

# Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

# Aquarium Clubs



## NEWSLETTER January 2004

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### Editor's Notes

Having not received a President's Notes by the publication date of this Newsletter and having nothing of any importance to say myself, I decided to fill the empty space this month with some pictures from the CAOAC Christmas meeting.

As you can see, there were lots of food and goodies to eat and drink. We conducted our business and got home in good time to spend with our families.

On behalf of all the CAOAC Executive and Board of Directors, I wish you and yours a

**VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

Don't forget that we will be renewing memberships at the January meeting. Make sure your club has filed the necessary paperwork. Also don't forget that the Newsletter Award applications are due at this meeting.

Regards,

David Boehm  
Editor



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**First in CAOAC Certificates**

Based on the latest submissions from the *Aquarium Society of Winnipeg*, the *St. Catharines Aquarium Society* and the *Hamilton & District Aquarium Society*, the Breeders

Directory Committee has issued a certificate to:

- 1 **Mike Davies** of ASW for  
*Otopharynx auromarginatus*
- 1 **Tom & Pat Bridges** of SCAS for  
*Rasbora borapetensis*
- 1 **Charles Drew** of H&DAS for  
*Hemigrammus bleheri*

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



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# CAOAC Minutes December 14, 2003

## EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on December 14th, 2003 at 1130 hours in Waterdown, ON. The following executives were in attendance: Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden-Miller (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec), Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary) and Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). Also present were Bill Irwin (Brant) and Terry Little (FRP/Open Show). Absent executive was Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President).

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

**Archivist:** Paul has been in contact with Harold Benn's son regarding some pictures that Paul had requested. The son found the request in a box when he was sorting out his Dad's estate. He will be sending them to Paul.

**AHAP:** Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) has the program for this committee but needs to make it more user-friendly before giving it to Tony Bernard (AH Directory). Likewise with the auction program that Dave is willing to give to the Futures committee. Discussion about purchasing a plant book for reference. The Internet was also suggested as a resource although some consider it not as accurate as it could be.

**Awards:** Authors Award applications are due today. Give to Paul McIntosh (President) who will pass them on to Wayne Rakestrow (Awards).

**Membership:** So far only fifteen clubs have replied as to whether they are re-joining CAOAC and taking the insurance.

**Calendars:** Are here today.

**Newsletter:** Due to a variety of reasons the newsletter has not been available in hard copy for the last few months. Dave will contact Rein about this problem and hopefully in the New Year the problem will be resolved.

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

## GENERAL MEETING

**The meeting was called to order** at 1300 hours by President Paul McIntosh on December 14, 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/Newsletter/Webmaster) and Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

Paul welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out on such a lousy weather day. We all enjoyed a great potluck lunch. Thanks to all that brought goodies.

Roll Call:

Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures)  
Bill Irwin (Brant)  
Paul McFarlane (CKA)  
Ron Wentworth (Hamilton)  
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist/Historian)  
Tony Bernard (AH Directory)  
Miecica Burden (Binder/Membership)

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Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)  
 Terry Little (FRP/Open Show)  
 Udo Rohmann (Programs)  
 Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster)  
 Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 14 votes.

**Membership Report:** The following clubs have sent in applications for membership along with insurance monies:

Aquarium Society of Winnipeg  
 Brampton Aquarium Club  
 Calgary Aquarium Society  
 Canadian Killifish Association  
 Durham Region Aquarium Society  
 Forest City Pond Club  
 Hamilton & District Aquarium Society  
 Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society  
 London Aquaria Society  
 Ottawa Amphibian & Reptile Association  
 Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society  
 Oxford Region Aquarium Club (no insurance)  
 Regina Aquarium Society  
 Sarnia Aquarium Society  
 St Catharines Aquarium Society  
 Willowdale Aquarium Society  
 Southern Ontario Pond Keepers

The following clubs have contacted me by e-mail (but I have not received anything via the mail) to say they were rejoining and would be taking insurance are:

Canadian Rift Lake Cichlid Association  
 Aquarium Club of Edmonton  
 Tropical Fish Breeders Association  
 Tropical Fish Club of Erie County (Insurance not available)

Clubs that have not replied, even to my emails are:  
 Nova Scotia Herpetological Society  
 Canadian Cichlid Association

Clubs are reminded that there is a \$25 surcharge for late fees received after the February meeting.

Discussion about raising the penalty and changing the date of when to levy the penalty will be put on the agenda for January.

Several inquiries have been received regarding membership in CAOAC and the appropriate membership package has been sent. Clubs inquiring are: Maritime Aquarium Club, Halifax Nova Scotia and a North Bay contact person.

**Treasurer's report:**

Sept 30 Balance	\$1655.58
Oct 1 Bank charges	5.00
Nov 1 Bank charges	5.00
Dec 14 Balance	1645.58
Committed funds	640.00
 Working Balance	 \$1005.58

Newsletter Float Feb 2003 of \$100.00 is included in the balance.

Accepted on a motion by Tony Bernard (AH Directory), seconded by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures). Voted on and carried.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report from October (missed in error) was made by Paul McFarlane (CKA), seconded by Terry Little (FRP/Open Show). Voted on and carried.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes from the executive meeting in November were accepted on a motion by Peter Orphanos (Brampton/Futures), seconded by Ron Wentworth (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in November accepted on a motion by Terry Little (FRP/Open Show), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant). Voted on and carried.

