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Board of Directors

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President's Message

Hi everyone, the show and Auction season is in full swing now!

In April we have Durham on April 6 and of course the Pet Expo on Easter weekend at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga. Sarnia auction is on the 13th and Windsor's first Swap Meet is on April 27. Last auction before convention is London on May 5. Check the calendar on our website for more details.

The clock is ticking on our Annual CAOAC Convention and things are falling into place.

We will have a special "Meet the Speakers' night on Friday at the hotel, this will be a beer and pizza night (cash bar) where you will be able to ask questions directly to our wonderful speakers, Stephen Elliott, Andreas Tanke and Andy Turko. We will ask you to write down questions and then the speakers will have a chance to answer. We may also have a couple of our local experts joining in! Later you will be able to chat with our guests as they make the rounds .

Saturday will be filled from Breakfast to Bedtime with activities. and of course on Sunday the Annual General Meeting and auction will take place. The full schedule, show rules and auction rules will be up on the CAOAC website shortly.

This year we will be doing something from days gone by...Room sales! For hotel guests with full convention tickets, you may have room sales! Its \$20 and you will have your sales listed at the convention desk for all your fellow conventioners to see!

Donations are coming in and we wish to thank London Aquaria Society and Sarnia Aquarium Society for their generous donations.

Have a wonderful Easter and buy lots of fish this spring!

See you there!
Nancy

Executive Meeting – March 17, 2019

Called to order at 11:33 by Nancy Egelton at Waterdown Optimist Hall in Waterdown.

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 (Skype)
Corresponding Secretary	Murray Brown (TCGG)	Present
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Absent
Also In Attendance:	Phil Barrett	Cindy Golden
	Peter Melady	

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

Old Business

Name the Fish Rescue winner will be announced at convention.

Treasurer's Report

March			6721.30
Bank Fees			
Deposit:			
Ending Bank Balance-December 5	0.00		6,721.30
Reserved Funds - Terry Little			(362.82)
Forest City Pond Club Donation			(648.00)
Working Balance			5,710.48
PayPal			
Peel		57.96	
Convention Ticket		82.23	
Total		798.65	

No bank fees this month due to balance being over \$5000.

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

April 2019

Correspondence

- Email from Frank White (nee Moreau) re repealing Anti-Bullying Policy. Murray Brown (who is a ParaLegal) will send a response to the Executive and if agreed will then be sent to Frank on behalf of CAOAC.
- Email from lady with Koi, connected to Toronto

New Business

Motion to adjourn at 11:53

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:25 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)	Present Skype
Corresponding Secretary	Murray Brown (TCGG)	Present
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Absent
Club	Name	
Betta	Catherine Salmon	
Kitchener-Waterloo	Jenny Oliver	Jay Oliver
London	Rick Hodgins	
Sarnia	Peter Melady	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Trans Canada Guppy	Carolina Bergles	
Guests:	Susan Glazier	
Harley McPhail United Flowerhorn & Fishhouse Canada	Eric Wannamaker – United Flowerhorn	

Minutes –Minutes of the last meeting, Ed motioned to accept second by Peter Melady

Treasurers report – see Executive report for details

Motion to accept Nancy, seconded Catherine

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Committee Chairs

Title	Chair	Co-Chair
AHD	Ann-Marie Towell (Skype)	
Archivist		
Awards	Peter Melady	
Binder	Ann Stevens	
Social Media/Advertising	Cindy Golden	
Fish Breeders Directory		
Fish Rescue	Ann-Marie Towell (Skype)	Various clubs

April 2019

Futures		
Judges	Brian Glazier	
Membership	Ed Bosker	
Newsletter	Ann Stevens	
Open Show		
Education Directory	Open	
Steering	Peter De Souza	
Ways & Means	Cindy Golden	
Webmaster	Ann Stevens	
Club Speakers Directory	Peter DeSouza	
Convention	Nancy Egelton	

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

AHD- nothing to report

Awards – No report – Brian raised the question if there is a committee that isn't run by the Executive. There was quite a heated discussion that ensued. The reply was that this is a transparent committee, and all decisions are discussed and voted on together. No decision is made by one person. All award submissions to the current chair are discussed with the committee and put to a vote.

Binder – no updates

Fish Breeders Directory – We have had a few submissions in the last month. The following 2 clubs have reported breedings:

ASW

CKAS

There was one new First-In Award this month.

ASW - Rod Olalia Garra rufa Feb 2019

Fish Rescue –Ann-Marie reported she received an email for a Betta in Toronto and was referred to Marc in Toronto. Deadline for Name the Fish Rescue contest closes April 30 for submissions. Winner will be announced at the convention

Futures – Peter D. was talking with Tom Mason & Jeff Mountjoy and they are going to try to meet soon. Ann to forward Tom Masons and Carl McLeary lists to Nancy.

