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President's Notes

Happy Easter and a Wonderful Spring

The last of winter's wrath seems to have struck, I hope. We are looking forward to warmer weather, gentler winds and warm rain as we get out in our gardens looking for spring flowers and opening our ponds.

Annual Reports

These are due at the April meeting. Please bring them along with you or e-mail them to Miecica.

Awards Meeting

Wayne Rakestrow conducted a very informative meeting. Thanks to Bill Gibbons, Bob Saunders, Dave Boehm, Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary) and of course, Wayne and myself, the President for attending. We had some worthy recipients of the Awards but we need more participation so we can hand out more CAOAC Awards. We also studied the Web Award and chose the format and merits to receive it. It is going to be monitored by Dave Boehm on a trial basis for the first year. Please let him know if you are interested in participating. Also, we discussed the Achievement Award. More details will follow in Wayne's report.

CAOAC Auction in Brantford

Our thanks to Jennifer, Tony, Miecica, Bob Saunders, Bob Wright, Brian Glazier, Terry, Sarah and Susan Glazier who worked in the kitchen selling the sandwiches and goodies and all the other runners too numerous to mention who helped make this auction such a success. Also our thanks to those people who brought in fish, plants and dry goods to sell as well as donations given by clubs, businesses and individuals. If we did not have these we would not be able to have this auction.

Memorial Service for Paul McFarlane

This service in Hamilton was attended by many friends and relatives. Eulogies were given by Terry Winchie and Don Mitchum who were life long friends, Ross McFarlane his brother and Charlie Drew a friend and fellow hobbyist. He will be remembered as a true friend and hobbyist in years to come.

CAOAC Convention 2006 in London

Don't forget to tell your club and fellow hobbyists about this fun-filled weekend in May. There are 5 very well known speakers by well known hobbyists. They are speaking about catfish, cichlids, plants and marine fish and of course a little touch of humour. All information is posted on the web site. Plan to attend this outstanding weekend. You will enjoy it.

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<p>Futures (see 1st Vice President)</p>	<p>Tony Bernard</p>	<p>Ways & Means (see Corresponding Secretary)</p>	<p>Sarah Langthorne</p>

CAOAC Elections at the Convention in May
If you are interested in running for one of the Executive positions, please contact Terry Little, the Steering Chairperson.

- CAOAC Dates to Remember**
1. April 9th Durham Show & Auction
 2. April 15th Sarnia Auction only
 3. April 14-16th Aquarium Society of Winnipeg Gotfish
 4. May 19th-22nd CAOAC CONVENTION
in LONDON ONTARIO
CAOAC Meeting & Annual Reports

Regards and Good Fishing
Paul "Mac" McIntosh

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Minutes of Meetings

March 19th 2006

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Paul McIntosh (President/Archivist) on March 19th 2006 at 1100 hours in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Sec), Dave Boehm (Past President) and Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

Executive absent: Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President).

Also present: Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) and Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale). Tom & Pat Bridges and Kai Hing joined the meeting in progress.

Correspondence: see general meeting minutes.

Awards: Meeting held this morning. See general minutes for Wayne's report. The web award will be judged by Dave Boehm (Past President/AHDir/Webmaster) on a trial basis and letters of appreciation will be given to those who participate. The criteria will be added to the awards section of the Information Binder with the next update. Participating clubs are asked to register with Dave Boehm (AHDir/Webmaster) no later than the May meeting. The Special Achievement Award is still in progress.

Memberships & Insurance: The insurance policy was scanned and sent to two members in each club.

Plant Books by Christal Kasselmann: will be delivered at the March auction.

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. If possible please send to Miecica Burden by email at miecica@rogers.com

Open Show: Durham has submitted their sanctioning fees of \$20.00.

Honouring Paul McFarlane: Miecica has been contact by several hobbyists wondering what CAOAC is going to do to honour Paul McFarlane who passed away March 2nd 2006. After discussion a motion was made by Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary), seconded by Dave Boehm (AHDir/Webmaster) that CAOAC donate \$50.00 to the Cancer Society in Paul's honour. Voted on and carried.

Mentioned during the discussion was the possibility of CAOAC funding bursaries or scholarships or memorial trophies for past hobbyists but the executive felt that kind of recognition was best left to the home clubs to take care of.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours by Paul McIntosh (President/Archivist) on March 19th 2006 in Waterdown, ON. Paul thanked Tony for running last month's meeting in his absence and he welcomed Joe Bastian who is representing the Hamilton club.

Executive present: Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary), Dave Boehm (Past President) and Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

Executive absent: Randy Seufert (2nd Vice President).

