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President's Message

I would like to invite everyone to come to the CAOAC convention to participate in and enjoy the show and auction. There are still tickets available for full convention, speakers or the banquet. Please see the CAOAC website for deadlines for the banquet.

We would like to welcome our guests from overseas. I know everyone will make them feel welcome.

Please don't forget the President's challenge. Donations are greatly appreciated. It would be nice to see everyone take home a prize.

I am stepping down as President and would like to welcome the new executive. I wish them success with their endeavours to make our association and our hobby greater than it already is. Please give them all the help that you can.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on improving the hobby and CAOAC with the new executive. As I have said many times before, "an empty chair makes no noise" When the chair is full, your ideas can be heard.

Planning for next year's CAOAC convention is underway. The same venue is being booked. The speakers, etc. will follow as they become available.

Over my time as President of CAOAC I have met many fantastic people. I have really enjoyed being a part of CAOAC. I would like to thank everyone for all of their support. I have truly enjoyed working with everyone.

Enjoy the convention.

Ron Bishop

President

Executive Meeting – April 22, 2018

Called to order at 11:22 by Ron Bishop (President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Present Skype
2nd 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)	Peter Melady (SAS)

Minutes –Ed made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Lisa seconded. Carried

Old Business

- *2018 Convention*
  - hotel visited, hotel rooms are filled
  - 50 tickets purchased through PayPal, 5 tickets with raffle
- *Items to discuss:*
  - Goody bags – Ed to look after
  - Hospitality – Ron & Annette to look after
- Archive boxes– Ann still going through

Treasurer's Report

February & March			9,753.63
Chq#233-Ann Stevens	643.91		
Deposit			
Montreal Membership (90-2.91)		87.09	
Sponsorship - SAS		500.00	
Tickets (x3)		255.00	
Ending Bank Balance-April 20	643.91	842.09	9,951.81
Reserved Funds - Terry Little			(362.82)
Forest City Pond Club Donation			(648.00)
Working Balance			8,940.99

PayPal			
43 Tickets ($3570-122.76)		3532.24	
1 Speaker ticket ($50-1.75)		48.25	
1 Banquet only ticket ($60-2.04)		57.96	
Less			
Rick Borstein Air fare	475.66		
Greg Steeves Air fare	476.94		
Total	952.6	3638.45	2685.85

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

Correspondence

- Email from Claudia – that issue is now closed
- Flowerhorn Group – will be attending convention and have show tables

New Business

New rocket stick will pay the $8.33 per month for 2 years.

Motion to adjourn at 12:00

Steering Chair

Ann read the report from the Steering Chair and Peter DeSouza was also available on Skype. Aside from the Steering report (see below), Nancy nominated Murray Brown for Corresponding Secretary and he accepted. Jeff nominated Udo but he declined.

The following will be the 2018-2019 Executive:

President – Nancy Egelton

1st VP – Peter DeSouza

2nd VP – Ann Marie Towell

Treasurer – Ed Bosker

Recording Secretary – Ann Stevens

Corresponding Secretary – Murray Brown

General Meeting

Called to order at 12:10 by President Ron and welcomed everyone.

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
1st VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Present (Skype)
2nd 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	
Durham	Myron Iwanochko	
Hamilton	Peter DeSouza (Skype)	Albert Van Montfort
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Regina	Woody Bandas (Skype)	
St. Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Sarnia	Peter Melady	
Trans Canada Guppy	Nancy Egelton	
Guests:		

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

Treasurers report – see Executive report for details

Motion to accept by Peter Melady, seconded by Phil. Carried

Business Arising from Executive – see Executive minutes.

Committee Chairs

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

AHD- nothing to report

Archivist – The following newsletters were found and will be available at convention. For any active clubs, please let me know if you would like these or not. If you don't need them, I will put them available to anyone who wants them.