Judges – Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at the Hamilton Auction. This will only be chairman to discuss the future direction of the committee. This will then be presented to the judges.

Memberships – no changes

Newsletter – Remember to send me your flyers for your events

Open Show –Barb is working on it and will advise if any float or funds are needed for convention

Social Media - there are now over 70 followers on Instagram I am continuing to post upcoming club events that are promoted through club websites. Cindy also received an email to thanks for these postings. Please remember to send information and flyers to Cindy for promotion.

April 2019

Speaker Directory – no report

Steering – Peter to send out shortly.

Ways & Means – 50/50 tickets brought in \$32.00. with Catherine winning \$16.00. Raffle items, the dip and pour was won by Nancy; Valerie won the wooden fish and Ed won the trio of shot glasses. Donations brought in \$12.55. Expenses were \$10.00 for coffee and \$9.00 were spent on treats and cream leaving us with a balance of \$163.05.

Website – All events have been updated as received.

Club Reports

Barrie – Our February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Our March meeting will feature one our own club members, Steve Langley who will sharing with everyone information about the Cares Program as he has taken a special interest in it. Our upcoming auction is on Sunday March 31st. There will be some special fun surprises for attendees and successful bidders this year. We hope to see many fellow CAOAC club members make the 45min drive north of the 401 on the 31st.

Betta Breeders - " The plans for the IBC International show at the CAOAC convention in May are progressing well. E mails will be going out shortly with more information. Volunteers will be needed to help out.

The Spring BBC in person meeting is coming up fast. March 24th in Hamilton ,Ont at 1:00pm. Please contact the Executive for location and directions. One of the topics discussed will be the up coming IBC show. Hope to see you there,"

Calgary – We are at approximately 70 members. Our last meeting was on Wild Bettas. Our Aquaticon on March 2 was a success with over 1400 people attending. Our next meeting will feature Bart Haze from Edmonton speaking on his fish collecting trips to South America. We have our auction April 28th and our home tour June 2.

Chatham-Kent – We have members still rejoining for the year which is greatly appreciated. We watched a video on how to design a fishroom, which showed several fishrooms and how they dealt with different issues in different houses. The bowl show took up an entire table this time. Very nice! Ken couldn't make it due to work, but he will be speaking at NEC shortly, so at least some aquarium people will get to see his talks. :) We all enjoyed ourselves and many members went out to our regular after meeting time at a local restaurant. which is always nice to see. We're still looking for speakers so anyone interested in speaking to Chatham please let us know. Ideas for speakers are appreciated as well.

Durham – We would like t to thank all who were at our February dinner. A good time was had dying all. Our March meeting is on Tuesday and it will be about aquarium basics. Our annual show is on April 7 2019. Information is on Face book and our website

Greater Toronto Area –

Hamilton – We had our last meeting was Steve Fyfe with Earth Eaters. Getting good attendance partly in thanks to our President, who works at Big Al's. Show & Auction on Saturday, March 23.

Kitchener-Waterloo – Our March meeting was attended by about 50 people. There were CARES certificates awarded. Name That Fish turned out to be a Bamboo Shrimp. We had a raffle and an auction. Mini Show was Characins and AOV, with 3 people entering 9 fish. Josh Neufeld from the University of Waterloo spoke about what is going on in our aquarium filters that breaks down ammonia and nitrites. He collected more filter media and water samples for further study.

April 2019

Find Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society meeting photos on Facebook.

Our website is www.kwas.ca

London – At our March meeting was well attended even with the meeting scheduled a week earlier than normal due to the March break. Al Ridley give us presentation on barbs that was both very informative and entertaining. We had several new members join the club that night. Plans were made for a road trip on June 22 to Ripleys Aquarium.

St. Catharines – Our March meeting originally was to have a presentation by Tommy Lam but do to unforeseen circumstances he had to cancel. Our program chair Ernest Biktimirov stepped up to the plate and filled in with an interesting talk on collectables related to fish. There were 50 in attendance including 5 who took out new memberships.

Our next meeting will be April 1st. Hayden Pounder will give a presentation on culturing and collecting live food. There will be a mini auction, raffle and jar show. Everyone is welcome.

Sarnia – No report

Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal-

Trans Canada Guppy – Yesterday we had our meeting at Pham's house, he is the Club Transhipper. Had 25 in attendance. Did well on mini auction.

