

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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President's Notes

Season's Greetings to Everyone

As we look forward to celebrating at our meeting, let us remember the less fortunate. The *meeting times have reverted back to the old time for this day only*—Executive at 11:00 a.m. followed by potluck lunch at 12:00 o'clock and then the General meeting at 1:00 p.m. Welcome to the new president of the Hamilton club, Ron Wentworth.

Insurance and Membership

If your club has not sent in fees for these yet, please do so ASAP. We want to have these completed by the 1st of January 2004. A correction of the fees needs to be made. Up to and including 60 members is \$60.00 and over 60 is \$90.00. Remember that if you are late, you will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 extra.

Newsletter Award

Don't forget to gather together your 10 issues of your club newsletter or whatever amount of issues you have to enter your club in the Newsletter Award. They are due by the January meeting.

CAOAC Calendar

Dave Boehm is working on the CAOAC calendar. It will be ready for the December meeting. The cost will be the same. Please let someone on the Executive or your club rep know how many you want.

CAOAC HONOUR ROLL (posthumously)

Miecia is looking into accumulating names of people who have contributed to CAOAC in the past. They are going to be added to the History Section of the CAOAC binder under a Memorial Honour Roll page.

CAOAC Dates to Remember

1. Author and Advanced Author Awards due in December
 2. 10 issues of Newsletters due in January
 3. Durham Show and Auction April 4, 2003
- God bless everyone", said Tiny Tim

*Regards and Good Fishing
Paul "Mac" McIntosh*

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From the Editor

For the last few months the Newsletter has not been getting out nearly as quickly as it should. The fault has been all mine (not the publisher's) as I have had both medical and computer problems. Both are now under control and from now on things will progress in a more timely fashion. Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

David Boehm



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CAOAC Minutes November 16, 2003

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on November 16, 2003 at 1000 hours in Waterdown, ON. The following executives were in attendance: Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) and Miecja Burden (Recording Secretary). Also present was Dean Crawford (K.W.A.S.). Absent executive were Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) and Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster).

Under the new guidelines, committees who have not contacted Paul to be included on the agenda will not be asked to report.

Awards: Report sent in by Wayne Rakestow:

By now all clubs should have been contacted by the Regional Rep. The info available for the Forest City Pond Club was no good as no such no contact was made.

A reminder that the Author's Awards submissions are due at the December 14th CAOAC meeting.

Due at the January CAOAC meeting is the Newsletter Award.

If your club has any submissions ready (BAP, AHAP or Recognition Awards), they can be submitted now.

Membership: Clubs are being notified by e-mail (if possible) as to when Miecja Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) receives the application in the mail. So far clubs that have replied are Durham, London Aquaria Society, Oxford and Regina.

Convention 2004: no bids (or rumours) to date.

Web Site & Web Site Calendar: The following dates need to be posted:

- ◆ Durham show & auction April 4 2004
- ◆ Brampton show & auction Nov 14 2004

Calendar: Several clubs have notified Dave about dates that they would like included on the calendar. Also suggested were the following:

Contact number for the Fish Rescue Program

- ◆ CAOAC web site address
- ◆ Club web site addresses
- ◆ Something (maybe the CAOAC logo) on the front cover.

Price and numbers printed would be same as last year.

Ways & Means: Discussion about the availability of the square one-gallon show tanks. Very hard to find someone to make them for a decent price. Pet stores carry the two-gallon but not the one-gallon.

Programs: More were rented out this month than all of last year. Discussion about converting the VHS tapes, which are showing signs of deterioration, to DVD's was held. The cost to do this professionally is about \$30 per tape and we are looking for someone who could do this at home for a better price. This could be an on-going project completed over several years. Easier to store and ship. Are all clubs able to utilise the programs as DVD's?

NEW BUSINESS:

Auction Programs: for use by clubs holding annual auctions. If there are any around would the programmers be willing to share with the other clubs in CAOAC? Miecja Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) said that K.W.A.S. has an excellent program and she will contact the programmer to see if he is willing to share with the other clubs.

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Memorial Page/Honour Roll: Discussion on how to implement. Could be a page in the history section of the Binder listing name and home club and dates. Criteria would need to be set i.e., a significant CAOAC affiliation in some capacity at some time. Proposed names would have to be requested from the various clubs.

*Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)*

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by President Paul McIntosh on November 16, 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), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) and Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster).

Paul welcomed the new president of the Hamilton club, Ron Wentworth.

