

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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NEWSLETTER February 2003

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President's Notes

Happy Valentine's Day!

Membership, Insurance and Quorum

Don't forget that our next meeting is one week earlier on February 9th. We will be voting on 2 motions regarding quorums for the CAOAC meetings. If your CAOAC representative can't be present, send in a proxy vote. It is still not too late to send in your insurance premium of \$135.00, although there is a late penalty fee. We welcome your membership and your presence at the CAOAC meetings in Waterdown. Congratulations to Tropical Fish Breeders Association on joining CAOAC.

CAOAC Awards

Don't forget to have your submissions for CAOAC Awards in by the February meeting. They can be brought to this meeting or sent to Wayne Rakestrow, our Awards Chairperson of DRAS. More information on our awards programme can be found on the CAOAC web site or in your club's CAOAC binder. You can also look at the Quick Reference Guide for BAP and AHAP Awards prepared by Miecia Burden and put in your Awards section.

Convention 2003

We had a very informative presentation by Randy Seufert from The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County, our Host for the CAOAC Convention in June. Thanks for coming and giving this update. Look in the minutes of January for updates. A booklet is being prepared and will be published soon. Plan on attending this special weekend in June.

DRAS Annual Awards Banquet

It is being held at the Toronto Zoo. Besides the usual awards for showing fish and other related club activities, there is a steak dinner and a behind the scenes tour of the Zoo's aquariums. We are hosting Spencer Jack, President of the Canadian Cichlid Association. It is

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being held on Saturday, February 22nd at 6:30.
The cost is \$25.00 per person. The deadline for tickets is Tuesday, February 11th.

CAOAC Calendars

Last call for CAOAC Calendars for 2003!
We have some suggestions for next year's calendar if we decide to do this.

1. Have a photo contest.
2. Put all the clubs' websites where possible and/or mailing addresses and the contact person on the inside back cover.
3. Put some script and/or decoration on the front cover to advertise CAOAC

Rejoining Clubs

Last minute clubs to rejoin CAOAC. We have heard from Edmonton about rejoining. We are waiting to hear from Willowdale, Winnipeg and London.

Regards and Good Fishing
Paul "Mac" McIntosh

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CAOAC Minutes January 19, 2003

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) at 1100 hours in Waterdown, ON. The following executives were in attendance: Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President), Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) and Miecica Burden (Recording Sec). Also present were Randy and Debi Seufert (TFCEC) and Convention 2003.

Speaker's List: Dave has built the Speakers List on the website and currently it lists only one speaker. He will continue to add names as they are submitted. Please check it out and let him know your thoughts.

Newsletter Award applications are due today. Paul McIntosh (President) will collect and give to Wayne Rakestrow (Awards).

Web Award format will be further discussed at the March awards meeting.

Recognition Award for Rein has still to be picked up. Jennifer will speak with Terry Little and see if he can help her out by picking it up in Brantford.

Calendars are here today and clubs are requested to pick up their orders. Cost is @2.75 per calendar payable to CAOAC. Suggestions for next year as follows:

- √ Have a photo contest for the front page
- √ Add Fish Rescue Program info
- √ List clubs with web addresses/contact name on inside back page
- √ Print CAOAC's name on outside front page.

CAOAC Convention: See flyer in newsletter. Reps are cautioned to make sure they have out-of-province medical coverage and two pieces of ID for

crossing the border. There should not be any problems with fish/plants at the border but maybe having a prepared list might be wise. Booklet will be available as soon as the speakers are all confirmed.

Advertising in the Newsletter is available. Prices are in last month's newsletter.

Revolving Trophies: Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) sent in this report:

I would like to hold my Awards meeting at the March CAOAC meeting starting around 9:00 am. Is this OK?

I would also like to suggest that consideration be given as to who is going to store the revolving plaques, which ONLY go to the convention. We are all volunteers and you have added an additional burden to someone.

For your information, I have already received an application for the Newsletter Award.

Yes, 9 am is OK. The exec meeting will follow the awards meeting at 11 am.

Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) offered to store and transport the revolving trophies. Accepted with thanks.

