

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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President's Notes

Happy Valentine's Day to All

It was a pleasure to see a better turnout at the CAOAC meeting in January. We had 18 clubs rejoin CAOAC at present plus 3 private memberships. This is down from last year. Perhaps we will get a few late comers.

CAOAC Awards Meeting

Many thanks to those editors of their clubs who took time to enter our Newsletter Award Contest. I believe that we have 5 entries: Kitchener Waterloo, St. Catharines, London, Regina and London & Southwestern Ontario Pond Keepers. Don't forget that the Breeders Awards, Aquatic Horticulturist and other awards are due at the CAOAC Meeting in February. The Awards meeting will be held at 9:00 am on March 19th in Waterdown. All regional reps are asked to attend. Please encourage your people in your clubs to hand in submissions to your regional reps or bring them to the February CAOAC Meeting.

CAOAC CONVENTION in London on May 19th to 22nd

Convention plans are well underway for this yearly event. Tickets are \$75.00 for the full weekend until April 1st. Plan to attend and bring out your fish, plants and other entries that you would like to display for CAOAC Awards. The rooms are available at the Fanshawe College. Very highly experienced speakers have been booked for this event. Further information has been posted on the CAOAC web site and the London Web site or in the CAOAC Newsletter.

CAOAC Dates to Remember

1. CAOAC Auction on March 26th in Brantford
2. Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Auction only on February 19th
3. Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society Auction only on March 5th
4. Hamilton & District Aquarium Society Auction only on March 12th
5. Durham Region Aquarium Society Show and Auction on April 9th
6. Sarnia Aquarium Society Auction only on April 15th
7. CAOAC CONVENTION on MAY 19th to 22nd

Regards and Good Fishing
PAUL "MAC" MCINTOSH

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| Fish Rescue Program (see 1st Vice President) | Tony Bernard | Webmaster (see Past President) | David Boehm |
| Futures | Tony Bernard & Co. | Ways & Means (see Corresponding Secretary) | Sarah Langthorne |



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Minutes of Meetings

January 15th 2006

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President) on January 15th 2006 at 1100 hours in Waterdown, ON.

The following executives were in attendance: Paul McIntosh (President), Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec) and Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

Executive absent: Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President) and Dave Boehm (Past President).

Correspondence: Several email received by Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary):
1) April Tranter, Resource Technician, Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora District:

I am currently working on a project involving outreach to aquarium stores/pet shops/pond garden stores in an effort to create awareness around the impact associated with the release of non-native aquarium pets and aquatic plants into the environment. In some instances introduced non-native species survive and flourish and become invasive, threatening or endangering native species. Alien species are now recognized as a serious problem threatening global biodiversity and human health worldwide.

I was wondering if you would help in getting the word out by allowing us to display our brochures and information booklets at upcoming meetings/events and/or provide us with a list of members and addresses that we could forward our invasive species literature to. If you have any other suggestions on how we could work together to continue increasing public awareness on this issue it would be most appreciated.

Miecica will reply mentioning the Fish Rescue Program in effect and referring them to the list of Clubs on the web site.

2) Randy Seufert (TFCEC):

Teri and I will not be at the meeting Sunday. We are trying to get our lives together and things have been a bit on the difficult side. The weather did not sound good for travel Sat night, so we made the decision Friday that we would stay here and try and get many loose ends caught up. I would like to thank all for cards and sympathy shown to our family at the time of my Mom's death.

Sorry I am missing another meeting and I know I will not be at the Feb meeting as it is 2 days before Valentines Day, I hope I will be busy!!

Thanks and take care hope you have a good and productive meeting.

3) Rob Katerenchuk (Samia):

I do apologize for not being at December's meeting and also unable to attend January's meeting. I will definitely do my best to attend the February one.

Memberships & Insurance: All memberships are due at the January meeting and will be voted on at the general meeting later. Honorary memberships discussed and will be further discussed at the general meeting.

Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program: Tony placed a call to Francine Mac Donald after the last meeting but she never returned the call.

Plant Books by Christal Kasselmann: have been received by Randy Seufert in the States. Will be at the February or March meeting. Paul will ask Wayne to contact Randy to get prices and to let the clubs know what is owing so that the monies can be here at those meetings.

Webmaster: email from Dave Boehm (AHD/ir/ Webmaster):

The renewal for our domain names is due in February. We currently own www.caoac.on.ca and www.caoac.ca and I believe I paid for both of them last year. If CAOAC will pay for the new one (www.caoac.ca), I'll pay for the old one until I get all the stuff moved over. The pricing is as follows:

*1 year \$29.95
3 years \$75.00
5 years \$100.00*

Please bring a cheque back to me for the option selected and I'll see that it is taken care of.

