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President's Notes

The snow is falling and there is a smell of winter in the air. Our auction season this fall is coming to a close and it seems this year that the prices are good which is great for everyone. I had the opportunity to attend a local auction and it was nice to see some friends whom I hadn't seen for quite a while. It was also nice to see a few new faces in the crowd as well. I always wonder which one of them will be the next person to take an active part within their local club.

I would like to officially announce the resignation of Wayne Rakestrow who for the

last 12 years been a very dedicated and active member of the Awards Committee. He developed many facets within the awards program including the newest Web Award. Wayne has held many different roles within CAOAC; Treasurer in 1976 and President from 1982 thru 1986. Wayne has put his name into the pages of history with over 30 years of committed service within CAOAC. Thank you from myself and from our entire current executive as we continue to strive in our goal of service in the hobby with everything we can.

Our next meeting will be

different from what we normally do. Ken Boorman president of the Sarnia Aquarium Society will be speaking to the judges after the general meeting. Ken is an expert on rainbow fishes and will be sharing his knowledge with us. People attending our next meeting are all welcome to stay afterwards and of course all judges are invited for this presentation. For those budding talents looking to learn what it will take to have a great show rainbow fish this will be worth your while. General meeting starts at noon; see you there!

Tony Bernard

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



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Minutes of the Meetings

October 28th 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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

Executive present: Tony Bernard (President/FRP), Randy Seufert (1st Vice President/CAOAC-FAAS/Futures), Terry Little (2nd Vice President/Open Show), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways&Means), Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary/Membership/Binder/NL).

Executive absent: Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist).

Others present: Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges) and Teri Seufert (TFCEC).

CONVENTION 2007

Trophies: a few sponsorships are still outstanding. Durham and London - were invoiced over the summer with no reply to date.

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

CONVENTION 2008

No further news from Edmonton at this time.

Miecia has created 'Convention Ticket' draw tickets – prize is a Convention Ticket (or \$100.00) and will be drawn as soon as 20 are sold – ticket cost is \$5.00 and Sarah will collect and administer. We are not looking to make money with this draw but to spark an interest in the Convention.

REPORTS:

Correspondence:

via Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary): A magazine – Association News – A magazine listing places that are suitable for holding conventions and meetings. One was received several years ago. All listings are for the USA.

via Tony Bernard (email) – 1. from Charlie Drew regarding the Aquatic Invasive Species group stopping California Black Worms from being imported into Canada. He would like a letter sent by CAOAC to this group protesting this ban since these worms are already found in the waters through out North America.

2. from Jody Cowan who published Canadian Pets & Animals Magazine who would like to include an article on our

organization in the next issue. She heard about our group and the Fish Rescue Program from someone who visited her booth at the EX this year.

Tony will reply to both of the above emails.

Treasurer's Report: No final report from Jennifer but all the books etc. were turned over to Dave Boehm. Tony attempted to answer several questions from Dave regarding entries in the books. Because there was no final report and no annual report and we are changing both the bank location and signing authorities Dave Boehm (Treasurer) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) along with an accountant in Kitchener will do an 'audit' on the books and will try to have a report for next month. Bank location and signing authorities will be changed within the next few weeks.

Membership: Renewal forms were sent by email October 25th to two contacts in each club to ensure that they get there. Deadline is the December meeting.

Binder: Release # 50 ready today. Those not picked up today will be mailed ASAP. There was no program listing included because none was received in time for the update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speakers at CAOAC general meeting: A plan to have a speaker following the general meetings will be followed through for the November meeting. Ken Boorman from Sarnia has volunteered to give a seminar on Judging Rainbows and Tony will contact him to see if he can do this at that meeting. An email will be sent along with the November newsletter to alert clubs that this is happening. An invite will also be sent to all judges and apprentices. (Terry Little will take care of notifying the judges). Any CAOAC club member is welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

Room Rental: Dave called George Serpa to see if Jen had reserved the room for 2007-2008. George was not sure and will let Dave know ASAP. Room rental is \$50.00 per meeting – total is \$450.00 for nine months (no meeting in May 2008 – AGM will be held in Edmonton at the Convention.)

Breeding Challenge from Brant Aquarium Society: a fun challenge to all clubs in CAOAC. See ad in this Newsletter.

New Executive Meeting times: Starting with the meeting in November the Executive meetings will start at 1030 am and the General meeting at 12 noon. The executive meeting is being interrupted by early arriving reps for the general meeting so we will start half an hour earlier.