Quorums: There are two motions to be voted on at the Feb meeting. Miecica offered to make a chart outlining the old bylaws and the proposed new changes. It will be included in the newsletter this month.

Pet Sitters Convention: We have received e-mail about a Pet Sitters Convention to be held in TO in September. See the general minutes for the actual e-mail.

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Minutes continued

Durham Region Aquarium Society is holding an Annual Awards Banquet with guest speaker Spencer Jack from the Canadian Cichlid Association and is also offering a behind the scene tour of the Toronto Zoo's aquariums. See Club reports for more info.

Show Tanks: Paul McIntosh (President) has brought some one and two gallon glass show jars for CAOAC to consider for hobbyists who would prefer glass tanks vs. plastic tanks that we are going to make available. The glass tanks are available from a hobbyist in the Durham club.

Treasurer's report: Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) reported a working balance of \$645.20 as of December 31, 2002 with no outstanding cheques. The insurance has still to be paid. There are still monies outstanding from the Convention 2002.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by President Paul McIntosh on January 19 2003 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: Paul McIntosh (President), Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

Executive absent: Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President) and Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer).

Roll Call:

Bill Irwin (Brant)
Terry Little (CRLCA/Fish Rescue Program/Open Show)
Larry McGuire (KWAS)
Paul Mc Farlane (Hamilton)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)
Paul McIntosh (Archivist/Historian)

Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership)
Udo Roman (Programs)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 9 votes.

Membership Report:

The following renewals were motioned by Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership):

Aquarium Society of Winnipeg - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Paul Mc Farlane (Hamilton)
Brampton Aquarium Club - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant)
Brant Aquarium Society - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS)
Calgary Aquarium Society - 2 votes, insured
seconded by Terry Little (CRLCA/FRP/Open Show)
Canadian Cichlid Association - 2 votes, insured
seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant)
Canadian Killifish Association - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Br Dir)
Canadian Rift Lake Cichlid Association - 2 votes, insured
seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS)
Durham Region Aquarium Society - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Terry Little (CRLCA/FRP/Open Show)
Tropical Fish Club of Erie County - 1 vote, n/a
seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant)
Forest City pond Club - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS)
Hamilton & District Aquarium Society - 1 vote,
insured
seconded by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Br Dir)
Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant)
Nova Scotia Herpetological Society - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Paul Mc Farlane (Hamilton)
Ottawa Amphibian & Reptile Association - 1 vote,
insured
seconded by Terry Little (CRLCA/FRP/Open Show)
Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS)

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Oxford Region Aquarium Club - 1 vote, no ins.
seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant)
Sarnia Aquarium Society - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS)
St. Catharines Aquarium Society - 1 vote, insured
seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant)

All voted on and carried.

Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership) motioned that we accept a new membership application from Tropical Fish Breeders Association (based in Calgary), seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS). Voted on and carried. TFBA have 1 vote and insurance.

The renewal of the following private memberships were motioned by Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership):

Tom & Pat Bridges - seconded by Paul Mc Farlane (Hamilton)
Sally & Paul McFarlane - seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant)
Brian & Susan Glazier - seconded by Terry Little (CRLCA/FRP/Open Show)
Howard Norfolk - seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS)

All voted on and carried.

The following clubs have not renewed to date:
London Aquaria Society
Willowdale Aquarium Society
Aquarium Club of Edmonton
Regina Aquarium Society

An e-mail will be sent to remind them of the renewal policy and the late penalties incurred after the February 9th meeting. **There will be a \$25 surcharge on the insurance premium for forms received after the February 9, 2003 meeting.**

Treasurer's report: Unfortunately Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) had to leave and therefore was unable to present a full report. Questions were asked about the working balance reported at the executive

meeting. It was noted that there has been quite a change in the working balances from the December meeting to this meeting. Miecia offered to e-mail Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President) to request a more detailed report from Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) at the February meeting.

Still no more information about the Annual Report status.

Secretary's report:

As noted in the exec minutes, Miecia Burden (Recording Sec) will draw up a chart detailing the changes in the bylaws as understood from the last meeting. (No one else seemed to have a better recollection than her re: what was discussed at the end of the December meeting).

