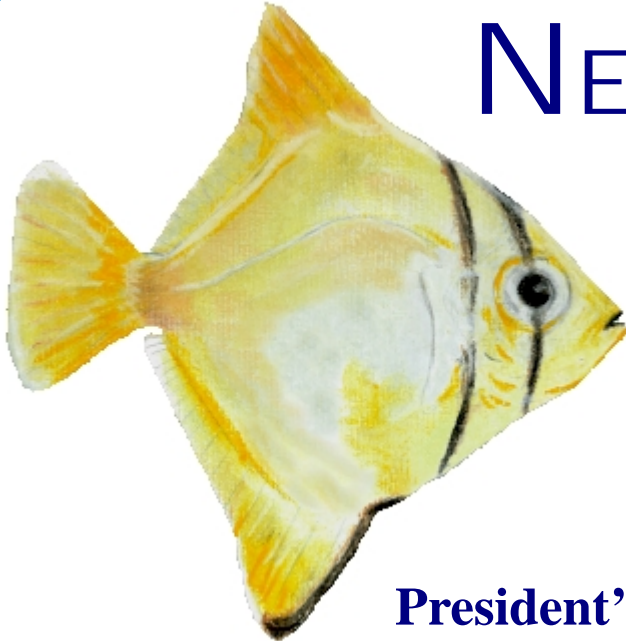


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President's Notes

Plans are well under way for the CAOAC Convention at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Markham. The flyer showing the agenda, the prices, the show rules, classes and special international speakers is on the Internet. Or you may have received the flyer at auctions or other places. Many of your clubs have been visited or will be visited or have been sent E-mails telling of the information about the Convention.

There is a wide spectrum of speakers to suit the palette. The speakers are: Rudy Kern on Aquatic Plants; Stan Schubel on Guppies; Gary Elson on Through a Small Window; Paul Turly on Breeding Catfish; Ray Lucas our dinner speaker; Jeff Cardwell on Neotropical Fish.

Ray Lucas is bringing many aquarium supplies to be auctioned off and has donated a large bow-front aquarium worth approximately \$2000 that DRAS will be selling tickets on. The weekend ticket costs \$60.00, while the speakers alone cost \$35.00 and the banquet is \$25.00. DRAS will be having the usual fish and plant show, auction on Sunday, and hospitality suite where there will be an ice-breaker of slides/videos or movies and congeniality. There will also be the CAOAC annual meeting, hotel rooms for people who want to sell fish (this is new this year) and of course the banquet and awards presentations. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

CAOAC Elections

All the Executive positions for the following are open from the floor at the Convention. The present Executive is: President—Paul McIntosh; 1st Vice-President—Tony Bernard; 2nd Vice-President—Randy Seufert; Recording Secretary—Miecia Burden; Treasurer—Jennifer Bawden; Corresponding Secretary—Sarah Langthorne.

If your club can not be present, send a proxy vote. Contact Bob Wright, our Steering chairperson (there is a sample proxy ballot in your club's CAOAC binder).

Reminder—President's Barbecue on June 26th Between the executive and general meetings.

*Regards and good fishing
Paull "Mac" McIntosh*

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THE NEWSLETTER

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 the speakers page on the CAOAC web site at www.caoac.on.ca



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CAOAC Minutes April 17, 2005

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on April 17th 2005 at 1030 hours in Waterdown, ON.

The following executives were in attendance: Paul McIntosh (President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

Executive absent: Tony Bernard (1st Vice president), Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) and Dave Boehm (Past President).

Treasurer's report: Submitted via email from Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) with Tony Bernard (1st Vice President) assisting (see report on page 4)

The working balance is \$2,083.81.

Paul will collect all bills and monies and send them to Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) after this meeting so that she can create a year-end report for the annual meeting in May. Miecia suggested that the date on the report should read April 11th or April 17th since the report includes monies from the Spring Auction held April 3rd.

Spring Auction: Submitted via email from Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) with Tony Bernard (1st Vice President) assisting. (See report on page 4)

Total profit was \$1,411.06.