Club	Year	Months	Club	Year	Months
St. Catharines	2006	Feb-Apr, Sept - Dec	Durham	2008	Oct
	2005	Jan – Mar, May-Dec.		2003	Sept.
	2004	Feb-Oct., Dec		1980	Jan-June, Sept.
	2003	Mar-Apr, Oct-Dec		1979	Jan, Mar-May, Sept-Dec.
Kitchener-Waterloo	1985	May & Oktoberfish		1978	Dec
	1988	Oktoberfish		1983	Membership Information Binder
	2003	May, June, Oct. Nov.	Calgary	2002	June, Nov, Dec
	2005	June		2003	Jan – Mar, Oct.
	2006	Mar, Apr, June, Oct, Dec		2005	Jan-May, Sept-Oct
	2007	Jan-Feb, Apr-June		2006	Jan-Aug.
	2008	Mar, Nov.		2007	Jan-Sept
Hamilton	1997	Jan	London	2001	April
	2002	Oct-Dec		2003	June
	2003	Mar-June –Oct-Dec		2005	Nov.
	2004	Jan-Dec		2006	Nov.
	2005	Jan-Dec	Regina	2006	Jan-Mar, Sept, Oct
	2006	Jan, Mar-May, Nov.		2007	April-May
Erie County	2004	June, Oct.			
The following clubs are no longer active. These will be kept for historical purposes.					
Erie Aquarium Society	1991	Nov	Peterborough Aquarium Club	1979	May
Flin Flon Aquarium Club	1999	May-Biennial Show & Auction	Canadian Aquaria Society	1978	Mar-Apr, Sept
Brampton Aquarium Club	2001	Feb, Apr	International Marinelife Almanac	1987	Oct-Dec
Bowmanville	1973	Apr-June, Sept-Dec	Toronto-Willowdale	1982/ 1983	Nov
	1974	Jan-Feb, June, Sept-Nov		2007	Feb, Mar
	1975	Jan-June		2008	Sept, Oct.

Awards – Please do not send your 2018 newsletters to Ray Lucas as he will not be judging. At our Awards meeting much attention was given to a replacement. We are searching and as soon as we find one we will let you all know where they can be sent.

Binder – no updates

Fish Breeders Directory – Clubs reporting bleedings since the last report - SCAAS.

Fish Rescue – nothing to report

Futures – It is my intention to have the Futures Committee has a Skype meeting in advance of the Convention. We have not had a meeting since my last report so there is not an update at this time.

Memberships – Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal sent payment through PayPal and completed application to renew membership. Motioned by Peter Melady to accept Montreal's renewal. Second by Myron, Carried

Newsletter – I continue to try to find recent news articles to add more relevant information.

Open Show – no report

Steering –

President:

Ron Bishop is stepping down. Ron gave me a letter notifying me that he will not be continuing on in the President's role for the next term.

Nancy Egelton requested her name be submitted for the President's position. This request was in an email sent to me after the last meeting.

If you require someone to nominate her for this position I will do so.

1st Vice President:

Ken messaged me that he wishes to step down from his position going forward.

Peter Melady was nominated for this position by Ann Stevens. Peter Melady told me in an email that he does not wish to stand for this position. If that is not correct then please forward an email or test indicating his wish to be considered for this position.

Peter DeSouza would like to submit my name for this position.

2nd VP:

Ann Marie Towell wishes to continue in this position. Ann Marie sent me an email requesting to stay on.

No one else has submitted a request to be considered for this position.

Recording Secretary:

Ann Stevens wishes to continue in this position. Ann gave me a verbal request at the last CAOAC Meeting.

No one else has submitted a request to be considered for this position.

Treasurer:

Ed Bosker wishes to continue in this position. Ed told me verbally at the last CAOAC Meeting that he will be continuing on in this position.

No one else has submitted a request to be considered for this position.

Corresponding Secretary:

Lisa Boorman has not given a formal request to continue on in this position however It was mentioned at the last CAOAC meeting that Lisa wishes to continue in this role.

The morning of the meeting, Lisa advised she does not wish to continue.

No one else has submitted a request to be considered for this position.

Nancy Egelton nominated Murray Brown.

