

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs



Annual Reports 2015 - 2016

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President's Message - Ron Bishop

The convention is here for us all to enjoy and a great line-up of speakers and activities are planned for all to participate. This year's committee has worked very hard to put on a week-end that we won't forget. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends this coming convention.

The London Aquaria Society Convention Committee has worked very hard to have a convention to remember, with a great line up of speakers and a great dinner and a dance with karaoke. So let's get our singing voices all tuned up and party. It is London's 60th Anniversary and they even have the Mayor of London booked to say a few words. At the AGM we have a couple of things to vote on and one is the Bullying and Harassment policy and there is one open position to be voted on and that is 2nd Vice President. All others were acclaimed. A decision has to be made for the CAOAC Convention for 2017. Hamilton has put their name into the running as well as CAOAC.

We had a great turnout and response to the Pet Expo this spring. Thanks to Grant Crossman for his support and donations, we had it all come together. Also he has donated the aquarium set up for the convention as a door prize, once again a special thank you to Grant.

As a group we can teach each other and learn from each other through our own trials and tribulations. So let's all stand tall and be ready to share and learn. So let's have fun in the name of our great hobby.

Here comes the Victoria Day Weekend

Archivist - Chair Paul McIntosh

3 photo albums plus loose packets of pictures and almost 100 slides were digitized onto a DVD for ensure they are not lost. One copy was given to Paul McIntosh, one to Ron Bishop to use for the convention and Ann Stevens has a copy.

Ann Stevens for Paul McIntosh

Aquatic Horticulturalist Directory - Chair Ann Marie Towell

The directory has been found and is being updated with entries by Chatham Kent and Calgary Introduced "First In" certificates for plants.

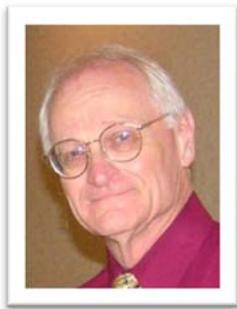


Awards - Chair Peter Melady

As I do every year, I would like to congratulate all those receiving CAOAC Awards this year. There are a total of 7 Achievement Awards being awarded this year, 6 Breeders Awards and 1 Horticultural Award, one of these at the top level. 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 three chose to submit for judging. There are also three 25 Years of Service Awards being handed out. Thank you for your many years of service to our hobby. We are also giving out a Scientist Award.

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 state every year; we can only process what we receive.

Peter Melady



Breeders Directory - Chair Lisa Boorman

CAOAC lists 20 member clubs of which 19 are aquarium clubs. Of these 19 clubs, 8 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' requirements).

Clubs with input and/or updates for '15/'16: Aquarium Society of Winnipeg

Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society

Durham Region Aquarium Society

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society

Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society

Sarnia Aquarium Society

St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society

Windsor Aquarium Society

Any club wishing to participate in the club just needs to email me their monthly BAP records. There have been more clubs reporting lately. This is a trend that we need to encourage.

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

Congratulations to:

2015

Shawn O'Halloran - *Corydoras schultzei* May 2015

Peter Melady - *Betta patoti* Aug 2015

Peter Melady - *Cryptoheros chetumalensis* Aug 2015

Myron & Sharon Iwanochko - *Laetacara araguaiae* Nov 2015

2016

Barry McKee - *Geophagus winemilleri* Feb 2016

Bruce Hart - *Heroina isocytherina* Mar 2016

Charles Drew - *Devario sondhii* Mar 2016



Peter Melady - Benitochromis nigrodorsalis Mar 2016

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.

Lisa Boorman. Apr 2016

Binder - Chair Ann Stevens

As updates are sent, they are made available online in the binder section.

Some updates are:

- Awards section have the 2015 recipients of any awards that were presented at the 2015 convention, where there are none shown, none were awarded
- Open Show forms were made available as a PDF form



FAAS - Chair Ken Boorman

Unfortunately there were no F.A.A.S. Board of Directors meetings in the past year, so no business was transacted that can be reported on. However, the annual Publication Awards for articles and newsletters entries were received and judged. Please consult the webpage for F.A.A.S. if you need any information about the organization.

