

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

Aquarium Clubs

NEWSLETTER March 2003

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President's Notes

Lucky Saint Patrick's Day to All!

Wear a bit of green and a four leaf clover and you'll have good luck all day. Don't forget the blarney.

Meeting Times

Don't forget the Awards Meeting at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Executive Meeting at 11 a.m. and General Meeting at 1 p.m.

Convention 2003

All areas of the Convention seem to be progressing well. Thank you to Randy and his committee for their hard work in preparation for this event. Due to a problem with the original hotel, the Convention has been moved to McKinley Inn in Hamburg N.Y. It is near the thruway and prices are relatively the same. I hope Randy will bring us an update. David Boehm would like all CAOAC Executive & Committee Heads to send him a user ID and pass word to be used for accessing the Newsletter and other pertinent information on the Web site.

Important CAOAC Changes

Two motions were passed making the Past President a member of the Executive and making the quorum 3 members out of 7 of the Executive as a voting quorum. This facilitates having business passed at the regular meeting hopefully, rather than carrying it forward to the next meeting.

Also we are changing the join up-date for clubs to December 31/January 1st with a post- dated cheque. Some clubs need to have a signed commitment for the renter before our first January CAOAC meeting. Check the minutes for more details.

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Miecia Burden

THE NEWSLETTER

President's Notes cont...

CAOAC Reminders

1. Don't forget members for the Speaker's List.
2. Some calendars remain
3. Elections for the coming year will take place at the CAOAC Convention in June. President, 2nd Vice President and Corresponding Secretary are to be elected this year. If you are interested contact Peter Orphanos, our Steering Chairperson.

Durham Region Awards Banquet

This was a very successful event in spite of the very inclement weather. We had an excellent speaker, Spencer Jack, President of the Canadian Cichlid

Association, who spoke on Tanganyika Cichlids. Contact Spencer Jack if you would be interested in having him speak in the near future.

**Good luck and good fishing,
Paul "Mac" McIntosh**

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CAOAC Minutes February 9, 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: Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) and Miecia Burden (Recording Sec). Absent were Udo Rohmann (1st Vice-President) and Tony Bernard (2nd Vice-President). Also present were Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster) and Randy and Debi Seufert (TFCEC)/Convention 2003.

Treasurer's report: Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) brought a detailed report of the transactions for the past year. The balance as of today is \$4,447.20. Bills still outstanding are the Insurance premium of about \$1980.00 and Newsletter expenses of about \$900.00. Monies still to be collected are calendar money from clubs of about \$600.00 and convention monies of about \$500.00. (These figures are approximate.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: All other award applications are due today. Paul McIntosh (President) will collect and give to Wayne Rakestrow (Awards). Awards meeting will be held next month at 0930 in this room and will include discussion on the proposed Web Award. Storage of revolving plaques was discussed. Miecia will purchase bubble-wrap envelopes for each plaque and Jennifer will purchase a storage box. Miecia will call Wayne re trophies and which keepers need to be ordered.

CAOAC Convention: Randy has special raffle tickets for sale. A suggestion that sponsorships be published on the web was discussed and will be done. Speakers are being booked and clubs with banners are urged to bring them for display.

Webmaster: Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster) outlined a plan to allow the Executive and BOD access to pertinent sites on the web site using their own ID and passwords. I.e., membership would have access to the page listing all the members clubs and would be able to make changes as they are received on the membership application forms each year. Dave also discussed a program - Macromedia Homesite 5.0 that he is testing to assist him in designing the web site. Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership) suggested that maybe CAOAC and KVAS could split the cost of said program. (Dave is webmaster for both CAOAC and KVAS). Further discussion at the general meeting. Speakers are being added as Dave receives the information. Included so far are Tom Mason, Spencer Jack, John Van Rompu.

OLD BUSINESS

Calendars: A suggestion that we sell sponsorship squares with the money going towards a draw each month was discussed.

Pet Sitter's Convention Request: Volunteer needed.

Advertisement in the national magazine: Paul called the magazine (as requested) and it seems that it was not an offer of free advertising as thought. There would be a charge. Executive will recommend that we not go any further with this.

Motions: The two motions to be voted on at this meeting will result in a change of bylaws if passed.

Minutes *continued*

NEW BUSINESS

Membership & Insurance

Discussion about due dates for membership and insurance premiums. Problem is that the dates are overlapping. Memberships aren't due until the third week in January and an additional grace period of one month is granted before penalties are levied but the insurance premium is due January 1st. The insurance company is not happy with constantly having to adjust the policy to accommodate late payments. Clubs will be asked at the general meeting for input on how to solve this dilemma.

*Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)*

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by President Paul McIntosh on February 9, 2003 in Waterdown, ON.

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

Executive absent: Tony Bernard (2nd VP).

Roll Call:

Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering)
Bill Irwin (Brant)
Dave Boehm (KWAS/Newsletter/Webmaster)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC-FAAS/Convention 2003)
Paul McIntosh (Archivist/Historian)
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership)
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
Terry Little (Fish Rescue Program/Open Show)
Udo Roman (Programs)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 12 votes.

