120.00	
Ticket Refund		(0.30)	
PayPal fees		(135.20)	
Cash Deposit			
reimburse float		500.00	
Sponsorships		350.00	
Vendor Tables		700.00	
Raffle		260.00	
50/50		233.00	

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Show Sponsorships		70.00	
Auction - donation sales		1,160.00	
Auction - seller sales		2,552.10	
Ticket sales		192.90	
Ending Bank Balance-May 30	1,803.24	10,132.50	16,548.46

June			16,548.46
#254-Ann Stevens - hotel & printing	7,937.04		
#256 - Senan Farrell	142.10		
#258 - Patrick Shriner	19.60		
#259 - Pauline Holt	16.20		
#261 - Chris Blake	89.00		
#262 - Ashley Rezka	44.20		
Bank Fees –month not completed			
Deposit:			
Ending Bank Balance-June 22	8,248.14	0.00	8,300.32

O/S Cheques

#255 - Ann Holt - auction sales	42.70		
#257 - David Stronghill	194.60		
#260 - Lee Davidson	30.90		
#263 - Karen Murray	261.90		
#264 - Hung Pham	173.00		
#265 - Gary Peacock	30.90		
#266-Ann Stevens	411.25		

Show Sponsorship		35.00	
PayPal		280.39	
Udo		104	
Updated Balance	1,145.25	419.39	7,574.46
Reserved Funds - Terry Little			(362.82)
Forest City Pond Club Donation			(648.00)
Working Balance			6,563.64

\$60 received from Cindy for Ways & Means

\$714 received from Carolina for Convention show

Paid \$30 from the cash received to Peter DeSouza towards the cost of the meat for the barbeue.

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Motion to accept the report by Nancy, seconded by Murray. Carried

Correspondence

- Red Eared Slider – Marcus from GTA was able to find a home with the assistance from Tom Mason
- Fish in Oakville – email was forwarded to Peter DeSouza, however he didn't receive any response.
- Question as to what happens to donated fish – Advised the action is up to the discretion of the person collecting the fish. They can either donate, rehome or keep the fish.

New Business

Webmaster – Carolina Bergles & it was suggested Jessica Bullock

Membership – Albert Van Montfort

Awards – Karen Murray was suggested

Steering – Peter DeSouza

Newsletter – Murray Brown

General Meeting

Called to order at 2:47 by President Nancy and welcomed everyone.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Nancy Egelton (TCGG)	Present
1 st VP	Peter DeSouza (HDAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ann-Marie Towell (TCGG)	Absent
Corresponding Secretary	Cindy Golden (SCAAS)	Present
Recording Secretary	Murray Brown (TCGG)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS & DRAS)	Present
Past President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Absent
Club	Name	
Barrie	Jeff Mountjoy (Skype)	
Betta	Catherine Salmon	
Chatham-Kent		
Durham	Tom Mason	Doug Chessel
Hamilton		
Kitchener-Waterloo		
London	Rick Hodgins	
Sarnia		
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Trans Canada Guppy	Carolina Bergles	
Guests:	Ann Stevens	Ed Bosker

Minutes – Nancy moved to accept the minutes from the April meeting as distributed. Seconded by Murray. Carried

Treasurers report – see Executive report for details

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Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Committee Chairs

Title	Chair	Co-Chair
AHD		
Archivist		
Awards		
Binder		
Social Media/Advertising	Cindy Golden	
Fish Breeders Directory		
Fish Rescue		Various clubs
Futures	Jeff Mountjoy	
Judges		
Membership	Albert Van Mountfort	
Newsletter	Murray Brown	
Open Show		
Education Directory	Open	
Steering		
Ways & Means	Cindy Golden	
Webmaster	Carolina Bergles	
Club Speakers Directory		
Convention		

If you would like to be a part of a committee please contact either the chair or an executive member.

Ways & Means –

Website – All events have been updated as received.

