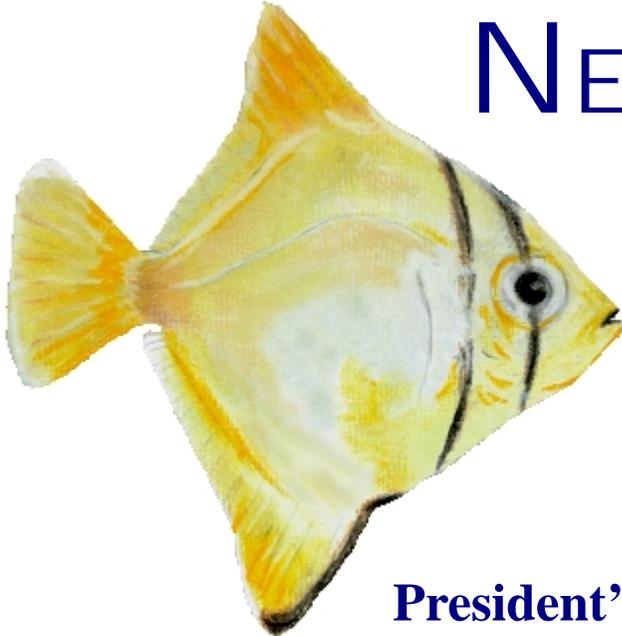


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NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

Seasons Greetings to All!

As we look forward to the New Year and look backward to our past year, let us give thanks for a relatively safe and prosperous Canada. Let us also remember the less fortunate and pray for worldwide PEACE. It is a time to celebrate, exchange gifts and visit friends and relatives. The executive will meet at 10:00 a.m. followed by potluck lunch at 11:30 and then later by the General meeting. Please bring your favourite goodies for lunch.

Membership and Insurance

CAOAC is pleased that many of the clubs have sent in their membership dues and insurance. If your club hasn't renewed, there is still time Remember that your insurance is far cheaper than you can purchase on your own.

Newsletter Award

Don't forget to gather your 10 issues of your club Newsletter or whatever number of issues that you publish. They are due by the January meeting on January 16th.

CAOAC CHARTER

Our thanks go out to Ray Lucas who has donated \$25.00 to cover the cost of framing our charter and enclosing it in a glass case.

CAOAC Reminders!

1. The Christmas meeting is 1 week earlier on December 12th
2. Authors and Advanced Authors nominations are due in Dec.
3. Newsletters are due in January
4. Late memberships are due in December
5. CAOAC Auction April 3rd 2005
6. CAOAC Convention May 13, 14 & 15th 2005



Ray "Kingfish" Lucas

*Regards and Good Fishing,
Paul "Mac" McIntosh*

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WANTED

We are looking for excellent speakers who would be willing give talks at club meetings. If you would like to offer your services or if you know some one who might, contact Dave Boehm.

Check out thespeakers page on the CAOAC web site at www.caoac.on.ca



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CAOAC Minutes November 21, 2004

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on November 21st, 2004 at 1000 hours in Waterdown, ON.

The following executives were in attendance: Paul McIntosh (President), Randy Seufert (2nd Vice), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec), Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) and Dave Boehm (Past President). Also present was Teri Seufert (TFCEC). Tony Bernard (1st Vice president) joined the meeting in progress.

Absent executive was: Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer),

Web Site: is under major re-construction for the next few weeks. Randy mentioned that Dave Franco is an excellent speaker and he will try to get the info to Dave to be posted on the web site. Miecia also mentioned that the Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society has a new president - Al Ridley. Dave requested that any changes to the site be sent to him as e-mail and he will correct ASAP. Miecia has attempted to contact all the speakers listed in the Information Binder in Section 6 to advise them that the listing will be posted on the web site in the future and to let Dave Boehm know all the particulars if they want to be listed. Instead of listing them in the binder there will be a page inserted to direct inquirers to the web site.

Membership: Several clubs have not responded to the many e-mails that have been sent re: membership and insurance. Miecia will contact Jennifer with the listing of the clubs who have requested insurance and cheques that have been received were passed on to Randy who will deliver them to Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer.) Miecia will try again to contact those clubs that have not responded to

remind them that there is a late filing penalty for the insurance after this meeting.

In trust monies: Paul McIntosh has located the original agreement with Lincoln & District and Miecia will draw up a similar agreement for Terry Little to look over for the Brant monies.

Charter framing: A donation of \$25 US to cover the cost of the framing box was received from Ray Lucas and a receipt and thank you note will be sent by Jennifer. Much thanks Ray.

