

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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NEWSLETTER March 2004

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President's Notes

LUCKY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL

Good luck to all! A LITTLE LEPRACHAUN SAID TO WEAR A SHAMROCK AND HAVE GOOD LUCK ALL DAY

Meeting Times

Don't forget the Awards Meeting at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Executive Meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the General Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Convention 2004

Plans seem to be progressing favourably for our gala Convention. Have you booked yet? Let Jennifer know if you want a room booked for 2 nights at \$64 per night and a weekend ticket for \$90. It is held on the weekend of May 14,15 and 16 at Port Dover on Lake Erie. CAOAC is sponsoring the Convention and Jennifer and Tony are looking for sponsors for the fish classes. Please support CAOAC by sponsoring one of these classes from your club or a private or corporate sponsorship. Many interesting speakers have been booked for this weekend. A special speaker ticket for \$35 (SAT ONLY) is being offered if you do not want the whole weekend ticket. Many thanks to Jennifer and Tony and their committee for their dedicated work in planning this GREAT CONVENTION!

Fish Rescue Programme

I received an E-mail message from Toni Schieda of PJAC to see what we have done for this programme. I turned this over to Terri Little, Chairperson after our discussion at the CAOAC meeting.

Judges Committee

Please contact Bill Irwin if you have decided to join the Judges Apprentice programme. We are looking for new recruits who are interested in starting in this programme.

DRAS Awards Banquet

We celebrated at the Toronto Zoo with a wonderful steak dinner and an excellent speaker, Stan Schubel with a great slide and talk show on raising and showing Guppies. He also discussed many diseases affecting not only the guppy but other fish as well.

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THE NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to Tom Mason and his Zoo committee for their super work as well as our own DRAS members.

CAOAC DATES TO REMEMBER

- √ March 14 HAMILTON & DISTRICT Spring Auction
- √ April 4 DURHAM Show & Auction
- √ April 17 SARNIA Spring Auction
- √ May 2 LONDON Spring Auction



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CAOAC Minutes February 22, 2004

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on February 22, 2004 at 1000 hours in Waterdown, ON. The following executives were in attendance: Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec), Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) and Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). Also present was Dean Crawford (Kwas).

Absent executive was Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President).

Correspondence:

□ From Toni Schieda of PIJAC inquiring about the success of the flyers that were being put into tanks sold in Canada regarding the fish rescue program. Will be forwarded to Terry Little.

□ From Craig Hughson from the MNR regarding bill that is going before parliament about banning snakehead, carp and goby types of fish from Canadian waters. This was a phone call message and Paul McIntosh (President) will attempt to obtain more information in written form or via e-mail.

□ From Otis Shaw in Michigan inquiring about membership/clubs - information sent by Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder).

□ From Elijah Jordon in British Columbia inquiring about membership/clubs - information sent by Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder).

□ Ministry of Consumer & Business Services - corrections sent by Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

Membership: Discussion about a renewal received this past week from the Nova Scotia club. Since there are extenuating circumstances and as a good will gesture they will not be charged the extra \$50 late renewal fee. Miecia will send an email to the president of the club explaining CAOAC's policy for

future years. Miecia also attempted to contact the Canadian Cichlid Association through their web site with no success to date.

Awards: Newsletters are being judged by same college that did it last year and a \$75 honorarium has been requested by Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards) for payment for this group. All other award nominations are due at this meeting.

AH Directory: has received submissions from Durham. Reps are reminded that to receive an award in either fish or plants categories you must have your spawnings or propagation registered with the directories before an award will be considered.

Convention 2004: Discussion about various aspects of the convention. Some information is on the web site and details are slowly being finalised. A motion that CAOAC sponsor this convention will be requested at the general meeting and just how to handle the profits (if any) will be discussed. The question "would CAOAC, using the profits from this convention, be willing to kick-start a new club whose focus would be family orientated?" was discussed at length. Reps will be asked at the general meeting for input on this idea. Miecia pointed out that in June 2001 motion 0103-06 "That CAOAC should establish and administer an assistance program for the club hosting the Annual CAOAC Convention and that net profits from a CAOAC run convention go into this program (tentatively named the CAOAC Convention Assistance Fund) was passed.

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

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*Minutes continued***GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by President Paul McIntosh on February 22, 2004 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: Paul McIntosh (President), Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary), Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

Executive absent: Udo Rohmann (1st Vice President).

Roll Call:

Paul McFarlane (CKA)
 Ron Wentworth (Hamilton)
 Dean Crawford (KWAS)
 Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria)
 Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist/Historian)
 Tony Bernard (AH Directory)
 Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership)
 Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
 Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster)
 Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 12 votes.

