

# Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

# Aquarium Clubs

## NEWSLETTER September 2003

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### President's Notes

#### Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday at home or cottage or travelling or whatever tickled your fancy. I trust you will be ready to take on the challenges of the work in CAOAC. We have accomplished a great deal over the past year. Those of us who attended the CAOAC Convention in Hamburg, New York had a super time.

#### Attention All Committee Heads!

Please have your estimated budget ready for your committee for the coming year. If in doubt, see the suggested budget in November 2002 or contact the previous head or bring your suggestions forward at the meeting.

Many thanks to our former and present heads of CAOAC committees for exercising the duties of your committees. Welcome back to all those committee heads who were re-elected in June. Unfortunately I have been unable to find a head for the Judges Committee. We will keep looking and asking anyone that you could suggest who would take over these duties.

#### New Presidents!

Welcome to Dorothy Reimer, President of the London Aquarium Club and Dean Crawford, President of the Kitchener Waterloo club.

#### Reminders!

We have 3 new motions to be voted on in October. Please read them over in the June minutes and consider the carefully.

Don't forget the upcoming shows in the near future. Come out and support these clubs.

- London Show in Dorchester on September 28th
- Kitchener Waterloo Show held October 25th at the Swimplex in Waterloo
- AGA Convention held November 14<sup>th</sup> in Dallas Texas

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**WANTED**

CAOAC is looking for pictures to go on next year's calendar. If you have a fish or herptile picture you would like to submit for consideration, please contact Dave Boehm as soon as possible. You must own all the rights to the picture.

Phone (519) 885-1761 - home (519) 575-1129 - cell or Email fishman@golden.net. (If you don't get a receipt notice from me in 4 days, you email may have been trapped by my spam filter. Please contact me by phone.)

This month is

**BUDGET MONTH**

Each committee head must submit a budget for 2004!

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# CAOAC Minutes June 22, 2003

## EXECUTIVE MEETING June 22, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on June 22, 2003 at 1020 hours in Waterdown, ON. The following executives were in attendance: Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec), Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary). Also present were Dean Crawford (KWAS) and Randy and Teri Seufert (TFCEC/FAAS-CAOAC liaison/Convention 2003). Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President) joined the meeting in progress.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) reported a balance of \$2937.94. Miecia Burden (Recording Sec) initiated a discussion about the committed funds. According to her rough calculations there will be about \$2100.00 in committed funds as of this September leaving us with a working balance of about \$300.00 minus any bills that are handed in today. She expressed concern that we will have to dip into the committed funds before new monies are generated by the membership fees, which are not due until January 2004. She proposes that we end the ongoing transfer of \$300.00 yearly into committed funds for program purchases (Motion 0009-03), transfer monies back into the general account leaving \$600 in committed funds for the purchase of programs when available plus other committed funds that are allotted for other reasons (apprentice binders). To be further discussed at the general meeting.

Corrections to the Annual Report: Annual report was not printed for distribution because Dave Boehm (Past President) questioned the mathematics when he was setting it up last week for printing. Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), assisted by Randy

Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC-FAAS Liaison) made the following corrections: Under the Income column - Programs \$90.00 should read \$45.00, Beanie Babies (aka Show Jars) \$700 should read \$622.00 and Cash on Hand is \$8.91. Under the expenses column - Beanie Babies \$562.00 should read \$537.51 and Balance should read \$2937.94 not \$2428.50.

The corrections to the Annual Report resulting in a balance of \$2937.94 does change the figures somewhat in Miecia's calculations. Instead of a working balance of \$300 there would be a working balance of about \$800.00. So the situation is not as bad as it seemed. Bills due today are printing costs for the update, postage for the update and barbecue supplies. These will be nearly \$400.00 and there are still some newsletter costs outstanding (bills due from Rein Breitmaier (Newsletter)). We still have some free monies available but is it enough to run the organisation until January of next year without dipping into committed funds?

