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NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

Wonderful news! I just got my pond crystal clear and the fish are beautiful. It is a great month for pond lovers; the green water issues just seem to not like September very much. I think next year I may try putting in some Albino Clawed frogs. I hear they are filter feeders and may help get the ponds a little clearer sooner. If you know any different let me know.

There is a great wealth of knowledge within our hobby and with the few years I have spent within it I have made some startling discoveries. Did you know that snails will catch and eat live fish! Or how about the way they catch young arrowanas? Not nice for Mom. Do you have a very cool piece of information? If you do spread it around there are people close by that are listening.

Jennifer has stepped down from the treasury due to her new career which will have her working on Sundays for the rest of her life. She is in the process of becoming a Minister within the United Church of Canada.

CONGRATULATIONS JEN!!!

The executive has appointed Dave Boehm as Treasurer for the rest of the tender. Dave for those of you who are not sure who he is, was president of CAOAC before Paul McIntosh and has actively been involved with various committees for many years. Dave will do a great job for us in this position. Thanks Dave from CAOAC.

I am putting out an official request to any corporate persons within the aquarium industry. CAOAC can provide

you a venue as well as access to all of our member clubs. At our monthly meeting we can give you the opportunity to show off your new products to the representatives. All you need to do is contact us and we can work out the details.

There will also be the opportunity for any speakers who would like to spread the word of a new presentation to the member clubs. Also for a wrap-up of the new stuff. We are going to have experts within various fields come in and speak to our judges about the interested. There may be an opportunity for you and your friends to get some first hand knowledge on all kinds of cool and wonderful things.

Be good and play safe. See you at the meeting

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Fish Rescue Program (see President)	Tony Bernard	Webmaster (see Tresasurer)	David Boehm
Futures (see 1st Vice President)	Randy Seufert	Ways & Means (see Corresponding Secretary)	Sarah Langthorne



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Minutes of the Meetings

September 16th 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Called to order at 1100 hours by Tony Bernard (President).

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

Executive absent: Randy Seufert (1st Vice President) and Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer).

Others present: Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), Ken and Lisa Boorman (Sarnia), Stephen Crawford (KWAS) and Tom and Pat Bridges (SCAAS).

CONVENTION 2007

Trophies: a few sponsorships are still outstanding. These were invoiced over the summer and several cheques were received.

Thank you letters and certificates of participation: were sent over the summer. An example was brought for viewing.

Financial: no report at this time. Monies and bills are still coming in.

CONVENTION 2008

No further news at this time.

REPORTS:

Correspondence:

1. Annual Return from Ministry of Government Services required by the Corporation Information Act. Completed and returned by Miecia Burden.
2. Letter from the government inquiring about our non-profit status and income tax. Received by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary) passed on the Jennifer Bawden (Treasurer) who will take care of it.

3. Donation sent by Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) on behalf of CAOAC to the Cancer Society in memory of Frank Buhagiar.
4. Thank you card to be sent to Char Breitmaier (see June minutes).

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer is absent but has tendered her resignation via Tony. A thank you will be sent by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary). A new treasurer will be appointed by the executive ASAP. A final report will be needed before the books are handed over to the incoming treasurer.

Awards: Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) has resigned as chair of this committee. A thank you will be sent by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary). Several boxes of assets will be brought to the next general meeting for the new chair to take charge of. A letter of concern was sent to the Awards Committee by Ann Stevens, the editor of the Sarnia newsletter regarding the criteria on how the newsletters are judged for the annual Newsletter Award and the changes that were implemented half way through the judging year. Wayne has responded to all her concerns. Concern was expressed that this email was also sent to editors in several clubs at the same time it was sent to the awards committee. Several executive felt that it should have been dealt with by the awards committee and the executive before the other clubs were drawn into the controversy. Tony will contact Ann.

Membership: No increase this year for insurance or membership. Renewal forms will be sent by email before the next meeting to two contacts in each club to ensure that they get there.

Open Show: London show is always on last weekend of September – error in booking – so change to 30th not the 23rd as listed.

Binder: Update coming in October.

Auction 2008: is an auction really necessary in 2008? Need a treasurer's report before making a decision.

Judges: Need more apprentice judges.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speakers at CAOAC general meeting: discussion about how to generate more interest in the general meetings. Two suggestions – inviting a corporation or company to discuss and demonstrate their products and inviting some one who is knowledgeable about judging a specific type of fish to conduct a judging seminar that would appeal to the general hobbyist. Further discussion at the general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours by Tony Bernard (President) on September 16th 2007 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Executive absent: same as executive meeting.

Roll Call:

Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Stephen Crawford (KWAS)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
Ken Boorman (Sarnia)

Paul MacIntosh (Archivist)
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
Tom and Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)
Tony Bernard (FRP)
Terry Little (Open Show)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 11 votes.

Membership: Renewal forms will be sent by email before the next meeting to two contacts per club. No increase in fees or premiums for 2008.