Pond & Bog Plants: Paul McIntosh and Wayne Rakestrow (both from the Durham club) have been working on a proposed new award program for Pond and Bog Plants for the Durham club. This would be a separate program from the current AHAP program that is already in effect. Clubs that are interested in this program should contact Wayne Rakestrow and the proposal can be emailed to them.

E-mail address is listed in the CAOAC Newsletter. A suggestion was made that CAOAC Awards committee should look at this proposal at their annual meeting in 2005.

Convention 2004: Paul has pictures from the 2004 Convention held in Port Dover last May. Some will be passed on to Dave to be posted on the web site.

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

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on November 21st, 2004 in Waterdown, ON.

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Minutes continued

Executive present: see executive minutes.

Executive absent: see executive minutes.

Roll Call:

Ron Wentworth (Hamilton)
 Paul McFarlane (Hamilton)
 Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria)
 Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir)
 Wayne Cole (Sarnia)
 Teri Seufert (TFCEC)

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

5 clubs and 12 votes.

Membership Report: see executive minute for details.

Clubs who have NOT replied to date: Edmonton, Calgary, Nova Scotia, Regina, Tropical Fish Breeders and Willowdale. Several of the above have indicated via e-mail that they are going to re-join and are interested in the insurance but to date (*as I type these minutes November 29th*) I have not received any monies or forms). As indicated on the form and in the e-mails that I have sent a \$25 surcharge will be applied to the insurance for late applications received after the November CAOAC meeting.

To date 13 clubs are taking the insurance.

Treasurer's report: Jennifer Bawden Miller (Treasurer) absent - no report.

Secretary's Report:

October general meeting minutes accepted on a motion by Ron Wentworth (Hamilton) seconded by Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria). Voted on and carried.

October executive meeting minutes accepted on a motion by Randy Seufert (2nd Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Ron Wentworth (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: rec'd by Dave Boehm: From Canwest Shows Inc. promoting their upcoming Pet Expo in Victoria and Vancouver 2005. Application/Contract forms also included. Information can be found on their web site www.canwestshows.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Donation received from Ray Lucas for the charter display box. Thanks Ray.

AH Directory: Plant and Bog Award Program being proposed by the Durham club was passed on to Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory). Both this committee and the Awards committee should look at this program and decide whether it is suitable for CAOAC.

Awards: Authors and Advanced Authors Award deadline is CAOAC December meeting. Newsletter Award is January meeting and all other awards is the February meeting.

Binder: No report

Breeders Directory: New submissions from Hamilton received.

CAOAC/FAAS: Nothing to report.

Convention 2005: Nothing to report.

Fish Rescue Program: Chair absent - no report

Judges: Chair absent - no report

Newsletter: emailed from Rein Breitmaier (Newsletter Editor):

Hello and Greetings...

The newsletter this month was processed earlier than

usual and those receiving hard copies should have had them in hand before the meeting date. The number of printed copies continues to decline and that is both an effort savings for me and a financial savings for CAOAC. Thank you to all who are able to access either the web-based newsletter or the emailed attachment newsletter.

There are however several individuals that have changed their email addresses without notifying CAOAC, and as a result their notifications for newsletters bounce back as undeliverable. They are:

Lewis Holmes of London Aquaria ... aquaticartistry@aol.com
 Mark Ruddick of London Aquaria ... mrduddick@mark.ruddick.com
 Dave Claude of Regina Aquarium ... d.claude@sk.sympatico.ca

If you know these folks or someone from their clubs, would you kindly make a connection with them so they can be back on our "A" list. If you have a correction for me on any of the above, contact your publisher at koipond@golden.net.

If you would like to switch to an electronic option but are not quite sure about the transition, we offer a no-money, no-hassle guarantee: if you are not completely satisfied, we will put you back onto the hard copy mailing list. We think that you will be hooked on the colour photos and the extra punch that the electronic version offers. Give it a try, no charge, no risk.

The following corrections/addendums to above report from reps:

Lewis Holmes is from the Willowdale club

Mark Ruddich...webmaster@londonaquariasoc.com
 Dave Claude...d.claude@sasktel.com

Open Show: Chair absent - no report

Program: Chair absent - no report

Steering: Chair absent - no report

Webmaster: If you want changes to any part of the CAOAC web site, please contact Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) by email with those changes. Also, if any club wants their club activities posted on the CAOAC calendar e-mail Dave with the particulars and he will post. Durham club has a new web site. Check it out.

Ways & Means: Next month is our Christmas meeting and reps are asked to bring a sample of their favourite dish to share with the group. CAOAC will provide coffee.

