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President's Notes

So starts another new year; the trees are coming down and we are settling in for a great cold winter. What so strange about that? Let me tell you the possibility that we will be spending more time in front of our tanks is increased by 150%. I for one look forward to watching some of my young cichlids begin their adult lives and begin to spawn. The nice thing about the fish room is that the temperature in there is about where I like it, nice and warm.

CAOAC is getting ready to begin judging some of the awards. The executive as a group will be making all the decisions this year with out a person chairing the committee. I know that I will be getting some hands on knowledge of the awards

program as well as how much work Wayne had been doing over the last decade. However with change comes new challenges and with new challenges come new rewards. Any one interested in learning more about awards please get in touch with myself or any of the executive.

Miecia has been very patient with some clubs who have been procrastinating on getting their membership dues and insurance in. CAOAC is charged a surcharge each time we need to make a change to the policy. Every year we have a few stragglers and unfortunately there are some things that cannot be delayed for ever. If you haven't gotten in your payment in yet you will likely be re-

quired to pay the surcharge. Try and make a note of getting it done early next year.

Our next meeting in January will be an opportunity for the librarians of CAOAC clubs to get some deals on books for their libraries. There is a standing offer for all book sellers to bring a few of their books in to give all CAOAC Libraries a "DEAL" on some books they might like. Clubs from out of the area are welcome to send in an e-mail to request a specific book. Please keep in mind that this offer is only available to CAOAC representatives and Librarians.

Be Good and Play Safe
Tony Bernard

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



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Minutes of the Meetings

December 9th 2007

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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

Executive present: Tony Bernard (President/FRP), 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: Randy Seufert (1st Vice President/CAOAC-FAAS/Futures) and Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist).

CONVENTION 2007

Miecia is still unable to give a financial report since monies and bills are still coming in or owed. A rough estimate shows a short fall of about \$520.00 which includes the \$500.00 float.

CONVENTION 2008

Nothing further.

REPORTS:

Correspondence:

None.

Treasurer's Report: Latest bank statement shows a balance of \$6868.89 which is more in line with the amount showing on the treasurer's books. We are still in the process of changing signing authorities and banks – a long slow process.

Membership: Several forms and dues have been received. As Miecia receives them in the mail she is notifying the club via email that the forms and fees are received. To date several

clubs have not renewed – an email will be sent to remind them of the deadline and penalties

Awards: Chair position still open. Authors Award nominations due this month. Any submissions will be given to Tony until a chair is found. Outlines of other awards will be included in the January newsletter.

Open Show: The winners of the major trophies have been told in confidence by Terry Little in the hopes that they will attend the 2008 Convention when these awards are presented.

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:

Bruce Hart
from
Sarnia Aquarium Society
for
Corydoras napoensis

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

GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1230 hours by Tony Bernard (President/FRP) on December 9th 2007 in Waterdown, ON following the Christmas Pot Luck lunch. Thanks to all who contributed to the feast.

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Executive absent: same as executive meeting.

Roll Call:

- Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
- Barry McKee (Durham)
- Brad Smith (Hamilton)
- Tom Bridges (St Catharines/Breeders Directory)
- Ken and Lisa Boorman (Sarnia)
- Kia Hing (Toronto Willowdale)

- Dave Boehm (AHD/Dir/Webmaster)
- Miecia Burden (Binder/Membership/NL)
- Tom & Pat Bridges (Breeders Directory)
- Tony Bernard (FRP)
- Terry Little (Open Show)
- Sarah Langthorne (Ways & Means)

6 clubs and 12 votes.

Frank Aguirre (Brampton) joined the meeting in progress changing the roll call to 7 Clubs and 13 votes.

James Green from Toronto Willowdale was also present as a guest.

Membership: Membership and insurance due at this meeting. Forms have not been received from Thunder Bay, CKA and TFCEC – all of whom do not take insurance and we have not heard from Calgary, Regina, OVAS or Brampton. Miecia and Tony will remind those four clubs about the insurance deadline and penalties via email. The Brampton club has been renamed Peel Regional Aquarium Club and their dues were received via Frank Aguirre later in the meeting.