Membership Report:

The following renewal was motioned by Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership):

Accept the renewal of membership for the Nova Scotia Herpetological Society, seconded by Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). In answer to a question from the floor regarding the \$50 late fee charge that is not being levied against this club, Paul explained that due to extenuating circumstances and as a good-will gesture the fee was being absorbed by CAOAC for this year only and that Miecia will be sending an e-mail explaining CAOAC's position for future late renewals.

Voted on and carried.

Miecia has attempted to contact CCA through their web site with no reply to date.

Treasurer's report: The following report was submitted by Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer). (See box next page)

Bills still to be paid are insurance, rent, newsletter and honorarium.

Report accepted on a motion by Paul Mc Farlane (CKA), seconded by Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). Voted on and carried.

Secretary's report: Minutes from executive meeting in January were accepted on a motion by Tony Bernard (2ndVice/AHDirectory), seconded by Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in January were accepted on a motion by Tony Bernard (2ndVice/AHDirectory), seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: see exec minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: All recognition and BAP and AHAP award applications are due at this meeting. The Awards Committee meeting will be held Sunday March 21, 2004 in Waterdown. The tentative start time is set for 9:00 am. (Could change if we get a lot of applications.) A reminder that all BAP and AHAP award applicants must have their breeding/propagation records registered with the two Directories - Breeders and Aquatic Horticulturist before awards will be issued. A \$75 honorarium will be paid to the group who is judging the Newsletter award submissions.

Breeder's Directory: Tom has received an e-mail asking about listing crayfish, snails and other aquatic animal breedings in the directory. Tom stated that he will list them in the database but they will not be published in the directory. They are not included in the CAOAC BAP.

Treasurer's Report

	Debit	Credit
Opening Balance Jan 18/04		\$4263.58
Office	\$51.15	
Awards	\$72.00	
KWAS membership		\$60.00
Insurance		\$150.00
Show jars		\$50.00
Calendars		\$75.00
Edmonton membership		\$60.00
Insurance		\$150.00
Ottawa membership		\$60.00
Insurance		\$150.00
Winnipeg membership		\$60.00
Insurance		\$150.00
London Aq Soc - Calendar		\$18.00
M & T Instaprint (Calendars)	\$564.22	
Sarnia - Calendars & postage		\$82.00
McFarlane private membership		\$20.00
Closing Balance Feb 22/04		<u>\$4661.21</u>
Committed Funds		<u>\$655.00</u>
Total Funds		\$5316.21

Convention 2004: Jennifer reported that 30 tickets have already been sold and the hotel is booked. Speakers have been confirmed from the MNR and ROM and two others, one from the Toronto Zoo and another re: underwater photography are being pursued.

When: Weekend of May 14, 15 and 16

Place: Port Dover at the Erie Beach Hotel.

Rooms: At the hotel are \$64 plus tax and are limited. You must register your room at the Erie Hotel through Jennifer ASAP. More rooms are available at the Brant Hill Inn just down the way at a price of \$89.99 plus tax and there are numerous B&B in the area (various prices) but you will have to contact both the Inn and the B&B's directly.

Ticket price: \$90 per delegate for whole weekend. Four speakers (Sat only) \$35. No other breakdown of ticket prices will be available.

Full Ticket Includes:

Friday night: Boat ride

Saturday: Speakers, banquet and Murder Mystery Wine & Cheese Party at Harbour Museum

Sunday: Awards breakfast, auction, fish show, CAOAC general meeting.

The theme: Will be Conservation and will feature local speakers from the MNR, ROM and Toronto Zoo.

A flyer will be ready for the March meeting and check web site for information also.

Class sponsorships and donations are acceptable - call Tony Bernard (2nd Vice President) or Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer).

Motion 0402-01: that CAOAC host the 2004 Convention was made by Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria), seconded by Dean Crawford (KWAS). Voted on and carried.

A long discussion about using the profits (if any) to kick-start a new family-oriented fish club took place. Discussion about CAOAC's mandate re: clubs brought up the fact that CAOAC will assist any club with membership and program rental etc. once a club is established but CAOAC is not in the businesses of starting clubs. We can help once a club has started but we do not start the club. Also referred to was the motion mentioned in the executive minutes about convention profits.

Newsletter: Several reps at his meeting did not receive the February newsletter. Please check with Rein to make sure he has your correct mailing address if you require a hard copy. A new list has been generated from the latest application forms and maybe yours was missed. There were no changes to the calendar.