Executive minutes from December accepted as published on a motion by Terry Little (CRLCA/FRP/Open Show), seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS). Voted on and carried.

General minutes from December accepted as published on a motion by Bill Irwin (Brant), seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence:

Rec'd by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec):

- √ Ministry of Consumer & Business Services re corrections to be made on the forms sent in last fall. Miecia Burden (Recording Sec) will take care off this.
- √ Gale Group who publish the Encyclopaedia of Associations International Organizations in which we are listed. There is no charge for this listing.
- √ Call from Aquarium Magazine asking if we would like free advertising for CAOAC in their magazine. Paul will call the 1-800 number to discuss.

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Minutes *continued*

Rec'd by Paul McIntosh (President) from Kristen Webb-Walker by e-mail:

We're planning our first annual Canadian Pet Sitters Annual Convention for September 2003 in the greater Toronto area. Although we're still working on the groundwork, we have estimated a minimum of 35 to 45 people will attend the convention and perhaps many more as our organisation is growing rapidly.

We're looking for companies, like yours, who might like to help us provide some great presentations and educational information to our attendees and we'd like to have someone from your company attend as a special guest to make a presentation or provide samples and informational materials to our attendees. As you're aware, many of our sitters are often asked to look after aquariums while also looking in on cats, dogs, etc.

Could someone please contact us in regard to this matter and to let us know if you'd have someone in the GTA area that might be interested in helping us make our first convention a great success?

*Thanks for your help!
Sincerely,*

*Kristin Webb-Walker
Canadian Pet Sitters Association
www.petsitcanada.com*

If anyone is willing to participate in this venture please contact Paul McIntosh (President). To be further discussed at the Feb meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Nothing to report.

AH Directory: St Catharines Aquarium Society has submitted names for the directory. The requirement by the Awards committee of submissions to this Directory before awards will be approved will not

take place until the 2003 awards year.

Awards: The following is a report sent in by Wayne Rakestrow (Awards)

I would like to hold my Awards meeting at the March CAOAC meeting starting around 9:00 am. (if approved by executive) (Approved)

I have already received an application for the Newsletter Award

Don't forget that next month all other applications for awards are due!

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Rakestrow

The Newsletter Award deadline is today. Several suggestions were made regarding this award and are as follows:

- If the Awards chair would agree, it might be easier if clubs could forward a copy of their newsletter to the awards chair monthly for this award. The chair would have to store the copies.
- If possible, could the judge(s) write the pros and cons of each submission so that applicants might benefit from the judging as to why they did or didn't win? Hopefully this could become a learning process for the clubs.

Binder: Nothing to report.

Breeder's Directory: Updates received from Winnipeg and Hamilton. Tom was hoping to speak with the CRLCA reps re: reclassification of some of the cichlids with the view to keeping the directory as accurate and up-to-date as possible. He is hoping to prevent double listings (i.e., transcriptus vs. marlieri)

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent - no report. A change of address should be sent to FAAS re change of CAOAC presidents. FAAS Report should be sent to Paul McIntosh (President) not Dave Boehm as past president.

Convention 2002: Some sponsorships are still owing.

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Convention 2003: The event has been named the Nickel City International Tropical Fish Exposition 2003. Information is on the website and also in this newsletter as a separate flyer.

If you are interested in sponsoring a class see Jennifer Bawden Miller. The cost is \$30 Canadian.

The bulletin will be available as soon as all the speakers have been confirmed.

Hotel phone number is 1 716 634 2300.

Fish Rescue Program: Terry Little (CRLCA/FRP/ Open Show) will contact Paul McIntosh (President) re a pickup of turtles in the Oshawa area.

Futures: **Chair absent - no report**

Judges: Nothing to report.

This committee chair is open. You do not have to be a judge to head this committee but a retired judge would be ideal. Responsibilities include resolving judging complaints and being involved with the apprentice judges.

Newsletter: The following report was sent in by Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster):

The calendar has been updated and contains notes on the errors on the hardcopy we printed. I also changed the look of the masthead slightly. Let me know what you think. The next issue will have to be done quickly since the next meeting date is moved up by one week. Please get me your info ASAP.

