

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

Aquarium Clubs



NEWSLETTER

April 2007

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President's Notes

Happy Easter and spring has sprung!

We are looking forward to much warmer weather and longer daylight hours. April showers bring forth the May flowers. These signs will let us get outside and open up our ponds.

Annual Reports are due at the April meeting or before if you have them completed. Send them to Miecia or bring them to the April meeting.

Awards Meeting

Wayne Rakestrow conducted a very informative meeting. Many thanks to Bill Gibbons, Dave Boehm, Miecia 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 that we can involve more members. The 'trial' web award which Dave has been monitoring over the past year was a success and will start this year with the first award being presented at the 2008 convention. The websites of those clubs who wish to participate will be judged starting now by an independent group of judges. Please let Dave Boehm know if your club is going to participate. The Achievement Award was left to the future for any people who would qualify.

CAOAC/Brant Auction in Brantford

Many thanks to Bob Saunders, Miecia, Brian, Tony, Jennifer, Randy, Sarah, Susan and her other food helpers, as well as all the runners that made this auction such a success. Also, thanks to those people who brought in fish plants and dry goods to sell as well as the donations given by clubs, businesses and individuals. This auction helped CAOAC and the Brant Aquarium Society provide things for you such as money for speakers at the convention, new programmes, awards, etc.

CAOAC Convention May 25th to 27th 2007

We have an excellent array of speakers who are presenting a variety of programmes about Discus, Plecos, Native and Rainbow fish as well a fellow hobbyist who has taken some of his retirement time and money to travel to parts of Malaysia and countries of South America. This convention is the climax of the hobby. It is a great time to renew friendships, make new ones, listen to noteworthy speakers, attend a wonderful fish & plant show and auction as well as enjoying delicious food at the banquet and the awards breakfast. Don't forget that your new Executive will be elected on Sunday morning. Come and enjoy a wonderful weekend!

Regards & Good Fishing
Paul "Mac" McIntosh

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Minutes of the Meetings

March 18th 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Combined with the Convention meeting.

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

Others present: Terry Little (Open Show), Bill Irwin (Judges), Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) and Craig Williams (Hamilton).

Executive absent: Bob Wright (2nd Vice President).

Annual Reports: Due at the April meeting but can be sent to Miecia ASAP. She has a very tight schedule at that time and would appreciate any reports that can be sent early to be sent early. Neither directories (Breeders and Aquatic Horticulturalists) are required to be published this year. The directories are published bi-yearly.

Convention 2007:

Discussion about menu choices – prime rib for Saturday and usual breakfast fare with a selection of fruits for Sunday's award presentation.

Sponsorships – all classes except two are sponsored. *Motion #0603-01 that CAOAC sponsor the 'People's Choice Award'; Motioned by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), seconded by Terry Little (Open Show). Voted on and carried.*

Booklet – 50 copies will be printed for the upcoming auction – deadline is Friday 16th. Miecia still needs some input from various areas – speaker bios, children's workshop guidelines, registration forms, rules and guidelines for the auction, list of sponsored classes and ads. All the forms are done and are ready for printing and have been posted on the website for downloading. If the booklet isn't too large

Miecia will send it by email to all her CAOAC club contacts.

Website – is looking good. Several links from CAOAC website are operational. The promotional tri-fold flyer and all forms and rules have been posted and can be downloaded. As soon as the booklet is ready it will be posted also in a downloadable form.

Flyers – Miecia has printed 200 and these will be given to the clubs to distribute at their auctions this spring. The flyer has also been emailed to all CAOAC clubs and several have offered to print and distribute. Thanks for the help. A one page insert for both sizes of newsletters is also available for the asking. Just email Miecia and she will send.

Selling fish in the rooms - In response to an email asking if this is permitted, the committee decided that it was OK as long as the seller is a registered conventioneer and takes responsibility for any water damages etc. There will be no charge for selling out of the rooms.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

First in CAOAC Certificate

Based on the latest submission from the CAOAC clubs, the Breeders Directory Committee has issued a certificate to:

**Charles Drew of H&DAS for
Hyphessobrycon loweae
King Tiger Pleco L-066 and
Loricaria simillima**

He is the first in CAOAC member clubs to breed and submit these species and is to be congratulated on his achievements.

