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President's Message

November 17, 2013

And here we are again, with the end of one year in the rear view mirror and a new year on the horizon. It's time to enjoy and celebrate the achievements of the past 12 months; and time to look ahead and plan our next 12 months.

The CAOAC 2014 dues and insurance deadline is December 8th. This is also the annual CAOAC Pot-luck Holiday Party and the last Executive and General meeting of the 2013 calendar year. Please plan to attend and bring a dish or dessert to share. The meeting is short and the wishes are happy and hearty!!

The CAOAC Award nominations for 2013 should be almost ready for submission. The deadline for Author Awards is December 8th. We have numerous deserving article writers in our clubs and I would hope that they have been nominated for recognition. All other Award nominations may be submitted at any time, with a deadline of Sunday, February 9th, 2014. (Sound like a lot of time??? Not really!!!)

The 2013 CAOAC Newsletter Award submissions are due within the next 60 days, deadline of January 30th. Send your club's newsletters from 2013 (electronically) to kingfish51@verizon.net, with a note that they are for the CAOAC Newsletter Award consideration. Also send a notice to Award Chair Peter Melady that your club has applied for the Award. It is that simple!!! Club Newsletters are the communication link from member to member and club to club. This Award is a token of recognition to those that care enough to spend time and effort for every club member's benefit: your club's Newsletter Editor.

The 2013 CAOAC Web Award is a review of each and all member club Websites. There is no need to apply for this award. All websites are evaluated in the month of January, unless your club opts out due to technical problems.



President's Message

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SO: There are a lot of snowflakes outside today...a perfect day to send out those 10 club newsletters for award consideration. The Newsletter Editor does a great job for 10 months of the year...and it will take only 10 minutes to nominate him/her for the Newsletter Recognition Award. It's electronic! It's simple!!

More snowflakes... a perfect day to gather documentation for a service award nomination by the club's Executive. There is at least one person in each club that deserves to be nominated and considered and most clubs have several key individuals that have given time, effort and energy to their club, the hobby and/or CAOAC. Award nomination forms are on the website. Use them! It's fast and easy! Think of your hobby and those that have given of their time to make it more enjoyable for everyone.



Happy Holidays! Enjoy the season with family and friends. Remember that time is the precious gift that no one can keep.

Claudia

Executive Attendance

Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
1 st VP	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Skype
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Skype
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Also In Attendance:	Ed Bosker (HDAS)	Annette Bishop (LAS)
Peter Melady (SAS)		

Executive Meeting November 17, 2013

Called to order at 11:10 by Ron Bishop (Vice-President) at Optimist Hall, Waterdown.

Minutes:

Correction, Annette's email re-bagging was regarding plecocs not catfish.

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter with the above mentioned correction by Albert, seconded by Ken.



Executive Minutes

October 2013

Treasurer's Report (October 19, 2013)		TD Bank (August 30, 2013)	\$ 11,294.76
1	Treasurer's Report Nov 16, 2013	TD Bank Sept 30	\$ 11,294.76
2	Cash on hand \$60.00		\$ -
3	Paypal \$494.61		\$ -
4	Cheques on hand \$540.00		\$ -
5	Total \$ 1094.61	Sub-total	\$ 11,294.76
6	Cashed Cheque # 160 re red rocked stick		-\$ 140.91
7	Cash deposit		\$ -
8	Cheques deposit		\$ -
9		TD Bank Oct 31	\$ 11,153.85
10	Outstanding Cheque #		
11	Terry Little Memorial Fund		-\$ 625.00
12	Working Balance		\$ 10,528.85

Executive Meeting

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Business Arising:

The issue of reimbursing Ann-Marie for the sponsoring at last year's convention was raised. Ann-Marie to verify that the sponsorship was for CAOAC and not for Bob Wright personally. If it is determined it was for a CAOAC sponsorship, reimbursement will follow.

Web hosting, Albert contacted Phil in regards to the billing. Phil advised he will notify Around KW in regards to Albert's address for future billing.

The rocket stick payment was for 7 months, March to September 2013.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Ken seconded by Ann.

Correspondence:

Only contact as corresponding secretary is a company that wants to produce our newsletter (and then possibly charge us later).