Ken Boorman - F.A.A.S. Liaison



Fish Rescue

This past year has been an extremely busy year. Calls came in up to three times a week. In past years they calls were closer to five times a year. Unfortunately I failed to keep records this year but I had approximately 50% of my aquariums with rescue fish in them.

At this time, the last of the fish are finding homes and I will be unable to continue on with the program after July 30th, 2016. Please let our partners in this know that the present number on Fish Rescue will no longer be in use. This includes the Ontario Anglers' and Hunters', the OMNRF and Toronto Zoo. It will be important to replace my old number asap and ensure that the partners receive it.

Besides getting much busier than had occurred in the past, the type of fish being rescued also shifted. In the past, the normal rescued species tended to be a large fish that had basically outlasted everything else in the aquarium. The species included: large cichlids, pacu, large plecostomus and koi or goldfish. Representatives of these species did show up but they were a minor part of what was picked up. It was more common to get full tanks and at times colonies of good quality species. There were also tanks of community species including livebearers, tetras and various catfish.

The program also went Canada wide. Most calls were in Ontario. The Chatham club helped out often and were able to find homes for their area which was a great help. London also reported a couple rescues. And there was at least one call taken care of by the Calgary club. Two calls were of particular interest. The first call came from a community in northern Ontario. The person had a koi and a plecostomus. The closest club was Winnipeg. I called people in Winnipeg but had no luck finding a home for them, however the person was able to follow some leads and find a home. The second call came from a gentleman in Alberta. His father lived in Hasting Hot Springs in BC. I found a person in Langley BC that would help. As of yet I have not heard the final disposition for this specimen.

I do apologize for not keeping good records over the past year but I have put a record of species that I remember from the past year. Hopefully CAOAC will continue to help re-home the species through this program.

List of Species passing through Fish Rescue Program over 2015- 2016 Period			
Species		#'s	Disposition
Catfish			
	Common plecostomus	3	private people
	Sailfin Plecostomus	1	private people
	Reverse pattern Sailfin Plecostomus	2	private people
	Spotted Synodontus	2	private person, pet shop
	One-spot Synodontus	1	private person
	Walking catfish	7	private people, pet shops
Livebearers			
	Platies	2	private people

	Guppies	5	private people
Tetras			
	Black neons	3	private people
	Black tetras	2	private people
	Silver dollar	1	pet shop
Cichlids			
	Gold Zebra	2	private people
	Yellow Labidochromis	1 colony	private people
	Frontosa	1 colony	private people
	Moori	1 colony	private people
	Brichardi	1 colony	private people
	convict	1	pet shop
	chanchito	4	private, pet shop
	Mozambique mouthbrooders	colony	pet shop, private people
Barbs			
	Tiger barb	3	private people
	Cherry barb	1	private
	Gold barb	1	private
	Tinfoil barb	2	private, pet shop
Other			
	Koi	8	private people
	Goldfish	colony +1	private people
	Golden orfe	7	private people
	Pearl danio	2	private people
	White cloud mountain	colony	private
	Clown loach	2	private
	Arrowana	1	not known.*
	Red eared slider	2	private
	Yellow Anaconda	1	private
	Corn snake	4	private

* Unknown destination taken care of by London Aquarium Society

These were all animals collected since the last AGM. Several other specimens including a large oscar, and a number of large plecostomus of several species were picked up before the last AGM and dispersed after the AGM. Many of these went to pet shops. One Jack Dempsey with a missing eye, still resides at my house.

As of the week of May 15th, I have a goldfish to pick up in Toronto and three African cichlids to collect from the Brampton OSPCA shelter. Hopefully they will be taken care of soon.