There was a complaint that the Newsletter took a long time to download. I am looking into the possibility of putting it on an ftp site both in a screen and print version. Then Rein would just send an e-mail top everyone saying it is available and people could download the version that best met their needs (or both for that matter). An ftp download should be faster that attaching it to e-mail.

Several reps did not receive copies this month:
Larry McGuire (KWAS) regular mail
Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President) regular mail

Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President/Programs) e-mail

Open Show: Nothing to report.

Programs: Nothing to report. It was suggested that clubs should consider using one of the shorter programs as a primer for a general discussion at the club meetings. Paul McIntosh (President) reported that the Durham club had an excellent program presented by the Second Marsh Wildlife Area. Contact info as follows:

Mailing address:

206 King St E Box 26066 PRO King St Oshawa L1H 1C0

Telephone: 905 723 5047

Fax: 905 723 4762

E-mail: friendsofsecondmarsh@rogers.com

Website: www.secondmarsh.com

Steering: Chair absent - no report.

Ways & Means: Discussion regarding the suitability of the glass tanks brought by Paul McIntosh (President) from the supplier in Durham. Because there were several negative aspects CAOAC decided not to handle these tanks. If anyone is still interested contact Paul McIntosh (President) for the name and number and prices.

Plastic Show tanks will be available at the February meeting. Terry was unable to pick them up for this month due to car problems.

Calendars: See exec minutes for suggestions for next year.

Webmaster: The following is the report sent in by Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster):

I have updated the calendar to the middle of 2005 so that everyone will know the CAOAC dates well in advance. Some may be subject to change but overall they should be pretty accurate. I hope this will reduce the chances of conflicts with club dates. If anyone would like his or her events on well in advance please let me know. I have not yet included notes on the web calendar about the errors on the hardcopy we printed but will do so shortly.

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Minutes *continued*

The speaker's page has been built. Currently it only has Tom Mason on it but more info should be forthcoming. Check it out and send me your comments.

I'm sorry I didn't get more done but I have been very busy with work lately.

OLD BUSINESS

Motions: There are two motions to be voted on at the next meeting - Past president having a vote and 3 out of 7 exec for a quorum at the general meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Convention draw: Sale of tickets will take place over the next few months. Will be drawn in April or sooner if we sell enough tickets.

Thanks to Pat and Sarah for the break-time goodies.

CLUB REPORTS

Are submitted in writing at the meeting or by e-mail within in week of the meeting to Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) for inclusion in TNL and do not necessarily reflect CAOAC policy.

DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY in conjunction with the Canadian Cichlid Association are hosting their Annual Awards Banquet. Guest speaker is Spencer Jack (President of the Canadian Cichlid Association) on Saturday February 22, 2003. Doors open at 6.30pm, Dinner at 7.00pm. Location is the Toronto Zoo and the cost is \$25 per person. This included a barbecue steak dinner, a behind the scenes tour of the aquariums and the guest speaker. For tickets call Wayne at 905 725 7911 or rakstrow@idirect.com Deadline for tickets is Tuesday Feb 11th.

KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY would like to let everyone know we have a new website at www.kwas.ca. It is under development but all the important info is there. We are also definitely having a show this year on October 25. Everyone is welcome!

ST. CATHARINES CLUB REPORT

Our next meeting, Monday, Feb. 3rd. 2003, will be the annual fund raising auction for our club. The meeting is held at our usual location, (Mon-signor Clancy Elementary School), starting at 7:30 p.m. Except for a short business meeting the whole evening will be given over to the auction and it is open to anyone who wants to get involved in buying and/or selling.

TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY

presents their Annual Giant Tropical Fish, Aquatic Plant and Supply Auction on February 16, 2003 at the North Boston Vol. Fire Hall. Boston State Rd, Boston, NY. Registration is 9.30 am Auction at 11 am. 70/30 split, 10 table system. For information call Randy 716 649 9165 e-mail TFCPREZ2@aol.com or Bill 716 549 4281 e-mail theduuz@aol.com

Next Meeting is February 9th 2003 in Waterdown, ON.

ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL

Executive meeting at 1100 hours.

