

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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President's Notes

Season's Greetings to Everyone

Traditional greetings go out to all "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year". May the Spirit of Christmas reveal itself through the Christ Child, Santa Claus or whatever medium that affects you. Let us also remember the less fortunate too.

Remember the time changes for the December meetings. The Executive will meet at 10a.m. with a Christmas pot luck lunch at 11:30 followed by the General Meeting.

Insurance and Membership

If your club has not sent in their fees please do so immediately. The cheque can be post dated to January 1st 2006. Remember that if your club is late there is a \$25.00 surcharge added to the insurance premium. CAOAC has to know in advance so we can pay the insurance fee without having to add other clubs at a later date at an added cost to CAOAC.

Newsletter Award

Don't forget to gather together your 10 issues of your club's newsletter or whatever number of issues that you publish to enter your club in this competition. Applications are due at the January meeting 2006.

CAOAC Convention 2006 in London

The booklets advertising the events, fish and plant classes and speakers are printed and out for viewing. The ticket for a full convention is \$75.00 and would make an excellent Christmas gift. The room rates are also available on the web site with any other information that you may need.

CAOAC Dates to Remember

1. Author and Advanced Author applications are due in December 2005
2. Newsletter award applications are due in January 2006
3. All other awards are due February 2006
4. CAOAC CONVENTION on May 19th-22nd 2006

Regards and Good Fishing
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Futures	Tony Bernard & Co.	Ways & Means (see Corresponding Secretary)	Sarah Langthorne



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Minutes of Meetings

November 20th , 2005

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on November 20th, 2005 at 1000 hours in Waterdown, ON.

The following executives were in attendance: Paul McIntosh (President), Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) and Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

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

Correspondence: by email:

from Chris Lowe in Victoria BC requesting information about CAOAC. A membership information package has been sent via snail mail.

from Howard Norfolk regarding the offer of Newsletters from around the world. He is going to donate them to CAOAC and Paul's address was sent as a shipping destination.

An information package was received from Environment Canada about the Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program. (See more information in general minutes under Fish Rescue Program.)

Awards: various deadlines are coming up. See the Events Calendar on the back page of the newsletter for details.

Memberships: trickling in. Those not received today are subject to a \$25 surcharge on the insurance premium. Emails will be sent next week to those who are delinquent.

Newsletter: 20 hard copies being printed and mailed at this time. If you do not require a hard copy mailed please notify Miecica and she will remove you from the list. All other reps and clubs receive the newsletter as an attachment and it is also posted on the web site. Deadline for submissions is the last day of each month.

Directories VS Awards: Long discussion about these two committees and their differences. Miecica will add a sidebar to the newsletter outlining the differences between these committees.

Futures: Discussion about programs at the club level. Randy spoke about a program that he had presented at his

club that involved everyone in the club. Members were divided into teams of about 5 -7 strong and asked to use the library resources to research and then discuss their conclusions on several questions that Randy had selected. For example topics might include the nitrogen cycle, algae growth, 5 different fish with odd characteristics (catfish – hoplo cats that are bubble nest builders, a livebearer that is extinct in the wild, etc), 5 plants etc. Each team would get a question and then do the research and finally make the presentation to the club as a mini program.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on November 20th, 2005 in Waterdown, ON. Paul welcomed new reps from Sarnia - Rob & Leila Katerenchuk.

Executive present: Paul McIntosh (President/Archivist), Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) and Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

Absent: Dave Boehm (Past President).

Roll Call:

Terry Little (LondonAqSoc/Open Show)
Teri Seufert (TFCEC)
Rob & Leila Katerenchuk (Sarnia)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Dir)
Kai Sing (Toronto Willowdale)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist)
Miecica Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
Tony Bernard (FRP)
Randy Seufert (CAOAC/FAAS)
Bob Wright (Programs)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 14 votes.

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Membership: Replies have been received from the following clubs:

Winnipeg, Calgary, Durham, East Coast, Forest City, Hamilton, Kitchener Waterloo, London, Ottawa Valley, Regina, Sarnia, Southwestern Ont Pond Keepers, St Catharines and Toronto Willowdale. (*Rec Secr note – Ottawa Amphibian’s was rec’d on Monday*). The following clubs are considered late with their insurance premiums: Edmonton, Brampton and CKA. An email will be sent this week to notify them of their oversight. Memberships from clubs not requesting insurance are due at the January meeting. All cheques received to date for membership and insurance were passed on the Jennifer at this meeting. All memberships will be accepted at the January meeting.

Saskatoon will be contacted by Miecia asking if they would like to re-join CAOAC since they claim on their web site to be a member and have not been a member since 2001.

