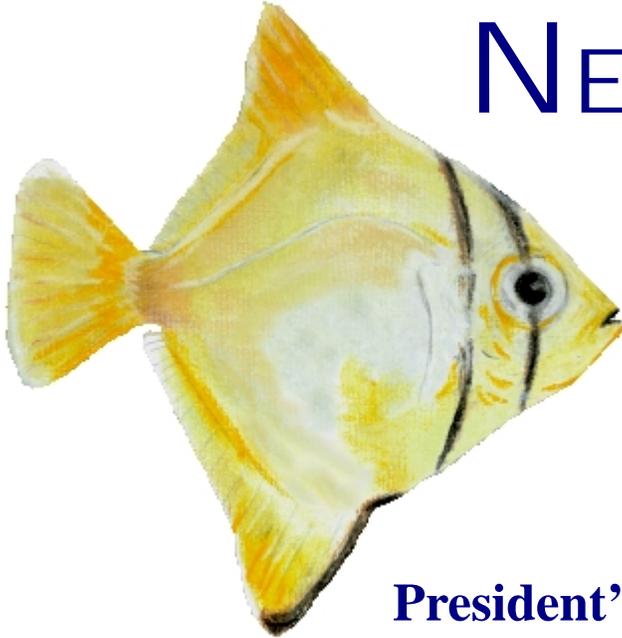


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President's Notes

CAOAC Committee Budgets

Budgets have been struck for the coming year. As money is getting tighter for CAOAC, Randy Seufert has suggested a comparative look at actual needs and those projected. We are looking at an auction in the future to supplement our needed funds. Rein has cut considerable costs with the publishing of the Newsletter on E-mail. CAOAC is also not going to produce a calendar this year. I believe that Erie County club is going to publish one so if you have dates that you would like published, please let Randy know.

Insurance and Membership

Insurance cost is expected to go up this year. We don't know by how much but we have set a price of \$180.00. The membership fee is \$60 per club for up to 60 members or \$90 for over 60 members. The cheque is due at the November meeting with the cheque post-dated to January 1st 2005.

AHAP and BAP Programmes

These have been printed and should be in your club's hands soon. Wayne Rakestrow and I have been working on a Pond and Bog programme. We hope to present it to CAOAC in conjunction with the AHAP programme and Tony Bernard for approval and constructive criticism and/or changes. We DRAS found that this is necessary because there are so many pond plants that are not included in our programme and many more people are having ponds constructed on their properties. We hope to get more input from Pond people such as Rowena Burns from Baltimore and others.

Get Well Wishes

These go out to the following people:
Bill Irwin, Ron Wentworth, Dave Boehm, Frank Buhagiar and Ray Lucas

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President's Notes continued

CAOAC Dates To Remember

- October 3rd – HDAS Show and Auction
- October 23rd – KVAS Show and Auction
- October 23 – Brampton Auction—ONLY
- October 17th – CAOAC Meeting

*Regards And Good Fishing
Paul "Mac" McIntosh*



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CAOAC Minutes September 27, 2004

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on September 19, 2004 at 1000 hours in Waterdown, ON.

The following executives were in attendance:

Paul McIntosh (President), Tony Bernard (1st Vice), Randy Seufert (2nd Vice), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec), Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer), Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary). Also present were Teri Seufert (TFCEC), Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) and Bob Wright (Steering).

Absent executive was Dave Boehm (Past President).

Paul McIntosh (President) welcomed everyone and thanked Tony Bernard (1st VicePresident) for chairing the June meetings in his absence.

Correspondence: Rec'd by Sarah Langthorne (Corr Sec/Ways & Means): Forms from the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services. Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) will fill out and return.

Awards: Web award is on hold until criteria are approved. We need to find someone to judge - there will be a fair time commitment and also we need to decide upon a payment schedule.

Extra book on Aquarium Plants: the 4 entities that ordered the book have received an extra book and must agree on what to do with the book. Wayne Rakestrow who ordered the books suggests that each entity can make suggestions on what to do with the book and if all entities agree then that suggestion will be followed. As an entity CAOAC suggests two options: raffle the book (sell tickets for \$2 each until \$100 is

reached) or sell the book for \$90. Wayne will take these two suggestions to the other entities and see what they are in favour of.