Ron received an email from Jaret in regards to Toronto-Willowdale Aquarium Society. They are looking for assistance because they are struggling. After some discussion, some suggestions were made in regards to possibly changing date of meetings, do some fundraising with assistance from other clubs. More info will be discussed when Jaret joins the regular meeting.

New Business:

Ann-Marie will send info in regards to charging tax at auctions that was shared with her.

Adjourned at 11:59

Motion to accept the minutes by Albert, seconded by George.

Some people have not been receiving the newsletter with the minutes. A couple of emails were checked and Ann will send updated email addresses to Lorraine.



Committee Chairs		
Position	Name	Absent/Present
President	Claudia Carthew (SCAAS)	Absent
1 st VP	Ron Bishop (LAS)	Present
2 nd VP	Ken Boorman (CKAS)	Absent
Corresponding Secretary	Ann-Marie Towell (CAS)	Absent
Recording Secretary	Ann Stevens (HDAS)	Present
Treasurer	Albert Van Montfort (HDAS)	Present
Past President	Bob Wright (BAS)	Absent
Club	Name	
Brantford AS	Barb Draper	
Durham Region AS	Barry McKee	George Banavage
Kitchener-Waterloo AS	Zenin Skomorowski	
London AS	Annette Bishop	
Peel AS	Haydn Pounder	
Sarnia AS	Peter Melady	
St, Catharines	Phil Barrett	
Toronto Willowdale AS	Jaret Voce (Skype)	
Guests:	Ed Bosker	
General Meeting		

Called to order at 12:15 by Vice-President Ron.

Treasurers report:

See Executive meeting for details of the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Barry seconded by Annette.

Business Arising from Executive Meeting:

In regards to the email Ron received from Jaret, he was able to voice his concerns in relation to the email. They need to have speakers and some content for the meetings to encourage people to attend. Some suggestions were to possibly change to a Saturday. Zenin suggested looking at other clubs' newsletters re: their guest speakers for ideas. Ron offered April 9 to speak. Who to contact in regards to sponsorships. Zenin advised he had a speaker from Hagen to the meeting in regards to lighting. He suggested contacting Jesse Deluca from Hagen in Montreal. Ann will send the name she has from Hagen by email to Jaret. Ron suggested contacting North Fin, Angel Fins, Martin Foods and Shrimp FAnn will check where are the programs are currently located and get back to him. A discussion later in the meeting took place and Haydn said Peel has sent an email indicating they would be willing to help them hold an auction to help them raise some money.

ever. Ron will send the info to him. Ann will ensure he gets a copy of the CD.



General Meeting

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Committee Chairs:

Title	Name	First	Second
AHD	Ann Marie Towell	Absent	
Awards	Peter Melady	Present	
Breeders	Lisa Boorman	Absent	
Binder	Ann Stevens	Present	
FAAS	Ken Boorman	Skype	
Judges	Ron Bishop	Present	
Membership	Albert van Montfort	Present	
Open Show	Barb Draper	Present	
Programs	Richard Carthew	Absent	
Steering	Richard Cathew	Absent	
Ways & Means	Annette Bishop	Present	
Webmaster	John Van Rompu	Absent	

AHD: - nothing to report

Awards:– Ray Lucas has agreed to judge the newsletter and website. Deadline for the newsletter submission is the January meeting. Please advise Peter when you have submitted your newsletter to Ray. Newsletters can be sent at any time from now on. Contact Peter for contact information. Authors and Advanced Authors award are due at the December meeting. Other awards deadline is at February meeting, but please do not leave it until the last minute. They can be sent earlier. This is best, in case something needs to be asked prior to the meeting. Updated forms have not been updated on the web yet.

Binder: – Not aware of any further updates. All updates sent to Ann were forwarded directly to John, the webmaster. The question about references to page numbers was raised. Barb indicated she removed them, since there isn't really a paper copy. Peter will update his sections removing page references.

Breeders: – no report.

FAAS: – nothing to report

Judges: – Nothing yet to report with his personal move. Trying to get email list of all the judges to find out who is still interested. The question was raised if Ed Koerner was a judge. He is still apprenticing. There are still further requirements before he is considered a Judge.



Memberships: – New club from Windsor have paid and looking to be a part of CAOAC. They will be voted on at the January, along with all other clubs. Albert was asked what we cover with regards to the insurance. Ann suggested sending policy to her and she get it translated into everyday language from colleges at work.



