

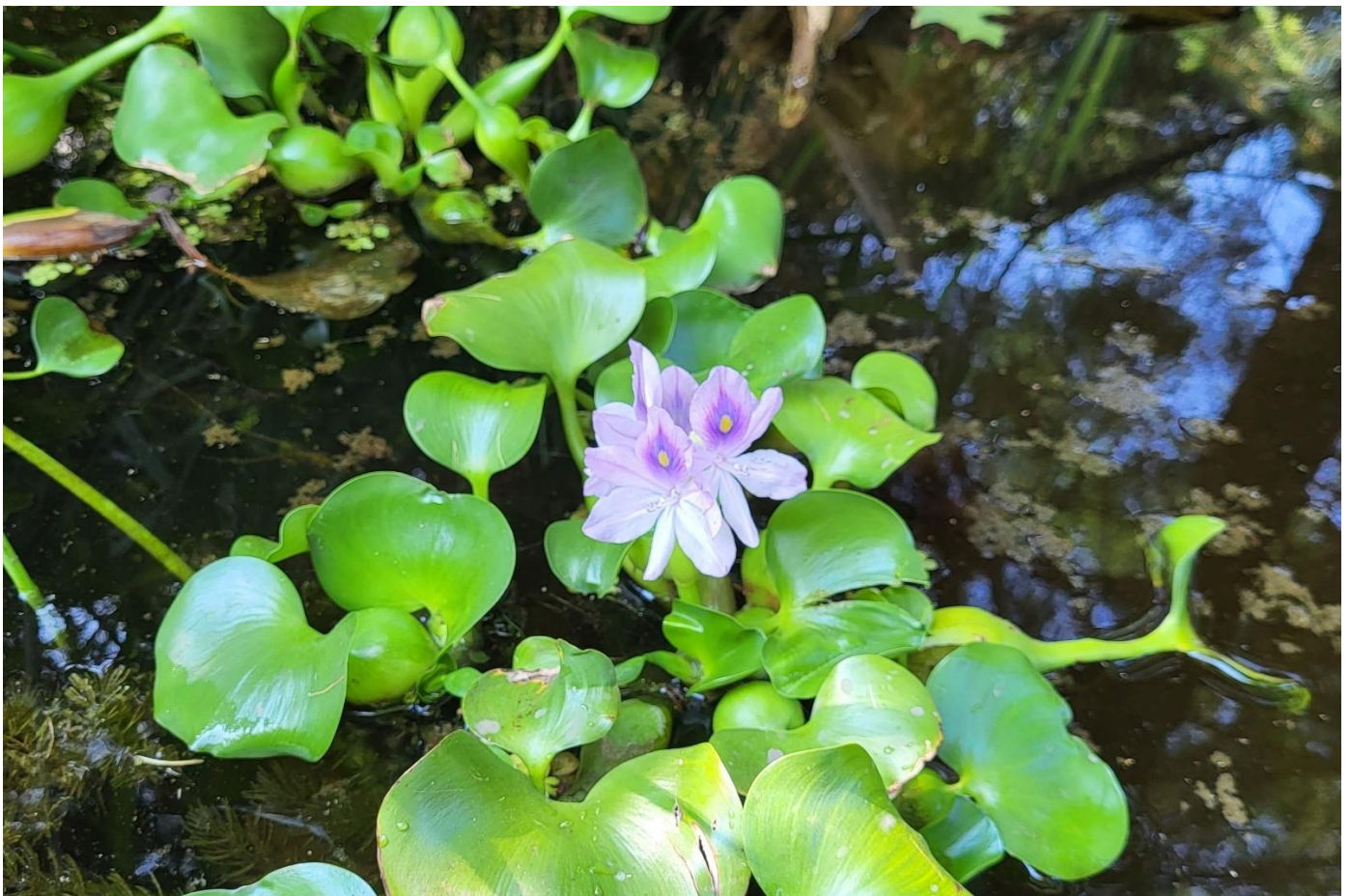
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KWAS Mission Statement

The Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society is a non-profit organization established in 1960 whose primary goals are to:

- Further the hobby and study of tropical fish and related endeavours.
- Inspire the preservation of aquatic life.
- Maintain a meeting place for its members.
- Promote fellowship among its members.
- Seek out and establish a kinship with other clubs with similar objectives

KWAS is a charter member of CAOAC: The Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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Welcome

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Web and Facebook Team: Zenin Skomorowski, **need more volunteers**



Website: www.kwas.ca

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/KitchenerWaterlooAquariumSociety>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KitchenerWaterlooAquariumSociety>

Monthly meeting is the first Tuesday of September to June at 7:30

Location is the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex, Community Pavilion,
101 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

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President's Notes:



Your President Kathleen de Leeuw kathleen.breau@outlook.com

Editor's Notes:

I need content.

