

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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President's Notes

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

It was certainly a pleasure to see so many reps and a full Executive at the CAOAC meeting in January. We, the Executive, appreciate your presence at the CAOAC meetings in Waterdown. It has been an extremely cold and snowy January. We have 20 clubs at present who have joined CAOAC. Perhaps there will be other clubs and individuals who will be joining. Miecia, on behalf of CAOAC, has contacted Calgary, Oxford as well as Nova Scotia to renew their memberships. Calgary was also contacted at the CAOAC meeting in January by cell phone.

CAOAC AWARDS AND MEETING

Many thanks to those who took the time and the interest to enter our Newsletter Award Contest. I believe that we had 4 entries: Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Hamilton and Sarnia. Don't forget that the Breeder's Awards, Aquatic Horticulturists and other awards and submissions are due at the February meeting. The CAOAC Awards meeting will likely be scheduled for 9 o'clock on March 20th in Waterdown at the call of the chairperson, Wayne Rakestrow. All area reps will be asked to attend and they should have contacted the clubs in their region. Submissions can be brought to the February meeting or sent to Wayne Rakestrow, the chairperson at DRAS. Please encourage your people to hand in submissions from your club! Also, there was a questionnaire from Wayne Rakestrow handed out to each club asking for information about the CAOAC Awards. Please complete this and bring it to the next meeting.

DRAS BANQUET AND AWARDS BANQUET

This is being held at the Toronto on February 12th. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available from DRAS. A steak dinner with all the trimmings is included followed by a speaker.

CONVENTION 2005!

Plans are progressing favourably. Some speakers such as Stan Schubel, who is speaking on Guppies, have been booked. The usual fish show and auction are being planned. Some dealers and other interested people will be selling fish and supplies. Our usual banquet and CAOAC meeting will be taking place. More information will be forthcoming in a future flyer.

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CAOAC DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Feb.13 Submissions for Breeders, Aquatic Horticulturists and Recognition Awards are due
2. Feb.20 Tropical Fish club of Erie Auction
3. Mar.13 Hamilton & District Auction
4. Apr. 3 CAOAC auction in Burlington
5. Apr.10 DRAS Auction
6. May 13-15 CAOAC Convention

*Regards and Good Fishing
Paul "Mac" McIntosh*



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CAOAC Minutes January 16, 2005

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on January 16th 2005 at 1000 hours in Waterdown, ON.

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

Membership: Most clubs have renewed membership and taken out insurance. No reply from Oxford, Nova Scotia or Calgary.

In trust monies: Dave Boehm suggested a few changes to the agreement. Miecia will correct the document and bring a copy to the next meeting for Terry Little as a former Brant club member to sign. Motion to accept the agreement as amended made by Randy Seufert (2nd Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison), seconded by Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). Voted on and carried.

Spring Auction: The hall in Burlington has been booked and Jennifer offered to be auction chairperson. Miecia will make up flyers for the next meeting. We will follow Hamilton auction format since it is their program we are going to be using. Discussion about having three auctions linked by the CAOAC name so close together in the spring. CAOAC auction on April 3, Durham Region auction on April 10 and CAOAC Convention auction May 15th. Concern that we would be asking the same companies and dealers for donations was mentioned as a specific problem. A suggestion that the CAOAC auction in the spring could be limited to just hobbyists sellers and CAOAC would not contact the com-

panies for donations was discussed and will be proposed to the Durham group at the general meeting. Hopefully this will be viewed positively by the Durham group this afternoon at the general meeting.

CAOAC Finances: Discussion about CAOAC finances and just where we can cut costs. Randy and Jen will be working on the budgets and hopefully will have something for the next meeting. Various options were proposed for the two largest spenders - Awards and Binder. We need a breakdown of costs from Wayne and Paul McIntosh (President) will contact Wayne regarding this. The Binder costs could be reduced if the binder was put upon the web and club could download the information as posted. Miecia and Dave Boehm will work on this over the next few months. A suggestion that we print the directories on alternate years and possibly charge for hard copies of each was discussed and alternately both directories can be put on the web site and clubs could download as needed.

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

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on January 16th 2005 in Waterdown, ON. Paul welcomed all the reps and introduced several new faces to the group - from Durham Doug Chessell and Barry McKee. (Also noted was the fact that Tom Mason was early and that's because he thought the meeting started at 1100 am).

Executive present: see executive minutes.

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Minutes continued

Roll Call:

- Barry McKee (Durham)
- Doug Chessell (Durham)
- Ron Wentworth (Hamilton)
- Paul McFarlane (Hamilton)
- Ron Bishop (London Aq Soc)
- Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph)
- Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir)
- Wayne Cole (Sarnia)
- Teri Seufert (TFCEC)
- Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale)

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

8 clubs and 20 votes.

Membership Report: Miecia Burden (RecSec/ Membership/Binder) motioned that we accept the renewal of memberships from the following clubs, seconded by Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster). All voted on and carried.

- Edmonton 2 votes and insured
- Winnipeg 2 votes and insured
- Brampton 2 votes and insured
- CKA 1 vote and insured
- CRLCA 2 votes and self insured
- Durham 2 votes and insured
- Forest City Pond Club 1 votes and insured
- Hamilton 2 votes and insured
- Kitchener 1 votes and insured
- London AS 1 vote and insured
- Ottawa Amph 1 vote and insured
- Ottawa Valley 1 vote and insured
- Regina 2 votes and insured
- Sarnia 1 vote and insured
- SOPK 1 vote and insured

- St Catherine’s 1 vote and insured
- TFCEC 1 vote and insurance N/A
- Toronto Willowdale 1 vote and insured

No replies from Calgary, Oxford and Nova Scotia. Miecia has emailed Calgary and from the responses it looks like they intend to rejoin and take the insurance but nothing has been received to date. Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) called several of the Calgary executive via cell phone and left messages that they must call her ASAP regarding their intentions about rejoining and taking the insurance. Executives called were Past President Pam Spencer, President Chris Bilou and Treasurer Jim Hendricks. Miecia will call Bill Gibbons regarding Oxford’s renewal - no rush on this because Oxford has never taken insurance.

Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) motioned that we accept the private memberships for the following hobbyists, seconded by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory). All voted on and carried.

Paul McFarlane, Tom & Pat Bridges and Howard Norfolk.

Treasurer’s report: as of January 16th 2005 read by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer).

Bank Account:	\$4316.90
Committed Funds	\$1335.42
Programs	\$600.00
Binders	\$40.00
In Trust Monies	\$695.42

The only bill outstanding at this time is the insurance for about \$3000.00.

Accepted as read by Ron Bishop (London Aq Soc), seconded by Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph). Voted on and carried.

Secretary’s Report

December general meeting minutes accepted on a motion by Bill Irwin (Judges), seconded by Randy Seufert (2nd Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison). Voted on and carried.

December executive meeting minutes accepted on a motion by Tony Bernard (1st Vice/AH Directory), seconded by Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: E-mail received by Miecia from Hemptown Inc. selling hemp products. Anyone wishing to receive this information is asked to contact Miecia Burden (Rec Sec/Membership/Binder) who will forward the information to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Inquiry from the floor regarding old Breeder application forms and who has them. Paul McIntosh says that he doesn't have any old award application forms in the archives. If anyone has them it would be Wayne Rakestrow (Durham/Awards) as awards chair therefore all inquiries should be directed to Wayne.

AH Directory: Nothing to report.

Awards: Newsletter Award applications due today and all others due next month. Awards meeting will take place here on March 20th probably at 0900 hours.

Binder: Nothing to report.

Breeders Directory: New submissions from Hamilton received.

CAOAC/FAAS: Nothing to report.

Convention 2005 - Barry McKee reported that progress is being made. Speakers are being contacted and sites are being looked for. Plans are ongoing. Discussion about the three auctions in the spring as discussed at the exec meeting this morning and Durham is okay with the fact that CAOAC will hold an auction but will not ask companies for donations. Hopefully a flyer will be ready soon for clubs to take back to their clubs to promote this Convention.

Fish Rescue Program: Nothing to report.

Judges: Bill Irwin (Judges) reported that he and Terry Little (FRP/OpenShow) have discussed the committee and identified the two main problems - dwindling numbers of active judges and lack of apprentice judges in the program. He intends to hold a meeting in the near future to address both problems. At this time there are only 10 active judges and one registered apprentice. Another problem mentioned was the requirements for an apprentice and a possible need for change. This will also be addressed at the meeting.

Newsletter: Dave Boehm (Past President/Newsletter/Webmaster) reports that we will need a new publisher after the June meeting since Rein will be stepping down from this position.

Open Show: Nothing to 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.

Ways & Means: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Questionnaire sent by Awards to Clubs: please respond ASAP so that the replies can be discussed at the March Awards meeting.

Budgets: Randy and Jan are working on this. We need about \$2200.00 to run CAOAC on a yearly basis unless we can cut costs. Approximately \$1400.00 is collected from membership leaving a shortfall of \$800.00. Long discussion about cutting costs - see exec for some of the ideas mentioned. Putting the Binder on disc and when a club renews they would be issued a disk with all the updates and

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changes and sponsorships for CAOAC trophies were also mentioned.

CAOAC Auction on April 3rd 2005: See exec minutes for details. Any donations from the CAOAC clubs would be appreciated for the CAOAC auction.

NEW BUSINESS

Inquiry about where a list of banned fish, plants and animals can be obtained. Answer was - from the Ministry of Natural Resources or any place that issues fishing licenses.

Share the Wealth Draw: won by Barry McKee (Durham)

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 February 13th 2005 ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL.
Next General Meeting is 1130 hours following.

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

Had an excellent speaker at their January meeting. Professor Bill Beamish from Burapha University in Thailand whose topic was a travelogue of Thailand, customs and fishes found there. Bill was at one time affiliated with the University of Guelph.

Ottawa Amphibians And Reptile Association

Sorry to say that the editor of the OARA newsletter

Mrs Ann Olsen passed away on Christmas Day. She will be sorely missed.

Sarnia Aquarium Society

The Sarnia club met on Tuesday January 11th. The scheduled speaker on discus was unable to come so we were entertained by an excellent video on aquascaping the aquarium. The meeting was chaired by Vice-President Ken Boorman in the absence of our President Ron who was on vacation. Ribbons and plaques have been purchased for the upcoming auction. Flyers for the spring auction will be available in time for the February CAOAC meeting. Representative Wayne Cole will hopefully be able to hand them out to other club reps.

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

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

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

Map to CAOAC Auction on April 3, 2005



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



CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2005

- Feb** 6 CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATES meeting & mini-auction (“Feeding Your Cichlids”)
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!
15 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - meeting
20 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY AUCTION (reg. @ 9 am, start @ 11 am)
- Mar** 13 HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction
15 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - meeting
20 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings** (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
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)
19 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - meeting
24 CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATES - Super Cichlid Auction & Swap Meet
25 *Newsletter Deadline*
- May** 1 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Spring Auction
13-15 CAOAC Annual Convention hosted by the DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY
17 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - meeting
- June** 1 *Newsletter Deadline*
21 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - meeting
26 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings** (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
- July** 19 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - meeting
- Aug** 7 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - family picnic
25 *Newsletter Deadline*
- Sept** 11 CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATES meeting & mini-auction (“Frontosa/Gibberosa Secrets”)
17 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction
18 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings** (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
20 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - meeting

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