Roll Call:

Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures)
Bill Irwin (Brant)
Paul McFarlane (Hamilton)
Dean Crawford (KWAS)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
Wayne Cole (Sarnia)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist/Historian)
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership)
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
Terry Little (FRP/Open Show)
Udo Rohmann (Programs)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)
6 clubs and 12 votes.

Membership Report: All applications have been sent out and all returned applications will be held and processed/accepted at the January meeting 2004. As applications are received clubs will be notified via e-mail (if possible) that the application was received.

Treasurer's report: Chair absent - no report.

Secretary's report: Minutes from executive meeting in October accepted on a motion by Wayne Cole (Sarnia), seconded by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/OpenShow). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in October accepted on a motion by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Dean Crawford (KWAS). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: from ADDR.COM a professional web hosting and web design provider offering their services. Miecia has forwarded the e-mail to Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) in October. After short discussion we will forgo the offer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AH Directory: Paul has contacted Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) about the program that Tony requested last month but has had no answer to date. Miecia offered to try and contact Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) on this matter.

Archivist: Paul has some great pictures of aquariums from a Durham member that will be passed on the Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) for consideration for the calendar.

Awards: see executive minutes for report.

Miecia will contact Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) with a contact name for Forest City Pond Club - Cherly Climenhaga.

Breeder's Directory: There has been a "First In" by Tom & Pat Bridges for *Rasbora borapatensis* or the brilliant rasboras as they are commonly known. "First In" recognition is for the first listing of a breeding of a species never before listed in our Breeders Directory. Thanks to Tom & Pat for donating a bag of fry to our mini raffle at this meeting. The fry were won by Udo Rohmann (1st Vice/Programs). Updates received from St. Catharines.

Convention 2004: Nothing to date. If nothing has happened by January 2004 CAOAC will have to decide how to handle the problem.

Futures: The following is a report from Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures):

Presidents' Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2003

Century Gardens, Brampton

Presidents or their representatives from Kwas, Durham, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Brantford, Willowdale, NADS, Brampton and C.K.A. attended. Peter Orphanos chaired the meeting.

Each club had a chance to share the degree of their success and some of the factors involved. Then a problem sharing exercise occurred. Two clubs who are having serious problems were assisted by other clubs with ideas for solving their difficulties. Each club then shared what worked well for them so that other clubs may wish to look at adopting these ideas to improve their club. Suggestions included:

- ◆ Phoning up old members who have not renewed their membership and asking for reasons why they haven't. It could reveal information that would be useful to the club.
- ◆ Involving club members in presentations and articles in the newsletter. Involvement in general to a suitable degree for the member builds ownership for the individual.
- ◆ Establishing and maintaining a vibrant core of volunteers and general members. Keeping the

older members with experience was just as important as recruiting new members. Surveys can be helpful. Focus on youth is crucial. Involve and reward youngsters. Make it worthwhile fun for them.

- ◆ Enhancing relationships with sponsors, pet shops etc. Using the membership card as a way to get a discount benefits the club members and the store.

It was a very supportive forum at which clubs found out that there are many problems common to all. The internet and T.V. are seen as serious competitors for time and information, that is why the social/personal aspect of the club is so important.

Thank you to all that made this meeting very beneficial and interesting.

Open Show: New cheque received from Sarnia (last one went astray) to cover their show sanctioning fees for 2003. 2004 sanctioning fees received from Durham and Brampton.

Judges & Steering: still open.

Newsletter: Paul mentioned that he really appreciated Dave publishing the list of regional reps in the last newsletter. Paul will contact Rein about getting the hard copies out sooner. Several reps, especially those who are not on email need their hard copies before coming to the meetings. Changes to the calendar as noted in the executive minutes. Sarnia also has a show and auction September 18, 2002. Terry pointed out an error in Paul's president's message regarding the memberships. Not all memberships are \$60. The cost to clubs with over 60 members is \$90 per year.

Program: Discussion about converting VHS to DVD's - clubs were requested to check with their members as to whether there is someone out there willing to take this on and the cost of doing so.

Ways & Means: Next month is our annual potluck brunch that each rep contributes to by bring a dish to share. Lunch will be at 12 noon followed by the general meeting.

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Minutes continued

Calendars: Miecica will contact Dave to make sure the calendars can be available for distribution at the December meeting. Several clubs expressed disappointment that they wouldn't be ready until then but as Miecica pointed out that an early delivery date had never been discussed or mentioned until today. In fact the deadline for the pictures for the calendar has always been this meeting. If we decide to do this again next year we will request a November delivery date. That means the calendars will have to be discussed at the September meeting. The number ordered will be 200 (same as last year) with the same cost to CAOAC as last year.