Insurance: After discussion it was decided on a **motion (0409-01)** by Miecia Burden (Rec. Sec/Membership/Binder), seconded by Sarah Langthorne (Corr Sec/Ways & Means) to increase the insurance premium by 20% which will make the insurance \$180.00 per club/society for 2005. Voted on and carried. Again, if the increase is more than 20% the added cost will be passed on to the clubs as has been done in the past. **This premium is due at the November CAOAC meeting and cheques can be post-dated to January 1, 2005.** Late charges of \$25.00 will be incurred after the November meeting and there will be **no exceptions this year.** The reason for the early due date is that the insurance company wants to know by December 1st the number of clubs that are being insured so that they can levy the appropriate charge. As soon as the actual contract has been received a copy will be mailed to all clubs as early as possible in 2005 so that any club needing it will have it ASAP.

Memorial page: Ok to print. Will be included in the fall update.

Fish Rescue Program: A request to make it more visible on the web site will be convey to webmaster Dave Boehm. More flyers are requested for various pet stores. Terry will be apprised of this at the general meeting.

Corporate Seal: Udo Rohmann (Programs) is taking care of getting a new one. The old one is here today and will be passed on to him at the general meeting.

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Assets: An accounting will take place at the general meeting. It was pointed out that in the past the asset listing was part of the annual treasurer's report.

CAOAC pictures from Convention 2004: Paul is requesting copies for the archive files.

Calendars: After discussion it was decided that the executive would recommend that we do not proceed with the calendars for 2005. There does not seem to be enough interest from the clubs in CAOAC to pursue this venture.

Annual Report: Miecia Burden (Rec. Sec/Membership/Binder) noticed that the motions printed in the 2004 Annual report are from 2002 not 2003. She has notified Dave Boehm of the error. She has copies of the correct motions here today and will distribute them at the general meeting. She will include the corrected motions with the Annual Report when she mailed out the binder update in the fall. Also available today is an addendum to the AH Directory. (TFCEC submissions were inadvertently omitted from the Directory).

Awards Questionnaire: The awards committee has designed a questionnaire that will be sent via e-mail to all clubs this fall. Responses are requested so that the awards committee can get a handle on just how much the clubs know about the awards program in CAOAC and just what improvements if any can be made.

Display Case: for the corporate Constitution and Bylaws has been purchased by Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder). Cost was \$36. Will be shown to the reps for approval at the general meeting.

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

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on September 19th, 2004 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: see executive minutes.

Executive absent: see executive minutes.

Paul welcomed everyone and thanked Tony for chairing the meetings in June.

Roll Call:

Peter Orphanos (Brampton)
Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards)
Paul McFarlane (Hamilton)
Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria)
Wayne Cole (Sarnia)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir)
Teri Seufert (TFCEC)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist)
Tony Bernard (AH Directory)
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership)
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow)
Randy Seufert (CAOAC/FAAS Liaison)
Udo Rohmann (Programs)
Bob Wright (Steering)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

7 clubs and 17 votes.

Treasurer's report: Reported a bank balance of \$1085.85 with committed funds of \$640.00. Any bills to be paid should be submitted to Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) today. Bills received from Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) for postage, annual barbecue and miscellaneous items over the past year, Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) for printing Annual report and AH Directory and Rein Breitmaier (Newsletter Editor) for publishing and mailing costs for newsletter. Room rent has been paid till June 2005 and the dates booked. Motion

to accept report made by Teri Seufert (TFCEC), seconded by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Director). Voted on and carried.

Insurance: See executive minutes for details regarding the increase in premiums for 2005.

Membership: Missed at the June meeting was a motion (0409-02) to accept Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) as chair of the membership committee. Motioned by Randy Seufert (2nd Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Paul McFarlane (Hamilton). Voted on and carried. After short discussion membership forms will be sent electronically to each club to cut down on expenses.

Correspondence: See executive minutes for details. Sarah Langthorne (Corr Sec/Ways & Means) will send cards to Frank Buhagiar (Hi, How are You?), Frank Hyoda (sympathy card) and get well cards to Ron Wentworth, Bill Irwin and Ray Lucas.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) has purchased a display case for the charter - passed on to Paul for archives. The cost was about \$36.00 and if memory serves correctly Ray Lucas offered to donate the money for such a case when purchased. Miecia will contact Ray to discuss donation.