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours by Tony Bernard (President/FRP) on October 28th 2007 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Executive absent: same as executive meeting.

Tony welcomed James Green, a guest from the Toronto Willowdale club.

Roll Call:

Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
Brad Smith (Hamilton)
Craig Williams (Hamilton)
Tom Bridges (St Catharines)
Kai Hing (Toronto Willowdale)
Teri Seufert (TFCEC)

Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster)
Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
Tom and Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)
Randy Seufert (CAOAC/FAAS Liaison/Futures)
Tony Bernard (FRP)
Terry Little (Open Show)
Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

5 clubs and 13 votes.

Membership: Renewal forms were sent by email October 25th to two contacts per club. No increase in fees or premiums for 2008. Forms are also at this meeting.

Treasurer's report: A new treasurer was appointed by the executive – Welcome back Dave Boehm. Discussion about moving the bank account and changing signing authorities – *Motion 0710-01 that the bank account be changed from the Royal Bank in Hamilton to the Toronto Dominion Canada Trust in Kitchener and that the signing authorities be changed to Dave Boehm (Treasurer), Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary) and Tony Bernard (President); motioned by*

Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show), seconded by Brad Smith (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Miecia initiated a discussion about purchasing a suitable computer accounting program for the treasurer. Brad Smith (Hamilton) has a program that he is willing to donate for this purpose. Thank you Brad.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in September: 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 September: accepted as printed on a motion by Brad Smith (Hamilton), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: see executive minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Chair absent. No report.

AH Directory: submissions received from Winnipeg club.

Awards: Open - new chair needed. Call Tony if interested.

Binder: New binder issued to Hamilton. Binders returned from CRLCA and Ingersoll. Update # 50 released today. Any corrections – please forward to Miecia ASAP.

Two corrections noted:

Under Club Listings - St Catharines & Area Aquarium Society - new website – www.scaas.info and meeting place address – Seafarers & Teamsters Union Hall 70 St David's Rd E Thorold, Ontario

Under Club Listings – Tropical Fish Club of Erie County - website change - www.tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com/

Breeders Directory: Submissions received from Winnipeg and Sarnia.

CAOAC/FAAS:

NEW DOWNLOADABLE DIGITAL PROGRAM: "INTRODUCTION TO KILLIFISH"

Charlie Grimes, a popular speaker on the society circuit, has donated a new program to FAAS on killifish.

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The 63-slide program has terrific original photography and offers tips and techniques for working with killifish. You can find complete information about "Introduction to Killifish" on the FAAS website. The program is in Adobe PDF format and includes embedded audio. You will need your FAAS user name and password to download the program. If you have trouble logging in, please contact Rick Borstein at borstein@yahoo.com.

WELCOME NEW CLUBS

FAAS extends a hearty welcome to the following clubs who have joined/re-joined FAAS since our last FAAS Update:

- + Heart of America Aquarium Society
- + Indiana Killiefish Association
- + Milwaukee Aquarium Society
- + Circle City Aquarium Society

Membership in FAAS is up to 59 clubs.

PET INDUSTRY NEWS AND NOTES

According to Pet Product News, Spectrum Brands, the parent company of Marineland and Jungle may be trying to sell its pet product divisions sometime in the fall. Wal-Mart has eliminated live fish at 605 stores across the US and Canada. Central Garden & Pet reported sluggish aquatic sales for its third quarter which

ended on June 30. Central Garden is the parent company for brands such as Oceanic, Kent Marine, Coralife and Aqueon and Tropical Fish Hobbyist magazine. Aqueon (aquarium products) and Zilla (reptiles) are two new product lines from the company. The Aqueon line includes food, water conditioners, filters, heaters, décor and more. Aqueon products are developed at Central Pets new 10,000 sq ft research and development facility in Wisconsin.

From October Pet Product News . . .

CITES-- the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species-- has plans to register several breeders of Dragonfish, also known as the Asian Arrowana, *Scleropages formosus*. This change may eventually make these desirable fish available to hobbyists. CITES has elected not to list the Banggai Cardinal Fish, a popular marine fish.

Majesco Entertainment has shipped an Nintendo DS version of Fish Tycoon. Players of the game raise and breed fish and sell them. For more information, go to: http://www.majescoentertainment.com/catalog/works/fishtycoon_ds.php

An infographic published in USA Today entitled "Pets and the Net" described the percentage of pet owners who use the internet to find out more about their pets:

34% - Reptile, 28% - Small Animal, 23% - Bird
19% - Cat, 18% - Fish, 14% - Dog

WRITE FOR THE FAAS WEBSITE

We are looking for articles on society-related topics for our website.