General Meeting

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Shows:– Has most of the points for the year. The western club was discussed as to whether it was sanctioned. It was determined that emails from Barb were not replied to and money was not received. Barb will follow up for clarification.

Ways & Means: - Annette is trying something different today with a 50/50 draw. So far today is \$10 for CAOAC and for the winner. Annette needs to know who will be bringing items for the next meeting which is pot luck.

Club Reports

Brantford – They have been advertising trying to increase membership. They may have a pot luck in December, if enough are going to be in attendance.

Calgary - We just had elections and got some fresh new faces. Our speaker, show and auction weekend is March 15 and 16th with both Mike Hellweg and Birgir Kamprath speaking. We are at 62 members.

Chatham-Kent - The last meeting of the Chatham Kent Aquarium Society was special - we had our dinner speaker, Ted Judy, give a talk just for our members. He raised some important points to consider about genetic diversity in Species Maintenance Programmes (such as C.A.R.E.S.) and the importance of keeping as genetically diverse breeding group as possible. Speaking of Ted Judy'd talk; we just missed out on having a financially successful evening. If another 5 people had attended, we might have broken even - another 7 and we would definitely have shown a profit.

Our December meeting is our annual pot-luck social gathering and January is a month we don't meet for weather reasons. I look forward to 2014 and anticipate further club growth.

Durham – Had the annual giant auction at the last meeting in November and was very successful. It was very crowded and pictures have been updated on Facebook. December is the pot luck. Social dinner is February 22 with more info to come; ticket price will also be the same \$25. The location will be somewhere else due to policy changes at the zoo. Aquariana is on the website, April 6 with same format \$1 per bag.

Hamilton - We had a nice dinner, with a great speaker. There were approximately 42 tickets sold. Tom Mason was at the regular meeting. The auction is scheduled for Oct 4, 2014. Phone number on CAOAC website for Carla should read 905-515-3771. Barb asked about a rumour of a bus trip to Ripley's Aquarium. Albert said he will advise when it's formalized.

Kitchener - Our September guest presenter was Dr. Sandra Fazakas, an animal veterinarian specializing in aquatic medicine. She spoke about working in a Shark Research Laboratory, recently starting a consultation fish practice, and her work with Ripley's Aquarium of Canada in Toronto. Our October guest presenter was Peter DeSouza speaking on Killifish, especially for our hard water here in Kitchener-Waterloo. Our November presenter was Jesse De Luca from Hagen in Montreal speaking on their new Fluval brand LED lighting.

Our annual Oktoberfish Show and Auction was held on Sunday October 27 in Waterloo. There were over 200 people in attendance with the auction finishing around 5pm. There were 219 entries in the show from 23 entrants, including 3 juniors. Congratulations to The Draper Family from Brantford for being awarded "Best in Show".



Club Reports

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The KWAS Face book page has 300 “Likes” and was visited by over 800 people in the last two weeks.

London – The LAS had their November meeting on the 12th. Zenin did a talk on photography. It was very informative and enjoyable. Wish we could have had more time.

On the second of November Ron and I moved to our new home. Many of our club members turned up to help us out. I don't know what we would have done without them! I can't thank any of the people who helped us enough! Ron did feed them though! A special thanks to Tony for coming all the way from Brantford and offering his truck driving expertise! We are still moving fish and other aquaria related items. We need to get rid of a lot.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas pot luck. The club will be supplying drinks and pizza. We will have draws for prizes. We won't be having a jar show, but will still have our regular auction.

Peel – Auction with the new format with 896 lots with pre-registration. The average price was over \$6. They are planning at making some minor changes for next year to smooth over some of the bumps. They are looking at purchasing a scanner out of the proceeds of the auction for next year. Haydn also reported the club is in support of CAOAC assisting the Toronto-Willowdale club, in regards to the email their also received from Jaret.

Sarnia – Elections were held with a new executive. Next meeting is the Christmas pot luck with awards. It was discussed having a show and was turned down due to lack of people. Ron advised Peter to let Sarnia know that they could get help run the show if they want.

St. Catharines - our November program featured Tom Mason and Tom Lamb presenting a program on fresh water shrimp. For December we will have our Christmas party.