Treasurer's report: submitted by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) October 16th 2005 to November 20th 2005

ITEM	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			2526.83
Newsletter		138.80	
Binder (printing update)		115.00	
Share the Wealth draw	10.10		
Ways & Means (Spring Auction room deposit)		50.00	
Bank charges		5.00	
Closing Balance			2228.13
Committed Funds			1375.42
Total (CB + CF)			3603.55

Accepted on a motion by Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President), seconded by Rob Katerenchuk (Sarnia). Voted on and carried.

\$10.10 was turned over to Jennifer by Miecia Burden who sold items at the Kwas Auction on CAOAC behalf. These were items given to her by reps for the CAOAC auction last April that she was unable to attend due to the snow storm that day.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in October: accepted as printed on a motion by Terry Little (LondonAqSoc/Open Show), seconded by Tony Bernard (1st Vice President/FishRescueProgram). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in October: to ac-

cepted as printed on a motion by Terry Little (LondonAqSoc/Open Show), seconded by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding secr/Ways&Means). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: as per executive meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Nothing to report.

AH Directory: Miecia will call Dave Boehm to see what is happening with this program. If you have any submissions to the directory send them to Dave Boehm who still has the data on his computer and will continue to update the files. See the sidebar regarding the differences between the two directories and the awards committee elsewhere in this newsletter.

Awards: Deadlines for all applications and nominations are listed on the Events Calendar found on the back page of the newsletter. Criteria for all the awards are found in Section 8 of the Binder and the application/nomination forms are found in Section 11.

Binder: No report.

Breeders Directory: Update from Durham received. Tom stated that the directory can be sent as an attachment in email to any club who requests the directory. See the sidebar regarding the differences between the two directories and the awards committee elsewhere in this newsletter.

CAOAC/FAAS: Nothing to report.

Convention 2006: All classes have been sponsored. First draft booklets are here today and reps are asked to read and send any corrections to Terry ASAP. Advertizing is still available – send to Terry Little at tlittle28@rogers.com. Tickets will be available at the next meeting. All information is online at www.londonaquariasociety.ca or www.caoac.on.ca

Convention 2007: Bids for this Convention will be entertained at the 2006 Convention. Clubs are urged to start thinking about bidding.

Fish Rescue Program: Tony Bernard (1st Vice President/FishRescueProgram) spoke at length on the Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program. Information re this program was circulated to the executive last month via email by Dave Boehm. The information contained an application form and guidelines. Any club wishing more information can contact Tony Bernard (1st Vice President/FishRescueProgram) at utakaman@porchlight.ca. Program was discussed but there is a time frame issue since the deadline for the first set of submissions is December 16

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2005. To be continued at the next meeting.

Judges: Chair absent. No report.

Futures: Tony Bernard (1st Vice President/ FishRescueProgram) and half the people on that side of the room volunteered or were drafted onto this committee. After discussion Tony asserted that he would be chair. Ideas on how to improve CAOAC and help clubs will be pursued and discussed monthly at the general CAOAC meetings. See executive minutes for discussion about a program that Erie County presented at a recent club meeting that was a little different.

Newsletter: Please send any changes or additions to the Events Calendar to Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/ Newsletter) and she will pass them on to Dave Boehm (Webmaster) to be changed on the web site also. Dates held in reserve for the next year are for shows only NOT auctions

Open Show: Discussion about CAOAC sanctioned shows and whether to be sanctioned there has to be a CAOAC judge judging. After checking Section 12 of the Binder it was determined that there is nothing in the rules regarding this situation. Also discussed was apprenticing shows and does there have to be a CAOAC certified judge present so that the apprentice is credited with that show? This is a matter for the judging committee and was referred to them. A question about judging at a recent show and what the CAOAC judges use as standards. Standards for many species are set by specific organizations. For example IFGA and IBC set the standards for guppies and bettas respectively and CAOAC uses these standards as guidelines when we are judging those species. Any complaints about judging should be sent to the Judging committee to deal with.

Program: New address and email for the chair Bob Wright – see masthead on page two. Bob reported that in the New Year he will start transferring the VHS tapes to DVD disks as discussed last month.

Steering: Bob Wright offered to remain as chair.

Webmaster: Chair absent. No report.
Club meeting dates: Please notify Dave Boehm (Webmaster) for posting on the web site.

Ways & Means: Spring auction will be March 26th 2006 in Brantford at the Brantford and District Civic Centre (right next to the Casino) at 69 Market St. South. Room is booked from 7am to 7 pm.

We will not contact companies for donations so that we do not interfere with clubs who might also be asking for donations to their shows and auctions. Clubs are asked to be generous and consider sending a donation to be auctioned.

Jennifer Bawden is auction chair. To contact see masthead on page two.

Sarah will run another draw for a convention 2006 ticket. We need to sell 15 at \$5.00 each to break even. She will also run a Share the Wealth draw. Both to be done at the break.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speakers on the web site: A list of possible speakers (about 25) was compiled and Terry Little (LondonAqSoc/ Open Show) volunteered to contact to see if they would be willing to be posted on the web site. He will send names and email addresses to Dave of those who reply affirmatively. A bio is not needed but would optimal.