AH Directory: An addendum to the AH Directory with the correct TFCEC listing was distributed to those reps at this meeting and will be added to the Directory that will be mailed along with the fall update to the binder. Discussion about listing variations of plant species in the Directory. A question of whether there is a need for this. A reminder that the Directories recognise propagations and the Awards committee recognises and gives the points for the propagations. These are two separate entities. The Breeders Directory does not list variations of species.

Awards: Questionnaire will be mailed out to all clubs and members of CAOAC that are on Miecia's e-mail list. Different points of view are requested so that the committee can judge as to whether the awards information is getting out to the club members.

New regional reps were listed in the June newsletter and clubs should be hearing from them in the near future.

Corporate Seal is of poor quality and Udo Rohmann (Programs) has volunteered to look after getting a new one. The old seal was passed on to him at this meeting.

Binder: A new (second) binder was issued to the Durham Club and another is ready for the Southern Ontario Pond Keepers club. Two binders from the Brant Aquarium Society (now folded) were requested to be returned. One of these will be passed on to Bill Irwin as the Judges Chairperson. An update will be ready for next meeting and thanks to Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards) for doing the Awards Section update once again. Dorothy has several binder covers that she will bring to the next meeting for Miecia.

Convention 2004 - Paul McIntosh (President) presented Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) and Tony Bernard (1st VicePresident) with plaques as a thank you for "a job well done" in co-convening the 2004 Convention in Port Dover. Everyone who attended had a great time and as a bonus we made \$41.00 profit! The reps gave both Jennifer and Tony a big round of applause. Jennifer announced there is \$500.00 as seed money to be presented to the next host of the Convention and we still have the \$41.00 as profit!

Convention 2005 - no bids to date. There are rumours!!!

Fish Rescue Program: A more visible presence on the web site is requested and this request will be passed on to Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). Terry has some flyers

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and can send them out on request. Suggestion that Pet Value stores be asked to display our flyers was made. Terry has not heard further from Tony Schieda of PIJAC re: inserts for tanks being sold in pet stores. We are presuming Tony printed more and they are being added to the tanks. Terry Little (Fish Rescue Program/Open Show) needs a volunteer in the London area to take fish. Terry is the contact as this time. He has a new phone # 1 519 771 1385

Judges: Need to update the pages in the Information Binder. Bill will be asked to take care of this as soon as he has recuperated from surgery on his knee. Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory) as an apprentice judge needs a judging binder. Bill is also in charge of this.

Newsletter: A deadline of the first day of the month for submissions to the newsletter will be enforced in the future. This is necessary to make sure the newsletter gets out in time. If you need a hard copy of the newsletter and are not getting it, please contact Rein.

Open Show: Two shows held so far this fall: Erie County in August with 234 entries and Sarnia in September with about 100 entries. Brampton has cancelled their show in November but will still hold an auction.

The following committees had nothing to report: Breeder's Directory, CAOAC/FAAS, Futures Programs, Steering, Ways & Means and Webmaster.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speakers: A recommendation by Peter Orphanos (Brampton) that speaker Frank Acquire from Brampton Aquarium Services be added to the web site was made. He spoke recently at the Brampton club and Peter reported that he is "convention material". Peter will take care of getting the information from Frank and notifying Dave Boehm.

Auction Program: The one given to Paul McIntosh by London Aquaria Society isn't functional as it stands. It needs the Excel program to operate it.

NEW BUSINESS

Awards promotion: Further discussion in January and February of 2005 after clubs have responded to the questionnaire being sent this fall and after the new regional reps have had a chance to contact clubs in their district.

Web Award: see executive minutes

Extra Book on Plants: See executive minutes. After discussion an offer to buy the book for \$90 was made and will be forwarded by Wayne to the other entities involved for acceptance.