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	-6.75	0	22.00	70.00
Jan.	146.90	-11.60	7.25	11.00	14.00
Feb.	167.55	No meeting			
Mar.	167.55	-1.15	10.00	10.00	15.00
Apr.	201.40	-14.30	12.55	3.50	7.00
May	210.15				

Catherine won the 50/50 for $3.50

Two items for the prize table were donated from Catherine S and Nancy E

Catherine won the food

Ed Bosker won the betta

Website – added additional speaker bios were added, schedule for the convention with subject to change, speaker topics for convention. Check the convention page for further updates.

Club Reports

Barrie - BRASS is happy to announce that our 3rd annual Aquarium Auction on April 8th was a great success. We want to thank our sponsors who donated items, the many sellers who brought items and everyone who attended including fellow CAOAC club members who volunteered to help.

Our April meeting featured a DIY presentation and slide show on a drip system that Jeff Mountjoy uses for many of his aquariums. Zenin Skomorowski from KWAS will be our guest at our May meeting and will be speaking about Aquarium filtration.

The club currently has 25 members and is planning a fish store tour this coming summer which has been very popular in the past. Our Facebook page continues to grow and connect with local aquarium enthusiasts.

Betta Breeders – Finial preparations are being made for the International Betta Congress Convention, at the CAOAC convention in May.

Our judge's room has been booked and things are falling into place.

The Face Book auction that was postponed earlier in the month is now scheduled to come in April 27th. We will have 20 pairs of show quality up for auction.

The in person BBC meeting that was held at Peter's home at the end of March was great. A small number of members were able to come. However we had a really good discussion on live food and thinks that needed to be done for the upcoming convection and show.

Plans are in the works for another in person meeting in the Summer. Probable a BBQ. Date and location to be announced.

Chatham-Kent – We ended up cancelling the April meeting due to the icestorm. There was ice that morning, so probably a good decision since so many of our members are from outside of the city. We will most likely do something special during the summer to make up for it. Looking for speaker ideas! Anyone willing to come down this way and do a presentation would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see our members again at our May 12th meeting.

Durham – Our weather cancelled Aquriama and will be rescheduled to June 03 2018. At the May meeting our guest speaker is Sarah Steele, a PhD student of Dr. Hernan Lopez Fernandez, presenting on dwarf Cichlids. As usual, our monthly meeting will be followed with a mini-auction. Visit our updated web site @ WWW.DRAS.

Hamilton –. H&DAS has been very busy this past month. We had a very successful Spring Auction and Show. We had about 100 entries in our Show. Thank you to everyone that sponsored a class and supported our club. Huge Thank you to Catherine as our Show Chair.

We introduced our new H&DAS t-shirt at our auction to help identify helpers at our auction. We are now offering them thru our Facebook page for everyone to enjoy. Would we be allowed to have people pick up their shirt at the CAOAC Convention on the Sunday at the auction only? This can be set up thru our site and paypal. All shirts will need to be reordered.

H&dAS is excited to be hosting the auction for the convention.

Our April program was our Home Show. We had 12 entries. All the tanks were amazing. Tanks came in all sizes from 5 gallon to 150 gallons. We have some great ideas for next year already.

As I work most Sunday's and I haven't been able to attend a meeting this year I would like to have Peter DeSouza represent our club as the CAOAC Rep.

Kitchener-Waterloo - Our April meeting was attended by 39 members and 4 guests.

Al Ridley gave a quick talk on the upcoming CAOAC convention. He also led a discussion of what is happening in member's fishrooms these days.

The winners of the newsletter Easter Egg Hunt were given their prizes. Four people got to spin the birthday wheel for prizes.

Our featured CARES fish this month and Name That Fish was Ameca Splendens.

The Mini Show classes were Catfish and AOV. There were 6 people showing 11 fish.

There was an auction and raffle of items including a couple of filters donated by Mike at Finatics.

Find Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society meeting photos on Facebook.

Our website www.kwas.ca is available again and has been updated.