Webmaster: In response to a request, Tom will link our site to the aquarticles site. Another site mentioned as an excellent source of articles was the Minnesota Aquarium Society site.

All other committees had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to be voted on: *Bylaw amendments:* Because of a previously passed motion that made the past president a member of the current executive (Motion 200212-04 - to make the past president a voting member of the executive. Voted on and carried.) there has to be a change in the bylaws on page 414 as follows:

Current bylaw: #6, B, 4) - No one person may hold more than one Executive position at any one time
Amended to: No one person can hold two elected positions at the same time.

Motion 0309-02 that the bylaws be amended as above was made by Terry Little (Brant/FRP/Open-Show), seconded by Randy Seufert (TFCEC/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison). Voted on and carried.

No proxy's votes were received either by email or by regular mail.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Page: Discussion about creating a memorial page in the History Section of the Binder. Guidelines/criteria, format and explanation of such a page need to be setup. Miecica will work on this and bring an outline to the next meeting.

Auction Program: The need for a good auction program that can be shared and used by all clubs was discussed. Reps are asked to send any programs that they know of to Peter who is willing to evaluate and share the results with the clubs.

Thanks to all who donated goodies for the lunch

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

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 by cutting out non-essential reports.

Next Executive Meeting is 1100 hours December 14, 2003. A Potluck Brunch will follow at 1200 hours and the General Meeting follows that.

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:

Thanks all those who helped make our show and auction a resounding success. We had 145 entries in the show and lots of good quality items in the auction. Thanks to all who participated either by showing or by buying and selling in the auction. The club gained 5 new memberships because of the show. Our next meeting is our annual Christmas potluck supper and awards presentations. We would also like to wish all hobbyists a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY:

Mr Spencer Jack of Winnipeg, noted Cichlid enthusiast, was the keynote speaker at the November 11th meeting of the Sarnia Aquarium Society. His topic was, "The Cichlids of Lake Malawi", emphasizing the diversity of species and the relationship of type of mouthparts to the fishes' location in the lake. The club membership increased by three new families. Our next meeting on December 9th is the annual Christmas Pot Luck Supper. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Fish Year to all. Submitted by Wayne Cole CAOAC Representative

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

Rules For Applying For A

**C.A.O.A.C.
RECOGNITION AWARD**

1. All applicants must be a member of a club or society that is a member in good standing of C.A.O.A.C. at the time of the annual Awards Committee meeting in March. If a non-member individual is being considered, this name must be approved and/or submitted by the C.A.O.A.C. Executive prior to the Awards Committee meeting.
2. The application must be submitted on the form "**Recognition Award Nomination Form**" which is on Page 1181 of the C.A.O.A.C. Information Binder. This form must be completed and must be signed by an Executive of the applicant's local club or society. If a computer-generated application is being submitted, it must include the information requested on Page 1181. If these criteria are not adhered to, the application will not be considered by the Awards Committee.
3. No application will be accepted if signed by the applicant.
4. In rare circumstances the C.A.O.A.C. Scientist Award will be presented to a non-member of C.A.O.A.C.
5. The Author Award or Advanced Author Award must be submitted by the December C.A.O.A.C. meeting.
6. All other C.A.O.A.C. Recognition Awards must be submitted by the February C.A.O.A.C. meeting.
7. Applications received after the deadline will only be processed if time permits.

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Please remember that cheques for CAOAC membership and insurance for the year 2004 are due at the November meeting. Please check the President's Notes and the minutes in this issue for further details

CAOAC AWARDS

Submissions for the CAOAC Authors and Advanced Authors Awards are due at the December CAOAC meeting. Check the calendar on the last page of this Newsletter or the CAOAC website (www.caoac.on.ca) or your area Awards Rep for more information

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

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

- 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 **CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATION - Spring auction**
15 **TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIR COUNTY - Show & auction**
22 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the month
NOTE: Breeders, Aquatic Horticulturists, Recognition award submissions due
- Mar** 21 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
14 **HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Auction**
- Apr** 4 **DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Show & auction**
11 **EASTER**
17 **SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Spring auction**
18 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
- May** 2 **LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY - Spring auction**
16 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
- Jun** 27 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
- Sep** 12 **CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATION - Fall auction**
18 **SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Show & auction**
19 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
26 **LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY - Show & auction**
- Oct** 3 **HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Show & auction**
17 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
- Nov** 14 **BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB - Show & auction**
21 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
NOTE: Cheques for membership and insurance due
- Dec** 12 **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

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