Please take a photo of your fish and/or aquarium and send it to me at the email address below or to kwasexecutive@gmail.com with a bit of a description, thanks.

This month, I have featured **Janet Tam's** Water Hyacinth in her Pond on the cover and **Rein Breitmaier's** 65 gallon planted aquarium on the back page. Thank you all for your submissions. Everyone wants to see what is going on in your aquariums 😊 If you need assistance writing an article or are having issues trying to take a photo of your fish, please let me know, and I will help you get a good result ...



Your Newsletter Editor Zenin zenins1982@hotmail.com



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KWAS General monthly meeting minutes 6 June 2023

Executive present: Zenin Skomorowski, Felicia Pollard, Glenn Roberts, Emily Benham

BOD Present: David De Leeuw, Terry Clemens, Rita Duchesne, Andrew Duchesne, Janet Tam

Regrets: Kathleen Breau

Called meeting to order at 7:32 PM

People present – 39

Guests – 0

Meeting notes:

- Please get here at 7PM if you are showing items or planning on bringing items to the auction
- Upcoming events
- Shop Hop – Jul 7, 2023
- Possible summer picnic in August
- Next speaker – West African cichlids – Haydn Pounder
- CAOAC Convention Sept 16 and 17
- Sunday Oct 22, 2023 – Oktoberfish
- See you in September!

Guest speaker: None

Pizza and soft drinks for everyone courtesy KWAS

Mini Show – Cyprinids and AOV

- 15 entries by 7 people

Raffle Completed

Auction Completed

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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June 13, 2023 – Business Meeting Minutes

Executive present: Felicia Pollard, Kathleen Breau, Emily Benham, Zenin Skomorowski, Glenn Roberts

BOD Present: David De Leeuw, Rita Duchesne, Andrew Duchesne, Janet Tam

Regrets: Terry Clemens,

Called meeting to order at 7:34 PM

Guests – None

Motion to approve general meeting minutes: Zenin - Motion: Andrew seconded

Motion to approve business meeting minutes: Zenin Motion: Andrew seconded

Treasurer's Report:

- Nothing to report
- Summary to be published

Future Business Meetings: via zoom, Possible in person meeting in the future

Correspondence:

- Received a couple requests in KWA Exec Gmail looking to rehome fish

Programs:

- September – Haydn Pounder on West African Cichlids
- October – Oktoberfish – quick presentation on Oktoberfish, also a water consultant on RO systems
- November – Peter DeSouza – Collecting in Cameroon
- December – Year end Social and awards

Shop Hop – July 2023

- Information has been published
- 12 members have responded and several are bringing other people with them

Summer BBQ/Picnic –

- 5 members have responded so far with a +1
- Number is not that big, so may hold it at Zenin's
- Date in August

Newsletter:

- Always looking for content – needing articles and photos

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Web:

- Nothing new
- Zenin to update on membership page fee structure

Social Media:

- New people joining Facebook group – some not answering questions

Exchanges:

- Going well, nothing to update

CARES:

- Nothing to report

CAOAC:

- Looking for people to help with Pet Expo in Sept
- Aquascaping competition for individuals at Pet Expo
- Also asking for clubs to submit display tanks/show tank for the Pet Expo

Membership:

- Nothing new to report – no new members last month
- Zenin will update email distribution of the newsletter

Pet Store:

- Rainforest pets emphasizing that KWAS members do get a discount there
- Zenin will bring stickers on shop hop to provide to stores that are supporting us

Raffle:

- We have prizes for the next few months

Auction:

- Going well – nothing to report

BAP/HAP:

- Nothing to report

Mini Show:

- Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

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About a dozen KWAS members went on the Shop Hop on Saturday 8 July 2023.

Shop Hop addresses:

1. Big Al's Aquarium Services 850 Dundas St E, Mississauga
2. Discount Dragon Aquarium 888 Dundas St E, Mississauga
3. Mississauga Aquarium 1125 Dundas St E, Mississauga
4. Tails and Scales 3466 Dundas St W, Toronto
5. Kangen Fish Aquatics 1400 Aimco Blvd Unit #2, Mississauga
6. Finatics Aquarium 6200 Dixie Rd #105, Mississauga
7. Wild Fish Aquarium 51 McMurphy Ave S, Brampton



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Upcoming Events:

KWAS meeting Tuesday 5 Sept 2023 at 7:30pm

Haydn Pounder on West African Cichlids

KWAS Executive meeting Tuesday 12 Sept 2023 at 7:30pm

CAOAC Convention 2023 Sept 16 - 17

Sarnia Auction Sept 23

Barrie Regional Aquarium Society of Simcoe Auction Oct 1

Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Auction Oct 14

Kitchener Waterloo Oktoberfish Show and Auction Oct 22

Check the CAOAC calendar on Facebook for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057051497861>



