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NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

So starts a new year, summer's out and the fish are still swimming. It's been a hot couple of months. I would imagine that there were a few ponds out there that got a little warmer than we like. I know mine did.

I had the opportunity to go for a dive off the shores of Prince Edward Island during my holidays. I was very nicely surprised with what the world has to offer on our east coast. The fish are beautiful in all the waters I dove in. I did like the way the flounder buried themselves in the sand. I

hope everyone had a great holiday this summer and I am starting to miss my friends within the hobby.

We will be setting out budgets for the next year at this meeting so please be ready at the next meeting.

I took a few moments to show off the DVDs that were copied by Bob Wright this past month. I hope we may have recruited another convention goer for the Edmonton Convention this next spring.

I have also heard something about a new fish breeding challenge coming out of Brantford

that sounds like fun for all our clubs. Hope to hear more about it at our next meeting. I would also like to invite experts in the various fields of breeding or keeping fish to seek us out. We would like to meet with you as we have lots of great new ideas for getting the best out of what you may have to offer. I also would like to extend the same invitation out to any corporate people out wanting to promote their wares.

Until we meet in September be good and play safe.

Tony

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		<p>Webmaster (see Aquatic Horticulturist Directory)</p>	<p>David Boehm</p>
		<p>Ways & Means (see Corresponding Secretary)</p>	<p>Sarah Langthorne</p>



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Minutes of the Meetings

June 24th 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Called to order at 1030 hours by Tony Bernard (President).

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

Others present: Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), Teri Seufert (TFCEC), Rob Pixner (KWA) and Brad Smith (Hamilton) who joined the meeting in progress.

CONVENTION 2007

Trophies: a few sponsorships are still outstanding. Miecia will invoice them after talking with Tony.

Thank you letters and certificates of participation: will be sent within the next few weeks to all sponsors and donors. Miecia and Terry will look after this.

Junior Aquarium Beautiful Workshop: was a phenomenal success. Future CAOAC Convention hosts will be encouraged to continue this idea and make it an integral part of the convention.

Comments pro and con: Every one seemed to enjoy the convention and the auction, limited to new equipment, fish and plants only, was a success.

Financial: report will be available at the September meeting. Monies and bills are still coming in at this time.

CONVENTION 2008

Edmonton has been made aware that they are the hosts for next year. Terry will liaison with them to answer any questions. The possibility of a telephone conference with them in the future to assist was discussed – it is doable. Terry and Miecia have already participated in one such conference before Edmonton bid on the convention and it was a good way to answer any questions Edmonton may have had re bidding on the 2008 Convention.

REPORTS:

Correspondence:

1. Annual Return from Ministry of Government Services required by the Corporation Information Act. Miecia will complete and return.
2. Email from OVAS asking for information about non-profit status and how CAOAC could assist. The email was forwarded to all executive. Miecia replied (see below).
 - Question: *OVAS is looking at registering with the Government of Ontario as an "official" not-for-profit organization. Who within CAOAC could I speak to about the kinds of things the Club should be doing in preparation for this, as well as what kinds of impact(s) it has on a Club and/or tips and tricks to make the process go more smoothly?*
 - Reply: *I'm not aware of how to register as an "official" not-for-profit organization but I will bring it up at the next general meeting on June 24th and see what I can find out. I do know that you can incorporate but the process is lengthy and quite involved and if I remember rightly quite expensive. We did check many years ago about registering CAOAC as a 'charity' but after speaking with a lawyer decided it was not worth the time and effort.*
 - Discussion: CAOAC is incorporated but not registered as non-profit. Terry Little (2nd Vice President/Open Show) went on the Internet and googled for non-profit organizations and found the information. He has contacted OVAS with this information.
3. Information from Brampton club – see under club reports. Regarding the name change – any

change to the insurance policy will cost the club a \$50.00 fee (charged by the insurance company).

Archivist: Char Breitmaier has generously donated her time and skill to redo the CAOAC banner featuring all the crests and pins. It looks beautiful and a thank you note will be sent by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary).

