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NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

Season's Greetings to Everyone!

It was a pleasure to see our tables at the CAOAC meeting in Waterdown filled with reps and visitors. Welcome to Brad Smith and Craig Williams who represent Hamilton. Also, welcome to Vita Lucas, Albert van Mont fort and Frank Hyodo who were visiting at the CAOAC meeting. Again I emphasize to all clubs to come and bring a friend or two to see your parent association CAOAC at work for you.

Traditional greetings of "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" are sent to all. May the Spirit of Christmas reveal itself through the re birth of the Christ Child, Santa Claus or whatever source or medium that affects you. In this time of world unrest may we pray for peace and remember the less fortunate in our world.

CAOAC\Brant Auction in Brantford

Don't forget the AUCTION on March 25th 2007 in Brantford at the Civic Centre next to the Casino.

CAOAC Convention in London 2007

Since no club has stepped forward to host the Convention, CAOAC has taken on the challenge and it will be held at the same location as last year, Fanshawe College. Plans are under way and more information will be given by your reps, on the web site and at the upcoming CAOAC meetings. It is proposed for the weekend of May 25th, 26th & 27th. REPS—please pass on the information to your club members so that they can make plans to attend in the future.

Newsletter Award

Don't forget to gather 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 in 2007.

CAOAC Reminders

1. Author and Advanced Authors nominations are due in December 2006
2. Newsletter award nominations are due in January 2007
3. All other award nominations are due in February 2007
4. Check the CAOAC Event Calendar on the back page of the CAOAC Newsletter

Regards & Good Fishing
Paul "Mac" McIntosh

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Minutes of the Meetings

November 19th 2006

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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

Executive present: Paul MacIntosh (President), Tony Bernard (1st Vice President), Bob Wright (2nd Vice President), Sarah Langhorne (Corresponding Sec), Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) and Micia Burden (Recording Secretary).

Executive absent: Dave Boehm (Past President).

Correspondence: by email – a newsletter from The W2O Observer featuring an article “Dropping pH in the Oceans Causing a Rising Tide of Alarm. The web site is www.TheW2O.net.

Membership: membership forms sent October 6th and a reminder November 16th. About 75% have replied.

Program: Will order Discus tapes from California. Bob Wright attended the catfish convention and managed to get Ian Fuller’s catfish presentation on DVD so it can be included with the other 3 DVD’s being offered to the clubs at no charge.

Auction 2007: costs and profits shared between Brant Club and CAOAC as previously discussed. Date is March 25th 2007. Place is same as last year - Brantford Community Centre. Committees struck as follows: Auction chair – Terry Little, Refreshments – Sarah Langhorne, Computer System – Randy Seufert and Bob Saunders, Auctioneers – Jennifer Bawden and Tony Bernard.

Old Business: Motion on the floor re air system for CAOAC fish shows. Will be withdrawn if Terry and Bob agree.

Respectfully submitted by
Micia Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on November 19th 2006 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Executive absent: same as executive meeting.

Roll Call:

Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Kia Hing (Durham)
Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Craig Williams (Hamilton)
Terry Little (London Aquaria/Open Show)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)
Ken Boorman (Sarnia)
Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale)

Paul MacIntosh (Archivist)
Micia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Dir)
Bill Irwin (Judges)
Terry Little (Open Show)
Bob Wright (Program)
Sarah Langhorne (Ways & Means)

7 clubs and 15 votes.

Also present were the following guests: Frank Hyodo (Hamilton), Albert Van Montfort (Hamilton), Vita Lucas (Hamilton) and Lisa and Kathleen Boorman (Sarnia).

Since there were two new reps from Hamilton and several guests from Hamilton the executive introduced themselves to the group.

Membership: see executive minutes. The necessity for the insurance surcharge was explained by the treasurer. Clubs that have not replied by today will be contacted by email asking their intentions re the insurance. Memberships are not due until January so

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those clubs not taking insurance have until then to renew. All memberships and insurance monies will be held until the January meeting and accepted at that meeting.

Membership inquiry from Brad Smith for the Mississauga Fish Club. Package sent October 26th.

Treasurer's report: No activity over the past few months.

Bank Balance	\$5825.77
Committed Funds	\$1315.42
Working Balance	\$4510.35

Motion to accept the report by Ken Boorman (Sarnia), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.

Secretary's Report:

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

Minutes from the general meeting in October: accepted as printed on a motion by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), seconded by Terry Little (London Aquaria/Open Show). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: see executive minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: The framed tribute for Dorothy Reimer will be sent to the London club to be presented to Dorothy at one of their meetings.