Tom Mason

Futures - Ron Bishop

Ideas + Communication = Growth

For the future plans and ideas for CAOAC, I would like to see more co-operation from all the member clubs. This year we have had a lot of great ideas pass thru the e-mail that I have received and ideas that were brought up at the meetings. Thank to Tom Mason for a great letter that he sent for discussion about a generalized newsletter from which all the clubs send in their club activities and interesting things going on in each and every club, from the East Coast to the West Coast, it would be nice to get the info from outside Ontario and find out what the rest of our member clubs are doing to grow and prosper. Also Al Ridley who had some great thoughts on the future of CAOAC and the aquarium hobby by getting the younger generation into and interested in our hobby. When all this information is passed on to us we are expected to act on it and make things happen.

We had recommendation from revamping the judging of fish to the up to date standards. More communications with the pet industry. Let them understand we are here to assist in their growth as well as ours. Different ideas in making our hobby better for all.

Really I wish that could happen. Our biggest problem is that the executive and the reps that show up for the meetings have lots already on their plates. It would be great if an individual or a committee of hobbyist took the ball and ran with it. Then the ideas could be presented with a plan and options to move forward in a positive direction.

If your club has not sent a rep to the meetings or Skype in you are missing out on all the news and goings on in the association. It opens doors to many with ideas and experiences and we can learn from the expertise of others. The CAOAC website is constantly being upgraded with information about all that CAOAC has to offer all the member clubs.

Ron Bishop

President

CAOAC

Judges - Chair Brian Glazier

The Judges Committee has held no Meetings during the past years.

We have not received any applications from persons wanting to be Apprentice Judges.

In late April 2016, the chairman received two applications from a certified CAOAC Judge from the western region recommending TWO (2) persons for judge's certification. A meeting in the near future will be set up to go over the applications.

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)

Ken Ealey (Edmonton)

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

	Votes	2016
ACE	2	Aquarium Club of Edmonton
ASW	1	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg
CAS	2	Calgary Aquarium Society
CAOAC		Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs
DRAS	2	Durham Region Aquarium Society
CPCP	1	Forest City Pond Club
HDAS	2	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society
KWAS	2	Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society
LAS	1	London Aquaria Society
OVAS	2	Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society
RAS	1	Regina Aquarium Society
SarAS	1	Sarnia Aquarium Society
SAS	2	Saskatoon Aquarium Society
TGVAS	1	The Greater Victoria Aquaria Society
SCAAS	2	The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society
CKAS	1	Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society
BRASS	1	Barrie Region Aquarium Society of Simcoe
WAS	1	Windsor Aquarium Society
Membership only		
OARA	1	Ottawa Amphibian and Reptile Association
BBC	1	Betta Breeders Canada
PRAC	1	Peel Region Aquarium Club

Total **28**

No renewals		
BAS		Brant Aquarium Society
TSHELL		Turtle S.H.E.L.L./ Tortue S.H.E.L.L.
TAS		Toronto Aquarium Society
MAC	1	Maritime Aquarium Club



Newsletter - Chair Ann Stevens

The monthly newsletter (with the exception of July and August) has been sent out to all that I have a contact email address for. If you are not receiving it, you can either email me ann.stevens11@gmail.com or all newsletters are uploaded to the CAOAC website.

I have tried adding some articles of interest, to entice you to read the newsletter.

It was also suggested that since some clubs do not have a newsletter, and members would like to have their articles published, they can send their articles to me to be included in the monthly newsletter.

If you have some suggestions of what you'd like to see included, please send me an email and let me know.

If you have some ideas and would like to take over the publishing of the newsletter, talk to me, I'm open for the change.

Open Show - Chair Barb Draper

The fish show season for 2015 was represented by 4 fish shows. The CAOAC convention show had the most entries with 175 being the largest show. KVAS had the most entrants in a show with 20 people participating from 7 different clubs. Overall, the shows were represented by 35 participants from 8 different fish clubs as well as a few without any club representation. Of the participants, only 2 were entered in all 4 fish shows. KVAS had the highest number of participating members overall in the shows however The Club challenge award for most points earned at all the shows was achieved by LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY. The high aggregate award for most points earned throughout the fish show season was achieved by Bob Steele - LAS.