Awards: Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist) suggested that in future years the certificates awarded through the BAP and AHAP programs be framed rather than just handed out as paper certificates. After a short discussion it was decided that we would go along with this suggestion. The awards committee will be informed of this decision and it will be implemented for the next year.

Discussion about sponsorship of the Junior Champion of Champions Trophy. Until his death this past May Frank Buhagiar has sponsored the keeper for this trophy. Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) and Tony Bernard (President) offered to continue this sponsorship. To be further discussed at the general meeting.

Judges: Tony Bernard (President) suggested that a judging workshop on judging criteria for specific types of fishes be considered for future CAOAC meetings. The workshop would be held after the meeting and would be open to all club members at no charge. We would reimburse the speaker if he was asked specifically to speak but hopefully knowledgeable speakers/judges would donate their time to educate us on judging specifics. We are paying for the hall for all day anyway so we might as well make good use of it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funding of Speakers: In April we discussed setting up an ad hoc committee to pursue this idea and create guidelines. It will be referred to the Futures committee for further development.

Constitution & Bylaws review: as suggested at the AGM will be undertaken by Brad Smith (Hamilton) and Bob Wright (Programs).

CAOAC Annual Auction: will not be held in 2008 with Brant Aquarium Society as a partner. A discussion about partnering with a CAOAC club who needs assistance in running an auction (due to their small size) was held. CAOAC is willing to help as long as the other club is willing to do their fare share of the work involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation in memory of Frank Buhagiar: Miecia suggested that we donate \$50.00 to the Cancer Society in memory of Frank Buhagiar. To be motioned at the general meeting.

Convention Raffle tickets: Miecia is willing to design and makeup raffle tickets for an ongoing CAOAC Convention draw. Since we do not know (at this time) the cost of a Convention ticket we will offer \$100.00 as the prize money and tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each. We will draw for a \$100.00 prize each time 20 tickets are sold. They will be available at the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by Tony Bernard (President) on June 24th 2007 in Waterdown, ON following a great BBQ. Thanks to all who attended and brought such great food. And an extra thank you to Brad for bringing the BBQ and doing the cookin'.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Roll Call:

Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Rob Pixner (Kwas)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)
Teri Seufert (TFCEC)

Paul MacIntosh (Archivist)
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
Randy Seufert (CAOAC/FAAS Liaison)
Tony Bernard (FRP)
Terry Little (Open Show)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 12 votes.

Membership: Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we accept a private membership for David Donofrio, seconded by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show). Voted on and carried.

Treasurer's report: No report emailed.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in April: accepted as printed on a motion by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), seconded by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show). Voted on

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and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in April: accepted as printed on a motion by Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist), seconded by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show). Voted on and carried.

Miecia mentioned that we forgot to accept all the business transactions from the 2006/2007 year at the AGM in May at the Convention. Will be motioned at the next AGM.

Correspondence: see executive minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: New banner created by Char Breitmaier. Thanks Char. Terry mentioned that another hobbyist has the hooked rug with the CAOAC crest on it and is willing to donate it back to CAOAC. We will accept with thanks.

AH Directory: Chair absent. No report.

Awards: Framing the BAP and AHAP certificates – discussed at executive meeting. A caveat was suggested – in the case of multiple applications and certificates awarded, only the final certificate will be framed.

Binder: Ingersoll has returned their binder. Thanks. An update will be available this fall – just waiting for an updated program list from Bob Wright (Programs).

Breeders Directory: No new submissions.

CAOAC/FAAS: FAAS is started back up again and is offering free membership to any club wishing to join. Just go on the website at www.faas.info to register.

Convention 2007: See executive minutes for report. Please send any comments both pro and con to Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show). A request that speakers be scheduled a little later on Saturday was briefly discussed. Also discussed was the fact that a few of the committee heads and all day workers had no opportunity to attend any of the speakers. Suggested that in the future committee heads and all day workers who are very involved with the convention and do not get to the speakers etc be charged only for their meals. Will be taken into consideration for the next convention hosted by CAOAC.