## OLD BUSINESS

**Speakers on the web site:** Several of the Convention speakers will be added to our web site.

**Convention 2003:** Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC-FAAS Liaison) gave a comprehensive report about the success of the convention. Although there were several glitches everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Small revenue loss of about \$400 is possible. Some stats as follows: 74 conventioners registered, 198 entries in the show, 843 items sold at the auction, Tank Raffle (donated by Kingfish Services) won by Ray r. Show results have been sent to Terry Little (FRP/Open Show) chair. Randy thanked all the volunteers who assisted in some way that weekend and also complimented the executive of CAOAC for their attendance at the Annual meet-

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ing held on Saturday afternoon.

**Membership in CAOAC:** Ongoing concern about non-profit clubs versus businesses holding membership in our organisation resulted in a discussion about types of memberships in CAOAC. A suggestion that consideration is given to a new category of membership for businesses was proposed as a solution to the problem. This could be a benefit to both CAOAC and businesses if they were part of CAOAC. Pros and cons discussed and further input will be requested from the reps this afternoon

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Elections:** Paul McIntosh (President) thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and congratulated the other successful nominees - Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President) and Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec).

**Appointments of Committee chairs:** To take place at the general meeting this afternoon.

**Changes of meeting times:** Executive at 1000 and general at 1130. Pros and cons discussed. In an effort to pare down the meetings an agenda will be adhered to. Only committees that have something to report will be called upon by Paul and if something is to be discussed it will have to be put on the agenda. Chairs will be required to e-mail or call Paul prior to the meeting to have something included on the agenda. Reps will be asked at the meeting for input.

**Election Changes:** A proposal to revert back to the old system of one-year terms for the entire executive was discussed. Two year terms with half of the executive elected one year and the other half on the alternative year was motioned in 2001 (Motion 0103-02) but in reality it does not work effectively. Discuss and ask for a motion at the general meeting.

**Motions by the executive:** After discussion, a proposal was made that any of the executive with the exception of the president can make a motion and

vote on that motion at general and annual meetings. Will be brought forth at the general meeting for discussion because this will affect the way we do business.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

## GENERAL MEETING June 22, 2003

**The meeting was called to order** at 1300 hours by President Paul McIntosh on June 22, 2003 in Waterdown, ON.

**Executive present:** Paul McIntosh (President), Udo Rohmann (1st Vice-President), Tony Bernard (2nd Vice-President), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary), Dave Boehm (Past President) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

**Guests present:** Dean Crawford, the president of the Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society was welcomed and introduced and Dorothy Reimer, the new president of the London Aquaria Society was welcomed back.

## Roll Call:

Terry Little (Brant/FRP/Open Show)  
Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering)  
Dean Crawford (Kwas)  
Dorothy Reimer (London)  
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)  
Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC-FAAS/Convention 2003)  
Tony Bernard (AH Directory)  
Paul McIntosh (Archivist/Historian)  
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership)  
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)  
Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster)  
Udo Roman (Programs)  
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

6 clubs and 17 votes.

**Membership Report:** The Membership Annual Report was missed at the annual meeting two weeks ago. Membership annual report accepted on a motion by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering). Voted on and carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) reported a balance of \$2937.94. No transactions since the last meeting two weeks ago. Accepted on a motion by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering), seconded by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison). Voted on and carried.

**Treasurer's Annual Report:** Corrected as per the executive minutes. Accepted on a motion by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London). Voted on and carried. Dave will post on the web site along with the program annual report in the secure newsletter area of the web site.

**Discussion about committed funds:** See executive minutes for outline of discussion.

**Motion 0306-01:** That committed funds be capped at \$600.00 (for program purchases) plus \$40 (for the two apprentice judges binders) and that committed funds presently above that amount be transferred back into the working balance of the treasury. Motioned by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering), seconded by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison).