Webmaster: Discussion about using an html format on the web site giving open access to the newsletter was discussed. Several people are not happy with this idea so it will not be followed through with. Dave will correct the mistake found in the newsletter when downloaded from the web as soon as he gets home.

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CAOAC Convention 2004

May 14 - 16, 2004
Erie Beach Hotel
Port Dover, Ontario, Canada

Featuring:

- ◆ **Speakers**
 - √ **Erling Holm**, Royal Ontario Museum on the importance of Biodiversity and studies done so far on Walpole Island
 - √ **Al Dextrase**, Ministry of Natural Resources, on Canada's Endangered Fishes
 - √ **Cindy Lee**, Metro Toronto Zoo, topic not yet finalized
 - √ and more to come
 - ◆ Tropical Fish Show
 - ◆ Tropical Fish Auction
 - ◆ Awards Banquet
 - ◆ CAOAC Annual General Meeting
 - ◆ Dinner Cruise
 - ◆ Murder Mystery
- and much more



Price: \$90.00

Rooms available at the Erie Beach Hotel and an auxilliary location within a five-minute walk. Please contact Jenifer Bawden Miller who has booked a block of rooms to make room reservations. Do not contact the hotel as they will tell you that they are all booked up.

Contact Jennifer at 6 Clanbrassil Rd., RR3 Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0 (905) 768-7991 or jenniferatwork2002@hotmail.com for more information



Advertising

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

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

First in CAOAC Certificates

Based on the latest submissions from the Aquarium Society of Winnipeg, the Breeders Directory Committee has issued certificates to:

- **Allan Bridges** of ASW for *Synodontis petricola*
- **Christopher Biggs** of ASW for *Astatheros alfari*
- **James Ford** of ASW for *Pseudotropheus polit*

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

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OLD BUSINESS:

Memorial Page: No further names have been submitted. Miecia will bring a final copy to the next meeting for approval before publishing in the next binder update. If you can think of anyone who should be included please e-mail her. The criteria are relatively simple. The person must no longer be living and must have made a significant contribution to CAOAC in their lifetime i.e.; long serving club rep to CAOAC, on the executive or BOD of CAOAC or a CAOAC judge.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Positions on the BOD: Steering is looking for a volunteer.

Book on Aquatic Plants by Christel Kasselmann: Durham is looking into ordering. Cost is about \$85 (US). Contact Paul McIntosh (President) if interested. AH Directory expressed a desire for the book as a reference for the committee and this lead to a discussion about the state of the treasurer funds.

Low Treasurer funds: just a heads-up about the state of our treasury. Do we need to have a fundraiser this year? After the bills are paid this month we will have less than \$1500 left to run CAOAC for the year. Upcoming/ongoing expenses are newsletter, binder updates, awards and web site registration. On the agenda for next month.

Recent passings: Dave Boehm reported that Dr E. J. Crossman who authored the book *Fresh Water Fishes of Canada* and who was the head of the ichthyology department at the ROM passed away unexpectedly this winter. A Dr. E. J. Crossman Fund has been setup at the ROM and Allen Dextrase suggested that a donation to this fund rather than a speaker fee for his services at convention would be appropriate. Will be done.

Derek Lambert a well-known English hobbyist whose speciality was livebearers also passed away.

Thanks to those who donated goodies for the lunch.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Agenda: Committee chairs are reminded that if they have anything to discuss at the meeting they are to 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 March 21, 2004.

Next General Meeting is 1130 hours March 21, 2004.

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: had a super speaker last month, Tom Mason from the Toronto Zoo who spoke on his most recent trip to Costa Rica. Highly recommended. Thanks Tom for a great evening enjoyed by all our members!

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County: held a fantastic auction last month. We had 1,884 items sold and along with a 50/50, a tank raffle and the kitchen brought in a profit of about \$3,699.00. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The show is a go for Sept 11 and 12 at the Mall and the Awards Banquet is April 19th. Everyone is welcome. Contact Randy Seufert at tfcprez2@aol.com or 716 649 9165

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



CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2004

- Mar** 14 HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY - Spring Auction
21 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
NOTE: Awards Meeting at 9 am
- 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)
30 *All Annual Reports due via Post or Email. Send to the Newsletter Editor ASAP*
- May** 2 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY - Spring auction
14-16 CAOAC Annual Convention (Port Dover, Ontario)
- Jun** 27 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
- Aug** 1 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - Family Picnic
- 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

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- Jan** 16 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
Note: Submissions for the Newsletter Award are due!
- Feb** 13 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
Note: Submissions for the Breeders, Aquatic Horticulturists, and Recognition Awards are due!

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