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Check nearby club's Facebook Pages or websites for updates on events as well as the CAOAC calendar on Facebook for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057051497861>



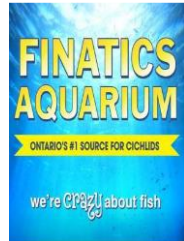
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- Terry Clements Tropical Fever Fergus Ontario tropicalfever@hotmail.ca
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- Moonflower Craft Boutique Owned by Kathleen De Leeuw moonflowercraftboutique@outlook.com
<https://www.facebook.com/moonflowercraftboutique>
- Pet Paradise Express Cambridge 124 Bishop St N #2 Cambridge, ON N3H 2K1 519-653-0777
<https://www.mypetparadise.ca> <https://www.facebook.com/petparadisecambridge>



- ShrimpFever 210 Silver Star Blvd, Unit 801 Scarborough, Ontario M1V 5J9 647-667-6161



<https://shrimpfever.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ShrimpFever>

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Oktoberfish Donors 2022:

AngelFins	Betta Breeders Canada	Cam Turner
Glenn Roberts	Pet Paradise Express	Phil Maznyk
NorthFin	Big Als Kitchener	Bobby G's London
Finatics	ShrimpFever	

Oktoberfish Show Class Sponsors 2022

Big Als Kitchener	Bobby G's London	Tower Automotive Specialists
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Karen Murray Art & Interiors	Royal City Brewing	Brent Lemanski
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Andrew Duchesne	Radtke's Roost	Rhonda & Mark Dynes
In Memory of Bob Channen	In Memory of Miecia Burden	In Memory of David "Beemer" Boehm

Oktoberfish Show Category Award Sponsors 2022

Tropical Fever Terry Clements	Tymer Custom Services	Stuart Morley
www.acuaprof.com Frank Aguirre	Bob Wright	The Tropical Fish Room Jerry Draper
Glenn Roberts		

The Best Cichlid winner was also awarded the American Cichlid Association Medallion

Thank you to all individuals and businesses that supported the Oktoberfish Show and Auction 2022

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Pepi's Pizza

VTR Uniforms
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Udo Rohmann
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Peter De Souza
Cat's Fish Caves

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Bob Channen
David "Beemer" Boehm

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Tropical Fever Cichlids
Tymer Custom Services
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Frank Aguirre - Aquaprof
Bob Wright
The Tropical Fish Room
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Bobby G's Aquarium

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KWAS BBQ Pool Party - 20 August 2023



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KWAS Meeting Photos 6 June 2023



Fingo !



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KWAS Mini Show Results

6 June 2023

Judged By: Jonathan Samson

There were 7 people showing 15 entries

Cyprinids			
Place	Name	Species	Points
1	David DeLeeuw	Rainbow Shark	4
	Holly Bateman	Gold Roseline Barb	1
	Andrew Duchesne	Red and White Ryukin Goldfish	1
	Janet Tam	Roseline Barb	1
	Janet Tam	Siamese Algae Eater	1
	Zenin Skomorowski	Gold Barb	1
2	Zenin Skomorowski	Albino Cherry Barb	3
3	Joanna Lau	Galaxy Rasbora	2
	Janet Tam	Dwarf Rasbora	1
	Joanna Lau	Boraras merah	1

AOV			
Place	Name	Species	Points
1	Zenin Skomorowski	Red Wag Platy	4
	Zenin Skomorowski	Orange Tail Blue Guppy	1
3	Morgan Cameron	Betta Splendens	2
2	Janet Tam	Leaf Fish	3
	Janet Tam	Platinum Polar Parrot	1

People's Choice			
Name		Species	Points
Janet Tam		Leaf Fish	2

June Points

David = 4

Janet = 1 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 1 + 2 = 9

Zenin = 1 + 3 + 4 + 1 = 9

Joanna = 2 + 1 = 3

Andrew = 1

Holly = 1

Morgan = 2

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Totals for 2023

Name	Total Points	Months Entered
David DeLeeuw 10 + 4	14	3
Zenin Skomorowski 38 + 9	47	6
Nancy Brochu	1	1
Steven Smith	3	2
Andrew Duchesne 18 + 1	19	6
Joanna Lau 20 + 3	23	6
Janet Tam 28 + 9	37	5
Ashley Albert	9	4
Liz Hughes	9	1
Robin Bateman	7	2
Adrian Van Dyk	4	1
Holly Bateman 5 +1	6	2
Morgan Cameron 2	2	1



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The Caudal Fin