London – At our April meeting, Udo Rohmann did his talk on hamburg matten filters. It was fantastic and educational. We had a great turn out with lots of entries in the jar show.

The LAS spring auction will be on Sunday, May 6. I t will be held at the usual venue. North Dorchester Optimist hall on Richmond Street in Dorchester.

Just a reminder that the auction will begin promptly at 10 AM instead of 11. We have made a few changes in the last couple of years and don't want anyone to be disappointed if they didn't know about them. Please read the rules!

Regina – last meeting we had a flea market went really well. Members are 18-20. Picking up 2-3 members ever meeting. Set up tables in a community centre, members are free, non-members pay $15 per table.

St. Catharines – During our April meeting we had 3 demonstrations by veteran fish keepers on making spawning mops, egg tumblers and plants. There where over 40 in attendance and 2 new people took out memberships. Our next meeting is May 7th , a Peter DeSouza will be speaking on Selective Breeding.

Sarnia - Our Spring Auction was held yesterday, April 21. While the number of items sold was down we made up for it in the number of attendees from fellow CAOAC clubs. Prices were good. At the auction we presented two donations of $500.00 each to the Bluewater Anglers for their school program and also the local Hospice. Membership at 13.

Société d'Aquariophilie de Montréal-
Our next meeting will be a presentation to be made by Jean-Pierre Camus. Jean-Pierre is a long-time member who comes back to us after a short absence. His presentations are always well documented, no doubt that it will be discussed and will lead to constructive discussions...! Also you will find in the newspaper the photos of the last super auction, photos taken by Jean Lejacques. You will find all the photos taken by Jean Lejacques but also by our treasurer Laurent Lecerf on your website at this address (http://aquasam.qc.ca/?p=3018). Go watch them and share them, it's a showcase for our future auctions.

Vous y trouverez l'annonce de la prochaine présentation qui sera faite par Jean-Pierre Camus. Jean-Pierre est un membre de longue date qui nous revient après une petite absence. Ses présentations sont toujours bien documentée, nul doute que celle-ci fera jaser et mènera à des discutions constructives...!

Aussi vous trouverez dans le journal les photos du derniers super encan, photos prises par Jean Lejacques. Vous trouverez toutes les photos prises par Jean Lejacques mais aussi par notre trésorier Laurent Lecerf sur votre site web à cette adresse (http://aquasam.qc.ca/?p=3018). Allez les visionner et les partager, c'est une vitrine pour nos encan futures.

Trans Canada Guppy – The TCGG is getting ready for the Big Day!

Our speaker, Bryan Chin is very Excited about his talk and book signing to follow.

Look for our club Sales table where He will be able to sign your books and say hi.

We will also have club merchandise for sale such as shirts,fish room towels , ewos food and mattenfilters. We also have some very special

Guests : Stephen Elliott- President IKGH (UK). Bill Galbally and family-President Fancy Guppy U.K. Eamon and Tina Smith (live food experts Fancy Guppy U.K and Show Chair for FGUK.

Jane and Richard Handley (Jane) Judge IKGH. Ralf and Nesrin Loch. -IT specialist IKGH.

We hope our guests will have a great time in Canada and they will be available for chats so take advantage of these very special guests coming and donating their time to our show.

We will be running our show in the European system and this will make things pretty exciting.

TCGG is hoping for 100 entries and all our show fish pairs will be auctioned late Saturday night. Our club has e-transfer, square reader for credit cards and also paypal for your convenience.

Membership cards were created and will be laminated. Buddies are set up for International guests.

Happy Fishing- Nancy

Windsor - The Windsor aquarium society April meeting had Dave Pauls and his talk on keeping and breeding rainbow fish. What an informative talk on an incredible group of fish.

We had 25 members come out for our April meeting. We also had our bowl show and a mini auction this month.

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

Old Business

Convention 2018

Ken made a motion to have a single talk ticket available for $15 cash. Second by Lisa

Albert would like to amend the motion to read $20. Seconded by Nancy. Carried

Winner of the Hotel Room draw for the Ken McKeighan painting was drawn at the meeting and is Jody McManus. Myron pulled the winning ticket.