Assets: as follows:

- Paul McIntosh (President) - gavel and keys to meeting room
- Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) - Revolving Trophies (6)
- Paul McIntosh (Archivist) - past minutes, charter, pictures, crests, newsletters
- Tony Bernard (AH Directory) - book on plants by Kasselmann
- Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) - corporate seal, award archives
- Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder) - new binders (5), binder archives, Future's booklet (10)
- Tom Bridges (Breeders Dir) - 4/5 Books on Cichlids, CD ROM ID program
- Udo Rohmann (Programs) - films, slides and videos
- Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means) - banner, crest & pins, cash box and refreshment supplies
- Dave Boehm (Newsletter/Webmaster) - program for Internet

Calendars: No go this year. See executive minutes for details.

Budgets:

- Recording Secretary - no budget requested
- Corresponding Secretary - **motion 0409-03** - budget of \$25 requested - motioned by Sarah Langthorne (Corr Sec/Ways & Means), seconded by Paul McFarlane (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.
- Archivist - **motion 0409-04** - budget of \$25 requested - motioned by Paul McIntosh (Archivist), seconded by Randy Seufert (2nd Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison). Voted on and carried.
- AH Directory - **motion 0409-05** - budget of \$75 requested - motioned by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory), seconded by Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards). Voted on and carried.
- Awards - **motion 0409-06** - budget of \$750 requested - motioned by Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards), seconded by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow). Voted on and carried.
- Binder - **motion 0409-07** - budget of \$200 requested - motioned by Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder), seconded by Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards). Voted on and carried.
- Breeders Directory - **motion 0409-08** - motioned by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir), seconded by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory). Voted on and carried.
- CAOAC/FAAS - no budget requested
- Terry Little (Fish Rescue Program/Open Show) - no budget requested
- Futures - no budget requested.
- Judges - **motion 0409-09** - budget of \$50 requested - motioned by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards). Voted on and carried.
- Membership - **motion 0409-10** - budget of \$25 requested - motioned by Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder), seconded by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory). Voted on and carried.
- Newsletter - **motion 0409-11** - budget of \$250 requested - motioned by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory), seconded by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow). Voted on and carried.
- Open Show - **motion 0409-12** - budget of \$50 requested - motioned by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir). Voted on and carried.

- Program - **motion 0409-13** - budget of \$100 requested - motioned by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory). Voted on and carried.
- Steering - no budget requested.
- Webmaster - **motion 0409-14** - budget of \$50 requested - motioned by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow), seconded by Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards). Voted on and carried.
- Ways & Means - no budget requested.

Total requests \$1675.00. Discussion about the ensuing shortfall of monies took place. We are going to be spending more than we take in in the following year. We have been using up our surplus at a steady rate over the past few years and must look for a fund raising effort in the coming months. A spring auction of goods was discussed with a probable date of March/April. Jennifer is willing to co-ordinate such a venture and reps are asked to scout out possible venues for this auction. An increase in membership dues is not contemplated for this year. We have already had to raise the insurance but an increase may have to be looked at for the future.

After this discussion **motion 0409-15** that CAOAC form an audit and budget committee to look into the financial status was made by Randy Seufert (2nd Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards). Voted on and carried. Randy Seufert (2nd Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison) offered to chair this committee and Jennifer will assist.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Agenda: Committee chairs are reminded 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 October 17th, 2004.
Next General Meeting is 1130 hours October 17th, 2004.

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CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2004

- Oct** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
3 **HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY** - CAOAC sanctioned show & auction
ww3.sympatico.ca/ps.mcfarlane/home.htm
17 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**
23 **KITCHENER-WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY** - CAOAC sanctioned show & auction
www.kwas.ca

- Nov** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
14 **BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB** - Auction only
www.bac-on.org
21 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**

NOTE: Cheques for membership and insurance due

Make cheques post-dated to January 1, 2005

- Dec** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
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
Awards are due!

2005

- Jan** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
16 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**

Note: Submissions for the Newsletter Award are due!

- Feb** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
13 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)**

Note: Submissions for the Breeders, Aquatic Horticulturists, and Recognition Awards

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

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CLUB REPORTS

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

Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society: Oktoberfish 2004 is coming. October 23 - Flyers are available at this meeting. Visit our web site at www.kwas.on.ca

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

Durham Region Aquarium Society: has a new meeting place - Donevan Collegiate, 250 Harmony Rd South, Oshawa just of the 401 north of Olive.