Turn out was lighter than expected, probably due to the lousy weather that day but it looks like we did OK.

Annual Reports: are due at the April meeting from all committee heads. The treasurer's report is due at the end of April. Send all the reports to Dave Boehm who will create the Annual Report.

Elections: Will take place at the General Annual meeting in May at the Convention. Nominations are closed at the break today and will be re-opened at the annual meeting for **uncontested positions only**.

Convention 2005: Durham reps will be here this afternoon with information.

Ways & Means: Suggests that we set a permanent date on

which to hold an annual CAOAC auction. Dates suggested were September 25th or October 23rd. We will check with the reps at the general meeting to see if there is a conflict with any club functions.

Binder: Bylaws will be updated for the next release. Getting the relevant pages of the binder on the web site is an on-going project for Dave Boehm (Webmaster/Editor/Past Pres) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary/Binder/Membership).

Judges: Meeting scheduled for April 24th at Brian & Susan Glazier's in Burlington at 12 noon. Judges, apprentices, executive and anyone interested is invited to attend. All four apprentice judges have Judging Binders. Apprentice judges are Tony Bernard, Paul McIntosh, Ron Wentworth and Heather Scroop. Question from the executive – "Are all of these apprentices actively participating in the program?"

Awards: A replacement BAP certificate has been made for Ron Bishop and will be given to him at the general meeting.

2004-2005 Expense Sheet received from Wayne Rakestrow (See report on page 4)

The report is complete for the 2004-2005 awards. All receipts that I have are attached. As CAOAC had advanced me the funds, me cheque in the amount of \$25.60 is attached. The size of the plaques ordered this year is 8" x 10". They are smaller than last year but very nice, I think.

*Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)*

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on February 13th 2005 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: see executive minutes.

Roll Call:

Barry McKee (Durham)
George Banavage (Durham)
Paul McFarlane (Hamilton)
Ron Bishop (London Aq)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir)

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**The following reports had their layouts altered by the editor for clarity.
The data was not changed**

Treasurers Report as of Mar 11, 2005

Item	Income	Expenses	Other	Balance
Bank Balance as of 1-Mar-05				\$2,658.12
Proceeds of auction	\$1,411.06			\$4,069.18
Bank Charges		\$8.62		\$4,060.56
Outstanding Cheques			\$601.33	\$3,459.23
Committed Funds			\$1,375.42	\$2,083.81

Spring Auction Report April 11 .05

Item	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Donations received	\$228.00		\$228.00
Auction Sales	\$2,170.38		\$2,398.38
Kitchen	\$154.62		\$2,553.00
Draws	\$74.00		\$2,627.00
Auctioneers		\$40.00	\$2,587.00
Hall rental		\$200.00	\$2,387.00
Bags		\$10.00	\$2,377.00
Computer & Supplies		\$50.00	\$2,327.00
Miscellaneous supplies		\$86.24	\$2,240.76
Auction seller payouts		\$829.70	\$1,411.06

Awards Expense Report

Item	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Judges funds received	\$100.00		\$100.00
Awards cheque received	\$400.00		\$500.00
Durham College (judging)		\$75.00	\$425.00
Frames (25 Year Certificates)		\$14.69	\$410.31
Postage		\$5.35	\$404.96
Printing		\$10.50	\$394.46
Seals for certificates		\$11.49	\$382.97
Awards		\$357.37	\$25.60

Minutes continued

Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist)
 Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership)
 Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
 Bill Irwin (Judges)
 Terry Little (FRP/Open Show)
 Bob Wright (Steering)
 Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

Guest Kia Hing from Toronto Willowdale

5 clubs and 13 votes.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: see executive minutes.

Read by Paul McIntosh (President/Archivist). Several questions were asked by the reps regarding the report as compared to last month's report. Unfortunately the executive could not answer the questions therefore the report was not accepted. Also discussed at this time was the Spring Auction report. Several reps questioned the figures and again the executive was unable to answer. Paul will contact Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) and relay our concerns.