**Motion 0306-02:** To table motion 0306-01 for two meetings (vote in October). Motioned by Dorothy Reimer (London), Seconded by Dean Crawford (KWAS). Voted on and carried.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes from the annual meeting accepted on a motion by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow) seconded by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering). Voted on and carried.

**Correspondence:** Thank-you letter will be sent to Ray Lucas for the donation of three bottles of wine and photo album at the convention auction on our behalf. Cheque is coming from convention to Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards:** Miecia Burden suggested that at the next convention the revolving trophies be put on display in the fish room for the entire weekend. Accompanying each trophy will be an explanation of the trophy. They will be engraved after the awards are presented to the winners, thereby maintaining the surprise element of the show year. The present system only showcases the trophy for about an hour and does not enhance our history whereas if they were on display all weekend everyone could appreciate them more fully.

**Binder:** Release #47 containing updates for Club Listings, Awards and Breeder Directory is available today. Those not delivered today will be mailed out over the summer. Thanks to Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) and Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir) for their assistance with this update.

**Breeder's Directory:** Submissions received from Hamilton & District Aquarium Society.

**Convention 2003:** See exec minutes for details. Randy was given a round of applause for an excellent convention.

**Fish Rescue Program:** Ray Lucas requests a copy of both the flyer that is supposed to be inserted in each aquarium and the poster that is used to advertise the program. Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison) volunteered to head up a group to promote and start something States side. Conflicting reports as to whether the flyer is being put into aquariums that are sold in pet stores.

**Futures:** Questionnaire re: clubs/successes/failures. Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures/Steering) read several emails received from clubs. Full report coming. Peter also reported that he had done some further investigation into the objects of CAOAC and whether member clubs in CAOAC meet these objects and he found that there is no conflict of objects between member clubs and CAOAC.

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**Newsletter:** Several corrections to the executive listings and also to the Events Calendar. Sanctioned shows are Sarnia, London, K WAS and Brampton. Hamilton is an auction only. Please check both the newsletter calendar and the web site calendar and report any corrections to Dave asap.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Membership in CAOAC:** Short discussion about the types of membership offered by CAOAC. At present we offer three kinds of membership - Honorary, private and society. A proposal to offer a fourth type tentatively called an associate membership to commercial corporations was discussed. During discussion it was pointed out that corporations can join as private members having no vote and that reps can exercise judgement when voting in anyone who applies for membership in CAOAC.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Appointment of Committee Heads:** The following committee heads were appointed:

AH Directory - Tony Bernard, motioned by Dorothy Reimer (London), seconded by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir). Voted on and carried.

Archivist - Paul McIntosh, motioned by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison). Seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London). Voted on and carried.

Awards - Wayne Rakestrow, motioned by Dean Crawford (K WAS), seconded by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow). Voted on and carried.

Binder - Miecia Burden, motioned by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Dean Crawford (K WAS). Voted on and carried.

Breeders Directory - Tom & Pat Bridges, motioned by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London). Voted on and carried.

CAOAC/FAAS - Randy Seufert, motioned by Dorothy Reimer (London), seconded by Dean Crawford (K WAS). Voted on and carried.

Fish Rescue Program - Terry Little, motioned by

Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London). Voted on and carried.

Judges - OPEN

Membership - Miecia Burden, motioned by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London). Voted on and carried.

Newsletter Editor - Dave Boehm, motioned by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir), seconded by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow). Voted on and carried.

Newsletter Publisher - Rein Breitmaier, motioned by Dorothy Reimer (London), seconded by Dean Crawford (K WAS). Voted on and carried.

Open show - Terry Little, motioned by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London). Voted on and carried.

Programs - Udo Rohmann, motioned by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Dean Crawford (K WAS). Voted on and carried.

Steering - OPEN

Ways & Means - Sarah Langthorne, motioned by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir), seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London). Voted on and carried.

Webmaster - Dave Boehm, motioned by Dorothy Reimer (London). Seconded by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison). Voted on and carried.