Treasurer's report: Jennifer was absent but has tendered her resignation through Tony. A thank you will be sent by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary). A new treasurer will be appointed by the executive ASAP. A final report will be needed before the books are handed over to the incoming treasurer.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in June: accept as printed on a motion by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in June: accepted as printed on a motion by Stephen Crawford (KWAS), seconded by Brad Smith (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: see executive minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: A thank you should have been sent this summer to Char Breitmaier for the great job she did on the CAOAC banner. Sarah will take care of this ASAP. Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) has some old memorabilia from CAOAC and will give to Paul to look through.

AH Directory: Chair absent. No report.

Awards: Wayne Rakestrow (Awards) has resigned. New chair needed. Call Tony if interested. See executive minutes for discussion on a letter of concern received by the Award Committee.

Binder: New binder will be issued to Hamilton ASAP. An update will be coming in October. Miecia will contact Bob Wright (Programs) for a new listing of programs.

Breeders Directory: Submissions received from KWAS and Hamilton. A First In certificate was presented to Charlie Drew. (See sidebar in the Newsletter.)

CAOAC/FAAS: Emailed from Randy Seufert (1st Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison/Futures)

To date the only Canadian clubs registered with FAAS are Hamilton, Brant and East Coast. This is a free membership and there are some programs that can be used. There is also pdf articles on starting and Aquarium Club and How to plan and run an Aquar-

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ium Club meeting. There is a PowerPoint program on Planning and Conducting a Swap Meet. There is a new digital program available, called "Road to a Master Breeder", on Cichlids a \$30.00 donation for the program is asked.

Convention 2007: See executive minutes for report.

Convention 2008: See executive minutes for report.

Fish Rescue Program: Active over the summer but nothing unusual to report.

Judges: Nothing to report.

Futures: Emailed from Randy Seufert (1st Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison/Futures)

I am working on a questionnaire to send to all clubs. This is to try and get some input on how CAOAC can help, and how can we entice members to attend a CAOAC meeting.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is September 30th 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.

Open Show: See changes on the calendar and the web site.

Program: Chair absent. No report.

Steering: Chair absent. No report.

Ways & Means: Auction 2008 on hold till we see the treasurer's report.

Webmaster: Chair absent. No report. Several changes are needed to the web site. Miecia will contact Dave with these changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

October meeting date change: meeting will be October 28th 2007. Tony to check with Jennifer to make sure the hall was booked for the following year.

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. To be voted on in October.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget for 2007/2008 on page 6 of NL

Speakers at CAOAC general meeting: discussion about how to generate more interest in the general meetings. Two suggestions – inviting a corporation or company to discuss and demonstrate their products and inviting some one who is knowledgeable about judging a specific type of fish to conduct a judging seminar that would appeal to the general hobbyist. Hopefully this idea would give added value to the Sunday meetings for reps who attend.

Crystal Kasselmann's Book I on Aquarium Plants: is available through Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist) for about \$50.00. He is doing a bulk order. Contact him if interested – see info on inside front page.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

October 28th 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.

KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY.....
Will be holding OKTOBERFISH on October 21st 2007 at the Waterloo Inn. Flyers are available at this meeting and more information is on the website. We are planning a trip to the Toronto Zoo for all our members on November 18th. Our forum on the

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KWAS website is as busy as ever and you are invited to join us at www.kwas.ca.

**ST CATHARINES & AREA
AQUARIUM SOCIETY.....**

S.C.A.A.S has had its problems finding a suitable meeting location. The latest and greatest --starting with the October meeting -- is a Union Hall in Thorold at 70 St. David's Rd E.

Rein Breitmaier will be making one of his excellent presentations and that should get our year off and running smoothly!

**OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM
SOCIETY....**

OVAS has already had a great start to our season. Our annual membership drive was a success, and combined with our meeting and online signups, we already have 60% of our total membership numbers from last year.

Our first meeting was the standard "get to know the club" program, combined with our informal fish quiz and a good sized mini auction. We also had great participation in our club's annual Plant contest, and over 50 members took home a plantlet of *Aponogeton undulates* and will be bringing it back in at the end of the season to try to win the title of Plant Contest winner and all the goodies that go along with it.

OVAS is also very happy to have Karen Randall come for a speaking engagement in October. Given her experiences with Project Piaba, her work with the AGA and her tanks for schools program, I'm sure Ms. Randall will be a popular attraction for members and non-members alike. We'd like to extend an invitation to all CAOAC clubs to take a drive down that weekend and enjoy the fall colours and a great speaker! Ms. Randall will be OVAS' guest on the weekend of October 27 and 28. Full details can be found on the OVAS website.