Take a look at what we currently offer by going to <http://www.faas.info> and clicking on the Article Archive menu. Had a successful event? Found a new way to work with local pet stores? Share your success or expertise with other societies . . . please.

FAAS ELECTIONS

The current FAAS board plans to continue in their current roles and we did not receive nominations from any other interested parties. You can find a complete list of the current FAAS Board Members at: http://www.faas.info/contact_bod_new.htm The current board will continue in the roles in 2008.

The Federation of American Aquarium Societies (FAAS), formed in 1973, is a service organization of and for aquarium societies of North, Central and South America.

Convention 2007: See executive minutes for report.

Convention 2008: See executive minutes for report. Discussion about seed money – Terry will contact Edmonton and let them know it is available.

Fish Rescue Program: Nothing to report.

Judges: One new apprentice has joined program – Stephen Crawford from KWAS.

Futures: Randy is working on a questionnaire that will be sent to all CAOAC clubs re CAOAC. Discussion about sending it to non CAOAC clubs – lots of addresses on the Internet.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is November 7th 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.** Re-

member **show dates only** are reserved for the following year NOT auction dates.

Open Show: Shows are finished for this year. Terry has received all show info from clubs with exception of one. Some competitions are very close – Champion of Champions and Club Challenge. Long discussion about allocating extra points for the Best In's at CAOAC sanctioned shows. Under the current CAOAC show point system first place is allocated 5 points, second place 3 points and third place 1 point and there are no extra points for special awards such as Best In's - Show, Egg layer, Livebearer, etc.

Motion #0710-02 that CAOAC award an extra five points to the Best of Show winner of each CAOAC sanctioned show and they will be included in the total points allocated to the Champion of Champions Award and the Club Challenge Awards as applicable; motioned by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show) , seconded by Randy Seufert (1st Vice/CAOAC/FAAS Liaison/Futures). Motion #0710-03 that the previous motion #0710-02 be tabled until the January 2008 meeting; motioned by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), seconded by Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster). Voted on and carried.

Program: Chair absent. No report.

Steering: Open. Chair needed. Contact Tony if interested. Criteria – must be able to attend convention and cannot run for executive position.

Ways & Means: Convention draw tickets for sale – see Sarah. \$5 each and will draw when 20 are sold.

Webmaster: Dave reported that he has set up a trial web award voting area on the website just below the president's message. This is a People's Choice Award and would be a separate award from the CAOAC web award and is open to the public and not just CAOAC clubs. Please have a look and let Dave know of any concerns etc. The CAOAC Web Award is being judged by a panel within CAOAC using the criteria set out in the Binder under Section 8 – Awards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote on the tabled motion from June - *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.*

phy engraved "In memory of Frank Buhagiar" and that keeper trophy would be sponsored by Jennifer and Tony in memory of Frank Buhagiar. No proxy votes received – voted on and passed unanimously.

Constitution and Bylaws review committee: in progress. Brad Smith (Hamilton) and Bob Wright (Programs) will review and recommend changes (if any) to Constitution and Bylaws. Needs to be completed before the next election.

Ad hoc committee to study future speaker donation requests: on going by Futures committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Speakers at CAOAC general meeting: See executive meeting for details.

Judges on the website: Discussion about listing the Judges on the website. Miecica will send Dave the Judges information for the web site.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

November 18th 2007 - Executive meeting at 1030 hours, General meeting at 1200 hours Waterdown ON

Respectfully submitted by
Miecica Burden (Recording Secretary).

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..... Thanks everyone who attended and participated in OKTOBERFISH 2007. It was our best show ever with 174 entries shown by 21 hobbyists from 8 clubs and 5 with no affiliation. Our forum on the 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 a new website – www.scaas.info It is still under construction by our new webmaster Roman but will be up and running soon.



THE BRANT AQUARIUM SOCIETY

PRESENTS

THE BRANT CHALLENGE

The Brant Aquarium Society is inviting your Club to join our competition.

THE BRANT CHALLENGE is a friendly competition between member clubs within CAOAC.

This is a fish breeding competition. We at the Brant Aquarium Society believe that we can breed more different kinds of fish than any other club within CAOAC. We are willing to invite the winning club (should you possibly win) to our picnic for free next summer (not including transportation) That could be up to a \$2000.00 value. WOW.

Of course you will need some details.