A special thank you to Chatham-Kent, London and Kitchener-Waterloo clubs for sending their club reports in advance via email. Also, thank you to Ann-Marie for sending her club report and executive reports, and Albert for this Treasurer's report in advance. It's much appreciated.

For more information in regards to events listed above, please check their website or members.

Old Business

Convention 2014

The date is May 16-18 weekend. They have been dealing with Humber College for the venue. They are still in negotiations with Humber regarding pricing. Gary Lange's club is hosting the ALA on the same weekend, so will not be able to attend. Conservation and Madagascar is the main forces. They are trying to get Paul Loiselle as a speaker.

New Business

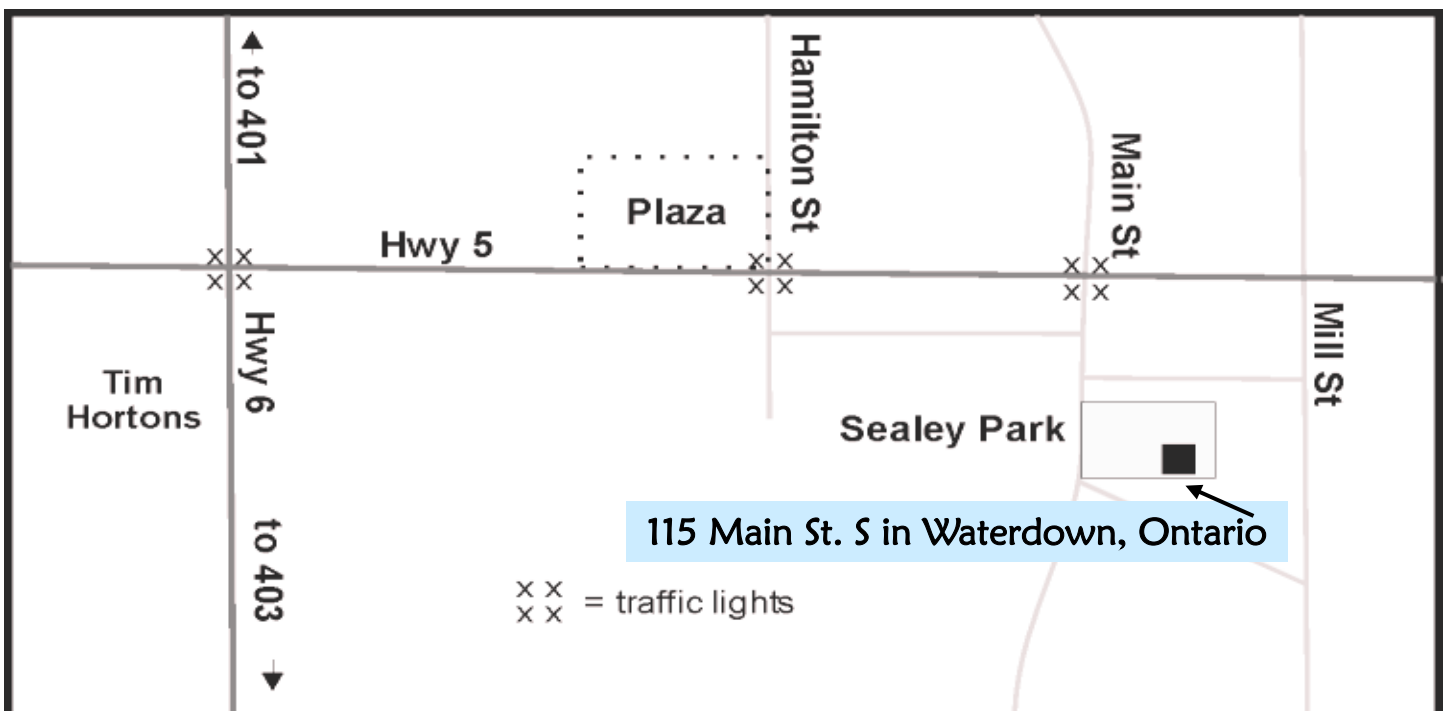
Ron attended the Windsor club. They want to be a part of CAOAC. Ron said they are really excited about forming the club. They interviewed Ron after he gave his talk. Their meetings are held on a Sunday, day after Chatham-Kent's, so as not to conflict with Chatham-Kent.