Windsor - The March meeting had 30 members attend. At this meeting we had Peter DeSouza give his talk called Breeding better aquarium fish. It was a great talk. We also had our mini auction, raffle and bowl show which was Barbs, Danios and Rasboras. We also talked about our upcoming Windsor aquarium society SWAP MEET!!!!!!

Another great meeting for the Windsor aquarium society.

Thank you Phil, Zenin, 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

Convention 2019

Peter has a bio from Andy, Nancy to get bio from Stephen, Andreas has one on his website, speaker talks will also be included.

Facebook needs to get updated and to be blasted to all club websites.

Carla has offered to be able to use their audio equipment and Jessica will be responsible for it in exchange for a convention ticket.

Mike has about 70 bags to donate and also bags from Sera Foods.

Peter asked if anyone knows of anyone that would donate things for our convention or sponsorships please let him know

United Flowerhorn club will have a table for promotion. Any fish for sale can be sold in their room and raffle at their table.

April 2019

Ann to send the program to Carolina to work on.

Schedule – Peter to work on and send.

Badges??

Oscar V may have a display table of arrowana's

Room for Andy on Friday and Saturday.

Room for Andreas Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Nancy has already booked Stephen's room

It was decided to have no dinner speaker, but to allow for social after the awards.

President's Challenge. Email to be sent.

Rick Hodgins presented a cheque for \$500 from LAS to sponsor a speaker. Rick challenged other clubs to contribute as well.

Pet Expo – Tom Mason has indicated a concern that GTA will not have enough people. Peel and Durham will also help. Peter D. will assist with co-ordinating. Rick Hodgins will go on Saturday to help. Ann & Ed will also help. Need to have co-ordination of bands.

New Business

A discussion also took place in regards to reducing the number of executive, eliminating the Corresponding Secretary. It was decided to table it for another time.

Peter DeSouza made a motion to reduce the number required for a quorum for the executive to 3. Seconded by Peter Melady. This will now be sent out with the steering email to be put for a vote at the convention.

Adjourned at 2:37 by Peter M.

Upcoming Events

April 2019		June 2019	
7	Durham Region Aquarium Society Aquariana,	15	Peel Region Aquarium Club Dinner speaker with Josh Cunningham
13	Saria Aquarium Society Auction		
14	Aquarium Club of Edmonton Workshop Weekend with Gary Lange		
14	CAOAC Meeting – Optimist Hall Waterdown Note new date		
19-21	Canadian Pet Expo, International Centre, Mississauga		
27	Windsor Aquarium Society Swap Meet		
28	Calgary Spring Auction		
28	Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society Giant Workshop,		
28	Société d'aquariophilie de Montréal Super Auction		
May 2019		September 2019	
4-5	KW Pet Expo, Kitchener Auditorium,	21	Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction
5	London Aquaria Society Spring Auction,	29	London Aquaria Show & Auction
17-19	CAOAC Convention		

Check the website calendar for links for more details.

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



Nominations & Voting at Annual General Meeting

It is election time again. CAOAC Executive positions are one year terms that are announced at our May Long Weekend Convention.

If you are interested in an Executive position with CAOAC, please submit your request or nomination to Peter DeSouza, pdesouza1@msn.com.

Technically, all positions are open for nominations; however, here is the status of the Executive positions:

President: Nancy Egelton Status: Standing for re-election

1st Vice President: Peter DeSouza Status: Standing for re-election

2nd Vice President: Ann Marie Towell Status: Standing for re-election

Recording Secretary: Ann Stevens Status: Stepping down

Treasurer: Ed Bosker Status: Stepping down

Corresponding Secretary: Murray Brown Status: Standing for re-election

There are two open positions for the next term currently. However, a submission for any position will be accepted.

We ask that you don't delay with your submission as time is short to assemble the nominations and conclude the election for announcement at the Convention.

There is also a motion for a change in the By-Laws that is being tabled for voting at the General Meeting.

Peter DeSouza made the following motion:

To reduce the number required for a quorum for the executive to 3 from the current "A majority of the Executive shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business at any Executive Meeting".

Seconded by Peter Melady.

Changes to Canada's Aquatic Animal Health Import Requirements for Live Koi Carp

Notice to Industry – Changes to Canada's Aquatic Animal Health Import Requirements for Live Koi Carp from the United States for Aquarium and Outdoor Holding Unit End Uses

Please note that as of April 15, 2019, all imports of live Koi carp (*Cyprinus carpio koi*) from the U.S. for aquarium and outdoor holding unit end uses will require a valid Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) import permit and the USDA-APHIS export certificate "Aquatic Animal Health Export Certificate for the Export of Live Koi Carp for Aquarium and Outdoor Holding Unit from the United States to Canada".