First you need to sign up. This is easy.
Register on line at www.brantaquariumsociety.ca

You will need to select a person to represent your club.
This person will track all the fishes that are bred and report back to Tony Bernard, Brant Aquarium Society representative.

Your club members will need to submit all their breeding just like they would for your club BAP.

Now for the hard part.
One spawning per type of fish is allowed.
Your guppy specialists can get points for all their different varieties.
All those different locations for the rift lake cichlids have a home in this competition.
All those fish that are not fish have a home here like Parrot Cichlids etc.
You get one point for each fish bred.

The Competition runs from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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!

CAOAC NEEDS YOU!!!!

Currently we have two open positions on the BOD

AWARDS AND STEERING

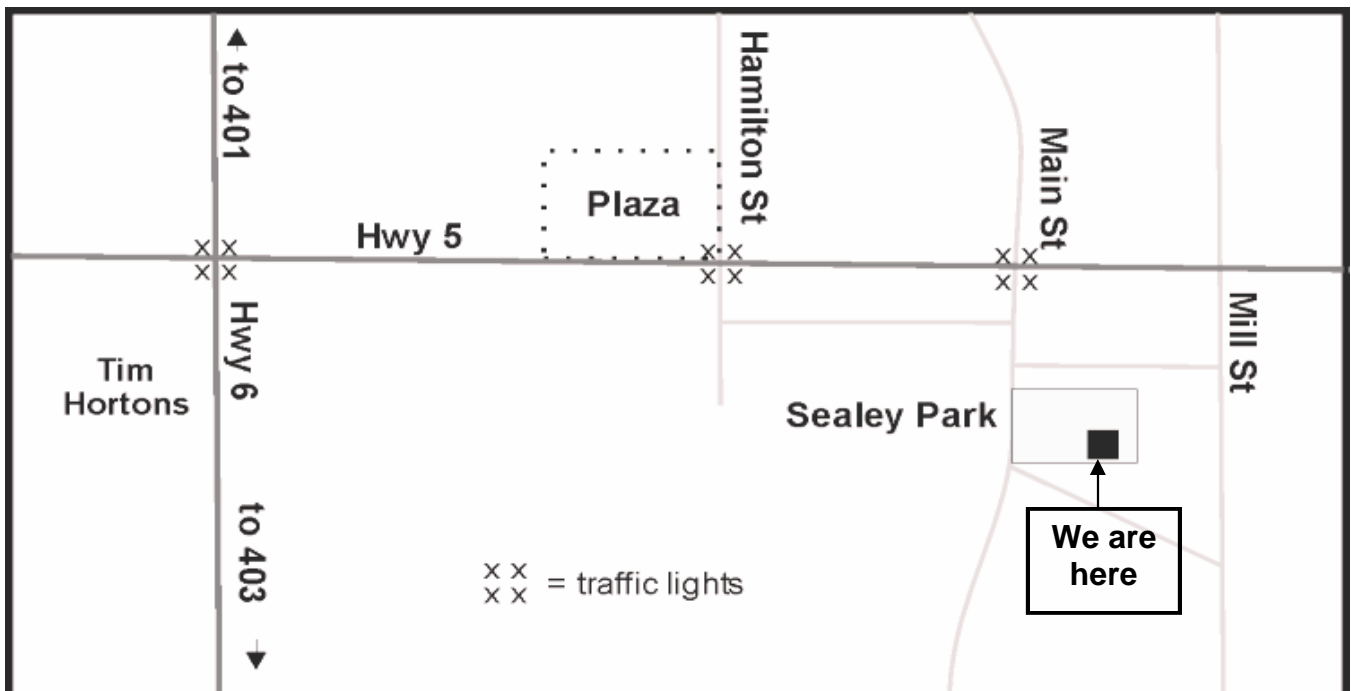
Both need to be filled asap!

Contact Tony at tbernard@krway.com



For a job description and pay rate!!!

HOW to get there.....



CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2007

Nov 10 BRAMPTON AQUARIUM CLUB Auction only
18 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*

Dec 9 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 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 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted

Feb 10 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Second Sunday of the Month
NOTE: All other Award nominations/applications are due

Mar 2 HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY -Auction only
16 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Awards meeting at 9:00 am

Mar 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 1030 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 1030 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 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*
NOTE: Budgets are reviewed & accepted
28 LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)

Oct 5 HAMILTON & DISTRICT AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)
19 *CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)*
26 KITCHENER WATERLOO AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (reserved)