Membership Report:

The following membership renewal was motioned by Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership): Aquarium Club of Edmonton, seconded by Dave Boehm (KWAS/Newsletter/Webmaster). Voted on and carried. Edmonton has 1 vote and no insurance.

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

An e-mail was 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.**

An e-mail will be sent by the binder chairperson requesting a return of the CAOAC Information Binder.

Membership package was sent to Peter Gill of the Ontario Watergardeners club. They have expressed an interest in joining us.

Calendars with a covering letters were sent to all clubs that didn't purchase calendars but did renew their membership. (These were mostly out-of-province or distant clubs.) The purpose was to promote the calendars to the clubs for next year. We still have a few remaining if any club requests more. Please contact Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership).

Treasurer's report: Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) presented a detailed outline of the bank transactions over the past year. (See the exec meeting for details.) A large outstanding convention 2002 debit was received (\$420.00). Left outstanding are sponsorships from various hobbyists. A motion by Dave Boehm (KWAS/Newsletter/Webmaster) to accept this report was seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant). Voted on and carried.

Also discussed was a 'no fee banking account'. Several were suggested and Jennifer will look into the various alternatives.

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Jennifer's new address is 6 Clanbrassil Rd, RR# 3, Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0. No change for the telephone #. New e-mail address is jenniferatwork2002@hotmail.com

Insurance & Membership dues: The problem of overlapping dues dates was discussed fully. After discussion it was decided that applications would be sent out earlier in the year, probably after the September meeting with a request that they be returned for the November meeting (with December's meeting being the final date before penalties are assessed). The cheques can be post-dated to the January meeting if the club so desires.

Secretary's report:

Executive minutes from January accepted as published on a motion by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison) seconded by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering). Voted on and carried.

General minutes from January accepted as published on a motion by Bill Irwin (Brant) seconded by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Nothing to report.

AH Directory: Submissions have been received from St Catharines and TFCEC.

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

Today is the deadline for all CAOAC recognition awards. The CAOAC Newsletter Award applications were received last month and are being judged by the Durham College Communications course. The instructor contacted me and it appears that she is going to make this a class project. It should be interesting to see what comments we get back.

The awards meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 0900 a.m. **[Changed to 9:30 - ed.]**

If you recall, the regional reps were to contact the clubs they represent. This was to be a promotional call reminding clubs that CAOAC awards are available. If your club has not been called, bear with us, as this is our FIRST year at doing this. It should improve next year.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me.

Binder: Binder # 213 was sent to David Freund (Tropical Fish Breeders Association) based in Calgary.

Breeder's Directory: No further submissions received to date. The name conflict between the species mentioned last month is still being worked on. It will be left as is until certain what changes are to be made.

Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir) thanked CRLCA for the book *Enjoying Cichlids* that was donated to the Breeders Directory committee.

CAOAC/FAAS: E-mails have been sent but no replies to date. The FAAS printed newsletter is still being sent so they are 'alive'.

Convention 2002: A large outstanding bill has been paid but some sponsorships are still owing. Two are companies and five are from individuals. A final attempt will be made to collect these before they are written off. Discussion on how to collect overdue monies was held. Clubs can be made aware of 'risky sponsors' via the grapevine.

Convention 2003: The event has been named the Nickel City International Tropical Fish Exposition 2003. Information is on the web site 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.

Minutes continued

There is a power point promotional program that will be made available to clubs promoting the convention. A conventional slide program was also suggested for those clubs who cannot accommodate a power point program.

Convention speakers with bios will be posted on the web site.

Randy is promoting a special raffle to raise money for the Convention. It is in the form of a lottery ticket. Cost is three dollars.

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

Futures: Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering) thanked Dave Boehm (Kwas/Newsletter/Webmaster) for posting the booklet about Operating a Successful Aquarium Club on the web site. There has been feedback from clubs in UK and Holland congratulating us on the effort. He is planning an annual survey for clubs asking the question - What are your needs? He hopes the survey would be beneficial and he also hopes to use it as an evaluation tool to see how clubs are faring. A sample survey will be devised for next month. A suggestion that it be posted on the web site for greater input will be considered. A comment from the floor that the annual president's meeting should be continued to keep the face-to-face contact going. This is one of the most effective ways to liaison between clubs.

The purpose of this committee is to identify areas that clubs need assistance with and try to devise ways of helping them

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: Dave Boehm (Kwas/Newsletter/Webmaster) reported that in future the newsletter will be posted on the web site and Rein will send

out a password and number to reps so that they can access the newsletter on the site and download from there. A word of caution - wait for the download. Unless you have a high-speed modem it can take up to 3 minutes to appear on the screen. If reps are having problems downloading the newsletter please contact Dave with the particulars of your computer i.e. operating system and browser version. Also the executive and BOD are requested to send Dave a userid and password for the web site so that they can access various pages pertaining to their respective offices.

Corrections to the calendar: Brant Aquarium Society is listed as Brantford Aquarium Society under a March 30th date.

Open Show: Wayne has been emailed all the results of the shows from last year so that the awards can be finalised.