Treasurer's report: as of December 9th 2007

Cash on hand	\$87.67
TD Bank	\$255.00
Royal Bank	\$6,868.89
Sub-total	\$7,211.56
Committed funds	\$1,055.42
Working Balance	\$6,156.14
<i>Note: The final tally of the CAOAC convention has not yet been received. The impact it will have on the balance is unknown at this time.</i>	
Committed Funds	
Programs	\$600.00
Apprentice binders	\$60.00
Brant in trust	\$155.42
Memberships	\$240.00
Total committed funds	\$1,055.42

Note: The CAOAC/Brant auction is still being resolved. Treasurer's report accepted on a motion by Brad Smith (Hamilton), seconded by Ken Boorman (Sarnia). Voted on and carried.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in November: accept as printed on a motion by Ken Boorman (Sarnia), seconded by Brad Smith (Hamilton). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in November: accepted as printed with the following amendment - motion 0811-01 was motioned by Brad Smith (Hamilton) - on a motion by Brad Smith (Hamilton), seconded by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Chair absent. No report.

AH Directory: Nothing to report.

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Awards: Open - new chair needed. Authors award nominations due today. Any submitted should be given to Tony Bernard (President/FishRescueProgram). A description of the remaining awards will be published in the next NL.

Binder: Nothing to report.

Breeders Directory: Updates received from Sarnia and Durham. Also a First In award – see January NL.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. No report.

Convention 2007: Financial report from Convention 2007 - see page 6 of NL.

Convention 2008: Nothing further.

Fish Rescue Program: Nothing to report.

Judges: Need five more binders for apprentice judges – Miecia will look after reprinting.

Futures: Chair absent. No report.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is December 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. Awards information will be added to the January NL.

Open Show: Winners for revolving trophies 2007 have been contacted.

Program: Chair absent. No report. Still waiting for program listing for the Binder.

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. Two mystery Christmas gifts donated by Miecia – won by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show) and Barry McKee (Durham).

Webmaster: Web site voting – not in effect at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

The vote on *motion #0710-02 that CAOAC award an extra five points to the Best of Show winner of each CAOC 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)* will take place at the January meeting. Please send proxy votes to any one on the executive.

Speaker Program – Frank Aguirre (Peel Region) spoke about his progress with the companies and speakers. The proposal he is working on seems to be similar in structure to the old Tetra speaker program from the nineties.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

January 20th 2008 - Executive meeting at 1030 hours, General meeting at 1200 noon in Water-down ON

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR CONVENTION 2007

ITEM	INCOME	EXPENSES	COMMENTS
Advertizing	130.00		In the booklet
Promotion		354.05	Booklet flyer club visits
Donations		121.21	Income included in General Auction
Registration	5965.00		
Show	170.00	145.18	
Trophies	2075.00	2052.00	
Junior Aq B Workshop	240.00	779.01	Plants and Fish
Speakers		2554.38	Covers travel and lodging only / no meals
Room/equipment rental		855.21	
Entertainment		939.37	Casino Night and DJ and Hospitality suite
Draws for two tanks	1387.00	142.55	Ticket printing and supplies
Meals		3765.42	Includes Speaker and Guest meals
Silent Auction	150.00		
General Auction	1600.14		
Float from CAOAC	500.00		
Miscellaneous	35.00	596.35	Postage printing supplies
Totals	12252.14	12304.73	

Note: this is a rough outline of the income and expenses – there will be a few adjustments in some of the figures – some expenses are still pending.

**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!

AWARDS

Club Newsletter Award nominations

A year's worth of black/white hard copies of newsletter *due at January meeting*

The following Recognition Award nominations are 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

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

MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE CAN BE FOUND IN SECTION 8 OF THE BINDER

Nominations for BAP & AHAP Awards due at February Meeting

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 live-bearers 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
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

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 photoessays or an article of identification 2000 words for publication

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CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

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 4* **LONDON AQUARIA SOCIETY - Auction only**
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)**
- Nov 16* **CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)**
- Dec 14* **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