Roll Call:

Kia Hing (Durham)
Dorothy Reimer (London)
Ron Wentworth (Hamilton)
Joe Bastian (Hamilton)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
Bob Saunders (TorontoWillowdale)

Paul McIntosh (Archivist)
Dave Boehm (AHDir/Webmaster)
Wayne Rakestrow (Awards)
Miecica Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
Tony Bernard (FRP/Futures)
Bill Irwin (Judges)
Bob Wright (Programs)
Terry Little (Open Show/Steering)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5clubs and 17 votes.

Membership: Inquiry from Luc McGuire representing a reptile club in Gatineau, Quebec requesting membership and insurance information. Information sent.

Treasurer's report: submitted by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) from February 12th 2006 to March 18th 2006.

ITEM	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening Balance			5296.83
Bank charges		5.00	
Newsletter		65.61	
Membership	60.00	1.54	
Ways & Means		11.73	
Auction hall rent		375.00	
Share the Wealth	11.50		
Show Sanction fee	20.00		
Closing Balance			4929.45
Committed Funds			1375.42
Working Balance			3554.03

Accepted on a motion by Terry Little (Open Show/Steering), seconded by Bill Irwin (Judges). Voted on and carried. The membership and insurance check from Calgary was returned because they closed out the account. Jennifer will call and get a new cheque and request extra monies to cover the bank charges.

Secretary's Report:

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

Minutes from the general meeting in February: accepted as printed on a motion by Bill Irwin (Judges), seconded by Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: rec'd by Miecia Burden from Aquatic Research Institute informing us that the library is closing. They will be removed from the Binder recipients list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: The box of club literature from Paul McFarlane's estate. Will be sorted for the archives and also taken to the auction next Sunday.

AH Directory: A list of new participants in the AH program that were submitted through the awards committee for AHAP awards was given to Dave Boehm (AHDDir/Webmaster) by Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) for the directory. An update will be printed this year for the annual report. A pdf file can be sent to participating clubs that

request such a file.

Awards: Wayne submitted the following report from the meeting held earlier today.

- Good meeting this morning.
- Had 14 applications for AHAP AND BAP
- There was only one recognition award – a 25year certificate.
- Good participation in the Newsletter Award with 7 clubs participating.
- Area reps contacting clubs – we will no longer do this. If a club needs information they can contact their regional rep or the Awards chair.
- Web Site Award - will be a trial for one year. Dave Boehm will judge for a year. Dave would like to know by the May meeting what clubs are participating. There will be no award given for the trial year. There will probably be a certificate of participation presented.
- Special Achievement Award – guidelines are well under way and when complete the Awards committee will recommend approval to the executive and membership.

Binder: New binder sent to Ingersoll via Terry Little. Thanks Terry. Hamilton's binder was updated and returned. Very poor response to Miecia's request for binder numbers even though she emailed each club requesting that information.

Breeders Directory: Several 'CAOAC First In's' – Samia, St Catharines, Hamilton and Ottawa Valley. List will be published in April NL and put up on the web site. An update will be printed this year for the annual report. A pdf file can be sent to participating club that request such a file. Can also sent the database in excel to club requesting such.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. No report.

Convention 2006: Everything is AOK. All information is online at www.londonaquariassociety.ca or www.caoac.on.ca. All local clubs have been visited to promote the convention.

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

Fish Rescue Program: Large turtle still homeless – in the works. Tony contacted MNR as discussed last month and they are requesting that clubs disseminate information for them as best we can. Durham club has requested more flyers. Dave Boehm (AHDDir/Webmaster) will update the information on the web site.

Judges: No apprentice judging reports have been received by the committee to date.

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Futures: April's question is "*What is your best memory sparked by a fish meeting or convention?*" Results to the various questions will be published in the Futures' annual report.

Newsletter: Please send any changes or additions to the Events Calendar to Miecica 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 on the calendar are for shows only NOT auctions.

Open Show: Sanctioning fee received from Durham for April 9th show and auction. Kwas has changed their show date from October 28th to the 29th. They have also changed their location. See club reports.

Program: Bob reported all the VHS tapes have been converted over to DVD with minimal losses. Discussion about purchasing DVD programs from various sources – Aquatic Gardener, Ad Koenig, AKA.

There are monies in committed funds for this. *Motion 0603-01 was made by Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory), seconded by Terry Little (Open Show/Steering) that Bob purchase as many as he can using the committed funds. Voted on and carried.* Most programs are now available in three formats – slides/VHS tapes/DVD.