New Plant Book by Christal Kasselmann: contact Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) if interested in ordering. Cost is about \$35.00 US.

NEW BUSINESS:

A card has been signed by reps present today to be sent to Paul McFarlane who is in McMaster Hospital ICU in critical condition. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sally and Paul at this time.

Kai Sing (Toronto Willowdale) donated a case of fish food from the Toronto Willowdale club to the CAOAC spring auction and also donated flats of 12 cans to each club present today. (He gotta deal some where!). Thanks to Kai and Toronto Willowdale.

Convention draw: won by Ton & Pat Bridges (St Catharines).

Raffle Draw: won by Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter).

Potluck Lunch: Reps are asked to bring a dish for sharing and CAOAC will supply the coffee and pop.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL.

December 11, 2006 – Executive at 10:00 a.m. Potluck lunch at 11:30 am followed by the general meeting.

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.

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Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society... Would like to thank everyone who participated in Oktoberfish 2005 last month. Thanks to our judges – Jim Clarke, Jim Robinson and Dave Boehm who along with apprentice Bob Wright did an exemplary job of judging the show. Our thanks to our auctioneers Randy Seufert and Tony Bernard who brought in great prices and helped immensely with our financial success. And last but not least thanks to Terry Little who once again helped me, Micia Burden the show chair, to keep every thing going smoothly in the fish room. Our Christmas meeting will have speaker Tim Arndt from Pembroke speaking on Bettas and we will also have a special running of Flounder Downs – our racing goldfish!! An event enjoyed by all! There will also be a potluck supper by the members and as a thank you to the members there will be the special Christmas raffle for members only!

Respectfully submitted by
Micia Burden (Recording Secretary).



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DIRECTORIES VS AWARDS

There are two directories in CAOAC— the Aquatic Horticulturist Directory and the Breeders Directory.

The purpose of the directories is to list hobbyists who have bred fish and/or propagated plants. These are published every second year and distributed along with the Binder update for that year— usually in October.

The club affiliation is included so that if you wish information about the breeding or propagation you can contact the club requesting information about the hobbyist etc.

Submissions to these committees are accepted on an ongoing basis—any time during the year.

The directories can be sent via email as an attachment in excel to participating clubs and hobbyists.

This is an information committee only.

The Awards committee deals with the awarding of certificates and plaques for the various levels of accomplishments within CAOAC.

Applications and nominations are accepted at various times during the year for the different awards being applied for.

Authors & Advanced Authors deadline is December 2005, Newsletter is January 2006 and all other deadlines are February 2006.

These applications and nominations are assessed at the March 2006 Awards meeting and the awards are presented at the CAOAC Convention usually held in May of that year.

All awards are listed in the Binder in Section 8 along with the criteria for each award or level.

The application forms are in Section 11 of the Binder..

The ‘chain of command’ is as follows:

Awards—Clubs fill out the application form detailing which award is being applied for. This along with the appropriate documentation and signatures is then submitted to the regional rep for that club found on page 311 of the binder prior to the deadline. (If a club has no regional rep then the application can be sent directly to the awards committee chair).

The awards committee meets in March to decide whether the applicant is successful and the certificate or plaque is presented at the awards banquet held at the convention in May.

Directory—Clubs submit names of hobbyists along with the name of the fish bred and/or plant propagated directly to the chair of each directory. These are published bi-yearly.

The directories and the awards committee are not linked in any way shape or form.

If you submit a breeding/propagation to the Breeders/Aquatic Horticulturist Directory it will not be seen by the Awards committee and visa versa.

If you submit an application to the Awards committee it will not be sent to the Directories.

If you have any questions please contact either the Awards chair or the Directory chairs as listed on the masthead found on page two of the newsletter.

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2005

- Dec** 4 CANADIAN RIFT LAKE CICHLID ASSOCIATION - Super Cichlid Auction & Swap Meet
 11 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general after lunch)*
 NOTE: Second Sunday of the month & Pot luck Xmas Lunch at 11:30 am followed by the general meeting
 NOTE: Authors & Advanced Authors Award nominations are due

2006

- Jan** 15 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)*
 NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due
- Feb** 12 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11.30 am)*
 NOTE: Second Sunday of the Month
 NOTE: All other Award nominations/applications are due
- Mar** 19 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY Auction only
 5 OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
 12 HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
 19 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (times pending)*
 NOTE: Awards meeting (time pending)
- Mar** 26 **CAOAC SPRING AUCTION in BRANTFORD**
- Apr** 9 DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction
 15 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction
 23 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 10 am, general at 11:30 am)*

FOR THE MOST CURRENT AND COMPLETE EVENT INFORMATION SEE THE EVENTS CALENDER AT

HOW TO GET THERE...