The award for most points earned in the Betta categories was Catherine Salmon

We had 2 juniors competing in the junior categories. The high aggregate junior award for most points was achieved by Shawn O'Halloran Jr.

Best of luck to everyone at this year's upcoming fish shows.

Programs - Chair Ken Boorman

This year there were only a few instances of clubs requesting DVDs for showing at their meetings. Each request was handled immediately and in each case the DVDs reached their destinations in time for those meetings. All DVDs were returned.

There are a lot of DVDs in the C.A.O.A.C. Programmes Library and I intend on going through them in the future and condense the collection to a manageable level by removing titles not relevant to our needs (like shows on whales, etc.)

Ken Boorman



Ways & Means - Chair Annette Bishop

I would like to thank everyone who donated items for our raffles throughout the year. Thank you to all of the people who participated in the raffles, and 50/50 draws and made cash donations. I would especially like to thank Ed Bosker for all of the wonderful hot dishes that he prepared for us to enjoy at the monthly meetings.

This year has gone very quickly for me. I have enjoyed being a part of the CAOAC team. I was able to use the ways & means funds to pay for treats at all of the monthly meetings, as well as the awards meeting. Ways & means will also be able to pay for the snacks for the hospitality suite at the convention and the year-end President's BBQ. I will be purchasing a kettle so that we can have hot drinks such as tea as well as coffee for next year.

As of the end of April the ways & means funds are sitting just over \$200.00, and hopefully, as I have in the past, I will have some money to put into the CAOAC bank account after all is said and done.

Thanks again to everyone who has participated in events this year, and I look forward to being able to be a part of this team again next year.

Annette Bishop

Ways & Means



Webmaster - Chair Ann Stevens

The website continues to be updated as I receive updates. Some updates have been:

- Club events are added to the calendar, including future years
- Club membership is updated as per information sent to the Membership Chair or directly to me
- Convention updates
- Membership application now available as PDF forms
- Speakers pages were updated with info
- Links page new ones added

If you would like to take over the webmaster, and have some ideas on how it can be changed, please let me know.



Motions - Recording Secretary Ann Stevens

2015-12-01

Albert made a motion to help Barrie with the insurance for a one year period. Seconded Ken. Carried.

2015-12-02

The insurance Cost for all Clubs is \$90 dollars per Million, with the basic coverage being \$2,000,000. Durham now requires \$5,000,000 where they hold their meetings. In order that Durham pays the same that would be $5 \times \$90 = \450 + membership. Albert made a motion to pay the difference of $\$450 - \$180 = \$270$, seconded by Peter. It is one of the things we can do for clubs when there is money in the bank.

2016-01-03

Ken made a motion to support the ANGFA request for Preservation of the species and to help with the research in the amount of \$200 Canadian. Ann seconded. Carried.

2016-02-04

Motion made by Peter to adopt the KWAS Violence and Harassment Policy amended to reflect CAOAC wording. Seconded by Albert. To be included in the newsletter for 2 months and voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

2016-04-05

Ann made a motion to read "Incorporate a first in award in the AHD to consist of a certificate as of January 2016." Peter Melady seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

May-03 -2016

1	Treasurer's Report Apr 29 2016	TD Bank March 31-2016	\$ 9,637.30
2	Cheque's Cashed #		\$ -
3	Bank Fees (Apr)		-\$ 4.95
4	Cheque's + cash deposit's ()		\$ -
5	Transfers deposit's ()		\$ -
6		TD Bank Apr 29-2016	\$ 9,632.35
7	Outstanding Cheque's #		\$ -
8	Paypal May 03-2016		\$ 2,812.58
9	Cash on hand (0)		\$ -
10	Cheque's deposit		\$ -
11	Expenses committed +/-		\$ -
12	In Trust For London Club		-\$ 2,812.58
13	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 466.81
14	Working Balance		\$ 9,165.54