50/50 draw was won by Haydn.

Motion to adjourn by Peter. Meeting adjourned at 2:31.

QUICK REFERENCE FOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

RECOGNITION AWARDS		
NAME OF AWARD	AWARD	REQUIREMENTS
Author	Plaque	By his/her articles, contributed to the betterment of the Hobby. Long standing editors will be considered.
Advanced Author	Plaque	By his/her outstanding articles, contributed to the betterment of the hobby. For both, articles and reprints must be submitted.
Hobbyist of the Year	Plaque	Contributed immensely to the betterment of the hobby over the past year
Junior Hobbyist of the Year	Plaque	Time and energy to advance themselves in the hobby over the past year
Service	Plaque	Time and energy over extended period of time to benefit C.A.O.A.C.
Scientist	Plaque	Contributed scientifically to advancement in the field of Ichthyology
25 Years of Service	Plaque	25 years of continuous service to C.A.O.A.C. OR 25 years of combined continuous service to club and/or C.A.O.A.C.
40 Years of Service	Plaque	40 years of continuous service to CAOAC OR 40 years of combined continuous service to club and/or CAOAC
Newsletter	Plaque	Presented annually to a club's editor for the best newsletter published in the past year
Webmaster	Plaque	Presented annually to a club's webmaster for the best website in the past year



OPEN SHOW COMPETITIVE AWARDS

NAME OF AWARD	CRITERIA	TYPE	KEEPER
Champion of Champions	Individual with the most points through the year	Revolving	C.A.O.A.C.
Junior Champion of Champions	< 16 years old with most points through the year	Revolving	C.A.O.A.C.
Challenge Award	Club with most points through the year	Revolving	C.A.O.A.C. 2002
Betta Award	Individual with the most "Betta" points through the year	Revolving	Ed Petrie until 1986 Frank Buhagiar until 1997 C.A.O.A.C. 2002
Best Livebearer	Best at the Convention Show	Revolving	Usually from host club
Best Egglayer	Best at the Convention Show	Revolving	Usually from host club
Best of Show	Best at the Convention Show	Revolving	Usually from host club
Centennial	Club with the most points at the Convention show	Revolving	No keeper

NAME OF AWARD	POINTS	NUMBER OF SPECIES	CLASSES
Aquatic Horticulturalist	50	4	B C D
Advanced Aquatic Horticulturalist	120	12	2C 2D 1E
Expert Aquatic Horticulturalist	250	30	2D 2E 1F
Master Aquatic Horticulturalist	500	40	3D 2E 2F 1G
Grand Master Aquatic Horticulturalist	1000	80	3 lectures
NOTE: This page has been created as a "Quick Reference Guide", for details, please refer to the actual sections for the Award applying for.			OR 3 photo essays
			OR an article of identification 2000 words for publication



Want to participate in the meeting??

Can't make a meeting in person but would like to attend via Skype. You can, just look up Ann Stevens our Recording Secretary and add her to your list. Search for user Nov18angel and then let Ann know prior to the meeting, and she will sign onto Skype and accept your call.

NAME OF AWARD	GENERAL	KILLIES	AFRICAN RIFT LAKE CICHLIDS	LIVE-BEARER	CHARACINS	CATFISH	CICHLIDS (Other than Rift Lake)
Basic Merit Award	6 species of fish 3 different egg-laying species	10 species of Killifish 2 separate classes	12 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids	12 species of Live-bearers	8 species of Characins	8 species of Catfish	10 species of Cichlids 2 different Genera
Intermediate Merit Award	17 species of fish categories: Cichlids; Killies Anabantids; Livebearers; Minnows; Tetras; Barbs; Catfish; Inverts (variance of 3)	20 species of Killifish 4 separate classes	36 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids 10 - class B 6 - class C 1 - class D	25 species of Live-bearers 2 families maximum of 18 per family	15 species of Characins	15 species of Catfish. 2 different families	20 species of Cichlids 5 different Genera & 2 different geographical areas
Advanced Merit Award	37 species of fish Categories as above plus 4 target fish (variance of 6)	40 species of Killifish 6 separate classes	50 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids 12 - class C 4 - class D	50 species of Live-bearers 3 families maximum of 35 per family plus 2 target fish	25 species of Characins plus 1 target fish	25 species of Catfish. 3 different families and 5 Genera.	40 species of Cichlids 10 different Genera & 3 different geographical areas
Senior Merit Award	75 species of fish No more than 10 live-bearers. 10 target fish	75 species of Killifish 8 separate classes	75 species of African Rift Lake Cichlids 14 - class C 7 - class D	75 species of Live-bearers 4 families maximum of 60 plus 5 target fish	40 species of Characins plus 5 target fish	40 species of Catfish. 4 different families and 6 Genera.	75 species of Cichlids 4 different geographical areas