Steering: Terry has requested nominations by email from interested parties. Several responses have been received and nominations will be closed at the break of the April meeting. Rules will be published in the newsletter. Terry requested a volunteer to run the actual election at the convention - he will be busy judging in the show room. Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster) volunteered.

Webmaster: Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster) apologized for not putting the newsletter on the web site this month. It will be done ASAP. He is tidying up the site to make it more appealing and asked the reps what they would like to see added to the home page to make it more appealing. Send ideas to Dave. He is also working on a project for the web site. He would like to make available to interested clubs the option of ordering business cards with a club logo. Clubs would be able to create their own and then order through M&T Instaprint. To do this he has been requesting club logos be sent to him. (See request in previous newsletters.)

Ways & Means: Auction for Sunday – all set.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Plant Book by Christal Kasselmann: Will be delivered at the auction.

CAOAC sponsorship of a speaker at the annual CAOAC convention. *Motion # 0602-02 that CAOAC donate \$200.00 towards sponsoring a speaker at the annual CAOAC will be voted on at the April meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Share the Wealth: won by Terry Little (Open Show/Steering) again.

Convention Draw: won by Bill Irwin (Judges).

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

April 23rd 2006 Executive at 1100 am and General at 12 noon.

THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL DUE TO EASTER FALLING ON OUR USUAL MEETING DATE.

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.....will be holding OKTOBERFISH 2006 on October 29th and the Waterloo Inn on King St. It is a large venue and easier to find. This is a date and location change.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

Question of the Month?

"What is your best memory sparked by a fish meeting or convention?"

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

Results to be published in Annual Report

GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

As proposed at the Nov 1999 meeting and accepted
Amended in June 2001 and again in October 2003

1. All nominations close at the end of the meeting break of the regularly scheduled April business meeting. A list of candidates will be supplied ASAP and will be published in the May TNL. A list of the candidates and options for voting will be e-mailed to each member club ASAP after the April meeting.
2. Any one nominated for an office and defeated for election to that office can be re-nominated for any lower office even when nominations for new candidates has been closed.
3. Any office not contested will be opened for nominations at the Annual Meeting. Acclimation will only be allowed after every reasonable effort has been made to provide for a contested election.
4. Any member of a CAOAC member club can nominate any other member (including himself) of a CAOAC club. Private members may also run but only one can be elected to the executive.
5. All nominees will be contacted by the steering committee and only those wishing to stand will have their names published.
6. All officers will be elected by a majority of the votes cast. If a majority is not reached on the first ballot the top 3 vote getters and ties will stand for a second ballot. If a third ballot is required the top 2 vote getters will be voted on. In the event of a tie after the third ballot, the executive in office at the beginning of the election and present at the meeting shall immediately meet in a special closed meeting to break the tie.
7. The order of voting will be: President, 1st Vice president, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.
8. All voting will be done by secret ballot. Vote count will not be announced. A candidate may request vote tabulation on any office for which he stood for election.
9. Clubs that give official notification of inability to attend the Annual Meeting have two options: A) notify steering of the name of the CAOAC member to whom they have given their proxy. No person can vote on behalf of more than one club. B) send in their vote by mail or by e-mail. This vote would only apply to the initial vote.
10. Current executive or nominated executive members cannot be appointed by a club to vote on their behalf.

**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**

FISH RESCUE PROGRAM

**Needs a contact person in each club to help
rescue 'orphaned' fish pets. Please ask
members in your club if they are interested
in helping out!**

**Call Tony Bernard
(905) 768-7991
utakaman@porchlight.ca**

PROGRAMS

We are always looking for great programs in any format. If you come across what you think might be suitable for club viewing

contact **Bob Wright** our program chair
(416) 883 0571
bob.wright@telus.net

SPEAKERS

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

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

LOOKING FOR A GREAT EASTER PRESENT!

HOW ABOUT A TICKET TO THE 2006 CAOAC CONVENTION?



ONLY \$75

CHILDREN under 10yrs \$40

INCLUDES TWO BANQUETS

5 SPEAKERS

50 CLASS FISH SHOW

GIANT AUCTION

ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

HOSPITALITY SUITE ALL WEEKEND

Call The Easter Bunny at 519 752 8642 or tlittle28@rogers.com

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

- Apr 9* DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
14/16 AQUARIUM SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG GOTFISH? 2006 Aquaria Expo
15 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
23 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**

NOTE: Annual Reports due
Nominations closed at break

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

SUMMER BREAK

- Sept 16* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
16/17 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY Show & Auction (reserved)
Sept 17 **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)**
NOTE: Committee Budgets reviewed and accepted

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

HOW TO GET THERE...

