

**Canadian Association of
Aquarium Clubs**



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President's Message - Ron Bishop

Thank you to the entire executive for all of your help this past year. I could not do this job without all of you. I would also like to thank the executive for all of their work on this year's CAOAC convention. I am sure it will be an outstanding convention. I look forward to attending.

We have accomplished a lot, finished a lot of the projects that were underway. We do still have some ongoing projects, but I am optimistic that they will be completed.

One of the things I would like to see happen is having more club representatives attending our monthly meetings in Waterdown. With club reps there, we can share what we are doing much faster and they can keep their clubs up to date with such things as awards, shows, auctions and other club events. It is also nice to hear what other clubs are doing, or who they have as speakers. I know it can sometimes be difficult to find new speakers. I would also like to remind people, that even if they are unable to drive to Waterdown, they will be able to Skype in. CAOAC spans all of Canada, and I would like to hear from clubs that are East and West of here as well. These meetings are for everyone, not just an elite few. They are fun, informative, and when your representative attends, they can keep you current with what is going on, and they can bring forward any concerns or questions that your club may have.

Thank you for a great year. I look forward to another.

Ron Bishop

Archivist - Chair Paul McIntosh

I continue to file the monthly newsletters of CAOAC, sent to me by Anne Marie Towell. I have sent the photos of people and events of past CAOAC conventions with Barry Mckee.

Respectfully Paul McIntosh.

Aquatic Horticulturalist Directory - Chair Ann Marie Towell

I will be attempting to update the AHAP directory this year so all clubs are encouraged to submit their current directories to me whether or not, they qualify for CAOAC awards. I would also like to start “first in” awards but need to discuss this with the executive. This will generate more excitement about this program. Also I would like to be cc’ed on any HAP awards so I can update the directory.

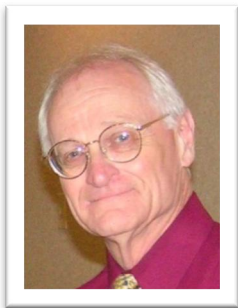


Awards - Chair Peter Melady

I would like to congratulate all those receiving CAOAC Awards this year. There are a total of four (4) Achievement Awards being awarded this year, one (1) Breeders Award and three (3) Horticultural Awards. Two of these, one each, are at the top level. It is also important to mention that we had first time submissions from the Maritime Aquarium Club in New Brunswick. The Newsletter Award will be presented this year, again judged by Ray 'Kingfish' Lucas. It is most frustrating that while most clubs publish a newsletter only four chose to submit for judging. There are also 25 Year and 40 Year of Service Awards being handed out. Thank you for your many years of service to our hobby.

I thank everyone that took the time to answer the Awards Survey that was sent out on my behalf by Ann Stevens. Some of the responses were interesting and will be discussed at our Awards meeting.

I once again encourage all members to check out the Awards program on the CAOAC website and, if you feel that you are eligible, submit an application. Rules, requirements and forms are available on the website for download. As I have stated in the past; we can only process what we receive.



Breeders Directory - Chair Lisa Boorman

CAOAC lists 21 member clubs of which 20 are aquarium clubs. Of these 20 clubs, 5 of those are actively involved. We encourage all members of CAOAC affiliated clubs to participate in the program. This needs the involvement of each club's BAP chairperson. Please send me your BAP information so your members can be properly acknowledged and awarded (if they meet the 'First In')

Clubs with input and/or updates for '14/'15: Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society
Durham Region Aquarium Society
Hamilton & District Aquarium Society
Sarnia Aquarium Society
Aquarium Society of Winnipeg

Any club wishing to participate in the club just needs to email me their monthly BAP records.

This year we had several 'First in CAOAC' awards. Congratulations are in order to those excellent fish breeders on their achievements!

Congratulations to:

2014

Ed Koerner – *Girardinus rivasi* June 2014

Peter Melady – *Betta strohi* Oct 2014

2015

Terry Clements - *Tanganicodus irsacae* Jan 2015

Bruce Hart – *Neolamprologus olivaceus* Mar 2015

The Directory was and is intended as a service to the member clubs of CAOAC. It provides information and encouragement in the area of fish breeding. It also celebrates the collective achievements of our hobbyists.