General meeting at 1300 hours.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)



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CAOAC RECOGNITION AWARDS

HOBBYIST OF THE YEAR

To be awarded at the discretion of the Awards Committee, to the Hobbyist who has contributed immensely to the betterment of the Hobby in the past year.

Guidelines: In the past year...

1. They have participated regularly in the showing of fish. This can be in the form of monthly jar shows, their club's annual show as well as out of town show.
2. They have given their time as a Committee Chairperson in their own club.
3. They have bred several species of fish (at least 6 species) and successfully raised some young
4. They have propagated at least six species of plants from at least three different classes.
5. They have been a speaker or lecturer at their own Club/Society and at least one other Club/Society.
6. They have written articles (at least two) and were published in their own Club/Society and at least one article published in another Club/Society Newsletter.
7. Other considerations would be Public relations to further the Hobby, Publicity, Research etc..

The applications for this Award should be in writing and submitted to your Regional Representative on the Awards Committee using form 'Recognition Award Nomination Form', Page 1181.

The application should be signed by the President of the participant's club.

This recognition award will not necessarily be awarded annually; however an individual can be awarded this award more than once.

SERVICE AWARD

To be awarded to the individual Hobbyist who has contributed his/her time and effort over an extended period of time to the benefit of C.A.O.A.C. This award will be given only at the discretion of the Awards Committee. Some example criteria are:

- long active service in an Executive capacity.
- served on numerous Committees over an extended period.
- long service as an active C.A.O.A.C. judge or Club Representative.

This recognition award will not necessarily be awarded annually.

All applications for this award must be in writing and should be submitted to your Regional Representative using form 'Recognition Award Nomination Form', Page 1181.

SCIENTIST AWARD

This award may be given to any person in or out of C.A.O.A.C. who has contributed scientifically to the advancement of the field of Ichthyology. Any nomination must have an accompanying biography of the nominee. The award will only be given at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

In rare circumstances, this award will be presented to a non-member of C.A.O.A.C. All applications for awards must be in writing and should be submitted to your Regional Representative using form 'Recognition Award Nomination Form'. Page 1181.

JUNIOR HOBBYIST OF THE YEAR

To be awarded at the discretion of the Awards Committee, to a junior sixteen (16) years of age or younger, who has given of his/her time and energy to advance themselves in the hobby.

Guidelines: In the past year...

1. They have participated regularly in the showing of fish. This can be in the form of monthly jar shows, their club's annual show or an out of town show.
2. They have given some of their time to help on a committee or small task in their own club. This does not mean that they are the committee head.
3. They have bred several species of fish and successfully raised some young (at least one egglayer and one livebearer).
4. They have propagated at least three species of plants, one from class a, one from class b and, one from class c.

The applications for this Award should be in writing and submitted to your Regional Representative on the Awards Committee using form 'Recognition Award Nomination Form', Page 1181.

The application should be signed by the President of the participant's club.

This award will not necessarily be awarded annually.

The award will be officially awarded to the recipient at the C.A.O.A.C. convention and then by a C.A.O.A.C. representative at the winner's club meeting in June, wherever possible.

CAOAC 25 YEARS OF SERVICE CERTIFICATE

There are TWO different ways that this award could be achieved.

1. The hobbyist must have 25 years of continuous service to CAOAC. It can be in the capacity of a Club Rep, Judge, Committee Head or Executive or any combination thereof.
- OR
2. The hobbyist can have a combination continuous service totalling 25 years of active service to CAOAC and/or a local Club/Society.

NOTE: Documentation for this award would be appreciated. It could include any of the following items:

- CAOAC newsletters; Club/Society bulletins; Minutes of CAOAC meetings; Minutes of Club/Society meetings; Statements from members of Club/Society.

This Award is for Special Recognition of the hobbyist who has worked for the betterment of a Club/Society and/or CAOAC.