APPLICATION FOR C.A.O.A.C. MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE

CLUB NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ CLUB WEBSITE _____

MEETING DATES & TIMES: _____ MEETING PLACE: _____

NAME OF PUBLICATION: _____ NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

MONTH OF CLUB ELECTIONS: _____

The CAOAC newsletter is available each month on the web site and will be emailed to the club President at the address listed below. To add more people to the email list, please contact the CAOAC newsletter editor.

The following information is used to update CAOAC records, the Club information page (www.caoac.ca), and is also shared by the respective chairpersons in CAOAC.

PRESIDENT: _____ BAP CHAIRPERSON: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ EMAIL: _____

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: _____ HAP CHAIRPERSON: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ EMAIL: _____

60 MEMBERS OR LESS is \$60

LIABILITY INSURANCE IS \$180

OVER 60 MEMBERS IS \$90

PRIVATE MEMBERSHIP IS \$20

If you need another party such as a school board listed on the insurance policy, please put their full name on the lines below.

Memberships: For CAOAC purposes, a member is defined as any paid up member such as but not restricted to Junior, Adult or Family. A Family membership is considered to be one membership even if there are ten people in that family.

New Memberships: A pro-rated formula applies as follows. Divide the fee by 10 months and multiple by the number of months remaining in the membership year (July & August are not counted). Example; If you join in March then it is $\$6 \times 7 \text{ months} = \42 for a club of 60 members or less. If you join after June you must also pay for the following year in advance at the current rate.

Liability Insurance: Two million-dollar third party liability insurance is available to Canadian clubs only. It must be purchased at the time of membership and runs for the calendar year.

This form and all fees MUST be received by the Membership Chair no later than the December CAOAC meeting (2nd Sunday of Dec.) preceding the start of the membership year. Cheques may be post-dated to January 1st of the membership year.

If Pay Pal is used email the form to avanmont@shaw.ca

Make the cheque payable to **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AQUARIUM CLUBS** (Must be written out in full) (not CAOAC) and send to: Albert van Montfort, Membership Chairperson, 298 Hawkrigde Ave., Hamilton, ON. L9C 3L2

C.A.O.A.C. Events Calendar

October

27 - Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society Oktoberfish, Kitchener, Ontario. Please note room location has been changed to the basement this year.

November

- 2 - Tropical Fish Club of Erie County - Auction only -
- 3 - Peel Region Aquarium Society Auction.
- 9 - Chatham-Kent Aquarium Society presents a Dinner and Guest Speaker - Ted Judy, Chatham Ontario.
- 10 - St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society - Fall Auction -
- 16 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society presents a Dinner & Guest Speaker - Mark Denaro, Waterdown, Ontario.
- 17 - 11:00 a.m. - CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario.
- 17 - 12:00 a.m. - CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario.

December

- 8 - 11:00 a.m. CAOAC Executive Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario
- 8 - 12:00 a.m. CAOAC General Meeting, Waterdown, Ontario

2014

March

March 22 - Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Show and Auction, Waterdown ON

29 - Brant Aquarium Society, Annual Spring Show & Auction

April

- 6 - Durham & Region Aquarium Society, Aquariana Show & Auction
- 12 - Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction

May

- 4 - London Aquaria Society, Spring Auction, Dorchester, Ontario -
- 16-18 - CAOAC Convention hosted by Durham & Region Aquarium Society



Did you know that these awards are available from CAOAC?

Recognition: Authors/Advanced Authors
Hobbyist of the Year
Junior Hobbyist of the Year
Service
25 & 40 Year Service Awards

Achievement: General and Specialty Breeders Awards

Aquatic Horticulturalist Awards

Details, deadlines and Application Forms are on the CAOAC Website www.caOac.ca