Convention 2008: See executive minutes for report. Terry has been looking into airfares and will have more information at the September meeting. Dates for the 2008 Convention – May 16th through 19th Friday to Monday hosted by the Aquarium Club of Edmonton.

Fish Rescue Program: Nothing to report.

Judges: Nothing to report.

Futures: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is August 31st 2007. **Please check the Events Calendar for show and auction dates – there are changes and additions. The Events 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. Specifically – TFCEC, BAC, H&DAS and KWAS are all changing dates etc.

Open Show: Please check calendar for SHOW & AUCTION dates – there are several changes. KWAS requested that CAOAC hold their October meeting on the 28th rather than the 21st as scheduled. Due to a conflict in booking dates with the Waterloo Inn the hall KWAS uses for the show and auction is not available on the 28th and KWAS would like to hold the show on the 21st. After a short discussion *motion #0706-01 that CAOAC move their October meeting date to the 28th provided the Scout Hall is available; Motioned by Rob Pixner (KWAS), seconded by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show). Voted on and carried.* Long discussion on the point system that CAOAC uses in awarding points for the CAOAC Convention trophies. At present first place is worth 5 points, second place 3 points and third place one point with no extra points for Best in categories. Terry suggested that Best in Show be awarded an extra 5 points, Best Egglayer and Livebearer 4 points and any other Best In's be awarded 3 points. Pro and cons discussed. He will bring forth a motion in September regarding the point system.

Also discussed was a computer program for tracking Fish show entries, creating tank tags, generating all the paper work required for the show room. If anyone knows of such a program or data base please contact Terry.

Program: Chair absent. No report.

Steering: Chair absent. No report.

Ways & Means: Nothing to report.

Webmaster: Chair absent. No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Signing authorities on bank account: Question was asked at the AGM re the signing privileges on the banks account – is there a conflict of interest because the treasurer and the new president are living at the same address? At the present time Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer), Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist) and Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) have signing privileges. To avoid any perceived conflict of interest these will remain in place for the coming year.

Meeting dates for the coming year and booking the hall for 2007/2008: Miecia will send Jennifer the dates and

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Jennifer will book the hall for 2007/2008.

Sponsoring Junior Aquarium Beautiful Workshops at Conventions: Discussion about CAOAC sponsoring this workshop at future CAOAC conventions. Points mentioned – using annual auction money to sponsor, is it doable outside of the area and can it be made into part of the convention each year just like the show and auction are.

Discussion about holding a weekend show in Waterdown at one of the school's to acquaint the people in this area with CAOAC and what we do.

CAOAC Auction: Discussion about CAOAC working with clubs to hold auctions, splitting the profits and the work load. *Motion #0706-02 that CAOAC issue a blanket invitation to any club who needs assistance to partner with CAOAC for an auction; Motioned by Brad Smith (Hamilton), seconded by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer). No vote taken.*

Constitution and Bylaws review committee: Brad Smith (Hamilton) and Bob Wright (Programs) will review and recommend changes (if any) to Constitution and Bylaws.

Ad hoc committee to study future speaker donation requests: referred to Futures committee for study and recommendations.

Donation in Frank Buhagiar's memory: *Motion #0706-03 that a \$50.00 donation be sent to the Cancer Society in memory of Frank Buhagiar; Motioned by Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter), seconded by Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer). Voted on and carried.* Miecia will take care off this.

Junior Champion of Champions Trophy keeper: Jennifer and Tony would like to sponsor the keeper for the trophy Junior Champion of Champions in Frank Buhagiar's name. A small plaque would be added to the trophy engraved "In memory of Frank Buhagiar". *Motion #0706-04 that a small plaque be added to the trophy engraved "In memory of Frank Buhagiar" and that keeper trophy would be sponsored by Jennifer and Tony in memory of Frank Buhagiar. Motion #0706-05 that the previous motion be tabled till the October meeting; Motioned by Miecia Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.*

Budgets: September is budget month. Chairs are asked to come prepared to discuss their requests for money.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

September 16th 2007 Executive meeting at 1100 hours,
General meeting at 1200 hours Waterdown ON

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.

BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB..... (club report taken from an email received by Miecia Burden)

I thought that I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tim Antler and I'm the newly elected president of the Brampton Aquarium Club. I know you've been corresponding with my wife, Denise, who is the club's secretary.

As a result in our change of executive, we'd like to get the club's contact details changed on CAOAC's Club Information page on the website.

The new mailing address is:

Brampton Aquarium Club, 28 Greene Drive
Brampton, ON L6V 2R6

The club's official email address is
info@bramptonaquariumclub.org

The contact phone number is: 905-796-3795

I also intend on attending the CAOAC general meetings as the BAC representative beginning in September (my work schedule permitting).

KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY..... Will be holding OKTOBERFISH on October 21st 2007 at the Waterloo Inn. We will bring flyers to the September meeting. We held our elections in May and have a brand new executive – President is Kevin Reimer, Vice President is Geoff Money, Treasurer is John van Rompu and Recording Secretary is Lezley Smith. We are planning a summer picnic and a trip to the Toronto Zoo in the fall. Our forum on the Kwas website is as busy as ever and you are invited to join us at www.kwas.ca.

OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY.....

The month of May had our annual "Home Show" contest where club members have a tank video taped and featured at the regular meeting. Our webmaster edited a great DVD out of it and we had good participation. It is always nice to be able to see other club member's tanks, especially when some members live a good distance out of town. The May meeting was also OVAS' AGM. Elections were held and we have a nice mix of new members, existing members and others who have swapped to a new position. June is OVAS' final meeting of the season. Typically, it is an informal meeting directed mostly as a social for people before the summer break. This year, OVAS is also having a field trip to a local saltwater retail store, as more and more members are "taking the plunge" and giving marine systems a try. Hope everyone enjoys their summer. As the song goes - "See you in September"

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Selection of Committee chairs for 2007/2008

COMMITTEE	NOMINEE	MOTIONED BY	SECONDED BY
Archivist	Paul McIntosh	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)	Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer)
AH Directory	Dave Boehm	Randy Seufert (1st Vice/CAOAC/ FAAS Liaison/Futures)	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Awards	Wayne Rakestrow	Paul McIntosh (Past President/ Archivist)	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Binder	Miecia Burden	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)	Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Di- rectory)
Breeders Dir	Tom & Pat Bridges	Paul McIntosh (Past President/ Archivist)	Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show)
CAOAC/FAAS	Randy Seufert	Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer)	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Fish Rescue	Tony Bernard	Brad Smith (Hamilton)	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Futures	Randy Seufert	Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer)	Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show)
Judges	Bill Irwin	Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show)	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist)
Membership	Miecia Burden	Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show)	Randy Seufert (1st Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison/Futures)
Newsletter	Miecia Burden	Paul McIntosh (Past President/ Archivist)	Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Di- rectory)
Open Show	Terry Little	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)	Randy Seufert (1st Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison/Futures)
Program	Bob Wright	Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)	Randy Seufert (1st Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison/Futures)
Steering	Not selected yet		
Webmaster	To be asked		
Ways & Means	Sarah Langthorne	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist)

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2007

- Sept 15* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
15 TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY Auction only
16 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Budgets are reviewed & accepted
23 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
- Oct 14* HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
21 KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
28 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
- Nov 10* BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB Auction only
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
- Mar 30* BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY (Auction only)
- April 20* *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Annual Reports due
- May 16 - 19* **49TH CAOAC CONVENTION in EDMONTON**
Hosted by the AQUARIUM CLUB OF EDMONTON
NOTE: AGM and ELECTIONS
- June 22* *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, BBQ at noon and general following BBQ)*
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month
NOTE: President's BBQ at 12 Noon
NOTE: Committee heads are chosen