AH Directory: Chair absent. No report.

Awards: Chair absent. No report. Nominations for Authors Award deadline are December meeting and Newsletter Award applications deadline is January. All other awards deadlines are February. Criteria for the awards were published in the last newsletter. Newsletter award will be featured in this issue.

Binder: Forms from Section 11 will be posted on the web site for clubs to download as requested.

Breeders Directory: Updates received from KWAS

and Ottawa Valley.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. No report.

Convention 2006: Report by Terry Little. The intention was to bring in speakers that no one had seen before to get more people interested in the convention and that was achieved. Because of the high cost of speaker transportation the profit from the Convention was only about \$300.00. After returning the \$500.00 float the convention will have lost about \$200.00. In total 99 hobbyists occupied 41 rooms at the college.

Convention 2007: No offers to date. A motion was brought forth by Terry Little (Open Show), seconded by Ken Boorman (Sarnia) that CAOAC host the 2007 Convention. After a long discussion the vote was taken – Voted on and carried with no abstainers. Discussion about dates resulted in CAOAC changing the Convention date to May 25 to 27th 2007. Site for Convention will be the same as 2006 - Fanshawe College. Committee heads as follows:
 Honorary Chair – Paul MacIntosh
 Treasurer – Miecia Burden
 Speakers – Bob Wright
 Show Chair – Terry Little
 Hotel Liaison – Nancy Drummond
 Publication – Miecia Burden
 Auction – Jennifer Bawden and Tony Bernard
 Registration – Sarah Langhome
 Product donation –
 Publicity –
 Web site Updates – Craig Williams

Anyone interested in helping is urged to contact any of the executive. Several positions still need volunteers so please consider helping out. After discussion a motion to award a private CAOAC membership to Nancy Drummond was made by Brad Smith (Hamilton), seconded by Bob Wright (2nd VP/Programs). Voted on and carried.

Fish Rescue Program: Has been actively placing fish and turtles.

Judges: Several apprentice judges reports have finally been received. Short discussion about criteria for apprentice judging – need reports from four different judges from four different shows and also need Intermediate Merit Breeding Award.

Futures: Nothing to report. Meeting soon. Contact

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Tony if interested in attending.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is December 1st 2006. **Please check the calendar for show and auction dates – there are changes and additions. The calendar is on the back page of the NL and also on the web site.** Remember show dates only are reserved for the following year NOT auction dates.

Open Show: Showing year has ended. All reports from club shows have been received and tallied by Open Show chair. Terry noted that there was a decrease in the number of exhibitors this past year. Durham has sent in their 2007 show sanctioning fees.

Program: Bob reported that he will purchase the Discus DVD's discussed last month and that he has a copy of the Catfish program by Ian Fuller presented at the CAOAC Convention in London. Any club wanting free copies of all the programs from the Convention should contact Bob with their request.

Steering: Chair absent. No report.

Ways & Means: No report.

Webmaster: Chair absent. No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

CAOAC/Brant Auction: March 25th at the same place as last year - Brantford and District Civic Centre, 69 Market Street South, Brantford. Same split as last year 70/30 with the sellers and CAOAC and the Brant Aquarium Society will split the costs and the profits. Committees struck as follows: Auction chair – Terry Little, Refreshments – Sarah Langhorne, Computer System – Randy Seufert and Bob Saunders, Auctioneers – Jennifer Bawden and Tony Bernard.

Motion 0609-01 that CAOAC build a universally adaptable air system, cost not to exceed \$400.00 for clubs shows that would be available to all CAOAC clubs, rental fees to be established, made by Terry Little (Open Show), seconded by Bob Saunders (Durham). Terry Little (Open Show) and Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale) would like to withdraw the motion and not call for a vote.

Meeting Dates for 2007

Jan 21 2007	third Sunday
Feb 11 2007	second Sunday
Mar 18 2007	third Sunday
April 22 2007	fourth Sunday
May 27 2007	fourth Sunday
June 24 2007	fourth Sunday

All meetings will be in Waterdown other than the May meeting which will be at Convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

Share the Wealth: won by Ken Boorman (Sarnia).

December meeting will be the usual Christmas pot luck lunch. CAOAC will supply the coffee and sodas and reps are asked to bring a dish for sharing. Special Christmas cheer raffle sponsored by Miecia Burden.

FUTURE MEETING INFORMATION:

December 10th 2006 Executive meeting 11 am followed by Christmas potluck lunch

General meeting following the above mentioned lunch.