**Motions by the Executive:**

**Motion 0306-03:** that any of the executive with the exception of the president can make a motion and vote on that motion at annual and general meetings. Motioned by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow).

**Motion 0306-04:** to table motion 0306-03 for two meetings (vote in October). Motioned by Dean Crawford (K WAS), seconded by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison). Voted on and carried.

**Election changes:** A proposal to revert back to the old system of one-year terms for the entire executive was discussed. Two-year terms with half of the executive elected one year and the other half on the alternate year was motioned in 2001 (Motion 0103-02) but in reality it does not work effectively.

**Motion 0306-05:** To revert back to the one-year term for the whole executive to start next year. Motioned by Dean Crawford (KWAS), seconded by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison).

**Motion 0306-06:** to table motion 0306-05 for two meetings (vote in October). Motioned by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow). Voted on and carried.

**Meeting time changes:** A proposal to change the exec meeting to 1000 hours and the general meeting to 1130 hours met with no strong objections. It is hoped that if we start earlier we can finish earlier.

**Budgets:** Committee chairs are reminded that it is budget month in September and to be ready to submit and discuss budget figures for each committee.

**Agenda:** Committee chairs are reminder that if they have anything to discuss at the meeting they are to please let Paul know ahead of time so that it can be added to the agenda. We are hoping to streamline the meetings in the future by cutting out non-essential reports.

**Thanks** to all who donated goodies for the barbecue.

**Next Executive Meeting is 1000 hours September 21<sup>st</sup> 2003**  
**Next General Meeting is 1130 hours September 21<sup>st</sup>. 2003**

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

**KITCHENER-WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY:** invites everyone to our first show in many years - OKTOBERFISH 2003 - held October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Swimplex in Waterloo. Flyers are available at this meeting or on our website (www.kwas.ca)..

**LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY:** Has elected a new executive for this year. We will be holding our show September 28<sup>th</sup> in Dorchester. Also the AGA Convention will be held November 14 - 16 in Dallas TX. For more info contact Dorothy Reimer 519 438 7682.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).*

**President's Notes** *continued*

### **Improve Our Meetings**

In order to improve and streamline our CAOAC meetings, we will have the Executive meeting at 10:00 a.m followed by the General meeting at 11:30 This will give a half-hour leeway between meetings. I trust that this will not interfere too badly with your lunch.

Also, in order to shorten our meeting I am asking that you Email me or see me before the meeting if you have any items to present for your committee.

### **The Future!**

We are looking for new and innovative ideas to improve CAOAC and its club member associates. Also, 2004 Convention is still OPEN for takers. Suggestions for money-making ideas are always entertained to help fill our "coffers".

### **Tribute to Jim Brown**

We have lost another of our CAOAC friends. He was a well-known speaker, judge, cohort and jovial comrade at many meetings, conventions, and shows. He was a member of the Durham Region Aquarium Society and past Treasurer and Judges chair for CAOAC. Life is so precious and so short that we must always enjoy every minute each day. I believe that Jim did this although he had quite a jolt when he lost his soul mate, Linda a few months ago. He will be remembered by many friends. Please, keep him and his family in your prayers.

*Regards and Good Fishing  
Paul "Mac" McIntosh*

### CAOAC Annual Needs Questionnaire Summary

**1) How would you describe the present state of your club?**

- Out of six clubs who responded, four were fairly to very successful. One was having some difficulty and one was experiencing serious difficulty.

**2) What was your most successful meeting this year? Share your success with our clubs.**

- Cichlid Lovers' Weekend,
- Filter workshops
- Opening & closing your pond
- Collecting live foods in March
- Rusty Wessel - speaker on Central American Cichlids
- Ask the experts meeting

**3) What do you see as your main need(s) in making your club more successful?**

- Canned presentations for all levels of hobbyist that are useful and timely.
- Greater communication between the general members of the various Canadian clubs and societies.
- A common auction system throughout Western Canada at least. Not just a common computer system but also a common number system so that each club member can use their auction seller number throughout Canada. It helps the buyer, as well because they know which club the item is coming from with out knowing the seller's name.