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours by Paul McIntosh (President) on March 18th 2007 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Executive absent: same as executive meeting.

Roll Call:

- Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
- Barry McKee (Durham)
- George Banavich (Durham)
- Craig Williams (Hamilton)
- Brad Smith (Hamilton)
- Terry Little (London Aquaria/Open Show)
- Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
- Ken Boorman (Sarnia)
- Bob Saunders (Toronto Willowdale)

- Paul MacIntosh (Archivist)
- Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster)
- Wayne Rakestrow (Awards)
- Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
- Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)
- Tony Bernard (Futures/FRP)
- Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

7 clubs and 14 votes.

Also present Lisa & Kathleen Boorman (Sarnia) and Kia Hing (Toronto Willowdale).

Membership: Two inquiries by email – one from Kelowna, BC and one from Thunder Bay, ON. Information sent.

Treasurer's report: See next column for report

Brant Aquarium Society's membership and insurance of (\$240.00) taken from their In Trust Monies in committed funds.

Committed Funds consist of Program monies, Binder Deposits for Apprentice Judges and In Trust Monies for Brant Aquarium Society.

Treasurer's report accepted on a motion by Terry Little (Open Show), seconded by Brad Smith (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Insurance policy – any club wishing to have riders added to the policy must let the treasurer know ahead of time and there will be no additional charge. After the policy has been purchased any change to the policy will cost the requester \$50.00. This charge is levied by the insurance company.

ITEM	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Opening balance			\$5,370.71
Newsletter		\$7.66	\$5,363.05
Newsletter		\$21.83	\$5,341.22
Newsletter		\$7.66	\$5,333.56
Newsletter		\$5.66	\$5,327.90
Ways & Means		\$7.73	\$5,320.17
Binder		\$27.36	\$5,292.81
Binder		\$5.70	\$5,287.11
Convention seed	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$5,287.11
Awards		\$30.00	\$5,257.11
Ways & Means		\$450.00	\$4,807.11
Ways & Means	\$45.00		\$4,852.11
Member-ships	\$1,360.00		\$6,212.11
Insurance	\$3,060.00		\$9,272.11
Bank Charges		\$10.00	\$9,262.11
Committed Funds			\$1,035.42
Working Balance			\$8,226.69

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in February: accepted as printed on a motion by Craig Williams (Hamilton), seconded by Terry Little (LAS/Open Show). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in February: accepted as printed on a motion by Tony Bernard (1st VP/FishRescueProgram/Futures), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: Two inquiries re membership – Kelowna, BC and Thunder Bay, ON. Information sent. Tony Bernard (1st VP/FishRescueProgram/Futures) was contacted (as were most clubs) re the new website for FAAS with an offer of a free membership in FAAS. FAAS is the American equivalent to CAOAC. See www.faas.info.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: The tribute to Dorothy Reimer as a Honorary member in CAOAC was featured in a recent issue of the
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Aquatic Gardener – a journal published by that organization. Paul has several copies for clubs to peruse.

AH Directory: Submissions received from KWAS, DRAS and SCAAS.

Awards: Had a super meeting this morning prior to the executive meeting.

- All BAP and AHAP submissions were approved.
- Newsletter award - New rule for this award. All submissions must be in black and white.
- Website Award – the trial competition was a success. Website award will start immediately with the first presentation in 2008. WE NEED JUDGES FOR THIS AWARD. Judges cannot judge their own club site.
- Regional Reps – the Awards committee unanimously recommend that the Regional Reps be eliminated and the committee include a chair and members-at-large.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Rakestrow (Chair of the Awards Committee).

Website Award - Thanks to Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster) for monitoring these sites over the past year and setting up the point system that they will be judged by. Five clubs participated in the trial run – KWAS, Sarnia, LAS, Ottawa Valley and Durham. There will be recognition certificates issued to those clubs who participated in the trial run. Results of the trial will be sent to only those clubs participating in the trial. A criteria/point sheet will be published in the newsletter so that clubs can see what points are used in judging the websites. This point system will also be included in the next binder update.