Binder - Chair Ann Stevens

It was a long time coming, but the binder or CAOAC Information binder is now complete on the website. Past Award Recipients have been added as well some extras Accounting Guidelines for Non Profit Organizations and Copyright Law: Fact and Fantasy.

This is all available from the link on the home page of CAOAC. To go directly to the index page the address is www.caoac.ca/Binder_index.html

Because this is on the web, we can now update or add items as they become available.



FAAS - Chair Ken Boorman

Unfortunately, there have been no meetings this past year of the FAAS Executive. As such, no business was handled. The Publication Awards are still being judged.



Judges - Chair Brian Glazier

On January 19-2014, I was asked to take over the Judge's Chair and I accepted. I was told that there were many problems within the Judges Program and I thought that it would not be difficult to work out, but I was mistaken.

I started out trying to find out if there were any judges meetings held since the last one that I attended in Brantford on January 30-2010 (I do have the minutes to that meeting). From all known records, there was not another meeting held with the judges of the time.

I also have found out that all the records regarding the Judges Program had been destroyed when Terry Little's estate was cleared out.

When going through the newsletters since January 2010, I have found very little regarding any proceedings within the judge's program. There have been persons given Judges Certificates by C.A.O.A.C. since the last judges meeting, who were not given a stamp of approval by the active judges at that time.

At this time, this is the list of active judges that I have been able to come up with.

Eastern Judges

Jim Robinson (Peel)
Brian Glazier (L.A.S.)
John Swick (L.A.S.)
Jim Clarke (No Club)
Jerry Draper (H.D.A.S.)
Charlie Drew (H.D.A.S.)
Tom Collins (L.A.S.)
Ron Bishop (L.A.S.) **
Kaul Baumgarten (L.A.S.) **
Udo Rohmann (Peel) **

Western Judges

Chris Larsen (Regina) **
Paul Mansfield (Regina) **
Bill Bishopp (Regina)
Kris Taylor (Winnipeg) **
Chris Biggs (Winnipeg) **
Ken Ealey (Edmonton)

** These persons have been made judges since the last known judges meeting.

If I have left any active Certified Judge off this list, please contact me or an executive.

Submitted by Brian Glazier (Judge's Chair)

Membership - Chair Albert Van Montfort

Club Legal name	2015
Aquarium Club of Edmonton	ACE
Aquarium Society of Winnipeg	ASW
Calgary Aquarium Society	CAS
Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs	CAOAC
Durham Region Aquarium Society	DRAS
Forest City Pond Club	CPCP
Hamilton & District Aquarium Society	HDAS
Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society	KWAS
London Aquaria Society	LAS
Ottawa Amphibian and Reptile Association	OARA
Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society	OVAS
Regina Aquarium Society	RAS
Sarnia Aquarium Society	SarAS
Saskatoon Aquarium Society	SAS
The Greater Victoria Aquaria Society	TGVAS
The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society	SCAAS
Maritime Aquarium Club	MAC
Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society	CKAS
Membership only	
Windsor Aquarium Society	WAS
Betta Breeders Canada	BBC
Peel Regional Aquarium Club	PRAC
Barrie Region Aquarium Society of Simcoe	BRASS
Peter MeLady (Priv)	
No renewal	
Brant Aquarium Society	BAS
Turtle S.H.E.L.L./ Tortue S.H.E.L.L.	TSHELL
Toronto Aquarium Society	TAS



Open Show - Chair Barb Draper

In 2014 there were 5 sanctioned shows. They were hosted by Brant Aquarium Society, London Aquaria Society, Hamilton & District Aquarium Society, Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society and Durham Region Aquarium Society at the CAOAC Convention. All of the shows were attended very well. Overall, 35 hobbyist participated in fish competition. London Aquarium Society had the highest number of members competing throughout the year. It was an extremely tight competition for the annual club challenge award.

The annual winners will be presented with their awards at the CAOAC Convention in Ontario.

JUNIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Gavin Bernard, Brant Aquarium Society

SENIOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Zenin Skomorowski, Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society

CLUB CHALLENGE AWARD - London Aquaria Society

Programs - Chair Ken Boorman

The full list of available programmes has been uploaded to the CAOAC website. I am slowly going through them to write reviews on them all to assist clubs make choices appropriate for their needs. It is my intention to write reviews on all these programmes and I will send them to Ann to upload as I write them. Now that the convention organising is finished, I can devote some time to achieve this goal.