Show classes to be included on the web. Specialty shows will be Betta, Guppy, Shrimp and Flowerhorn. Catherine will need cash for payments for winners. Sponsorships will be sent to Catherine and handed in at convention. OK to purchase special ribbons for “Best of” awards at a cost of approximately $100.

$30 cash for raffle tickets sold from Annette. Lisa to give $70 at convention for balance of tickets sold. Winner of the last raffle ticket was Ron Bishop, drawn by Lisa at her home.

Betta auction will be immediately after last speaker in the afternoon. Guppy auction will be after the banquet.

Ken will validate tickets for dinner.

New Business

2019 Convention – To be held at the same hotel next year. Details will be announced as they become available. Ann to work with Hotel and confirm after Annual General Meeting

Adjourned at 2:17 by Peter Melady.

Upcoming Events

May 2018			September 2018	
6	London Aquaria Society – Auction		22	Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction
18-20	CAOAC Convention - Burlington		30	London Aquaria Society Show & Auction
June 2018			**October 2018**	
3	Durham Region Aquarium Society Aquariana (rescheduled date)		14	Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society Auction & Show
9	Peel Region Aquarium Society Speaker Dinner with Rachel O'Leary		28	Peel Region Aquarium Club Auction & Show
24	CAOAC General Meeting and President's Lunch			

Check the website calendar for links for more details.

A new freshwater goby that gives any reef fish a run for its money

By Leonard Ho - Posted Apr 13, 2018 09:00 AM

Rhinogobius maxillivirgatus is a new goby species described from freshwaters of Anhui Province in Eastern China. While we generally (and rightfully) perceive reef fish as more colorful, there are many freshwater fish that are very colorful.

Rhinogobius maxillivirgatus sp. nov. Looks like a tiny sleeper goby, doesn't it?

This new goby species inhabits a shallow, slow-flowing brook of the upper Changjiang River atop cobble substrate (male adult shown at type locality in the photo above). This is a very small species that grows to approximately 30mm (1.1 inch) in length. Like many tiny reef gobies, this freshwater species packs a lot of power into its diminutive frame.

Rhinogobius maxillivirgatus is described in Zootaxa.

Need more proof that freshwater gobies can rival saltwater gobies? Here's Stiphodon anniaeae (Photo: R. Hadiaty):

Author: Leonard Ho

Location: Southern California

I'm a passionate aquarist of over 30 years, a coral reef lover, and the blog editor for Advanced Aquarist. While aquarium gadgets interest me, it's really livestock (especially fish), artistry of aquariums, and "method behind the madness" processes that captivate my attention.

Website: http://www.advancedaquarist.com.

Committee Chair Volunteers Wanted

Another year will be starting soon and we are looking for committee chairs, you may see the same name repeated. We are always looking for someone else to step up and help. Not sure what's involved? Volunteer to assist a chair or contact the chair and ask.

What are the chairs:

Aquatic Horticulturalist Directory – accepting information from clubs about propagations and recording and reporting them at the meeting

Archivist – keeping records and mainlining the history of CAOAC

Awards – accept applications for various awards, review, as required requirements, update Webmaster with yearly recipients. Hold a meeting with the Awards committee to discuss applications. Present at the convention.

Binder – this used to be the physical binder with all outlines, etc. but has now been put on the web for ease of access. Update sections as required to the Webmaster

FAAS Liaison – report on any pertinent activities with FAAS and relay information to FAAS from CAOAC

Fish Breeders Directory – record all First-Ins as received and present with certificate. Keep records of all breeding as received.

Fish Rescue – Receive emails/calls from individuals looking to relocate various aquatic species and find a new home

Futures – To look at ways to improve CAOAC and to encourage the hobby. Create a committee to discuss and possibly implement new ideas.

Judges – To oversee CAOAC judges, update guidelines, and communicate with judges regarding apprentice judges and any changes to judging rules

Membership – Keep track of member clubs and updated contact information. Contact clubs for renewal.