CAOAC Convention 2003

hosted by

The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

June 6-8, 2003

at the Radisson Hotel, Genesee Street, Buffalo NY



Radisson Inn & Suites

<http://www.the-hotels.com/pages/usa-ny/buffalo/radisson-hotel-suites.htm#new>

SPEAKERS

Tom Ulbrich — Ponds
Jody Ghaianni — Fish Genetics
Mike Schadle — Livebearers
Wally Billingham — Native Fish
Jaap Jan DeGref — Collecting Trips
...and a couple more to come yet

SHOW

42 Classes with Best Livebearer, Best Rift Lake Cichlid, Best Scavenger and Best Egglayer

Class Sponsorship Fee:

\$30.00 Canadian Clubs and Members
\$30.00 American Clubs and Members

Plaques for all classes with Special Awards and Cash for Best Of's

Hospitality Suite by: "The Fish Place"

Convention Ticket Price:

\$65.00 (US) per person includes:

Saturday Buffet Dinner, Sunday AM Awards Breakfast, all speakers, Friday Night Game Night, Saturday Night Kareaoke and all the the other goodies we have planned

Room Rates:

\$79.00 (US) for single, double, triple or quad

Visit <http://tfcec.tripod.com/tfcecwebsite/> for more information

Proposed Bylaw Changes

BYLAW NUMBER	OLD BYLAW	PROPOSED BYLAW
12 B 1)	A majority of the Executive shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business at any Executive meeting	Three of the Executive shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business at any Executive meeting
12 B 2)	A majority of the Executive and at least 1 representative of a minimum of ¼ of the member clubs in good standing shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business at any General or Annual meeting.	Three of the Executive and at least 1 representative of a minimum of ¼ of the member clubs in good standing shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual meeting
12 B 3)		Three of the Executive shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business at any General Meeting

By passing the following two motions,

200212-04 “To make the Past President a voting member of the executive”
 200212-06 “That a quorum for the purposes of a general meeting shall be 3 of the executive”

the bylaws covering quorums would change as noted in the table above.

First in CAOAC Certificates

Based on the latest submissions from the **Aquarium Society of Winnipeg** and the **Hamilton & District Aquarium Society**, the Breeders Directory Committee has issued certificates to:

Spencer Jack of ASW for *Neolamprologus crassus*
James Ford of ASW for *Cynotilapia axelrodi*
Charles Drew of H&DAS for *Dicrossus maculatus*
Paul & Sally McFarlane of H&DAS for *Corydoras duplicareus*

They are the first in CAOAC member clubs to breed and submit these species and are to be congratulated on their achievements.

CAOAC Calendar

CAOAC is selling a hobby-related calendar for 2003. It has a full-colour composite picture at the top showing tropical freshwater and marine fish, aquatic plants and some frogs and a turtle. The pad at the bottom has one page for each month with all the CAOAC Club events that were submitted to me. The cost is \$2.75 Canadian per calendar. If you or your club would like some, contact me ASAP. We still have a few left.

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb	9	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm) NOTE: Second Sunday of the month NOTE: Submissions for Breeders Awards are due NOTE: Submissions for Aquatic Horticulturist Awards are due NOTE: Submissions for Recognition Awards are due
	16	TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - Auction
Mar	9	HAMILTON & District Aquarium Society - Spring Auction
	16	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm) CAOAC Awards Committee Meeting (9 a.m.)
	30	BRANTFORD Aquarium Society - Auction
Apr	13	DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Show & Auction
	19	SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Auction
	20	Easter Sunday
	27	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)
Jun	6-8	CAOAC Convention in Buffalo NY Hosted by The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Contact Randy Seufert
	22	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm) NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the month NOTE: Presidents meeting and barbeque
Jul	19	CAOAC Summer Picnic in Brantford Hosted by The Brant Aquarium Society Contact Terry Little

For the most current and complete event information see the events calendar at www.caoac.on.ca

CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

The following errors were noted on the hard copy of the CAOAC calendar we recently published:

- 1) The name of the Brant Aquarium Society was incorrectly listed as the Brantford Aquarium Society;
- 2) The Brant club will be hosting an auction on Sunday, March 30;
- 3) Hamilton's spring auction and fall show and auction have their dates reversed;
- 4) The Kitchener-Waterloo Ocktoberfish show & auction is October 25 not the 26 as listed.

If you have one of the CAOAC Calendars, please make these changes to it.