Discussed and we will take the 5 year option. Miecica will let Dave know our decision.

Sarah will send a thank you note to Dave thanking him for his donation of the domain names for last year.

Annual Reports: All are due on April 23rd at the general meeting with the exception of the Treasurer's report which is due April 30th 2006.

March 26th Auction: Miecica will take care of getting Auction flyers to the February meeting for general distribution. She will also email the flyer to all the CAOAC clubs in the area.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on January 15th 2006 in Waterdown, ON. Paul welcomed all the reps and gave everyone an update on Paul McFarlane's progress. (Paul has been very sick and in hospital for many weeks.)

Executive present: Paul McIntosh (President), Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

Absent: Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President) and Dave Boehm (Past President).

Roll Call:

- Kai Sing (Durham)
- Dorothy Reimer (London Aquaria)
- Ron Wentworth (Hamilton)
- Carla MacDonald (Hamilton)
- Tom Mason (Ottawa Amph)
- Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
- Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale)

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

6 clubs and 16 votes.

Membership: See table on page 6 for club membership applications and acceptance.

The following private memberships were motioned for acceptance by Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL): Tom & Pat Bridges, seconded by Bill Irwin (Judges). Voted on and carried.

Brian & Susan Glazier, seconded by Ron Wentworth (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Dave Donofrio, seconded by Bill Irwin (Judges). Voted on and carried.

Private members have no vote and cannot take the insurance.

Tally: 19 renewed memberships and 17 are taking insurance. 3 Private memberships

CRLCA were notified a second time by email re membership but have not renewed to date.

Discussion about Honourary memberships resulted in *motion 0601-01 made by Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL) that we award a Honourary membership to Paul McFarlane to recognize his commitment to CAOAC over the past many years, seconded by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer). Voted on and carried.*

Treasurer's report: submitted by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) from December 11th 2005 to January 15th 2006

| ITEM | IN | OUT | BALANCE |
|-----------------|----|-------|---------|
| Opening Balance | | | 2180.48 |
| Newsletter | | 12.70 | |
| Bank charges | | 5.00 | |
| Closing Balance | | | 2162.78 |
| Committed Funds | | | 1375.42 |
| Total (CB + CF) | | | 3538.20 |

Accepted on a motion by Tom Mason (Durham), seconded by Terry Little (Open Show). Voted on and carried.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in December: accepted as printed on a motion by Tony Bernard (1st Vice President/FishRescueProgram/Futures), seconded by Sarah Langthorne (Corr Secr/Ways&Means). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in December: correction under Executive present – Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) was not present at the general meeting. Accepted as amended on a motion by Terry Little (Open Show), seconded by Bill Irwin (Judges). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: as per executive meeting. Also a condolence card was sent to Randy & Teri Seufert on the death of his Mother. Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) will also send a card to Paul regarding his Honourary membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: The box of newsletters from Howard Norfolk in BC will be taken to the CAOAC Auction and interested hobbyists will be encouraged to take them. Sarah will send a thank you note to Howard.

AH Directory: Chair absent. No report.

Awards: Chair absent. No report.

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. Awards meeting in March at this location at 0900 am before the executive meeting. All regional reps will be notified. A question about regional reps and whether they have to belong to a club will be addressed at the awards meeting. The general feeling at this meeting was yes they do have to belong to a club to be a

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regional rep.

Binder: New binder was issued to the Edmonton club and three binders were returned from the old Brant club.

Breeders Directory: No new submissions to date.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. No report.

Convention 2006: Every thing is AOK. Ray Lucas has confirmed that he is attending. All information is online at www.londonaquariassociety.ca or www.caoac.on.ca The Convention committee will be visiting clubs in the next few months to give a presentation on the Convention and will also supply a speaker for that meeting if asked. Please let Terry know when you want them to visit.

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/Futures) tried to contact Francine MacDonald regarding the Invasive Species proposal but received no reply.

Judges: Still no response from judges re apprentice judges' reports. It is the responsibility of the apprentice judge to make sure that the report is sent in by the judge.

Futures: No responses to the question posed in January. Question for February is "What has your club done to promote and increase membership? Has it worked?"

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. Deadline for February issue is a week earlier on January 28th.

Open Show: No report.

Program: Bob reported that he will start copying the VHS tapes to DVD format soon. New speakers have been added to the web site.

Steering: Open.