First in CAOAC Certificates

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

**Charles Drew of H&DAS for
Tanichthys micagemmae**

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

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Budgets for 2007/2008

COMMITTEE	AMOUNT	MOTIONED BY	SECONDED BY
President	25.00	Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show)	Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Recording Sect	n/r		
Treasurer	25.00	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)	Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)
Corr Sect	25.00	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)	Stephen Crawford (KWAS)
Archivist	25.00	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)	Brad Smith (Hamilton)
AH Directory	100.00	Stephen Crawford (KWAS)	Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Awards	700.00	Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)
Binder	400.00	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist)
Breeders Dir	100.00	Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show)	Brad Smith (Hamilton)
CAOAC/FAAS	n/r		
Fish Rescue	50.00	Brad Smith (Hamilton)	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)
Futures	n/r		
Judges	100.00	Terry Little (Open Show)	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist)
Membership	25.00	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)	Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)
Newsletter	150.00	Stephen Crawford (KWAS)	Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Open Show	100.00	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Program	100.00	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)	Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Steering	n/r		
Webmaster	50.00	Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist)	Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Ways & Means	50.00	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)	Stephen Crawford (KWAS)
Room Rental	450.00	Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show)	Ken Boorman (Sarnia)

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!

**HAMILTON AND DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY
SHOW & AUCTION**

OCTOBER 14, 2007

The Hamilton & District Aquarium Society is holding its Fall Show and Auction on Sunday October 14/07 starting at 10am. Doors open at 8am to register.

**ROYAL CANDIAN LEGION BRANCH 551
79 HAMILTON ST. N.
WATERDOWN ONTARIO**

Loads of fish plants and other products most going below store prices.

RULES

Entries will close promptly at 9:45 Auction to begin at 10am

The split will be 75/25

**Only fish, plants new equipment, and books will be sold in the auction
(No magazines in auction)**

**All used goods, and Magazines, tables will be placed in another room you
price them and we will sell them 75/25 split all used goods not sold
must be removed at the end of auction**

ALL SALES ARE FINAL

For Auction information contact Carla MacDonald at.
de_spaey_carla@hotmail.com or call 905-575-9279

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SEE OUR WEB SITE AT**

WWW. HDAS.CA

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WELCOME TO OKTOBERFISH 2007



- our **annual public auction** of tropical fish & supplies ... and an *expanded 30 class Tropical Fish Show*
The Waterloo Inn, 519 884 0220
475 King St N, Waterloo
- **Sunday October 21st, 2007**
doors open at 7:30am
- join in the fun & bargains at our annual fund raising event; come see the show !!!

The Directions

- take Highway 8 west from Highway 401,
- then Highway 85 north to Waterloo,
- then watch for the King St N cutoff
- turn left on King St N and the Waterloo Inn is on your right
- enter from King St N Service Road

Auction Buyers Notes

- free admission
- all sales are final, 8% PST will be added however we are GST exempt
- bidding by \$1 increments or better please
- register for a bidder card to participate
- your tab is due before you leave the building ... no credit cards, cash preferred

Your Aquarium Society Contact

Al Ridley
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pyrofish@sympatico.ca
www.kwas.ca

The 15 Table Auction Format

- each seller's lot is limited to 15 items, and will be divided onto 15 tables; all goods on table 1 will be auctioned in random order before proceeding to table 2, then to table 3, and so on to table 15; this keeps things fair for all
- auctioning will start at 10 am **sharp!**

Auction Seller's Notes

- registration starts at 8am, closes at 10am
- we will supply pre-printed stickers to identify each of your items
- please respect our 60 item per household limit ... 4 full lots of 15 items each (**max**)
- each lot must be full before an additional lot number is assigned
- bag fish properly
 - no ziplock bags /baggies, no twist ties
 - one part water to four parts air
- label all items
 - how many fry?
 - male/female/pair?
 - working/for parts?
- display your minimum bid (if any) on the item
- Our Kwas commission is only 30% (and is the minimum mandated by city bylaw)
- you may apply your seller's share against purchases you make at the auction, or we will pay by cheque within one week of the event
- minimum bids will be honoured;
 - items will be offered only once and unsold items must be picked up before day's end
- *unclaimed items become the property of Kwas*

What Can You Expect To Find?

- bargains galore, unusual & oddball fishes, breeder pairs, locally bred fishes, magazines, brand new pumps, filters and supplies donated to our club by manufacturers, suppliers and stores
- ample free parking & wheelchair accessible
- multiple auctioneers and a great PA system
- tradition ... our 45th annual event, a 30 class fish show ... join us won't you ... at the always fun and always fresh

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AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2007

- 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)*
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month
- Nov 10* BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB Auction only
18 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
- 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: Membership Applications & Insurance are due
NOTE: Authors & Advanced Authors nominations due

2008

- 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 2* OTTAWA VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
16 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Awards meeting at 9:30 am
30 BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
- April 13* DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
19 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
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 and general following BBQ)*
NOTE: Fourth Sunday of the Month
NOTE: President's BBQ at 12 Noon
NOTE: Committee heads are chosen
- Sept 13* SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
21 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 11 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Budgets are reviewed & accepted
28 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)