Programs: There was only one program rented last month. Discussion about acquiring a digital projection system so that the videos we have would be more useful as rental properties. Need to research prices, storage and shipping problems. To be discussed more fully next month.

Steering: New election rules will start this year. In the odd years the following are elected - President, 2nd Vice-president and Corresponding Secretary. In the even years - 1st Vice-president, Recording Secretary and Treasurer are elected.

Ways & Means: The new plastic show tanks are available at this meeting. They are \$2.00 each or \$50.00 per case. Let Sarah know if and when you want some and she will bring them to the next meeting.

Webmaster: Dave Boehm (Kwas/Newsletter/Webmaster) reported that he has been working with a new program Macromedia Homesite 5.0 that is great for setting up web pages. Miccia initiated a discussion re purchasing this program with half of the cost being born by

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CAOAC and the other half being picked up by KWAS. (Dave is the KWAS webmaster also).

Motion 200302-01

that CAOAC pay half the cost of the new program (about \$100)

motioned by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering), seconded by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir). Voted on and carried with one abstainer. Miecia noticed that two of the clubs in CAOAC are not represented on the web site as of now. Dave will look into this. She also reported that the link to Willowdale did not work. This will also be looked at.

OLD BUSINESS

Motions: No proxies were received.

Motion 200212-04

to make the Past President a voting member of the executive.

Motioned by Bill Irwin (Brant), seconded by Paul McFarlane (Hamilton). Voted on and carried with one abstainer.

Motion 200212-06

that a quorum for the purposes of a general meeting shall be 3 of the executive.

Motioned by Tom Mason (Durham), seconded by Larry McGuire (KWAS). Voted on and carried. The passing of the two motions will result in a change in bylaws. Changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

Speakers on the Web Site: Several more have been added.

Web Award: To be discussed at the Awards meeting in March.

Calendars: Monies are owing from several clubs. Suggestion that we consider profits real-

ized from the sale of the calendars as a possible source of revenue for the proposed digital projector.

Pet Sitter Convention in September: Reps are urged to consider volunteering their time to attend, especially those clubs situated close to Toronto.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertising CAOAC in the Aquarium Magazine: Paul reported that he contacted the 1 800 # as requested but the advertising is not free as first suggested to Sarah. After a brief discussion we decided not to carry this any further.

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, Dave 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.

KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY...

would like to let everyone know we have a new web site 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!

Next Meeting is March 16, 2003 in Waterdown, ON.

Awards meeting at 0900 hours

Executive meeting at 1100 hours.

General meeting at 1300 hours.

*Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)*

CAOAC Convention 2003

hosted by

The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

June 6-8, 2003

at the McKinley Park Inn, South 3950 McKinley Parkway
Blasdell, NY 14219 Phone 716-648-5700



Change
of Venue



<http://buffalo.hotelguide.net/data/h100057.htm> or <http://www.mckinleysinn.com/index.htm>

SPEAKERS

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

SHOW

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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:

\$79.20 (US) for DD & Queen, \$87.20 for King, \$119.20 with Jacuzzi

Heh, Heh

It's time to tink about getting elected again. I'll soon be out of a job an I ear dat CAOAC is looking for people to run da show. Dis time I wanna be PRESIDENT!



Contact Peter Orphanos (Steering Chair) if you are interested in running for one of the three positions up for grabs this year. A President, 2nd Vice-president & Corresponding Secretary will be elected at the AGM at Convention in June.

Advertising

CAOAC will now accept advertising in our monthly Newsletter. Pricing for 10 months is as follows:

1/4 page	\$60	Full page	\$150
1/2 page	\$100	Back page	\$225

First in CAOAC Certificates

Last month's "First In CAOAC" awards had some printing errors. The corrected version is below.

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

Please be sure to make the changes to your copy of February's Newsletter

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

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| Mar | 09 | HAMILTON & District Aquarium Society - Spring auction |
| | 16 | CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)
CAOAC Awards Committee Meeting (9:30 a.m.) |
| | 30 | BRANT Aquarium Society - Auction CANCELLED |
| 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
(CAOAC AGM & election of officers) |
| | 22 | CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)
(committee heads installed)
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 |
| Aug | 03 | TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - summer picnic |
| Sept | 13 | SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY - show & auction |
| Sept | 14 | CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATION - Fall auction |
| Sept | 21 | CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)
(budget meeting) |
| OCT | 05 | HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY - reserved show & auction date |
| Oct | 19 | CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm) |
| OCT | 25 | KITCHENR-WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Oktoberfish show & auction |
| Nov | 02 | BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB - auction |
| Nov | 16 | CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)
NOTE: Cheques for membership and insurance due |
| Dec | 14 | CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)
(Christmas meeting)
NOTE: Second Sunday of the month
NOTE: Authors and Advanced Authors Awards nominations due |

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

CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

The following change(s) should be made to the hard copy of the CAOAC calendar we recently published:

1) The Brant club will **NOT** be hosting an auction on Sunday, March 30;

If you have one of the CAOAC Calendars, please update it.