Club Reports

Kitchener-Waterloo – Our May meeting was attended by 61 people. There was 1 CARES certificate awarded. The executive will stand for another year since there were no nominations accepted. President – Glenn Roberts, Vice-President Zenin Skomorowski, Recording Secretary – Karen Murray, Treasurer – Chris Kloetstra, Past President – Al Ridley. Name That Fish was a pair of Honey Gouramis. We had a raffle and an auction. Mini Show was Loaches, Killifish and AOV. Seven people entered 18 fish. We also discussed the upcoming CAOAC Convention. Glenn did a general presentation on Easy Peasy Planted aquariums and open discussion.

Find Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society meeting photos on Facebook.

Our website is www.kwas.ca

London – At London Aquaria Society's May meeting we had Mitch Dender speak to us about his company that manufactures eco friendly clothing and uses proceeds from the sales to help rebuild oceans reefs. His talk covers the reason for declining reefs and the process that the corals are being developed ax's bred in captivity and transplanted back into the oceans.

St. Catharines – During our May meeting we had close to 50 people in attendance including 2 guests. We enjoyed an interesting presentation from Ken Boorman on aquarium fish other than rainbow fish. There was a raffle and mini auction.

June the 3rd will be our next meeting. There will not be a program. We are having a potluck also with pizza supplied by the club. The club will be electing the executive for the upcoming season. See you at convention!

During our June meeting we had our year end pizza party and pot luck. Pizza and drinks where supplied by the club. We still had a raffle and mini auction. Also June is our election month. Secretary Andrew has moved over to the treasurer position and our new secretary is Wendy Beam. All other executive remain the same. The meeting was well attended with around 50 members present. Hope everyone has a great summer, see you in the fall.

Windsor - The Windsor aquarium society June meeting was a social meeting where we were able to talk about our bus trip to the Toronto area the week before and let everyone know how all our new fish were doing.

We had our bowl show on old world cichlids and we watched a small clip on next month's speaker Lucas Brett's YouTube channel.

Another great meeting for the Windsor aquarium society

Old Business

Convention 2019

2019 Convention Budget							
Income				Expenses			
	Budget	Actual	Diff.		Budget	Actual	Diff.
Ticket Sales	7,500.00	5,167.90	(2,332.10)	Hotel (incl banquet)	9,500.00	7,119.58	(2,380.42)
Auction	2,000.00	6,114.00	4,114.00	Auction		3,447.00	3,447.00
50/50		233.00	233.00	Speakers	3,900.00	1,537.10	(2,362.90)
Raffle	1,000.00	260.00	(740.00)	Printing	500.00	525.45	25.45
Vendors	1,000.00	800.00	(200.00)	PayPal	165.00	(141.03)	(306.03)
Sponsorships	3,000.00	1,650.00	(1,350.00)	Gifts	500.00	50.00	(450.00)
Show Sponsors	-	490.00	490.00	Show Award		113.00	113.00
Show float		(1,140.00)	(1,140.00)				
Total	14,500.00	13,574.90	214.90		14,565.00	12,651.10	(1,913.90)

New Business

Tom Mason fielded questions in regards to hosting the convention next year.

6 speakers talking on rainbow topics

Leo O'Reilly – from Australia

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Gary Lange –

Hans Georg Evers

Wim Heemskerk – from Netherlands

John Seyjagat

Tim McCaskie

Tom advised posters will be in English and French.

Need someone to run the show, but needs to be more aware of proper housing of fish.

Sunday morning will be Annual Meeting

May 1-3, 2020

Venue to be determined

Vendor tables will also be there

Adjourned at 2:37 by Ed.

Upcoming Events

September 2019		November 2019	
21	Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction	3	St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society auction
29	London Aquaria Show & Auction		
October 2019		December 2019	
13	Saskatoon Aquarium Society Show & Auction,		
20	Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfish Annual Show & Auction,		
27	Peel Region Aquarium Club Auction		

Check the website calendar for links for more details.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND ME YOUR CLUB EVENTS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE CALENDAR



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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, caoac1@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Unable to attend, contact caoac1@gmail.com for instructions.

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 periodically (except July & August) to discuss issues of the day as well as the future.