Ways & Means - Chair Annette Bishop

This is my second year as the Ways and Means committee chair. I am enjoying providing snacks and beverages to everyone who comes out to our monthly meetings.

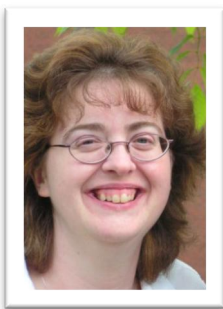
I would like to say a special thank you to Ed Bosker for making such wonderful, hot stews, soups and chilis for us this past year. Everything has been delicious.

I would also like to thank everyone who has assisted in raising funds, by either bringing in a snack, or an item for the raffle table, or just buying tickets for our 50/50 draws or the raffles. Without all of your co-operation, I would find it difficult to raise money to provide our treats.

I started the year off with 0.00 dollars . We have accumulated enough money during the year that I was able to cover the price of having snacks and beverages for all of our monthly meetings, as well as our awards meeting. At this point I have approximately 118.00. I hope to have enough money to cover any expenses for the President's BBQ that will be held in June.

It is also my intention to, once again this year, have money left over to hand over to the treasurer to deposit in the bank. This will be my goal for each year that I am the Ways and Means committee chair.

Once again, thanks for everyone's help and I look forward to seeing some new and regular faces at our monthly meetings.



Annette Bishop
Ways & Means

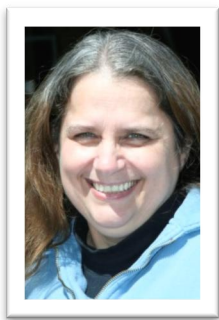
Webmaster - Chair Ann Stevens

Not too much to report here. The website is updated as I am sent information. The calendar is a rolling calendar. What this means is that as a month is past, it is removed. As dates are given to me, they are added.

A link to the Under The Sea Radio Show has been added, as well as Facebook icons to the clubs I'm aware of. If you have a Facebook page and would like it added, please let me know.

PayPal buttons were added this year to ease purchase of convention tickets, etc.

On the links page, I verified all links and removed any that I couldn't find and updated any that were outdated.



Motions - Recording Secretary Ann Stevens

1406-#1 - Peter made a motion to make a \$500 donation to the Durham Club in support of their efforts for the convention. Seconded by Ken. Carried

1406-#2 - Peter made a motion to donate \$1,000 to help with Tim McCaskie's trip for conservation to Madascar. A report will be requested for our newsletter upon his return. Seconded by Ken. Carried. Adjourned at 12:26 by Peter, second by Albert.

1406-#3 - Motion made by Catherine to read:

In order to hold a position on the executive or committee chair or committee member of CAOAC you must be a member through either a CAOAC club or a CAOAC private membership. Seconded by Brian. Vote taken. Carried.

1409-#1 - Proposal was made from the Awards committee to change the qualifications to read:
• In the event that there are no nominations from member clubs for Service and Hobbyist of the Year Awards, the Awards Committee reserves the right to nominate, discuss and award these. Proposal made at the convention meeting by awards committee be accepted. Motion made by Peter seconded Albert. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

2014/2015 Year-end May 1 2015			
1	Treasurer's Report May 1 2015	TD Bank March 31	\$ 10,759.73
2	Cash on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
3	Paypal May 1-2015 \$ 1442.76		
4	Cheque's on hand \$ 0.00		\$ -
5		Sub-total	\$ 10,759.73
6	Cheque's Cashed #181 and cheq charges		\$ -
7	Bank Fees (\$5) and Returns		\$ -
8	Cheque's + cash deposit's (Apr)		\$ 1,078.40
9	Transfers deposit's		\$ -
10		TD Bank Apr 30	\$ 11,838.13
11	Outstanding Cheque's #		
12	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 466.81
13	Working Balance		\$ 11,371.32

Report on Fish Rescue - Chair Tom Mason

May 2015

The fish rescue program became very active in the latter part of the CAOAC fiscal year. Fish were picked up by member clubs from Calgary, Alberta to Port Hope, Ontario. To help find homes for many of these fish, a list of collected and available species was developed and members were encouraged to contact the coordinator to get fish onto the list. The idea was to have the list distributed to member societies so that club members across CAOAC could get first refusal for obtaining available fish. Many people stepped up to help maintain and hold fish until a final adoption site could be found.