Newsletter – monthly publication September to July, including club minutes, any updated information related to the hobby and any club events

Open Show – To keep track of any club CAOAC sanctioned shows, oversee/ or run the CAOAC annual show, present awards to individuals and keep track of show results and received

Programs – to maintain the CAOAC programs (DVD's etc.) and distribute as requested.

Steering – send out notifications to all clubs in regards to upcoming elections and run them at the Annual General Meeting if needed. Reporting results of elections.

Ways & Means – bring fun to the monthly CAOAC meetings and raise funds for meetings

Webmaster – maintain website and update with calendar events, and any updates

Disclaimer – I have written these from memory. If you want more information, contact the sitting chair.

Durham Region Aquariama

Rescheduled due to ice storm on original date.

DRAS's 49th Annual Aquariama!!!

DRAS is presenting ***Aquariama 2018*** with the same attractions as previous years.

Conservation Education – DRAS has a long history of interaction with conservation initiatives, both on the local and global scale. The Madagascar Endangered Fish Program and the C.A.R.E.S. program will be featured this year.

Vendor EXPO – DRAS has long established relationships with several of the premier dealers and aquarium related stores in the Greater Toronto Area. This year we will be inviting several to attend Aquariama where they will have the opportunity to sell to some of the most sophisticated aquatic hobbyists in the country (that would be you). They know the value you represent and we hope that they will be providing you with some unbelievable deals!

Special Notes about the Auction

"*Toonie*-a-Bag" Auction !

Simply, every item you place in the Aquariama Auction gives $2.00 to DRAS. Just $2.00. If your item sells for $70.00 (and we have had items sell for that amount and higher), you get $68.00 and DRAS gets $2.00. Of course, if your item sells for $2.00, then that $2.00 goes to DRAS.

Why do we choose this format? DRAS wants to support aquarium hobbyists as much as possible. We want the hobbyist to get as much value for their fish and plants as possible and we want to encourage more rare and exotic fish and plants into the auction. Most auctions will take 30% of the selling price. Using this example, if your item sold for $70.00, at a 30% / 70% split, the club would receive $21.00 and the seller only $49.00. **DRAS wants to put as much money as possible in your pocket, and to encourage you to *bring out your best fish and plants for auction*. Using our formula, you receive $68.00 and DRAS $2.00. We rely on volume, but we want that volume to be special!**

DRAS Aquariama Auction Statistics (3 year average)

Total Auction Items	Total Auction Sales	Average sale	Total paid out to Sellers	Average item paid to Seller	No. of Sellers
1,338	$14,073.00	$10.52	$12,090.00	$8.52	62

Entrance Fee – *EVERYONE* Pays!

Every individual attending Aquariama (except children under the age of 10) will be charged a $2.00 entrance fee. The $2.00 entrance fee to DRAS's Aquariama gives you the chance to bid on numerous rare and exotic aquarium fish and plants, gives you access to the Vendor EXPO, our Conservation Education and supports DRAS's conservation initiatives for the coming year!

So to recap:

- DRAS proudly presents Conservation Education and Programs
- Fabulous vendors will be present!
- *Toonie*-A-Bag Auction!
- $2.00 Entrance fee for every person (except children 10 and under)

We look forward to seeing you all. If you have any questions, are interested in participating in the DRAS Conservation Education Programs, or are a vendor interested in a placement in the vendors area, please contact the following individuals;

Barry McKee
Auction & Vendor Registrar
289-660-0100
barry.mckee@rogers.com

Tom Mason
DRAS President
905-839-6764
coterc09@gmail.com

Convention 2018 Hotel Information

The deadline is now past and all rooms in our block are filled. Rooms are available on a first come, first served basis, prices subject to availability rates

Holiday Inn
BURLINGTON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Reservation Information

CAOAC Convention

Thursday May 17th to Monday May 21st 2018

Group Block ID Code:
CAC

PLEASE BOOK PRIOR TO RELEASE DATE OF:
Friday April 20th 2017
Group Rates Start at $111.00 for a Standard Queen Room

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY PHONE:

Call the Hotel's toll free at 1-888-987-4888 *or* 905-639-4443 *(ask for reservations)*

**It is essential that you quote your Conference name at the time of making your reservation.*

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE

Follow below URL, to securely book your reservation, or visit www.hiburlington.ca
Enter Reservation Dates, View Rates, Refine Search, enter Group Code CAC for group rate.