There still seems to be a problem with newsletters not being mailed to those that have requested them. Dave will speak with Rein and request that the last three (Oct, Nov and Dec) be bundled together and mailed to those requesting a hard copy.

**Correspondence:** Paul received a reply to a request that he had sent to Harold Benn Sr. Harold Benn Jr. found the letter and has been in contact with Paul. Paul is gathering information about CAOAC's past history and had contacted Harold in this regard. Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) received a request from Lawrence Dostert Jr., 105 Keele St. Toronto, ON, M6P 2J8 requesting information about fish he owns and others that he would like to obtain. She will reply.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Archivist:** Paul McFarlane passed on to Paul Macintosh several old papers that he found dealing with CAOAC history that he though Paul might be interested in.

**Awards:** Deadlines as follows:  
 Authors and Advanced Authors - today  
 Newsletter - Jan 18 2004  
 All others - Feb 22, 2004.

**Breeder's Directory:** There has been a "First In" by Charlie Drew (Hamilton) for the Rummy-nosed Tetra. "First In" recognition is for the first listing of a breeding of a species never before listed in our Breeders Directory. The update was received from Hamilton.

**Convention 2004:** Information from Jennifer about the possibility of having the Convention in Port Dover this time around focusing on Native Fishes and Environmental issues. She has an appointment to talk with the hotel in Port Dover in January and will have more information at the January meeting. A decision will be made at this meeting regarding the 2004 Convention—a go or a no go!

**Newsletter:** Concerns regarding the mailing of the hard copies and also the outstanding bills from this committee.

**Program:** Jan 2004 issue of TFH features a program sponsoring aquariums in schools. TFH will act as a liaison between schools and clubs. Interested clubs can check out this issue for more information. All other committees had no report.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Calendars:** are here today and distributed as follows:

Terry Little (FRP/Open Show) 1 paid  
 Bill Irwin (Brant) 1 paid  
 Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) 2 paid  
 St Catharines 12 paid  
 Hamilton 50 paid  
 TFCEC 30  
 Brampton 20 paid  
 Sarnia 25  
 Kitchener 35  
 Durham 20  
 4 left

After discussion about the price of the calendars a motion 0312-01 that the price of the calendars to the clubs be \$3.00 for each calendar with shipping charges extra was made by Terry Little (FRP/Open Show), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant). Voted on and carried. Next year we will start the process much earlier. Deadline for submissions (dates and pictures) will be the September meeting and delivery date will be the November meeting. Several clubs want them for their Christmas meetings.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Memorial Page:** Miecica hasn't had time to work on it this past month. She will try for the January meeting.

## 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 1000 hours January 18th, 2004  
 Next General Meeting is 1130 hours January 18th, 2004.

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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.

None this month.

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



## 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 Newsletter Award

(All submissions due at the January meeting)

### Preamble

- a) All newsletter-producing CAOAC member clubs are automatically in the running for this Award unless:
  - i. they ask to be omitted or
  - ii. do not provide copies of their newsletters to the awards committee.
- b) All CAOAC clubs wishing to participate are required to send or deliver a regularly distributed hard copy of each newsletter (Jan. to Dec.) to the Chair of the Awards committee **BY THE JANUARY CAOAC MEETING.**
- c) The name of this award is "Newsletter Award", but the editor's name(s) will be included on the type of award presented.
- d) A qualified outside person should do the actual evaluation of the Newsletter Award, in accordance with what they feel makes a Newsletter attractive, readable and an effective means of communication within the context of the criteria set out below. An honorarium for this task will be considered.

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### **Newsletter Judging Criteria**

Content	40 points	What information is provided (presented).
Style	30 points	How well is the information provided (presented).
Set-up*	20 points	Format layout.
Printing	10 points	Quality of reproduction.

\*Advertising placement to be considered if applicable.

## **The Newsletter**

The newsletter is a communications tool created to inform, generate interest and stimulate some action in the reader. It is the best way to keep in contact with all your society members. Completeness of information about meetings, show and other events will depend on whether the newsletter is in lieu of or in conjunction with a web site.

### **Content (items to include)**

- Aquatic articles and tips.
- Club/Society activities/news.
- CAOAC news -convention, picnic, workshops etc.
- Calendar of events -dates, contacts.
- Welcome new members.

### **Style**

- Masthead
  - i. Consider the scale and proportion of lettering and graphics in relation to masthead size.
  - ii. Your masthead should be distinctive and original.
  - iii. Your masthead should include name of society, editor's name, address and phone number.
- Body of Newsletter
  - i. Pages should be numbered (except for first page).
  - ii. Arrange materials for reader appeal and ease of use.
  - iii. Spacing and layouts are very important to avoid a cluttered look.
  - iv. Different items require a headline to identify them.

### **Set-up**

- Cover should include society name, city and date.
- Title Page should include the following: society name and date of founding, statement of purpose, mailing address, location of meeting with date and time.
- Body of Newsletter—(content suggestions)
  - i. Table of contents should follow title page.
  - ii. Pages should be clearly numbered at bottom centre or any of the four corners.
  - iii. Schedule of events
    - Meetings; when and where they are held
    - Special Projects; auctions, annual show, fish room tours etc...

### **Printing**

The printing should be clear, neat and pleasing to the eye. Points will be deducted for messiness.

# CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

- 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 ERIE 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 - Spring 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 (reserved date)**  
17 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**  
23 **KITCHENER-WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Oktoberfish Show & auction**
- 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](http://www.caoac.on.ca)