OLD BUSINESS

CAOAC Auction: In the spring is April 3 2005. Still looking for a suitable venue.

In Trust Monies: Agreement to be drafted by Miecia (using the old Lincoln & District Agreement as a guideline). Several reps voiced the opinion that this money should be kept "in trust" in committed funds and NOT used by CAOAC (if needed) as suggested by Terry Little at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Committed Funds: Discussion about committed funds. Just who has an apprentice binder and is currently in the program was questioned. Judges committee will have to look at this. \$40 of the committed funds is on deposit for apprentice binders, which equals only 2 apprentices. There are more than four listed in the Information Binder in Section 5.

Share the Wealth Draw: won by Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria).

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.

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Minutes continued

Next Executive Meeting is at 1000 hours on December 12th, 2004 - **ONE WEEK EARLIER.**
CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT 1130 hours
Next General Meeting is 1230 hours

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...would like to thank everyone who attended our latest show and auction. Both were very successful. Thanks to all who helped in any way. Special thanks to Terry Little who helped me (Miecia) with the fish show. I really appreciated the guidance.

*Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)*

Convention 2004

Here are a half-dozen pictures of the Awards Breakfast at the 2004 Convention in Port Dover taken by Paul McIntosh.

Right **The Erie Beach Hotel where the festivities took place**



Below **The Hardware**



Above **The Londaon Aquaria Society took home its fair share of the hardware**



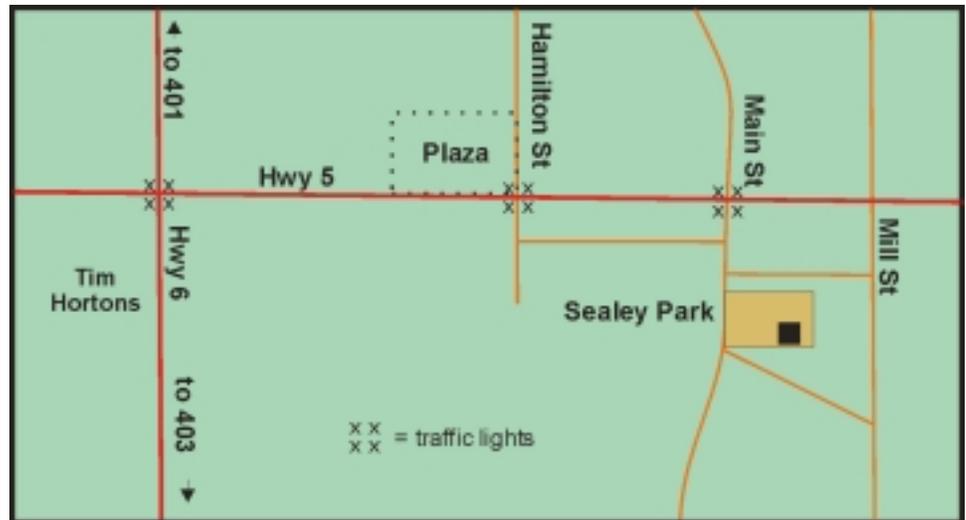
Mike collects another trophy while Tom takes a quick nap

Mike and Dorothy Daniels show what hard work and dedication will get you (no not the neck brace)

Randy & Teri get a lesson on the virtues of a hearty Canadian breakfast from the Hamilton Club



MAP to Meeting Location at Sealey Park In Waterdown (Main St. S)



CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2004

- Dec** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
12 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings**
(Christmas meeting)
(exec at 10 am, lunch at 11:30 am general meeting at 12:30)
NOTE: Second Sunday of the month
Note: Nominations for Authors and Advanced Authors 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!
23 *Newsletter Deadline*
- Feb** 13 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings** (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
NOTE: Second Sunday of the month
Note: Submissions for the Breeders, Aquatic Horticulturists, and Recognition Awards are due!
20 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY AUCTION (reg. @ 9 am, start @ 11 am)
- Mar** 13 HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction
20 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings** (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
- Mar** 27 Easter
- Apr** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
3 CAOAC Auction
10 DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction
16 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction
17 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings** (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
25 *Newsletter Deadline*
- May** 3 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Spring Auction
13-15 CAOAC Annual Convention hosted by the DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY
- June** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
26 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings** (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
- Aug** 25 *Newsletter Deadline*
- Sept** 17 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction

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

December Meeting

The December meeting is the second week-end in December, not the third as is usual. Please bring some finger foods for our pot-luck lunch and prepare to have a jolly good time.