Secretary's Report

March's general meeting minutes accepted on a motion by Terry Little (FRP/Open Show), seconded by Bill Irwin (Judges). Voted on and carried.

March's executive meeting minutes accepted on a motion by Terry Little (FRP/Open Show), seconded by Ron Bishop (London Aq). Voted on and carried.

Miecia noticed that the date on the heading on page 3 was incorrect and should have read March 20th not February 13th.

Correspondence: Email from Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President/CAOAC-FAAS) explaining his absence from this meeting along with the TFCEC club report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: The CAOAC revolving trophies and CAOAC history paraphernalia that Paul has amassed will be on display at the convention in Durham.

AH Directory: Nothing to report.

Awards: Expenses report read by Paul McIntosh (President/Archivist). See executive minutes for the report. In an effort to cut expenses the awards were made a little smaller this year but are still of good quality. Discussion about the Newsletter award and whether it is worth the expense of judging and trophy cost. There seems to be poor participation in the last three years. Only 4 or 5 clubs have sent in material to be judged.

Also mentioned was the need of a regional rep for region 4, which includes TFCEC, Hamilton and St Catharines. Discussion about how the reps contact the clubs in their area and a suggestion that a package about the awards be mailed out by the rep to the club rather than doing this contacting by email. It sounded like several clubs had not heard about the awards because the person contacted had not passed on the information to the club.

Binder: Nothing to report.

Breeders Directory: New submissions from Hamilton and St Catharines received. Another "First-In" to be posted on the web site. Tom mentioned that he would like to add the CAOAC seal to the "First In" certificates.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. The FAAS report can be downloaded from the FAAS web site at www.faas.info.

Convention 2005: Speakers are all confirmed. Hotel rooms are being held only until the end of this month at the special rate. See www.dras.ca for all the Convention information. Deadline for convention reservations is May 6th, 2005. Full weekend price is \$60.00 and hotel rooms are \$75.00 each. Class sponsorships are \$30.00 each. Contact Barry McKee 905 683 7660 or cichkid@rogers.com

Fish Rescue Program: Quite a few 'rescues' were done in the last few months and several new 'foster parents' have signed up also. Fish Rescue Program flyers have been seen in tanks that are on sale in pet stores. Suggestion that we advertise fish needing to be re-located on a web site called pricenetwork.com.

Judges: A judges meeting has been scheduled for April 24th at 12 noon at Brian & Susan Glazier's in Burlington. All invited to attend.

Newsletter: Chair absent. No report.

Open Show: Nothing to report.

Program: Chair absent. No report. Tom mentioned that St Catharines had rented the CS11 Plant Propagation program and rated it pretty good. Because of a technical glitch (couldn't find a tape cassette for the tape) Pat has typed up a script that was used instead. Tom suggested that the program committee should look into converting the tape cassettes to CD's and also suggested that this program could do with an update by adding slides to the program. There are several plants such as *Anubias* that are now fairly popular that weren't that popular or readily available when the program was first created.

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Minutes continued from page 5

Steering: The slate of nominees as follows:

President – Paul McIntosh
 1st Vice – Tony Bernard
 2nd Vice – Randy Seufert
 Recording Secretary – Miecica Burden
 Treasurer – Jennifer Bawden
 Corresponding Secretary – Sarah Langthorne

Nominations are closed as of the April general meeting break and uncontested positions are re-opened at the May general meeting. Bob Wright left after the break and it seems there is a problem with the interpretation of the election rules. Paul will call to Bob to straighten things out.

Webmaster: Chair absent. No report.

Ways & Means: Sarah suggested that we entertain the idea of a permanent date for the CAOAC auction. The fourth weekend in September was suggested unless it conflicted with another clubs activity. There doesn't seem to be a conflict at this time with September 25, 2005. Question from a rep as to whether we need a yearly auction or not. Also questioned was whether we need to have another auction this year or can it wait until 2006. To be further discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Show Jar containers: we will order 2 cases (25 per case), one for Kia Hing and another for CAOAC. Call Sarah if you are interest in purchasing these show jars.