Webmaster: Report by email from Dave Boehm: The renewal for our domain names is due in February. We currently own www.caoac.on.ca and www.caoac.ca and I believe I paid for both of them last year. If CAOAC will pay for the new one (www.caoac.ca), I'll pay for the old one until I get all the stuff moved over. The pricing is as follows:

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Motion 0601-02 that CAOAC renew the domain name www.caoac.ca for a 5 year period. Made by Dorothy Reimer (London), seconded by Ron Wentworth (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Ways & Means: Miecia will design and print flyers for the CAOAC March Auction and will bring them to the next meeting for distribution by the reps. Auction format will be the same as in the past with a 20 table system, 70/30 split. Registration is at 8 am and auction starts at 10 am. Donations will be gratefully accepted and clubs are being urged to donate at least one item to this auction.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Plant Book by Christal Kasselmann: are at Randy Seufert's and will be brought to either the February meeting or the March meeting. Wayne will contact those people who ordered books with a price.

NEW BUSINESS:

Share the Wealth: won by Samantha Bawden.

Convention Draw: won by Tom Mason (Durham).

New meeting hours for 2006 (till further notice): Executive at 1100 am and the general meeting at 1200 noon.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

February 12th ONE WEEK EARLIER
Executive at 1100 am and General at 12 noon.

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.... We had an excellent Christmas meeting with Tim Arndt speaking about Bettas. He also brought about 8 bags of breeding pairs of bronze bettas that were auctioned off. Our annual goldfish races at Flounder Downs were greatly enjoyed by all. Everyone got in on the act and spent their hard won profits at the special auction of goodies donated by Zenin and Miecia. Our reverse raffle was a great hit with 15 lucky members going home with fish of their choice. Thanks to The Tropical Fish Room in Brantford and Aquariumcent\$ for their generous support of this raffle. During the evening the members sampled scrumptious goodies brought in by members to share and the club do-

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nated the coffee and pop. All in all a grand evening of Christmas cheer and a good time was had by all.

London Aquaria Society.....The CAOAC Convention plans are coming together nicely but there is still a lot of work ahead. We have had several new members at each meeting. We are now waiting for more ticket sales and room reservations. Contact Terry, Dorothy or Ron.

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County....TFCEC's Auction is Feb 19th at the Patchin Fire Hall same location as last year, 9am doors open, 11 am auction starts. 10 Table selling system, 70/30 split.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

The following table of membership applications were motioned by Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) and seconded as below

| CLUB/SOCIETY/ASSOCIATION | SECONDED BY | IN-SURED | VOTE S |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| AQUARIUM CLUB OF EDMONTON | Bill Irwin (Judges) | YES | 2 |
| AQUARIUM SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG | Terry Little (FRP/Open Show) | YES | 2 |
| BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB | Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale) | YES | 1 |
| CALGARY AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Tom Mason (OARA) | YES | 2 |
| CANADIAN KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION | Bob Wright (Programs) | NO | 1 |
| DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Tony Bernard (1st Vice/FRP) | YES | 2 |
| EAST COAST AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Dorothy Reimer (London Aq Soc) | YES | 2 |
| FOREST CITY POND CLUB | Tom Mason (OARA) | YES | 1 |
| HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Kai Hing (Durham) | YES | 2 |
| KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Carla MacDonald (HDAS) | YES | 1 |
| LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY | Ron Wentworth (Hamilton) | YES | 1 |
| LONDON & SOUTHWESTERN ON POND KEEPERS | Terry Little (FRP/Open Show) | YES | 1 |
| OTTAWA AMPHIBEAN & REPTILE ASSOCIATION | Tom Mason (OARA) | YES | 1 |
| OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Carla MacDonald (HDAS) | YES | 2 |
| REGINA AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Dorothy Reimer (London Aq Soc) | YES | 2 |
| SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Tony Bernard (1st Vice/FRP) | YES | 1 |
| ST CATHARINES AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Kai Hing (Durham) | YES | 1 |
| TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY | Bob Wright (Programs) | N/A | 1 |
| TORONTO WILLOWDALE AQUARIUM SOCIETY | Tom Mason (OARA)) | YES | 1 |

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Question of the Month?

*“What has your club done to
promote and increase
membership?
Has it worked?”*

Send your thoughts and ideas to
The Futures chair Tony Bernard at
utakaman@porchlight.ca

Wanted from each CAOAC Club
for a project by the webmaster

*high-quality copy of their club logo. It can
be hard copy or electronic. If it is
electronic, it should be a .tif or .bmp with
300 dpi resolution, about 700 pixels in
either direction would be sufficient.*

Send to Dave Boehm at
fishman@golden.net

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

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

May 19—22 CAOAC CONVENTION in LONDON ONTARIO

NOTE: AGM & Elections

- June 25* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month
NOTE: Committee heads are chosen

FOR THE MOST CURRENT AND COMPLETE EVENT INFORMATION SEE THE EVENTS CALENDER AT
www.caoac.on.ca

HOW TO GET THERE...