YOUR WEBLINK:

CAOAC Convention

HOTEL FEATURES:

- 100% Non Smoking
- Free WiFi throughout hotel
- Ample Free Parking for Cars & Buses
- Alloro Restaurant & Bar (on-site) for your dining needs
- Climate controlled Atrium features: Largest Heated Indoor Hotel Pool In the city, Sauna, Whirlpool, Games Area & Fitness Centre
- Outdoor Tennis & Basketball Court (Seasonal)
- Gift Shop, Business Centre, ATM, Guest Laundry
- 6 Popular Brand Restaurants across the street
- Located off of QEW and Exit 102 Guelph Line

ALL STANDARD ROOMS INCLUDE:

- Keurig Single Cup Coffee Machine
- Microwave
- Mini Fridge
- Flat Screen TV
- Windows that Open

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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

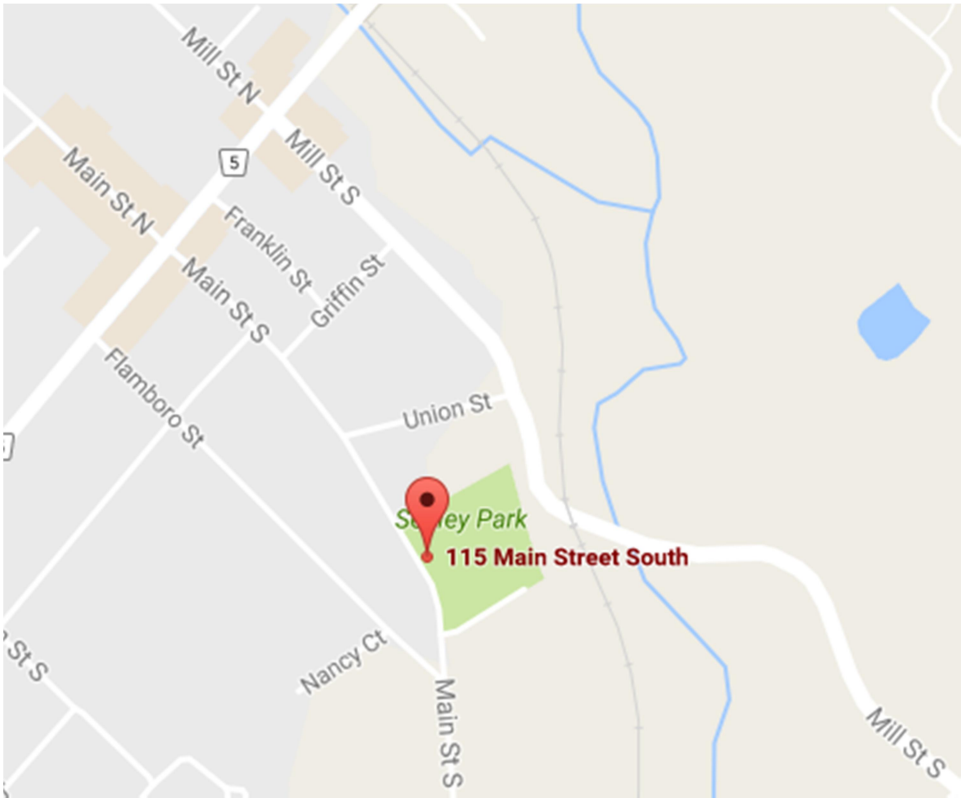
Can't attend the meeting? You can Skype in and participate that way. Here are the details:

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.