Website Award Judges – Tony Bernard (1st VP/FishRescueProgram/Futures), Terry Little (Open Show), Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster) and Craig Williams (Hamilton) offered to be on the judging panel for this award. Please send applications to Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster) ASAP. Sarnia, KWAS, Hamilton and Brant have already notified Dave and are in the running.

Binder: Nothing to report.

Breeders Directory: Submissions received from H&DAS.

CAOAC/FAAS: New website – see under correspondence.

Convention 2007: See separate report.

Fish Rescue Program: Three large pacu's relocated along with several turtles.

Judges: No report.

Futures: No report.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is April 1st 2007. **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: Next show on the calendar is Durham on April 15th, 2007 followed by the Convention Show May 25 – 27th.

Program: Chair absent. No report.

Steering: Please send any nominations to Dave Boehm. Nominations will close at the break of the April meeting. Rules and regulations published in the newsletter.

Ways & Means: CAOAC/Brant Auction: March 25th 2007 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

Webmaster: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Reports: Due at the April meeting but can be sent to Miecia ASAP. She has a very tight schedule at that time and would appreciate any reports that can be sent early to be sent early.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Share the wealth: won by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges).

Convention Ticket Raffle: won by Sarah Langthorne (Ways&Means).

FUTURE MEETING INFORMATION:

ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL on April 22nd
Executive/convention meeting at 1000 hours
General meeting at 12 noon.

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.

Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society

February's meeting was a big hit with all in attendance. Spencer Jack, with help from the ACA, delivered two of his presentations. Spencer's collecting trip to Uruguay has gotten several members of our club seriously contemplating a field trip to South America! After the talks, Spencer auctioned several boxes of fish from his stock. A big thanks to Spencer and company for a great weekend of events. I'm sure we will be inviting him back soon.

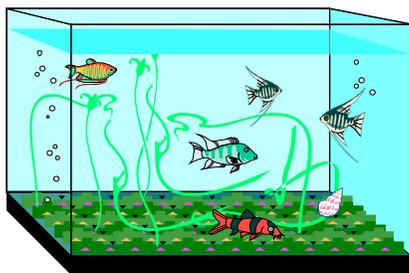
A week later, on March 4, OVAS held its Annual Giant Auction. The event was a huge success, with over a thousand items registered and great raffle prizes. We had over a dozen corporate sponsors who collectively provided the largest donations in recent club history. Attendance was at least a couple of hundred strong, and at the end of the day, we had a successful fundraiser, some happy buyers and sellers and some very content raffle prize winners (not to mention some very tired volunteers)!

OVAS continues to enjoy a surge in membership. With 217 members to date, our membership numbers will likely see close to a 100% increase by the summer over the same period last year.

The OVAS program for March centered around small cichlids. The program began with a discussion of soft water dwarf cichlids by Jody Willoughby, a member of our executive body. Jody's discussion highlighted husbandry, breeding and a video presentation showing off his tanks and stock. There was a Q&A session, and somehow a Monty Python clip got squeezed in there somewhere too! The second half of the program was a Killie fish introduction by our librarian Colin DeSouza and his daughter Cassandra. It included a live demonstration of the equipment needed to house killies which was then auctioned off at the end of the meeting. As well, there was a Q&A session around husbandry and breeding. We had almost 70 people in attendance, and a smaller than usual auction, but fun none the less.

The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society

Our club's name has been changed from The St. Catharines Aquarium Society (S.C.A.S.) to The St. Catharines & Area Aquarium Society (S.C.A.A.S.) to better describe the area that we serve. There are no other active aquarium societies in the Niagara Peninsula.



**THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**

**TO
EVERYONE WHO
PARTICIPATED AND
HELPED IN THE
CAOAC/BAS AUCTION
MARCH 25TH**

**Your efforts were
truly appreciated!**

NEW WEBSITE AWARD

**Starts this year and will be
awarded at the 2008
CAOAC Convention.**

**You must register by
the May meeting with
Dave Boehm to be
considered in the running
for this year!!!!!!**

48th ANNUAL C.A.O.A.C. CONVENTION MAY 25th - 27th 2007

SPEAKERS

Discus Hans
(Discus)

Ginny Eckstein
(Plecus)

Peter Unmack
(Native Fish
& Rainbowfish)

Ed Champigny
(Koi & Fancy Goldfish)

DINNER SPEAKER

Rein Breitmaier
World traveler
Kwas member



CONVENTION FEES

Full Convention Ticket
(prior to May 15th) \$75.00
(after May 15th) \$100.00

Speakers Only Ticket \$50.00

Children's Ticket
(16 yrs & under) \$30.00

Junior Aquarium
Beautiful Workshop \$20.00

ACTIVITIES

Play Money Casino Night & Auction
Speakers

Dinner with Speaker followed by Karaoke
35 Class Fish Show

Junior Aquarium Beautiful Workshop
AGM & Elections
Awards Breakfast

Giant Auction - Fish, Plants, Books
& New Equipment ONLY



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LOCATION

Fanshawe College
1460 Oxford St., E
London, ON

Suites from \$54.99 to \$109.90
2 or 4 Bedroom
All amenities included

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AFTER THE AUCTION ON SUNDAY



East Coast Aquarium Society

presents...

TALK FISH

Third Annual

Symposium 2007

Saturday, May 5, 2007

9 am to 5 pm

Bedford Institute of Oceanography

Central America: Aquatic Biotopes

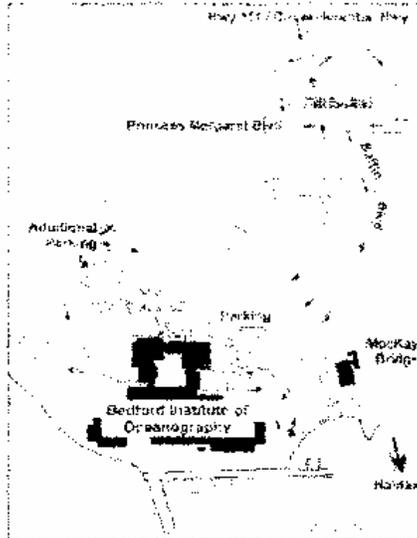
Exploring the diversity of aquatic life in Central America, and investigating the natural history of both familiar and rarer animals encountered as aquarium pets.

Program Highlights

Central America: Geologic History and Origin of the Cichlid Fauna. Willem Heijns, Dutch Cichlid Association (NVC), Netherlands

Nicaragua: Cichlids of the Crater Lakes. Willem Heijns, Dutch Cichlid Association (NVC), Netherlands

Aquatic Biodiversity in the Tortuguero Region of Costa Rica. Tom Mason, Curator of Invertebrates and Birds, Toronto Zoo



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www.EastCoastAquariumSociety.ca

Open to the Public

Free Admission

JUST A REMINDER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Any CAOAC club can advertize in this newsletter FREE OF CHARGE.

Just send a poster or a copy ready ad and I will be more than happy to insert it in the Newsletter.

Deadline for submission is the last day of each month!

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.

Please contact Steering Chairperson
Dave Boehm at fishman@golden.net
with your nominations

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

Calendar for 2007

- Apr 15* DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
21 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
22 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec/convention at 10 am, general at 12 noon)*
- NOTE: Annual Reports due**
- 29* LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Auction only
- May 19-21* REGINA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
May 25-27 *CAOAC CONVENTION in FANSHAWE COLLEGE LONDON ON*
NOTE: AGM & Elections Sunday 8 am
- June 24* *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 1 pm)*
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month
NOTE: President's Pot Luck Lunch at 12 Noon
NOTE: Committee heads are chosen
- Sept 15* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
15/16 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY Show & Auction (reserved)
16 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Budgets are reviewed & accepted
23 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
- Oct 7/14* HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
21 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
28 KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
- Nov 3* BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB Show & Auction (reserved)
18 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Membership Applications & Insurance are due
- Dec 9* *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

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- Jan 20* *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted
- Feb 10* *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 16* *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Awards meeting at 9:30 am
30 BRANTFORD AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only