Although the "Fish Rescue" program was developed as a cooperative effort, it appears that the only group actively collecting and finding homes for fish coming into the program is CAOAC. Other partners include: the OMNRF, Ontario Anglers and Hunters Association and Toronto Zoo. It is hoped that in the 2015 - 2016 season that a meeting can be arranged with these partners to see where these groups can be more helpful. Of the groups, there has been some educational information developed by the Ontario Anglers and Hunters. This info however has not had much input from the CAOAC and I know of only one club (DRAS) that had a presentation done at their club on the risk of exotic fishes (and plants) as invasive species in our waterway. It will be important to have the "Program" officially recognized by the OMNRF, so no complications in the removal and transfer of species creates problems for CAOAC representatives.

Personally I would like to thank all the members and non-members that helped pick up and house the specimens collected this year. Below is a full list of species collected since records started in February. Any specimens in bold are still available. Unfortunately records only go back to February.

Thank you for all your aid.

Tom Mason

Fishes Collected and Available from Fish Rescue Program

	Species	Number	Size	Disposition
1	Liposarchus disjunctivus	1 (white)	30 cm	
	Common Pleco	3 (normal)	30 - 35 cm	
		3 (normal)	30-35 cm	Big Al's Whitby
		2 (normal)	20 cm	
2	Glyptoperichthys gibbiceps	1	20 cm	
	Sailfin Pleco	2	30 cm	
		1	45 cm	
3	Glyptoperichthys joselimaianus	2	30 cm	
	Reverse Sailfin Pleco			
4	Glyptoperichthys scrophus	1	30 cm	
	Crocodile or Rhino Pleco			
5	Ancistrus sp.	10	2 - 9 cm	Home found private member
6	Clarias batrachus	12	7 - 30 cm	Private members - Big
	Walking Catfish			
7	Carassius auratus	24		Private members
	Goldfish			
8	Cyprinus carpio	4		Private people
9	Tanichthys albonubes	50		
	White cloud Mountain			
10	Myleus rubripinnis	5		Being held in Chatham
	Red hook characin			
11	Piaractus brachypomus	1		Big Al's, Whitby
	Red bellied pacu			
12	Atractosteus spatula ?	1	50 cm	
	Alligator gar (possibly Tropical gar)			
13	Lepisosteus platyrhincus	2	25-30 cm	Big Al's, Whitby
	Florida gar			
14	Notopterus chitala	1	35 cm	Big Al's, Whitby
	Clown Knifefish			
15	Poecilia reticulata	50		
	gold guppies			
16	Poecilia shenops	6		
	Liberty molly			
17	Trichogaster chuna	24		Private people
	Honey gourami			
18	Betta splendens	Group		With Betta Breeders Canada
	Siamese Fighting Fish			
19	Belontia signata	2		
	Comb tailed Paradisefish			
20	Fundulopanchax australe	8		
	Australe killifish			
21	Fundulopanchax gardneri "mamfensis"	7		

	Species	Number	Size	Disposition
22	Aulonocara "red shoulder"	7 (2 males)		
	Red Shouldered Peacock			
23	Aulonocara sp.	1 male		
	Albino peacock			
24	Metriaclima sp.	1 male		Private person
25	Pelvicachromis pulcher	1 female		Private person
	Kribensis			
26	Oreochromis mossambicus	10	15-10cm	
	Mossambique Mouthbrooder			
27	Amatitlania siquia	40		Private Person
	Costa Rican Convict Cichlid			
28	Cryptoheros nanoluteus	10	2- 7 cm	
	Yellow convict			
29	Australoheros sp.	4	2- 8 cm	Private Person
	Chanchito			
30	Astronotus ocellatus	2	25 cm	
	Oscar			
31	Amphilophus labiatus	2 (pair)	18 - 22 cm	
	Red Devil			
32	Pterophyllum scalare	2 (males)	9 cm	
	Specimens in bold available still.			