- Money
- Advertise
- Excellent Programs
- Exposure to public (more visibility)
- Better web presence
- Improved attendance by local members
- Publicity of events

**4) What can CAOAC do to help?**

- Conduct more business on line or over the Internet This way all clubs will have input to CAOAC business, not just the ones who have representatives at the meetings.
- Active publicity of events.
- More programs/speakers for our hobby, watergardens/ponds.
- Also maybe when clubs join someone from CAOAC can go to them (within distance of course) and talk about how to run a club. Do you offer anything for someone wanting to start a club?
- Make a Fish Rescue handout available at local pet stores and place in it an ad about the local fish club.
- More new and interesting slide programs made available for local clubs

Submitted by,  
Peter Orphanos  
Futures Committee



# ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP

# OBITUARY

## JIM BROWN

suddenly at his home in Newcastle  
on Wednesday, September 3, 2003  
in his 57<sup>th</sup> year



Devoted husband and best friend of the late Linda (nee Wood).  
Father of Debra and her husband Shawn Mills of Stouffville. Son of  
Milton Brown and the late Eva. Brother of Jerry, Marge, Marilyn and  
John. Jim will be sadly missed by all of his "fishy" friends and his fe  
Newcastle Lions. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation,  
Canadian Diabetes Association, or the Lions Foundation would be appreciated by his family.

## Letters To The Editor

*Dear Friends,*

*With regard to the death of our friend Jim Brown, Doug White has asked me to let all clubs know that there will be an auction of plants, fish, aquarium tanks, dry goods etc. at our regular aquarium meeting on October 14th. The proceeds will be donated to the charities of their choice, namely Heart and Stroke, Canadian Diabetes, and/or The Lions Club.*

*Paul McIntosh,  
Durham Region Aquarium Society*

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings from **Amphibian Conservation Alliance!** ACA is a new environmental advocacy group working with World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C to combat amphibian declines and deformities worldwide. Our board includes many top scientists and policy experts in the field.

Right now, ACA is in the process of gathering information about herpetological societies around the world, including yours, and so I'm writing for two reasons.

First, I wish to know whether there is any information about your organization that you might be able to send us. This could include things like brochures and/or recent publications.

Second, I want to find out whether it might be possible to add Amphibian Conservation Alliance to the mailing list for your newsletter. At this time, ACA does not have a newsletter or the money to pay for subscriptions to every herp society, but if your group has a policy of providing complementary subscriptions to your newsletter to certain charities, please consider adding ACA to that list.

I look forward to the possibility of learning more about your work. Please contact me if you have any questions about our project. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely, Alicja Mackowiak

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# CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sept** 21 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**  
(budget meeting)
- 28 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY CAOAC sanctioned show and auction
- OCT** 05 **HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY - auction only**
- 14 **DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY**  
An auction will be held at our regular meeting in memory of Jim Brown with proceeds going to his favourite charities
- 19 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**  
**NOTE:** Submissions for the CAOAC calendar due (picture & dates)
- 25 **KITCHENR-WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Oktoberfish show & auction**
- Nov** 02 **BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB - auction**
- Nov** 16 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**  
**NOTE:** Cheques for membership and insurance due
- Dec** 14 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**  
(Christmas meeting)  
**NOTE:** Second Sunday of the month  
**NOTE:** Authors and Advanced Authors Awards nominations due
- Jan** 18 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**  
**NOTE:** Membership Vote  
**NOTE:** Newsletter Award submissions due
- Feb** 8 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**  
**NOTE:** Breeders, Aquatic Horticulturists, Recognition award submissions due
- Mar** 21 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
- Apr** 11 **EASTER**
- 17 **SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Spring auction**
- 18 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**

For the most current and complete event information see the events calendar at [www.caoac.on.ca](http://www.caoac.on.ca)

## 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