Importers of live Koi carp for aquarium or outdoor holding unit end uses should advise their U.S. exporters of the new requirements for a valid CFIA import permit and a USDA-APHIS export certificate.

Imports of all other susceptible ornamental or aquarium species (Susceptible species of aquatic animals) will continue to require a separate import permit and the export certificate "Aquatic Animal Health Export Certificate for the Export of Live Ornamental Aquatic Animals Intended for Aquarium Private, Aquarium Commercial, Outdoor Holding Unit Private, and/or Outdoor Holding Unit Commercial Use in Closed Premises in Canada".

It will no longer be possible to include Koi carp on the same import permit as other aquatic ornamental species. If you currently possess an active import permit for ornamental fish, including Koi carp, for said end uses, the CFIA will replace your current import permit with a new one for all other ornamental regulated (non-Koi) species. Please note that this replacement permit will retain the original validity period. There will be a grace period of one week where your original permit will remain active. After April 23, 2019, the original permit will be cancelled and you will be required to use your newly issued permit for ornamental finfish.

If you wish to continue importing live Koi carp for aquarium or outdoor holding unit end uses, you will be required to apply for a separate permit. Kindly note that you will need to complete and sign the application form 5670. Once completed, the document can be sent by email to cfia.permission.acia@canada.ca or by fax to 289-247-4068.

For questions regarding the application process, please contact the Centre of Administration by email at cfia.permission.acia@canada.ca or by telephone at 1-855-212-7695.

Additionally, as of April 15, 2019, import documentation for live Koi carp imported from the U.S. for aquarium or outdoor holding unit end uses must be reviewed by the National Import Service Centre (NISC). Prior to arrival at the first port of entry, all relevant documentation must be submitted to the NISC. More information on document procedures for the NISC can be found on the CFIA website.

Importers and brokers with questions about the new import documentation and/or processes should contact their local CFIA Area and District Offices.

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

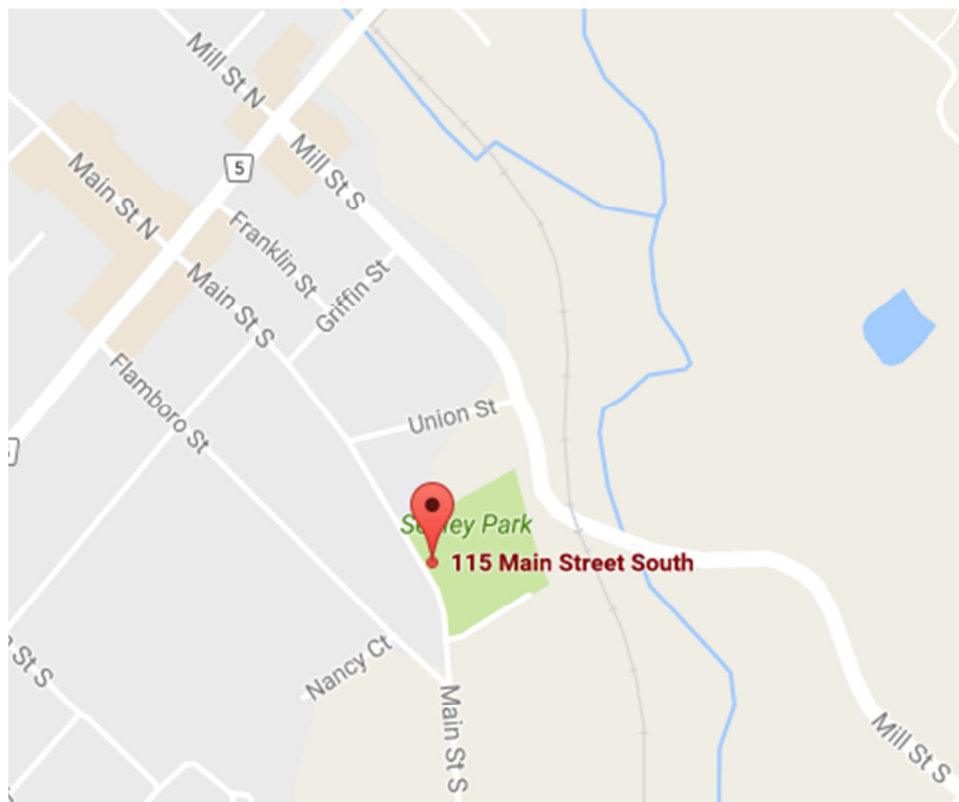
Can't attend the meeting? You can Skype in and participate that way. Here are the details:

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.