Authors & Advanced Authors Awards nominations due at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary).

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...held its annual show and auction with great success. We had exactly the same number of entries as last year - 151 entries showed by 18 entrants. Our auction was huge and didn't finish until 7:30 pm – over 1100 items were auctioned by several very capable auctioneers – Brad Smith and Bob Wright with Greg Matthews and Heather Kidd giving them a break occasionally. Thanks to all who participated in making our 2006 show one of the most successful ever!

Our December meeting is our annual Christmas party and features Flounder Downs, Awards, Pot Luck supper, Show Jar Winners and Our Christmas Raffle for Members only. We are also holding an extra special raffle and auction for member's kids.

Sarnia Aquarium Society.....*we had a great meeting with member Wayne Cole giving a power point presentation on his method of closing down his pond for winter. Title was "Winterising Your Pond. We had a couple of new prospective members attend for their first trial meeting and they both seemed very keen to come to more meetings and become members. B.A.P. and A.H.A.P. are picking up a little so things are looking up in a lot of facets of our club. Next meeting in December is our annual Christmas Potluck dinner. It is always a great night and we all have a very good time.*

St Catharines Aquarium Society.....*held a small but successful auction in October. We thank all those who came out and supported our fund raiser, (some from as far away as Durham). Our club is in better shape as a result. All the best for the up coming season.*

NEWSLETTER AWARD

DUE AT JANUARY MEETING

All CAOAC clubs wishing to participate are required to send or deliver a regularly distributed hard copy of each newsletter (Jan. to Dec.) to the Chair of the Awards Committee BY THE JANUARY CAOAC MEETING.

Newsletter Judging Criteria

Content 40 points
What information is provided

Style 30 points
How well is the information presented

Set-up 20 points
Format layout

Printing 10 points
Quality of reproduction.

**More information can be found
on pages 8913 and 8914
of the Information Binder**

RECOGNITION AWARDS

DUE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Hobbyist of Year
contributed immensely to the betterment of the hobby in past year

Junior Hobbyist of Year
time and energy to advance themselves in the hobby
16 years of age or younger

Service Award
time & energy over extended period of time to benefit CAOAC

Scientist
contributed scientifically to advancement in field of Ichthyology

25 Years of Service
25 years of continuous service to CAOAC
OR
25 years of combined continuous service btw CAOAC and Club

A complete description of these awards can be found in Section 8 of the Binder pages 8903 to 8911



Quick Reference Guide for BAP & AHAP Awards

BREEDERS AWARDS

NAME OF AWARD	GENERAL	KILLIES	AFRICAN RIFT LAKE CICHLIDS	LIVEBEARER	CHARACIN
BASIC MERIT	6 3 different egg-laying species	10 2 separate classes	12	12	8
INTERMEDIATE MERIT	16 categories - cichlids killies anabantids livebearers minnows tetras barbs catfish (variance of 3)	20 4 separate classes	36 10 from class B 6 from class C 1 from class D	25 2 families maximum of 18 per family	15
ADVANCED MERIT	35 categories as above plus 4 target fish (variance of 6)	50 6 separate classes	50 12 from class C 4 from class D	50 3 families maximum of 35 per family plus 2 target fish	25 plus 1 target fish
SENIOR MERIT	75 no more than 10 livebearer plus 10 target fish	100 8 separate classes	75 14 from class C 7 from class D	75 4 families maximum of 60 plus 5 target fish	40 plus 5 target fish

AQUATIC HORTICULTURISTS AWARDS

NAME OF AWARD	POINTS	NUMBER OF SPECIES	CLASSES
Aquatic	50	4	B C D
Advanced	120	12	2C 2D 1E
Expert	250	30	2D 2E 1F
Master	500	40	3D 2E 2F 1G
Grand	1000	80	3 lectures or 3 photo-essay or an article of identification 2000 words for publication

A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION FOR ALL OF THESE AWARDS CAN BE FOUND IN SECTION 8 OF THE CAOAC INFORMATION BINDER

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE AWARDS ARE DUE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec 10 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)*
NOTE: Second Sunday of the Month
NOTE: Christmas Pot Luck Lunch at 12 Noon
NOTE: Authors & Advanced Authors nominations due

2007

Jan 21 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted

Feb 11 *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 18 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Awards meeting at 9 am

Mar 25 *CAOAC/BRANT AUCTION in BRANTFORD*

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

HOW TO GET THERE...