Revolving Trophies: Miecica has held off on having them refurbished and/or repaired until our finances were in better shape so we will discuss this in June after the Convention and after we see what our financial situation is like.

Share the Wealth Draw: won by Paul McFarlane (Hamilton).

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.

Annual General Meeting is at the CAOAC Convention at 0800 am May 15th at the Howard Johnson Hotel Toronto-Markham, 555 Cochrane Dr Markham, ON.

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 Aq. Soc. At our last meeting we had a speaker from Moore Water Garden in Port Stanley who was excellent. He also donated many plants to our auction which was greatly appreciated by the club. The club is planning a road trip to the gardens in July when all of the flowering plants are at their peak. We are also planning a Home Tour to view members' tanks which will cumulate in our annual summer picnic.

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County we have our Awards Banquet this Tuesday evening, we will have Mark Carra and his animals as our program. Mark is a Wild Animal Educator and travels to schools and groups, he has been on Letterman and Leno's shows with Jack Hanna. He is the Manager of Pet World at McKinley Mall and is a TFCEC Award winner for his help to the club.

*Respectfully submitted by
 Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary)*

A Note From Rein Breitmaier

Greetings, and with sadness and regrets we bid you Good Bye and Farewell!

It has been a long, and for me cherished time that I have enjoyed with CAOAC. Char and I continued our hobby of fish-keeping while assisting the organized hobby as a sidebar to the path. Today we announce our retirement.

It was Brantford in May of 1979, our first CAOAC Convention that brought us up close and personal with the wonderful body of hobbyists that have always accumulated under the CAOAC banner. Two years later I took on the Program Committee as John Kirkwood sought to retire and I would foster that committee for 10 years. In between, I saw three years as 1st Vice President followed by 2 years as your President.

That should have signalled a retirement, but I was persuaded to immediately take on the Newsletter in 1990 as I was assured that the Past Presidency would not be too much of a burden. Oh, and by the way, would I hold the Treasurer's

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CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2005

May	1	LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Spring Auction
	13-15	CAOAC Annual Convention hosted by the DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY
June	1	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
	26	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
Aug	7	TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY - family picnic
	25	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Sept	17	SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction
	18	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
Oct	16	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
Nov	20	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)
Dec	4	CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATES - Super Cichlid Auction & Swap Meet
	11	CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)

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job as well?

Three years later I finally retired from the executive by taking the Steering Committee on, a sure fire exit I thought. That wasn't to be however as the newly created Archivist Committee was launched and needed a chair, along with still doing the newsletter and annual reports of course.

In 2003 the Newsletter was in need of a boost and another 'new' Past President (hmmm, I sense a trend) Dave Boehm took on the editorship while I maintained the Publishing aspects. Together we now reach an even greater audience at a lower net cost with the Newsletter being published in three formats, hard copy mailed to your door, Email attachment sent with a message to your home, or Website-based which can be downloaded or simply read on screen at your leisure.

I took a moment to look at an early copy of the newsletter, one that I created near the start of my tenure. We've come a long way Baby! Modern electronics and publishing have helped as has the commitment of the Team responsible for the Newsletter and Annual Reports. I would like to thank

all of the Secretaries who supplied minutes, the few letter writers who occasionally graced the pages, the successive Presidents who monthly pounded out their greetings and messages, and the club reps and committee heads who forwarded club news, special events listings and their reports. Most importantly I acknowledge and thank my lovely wife Char who personally thumbed countless piles of pages collating them into finished newsletters and annual reports, then stuffed envelopes, addressing them and licking them often late into the night with me, in order that we could meet your time line.

Lastly, I thank you dear readers and friends for your support of CAOAC and for the support you have always seen fit to bestow on Char and on me. Our organization is the richer specifically because of all of us, working together with purpose, and our member clubs are in better communication and cooperation because of those efforts. I encourage each of you to step up, to immerse and to involve yourselves wherever your skills and your talents lead you.

Until we meet again/rein