

Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Notes

Spring is well on its way and the fever is about to hit. I'm putting in pond this year and looking forward to spring so that I can get started. Things in CAOAC are starting to get ready for the convention which is to be held this year in Edmonton. I would like to extend a big thank you to the Edmonton club for all the hard work they have been doing to prepare for the big weekend. We have been busy within CAOAC as well with reports being printed and directories being prepared.

April seems to be when everything starts to get fun. I can't say enough about Miecia - she is a big part of the backbone

within the CAOAC executive and she has been doing a wonderful job for the last few years that I have been around. I really hope that she will continue on the executive and put her name in for the elections for next year.

I would like to let every one know that the AGM at the convention is when our elections are held. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the executive should get in touch Lisa Boorman who is our steering chair this year or myself. One of the benefits of the way we run our elections is that a club can send in a proxy vote so that your vote will count. I would

recommend that all member clubs do so if you are not going to have a representative at the convention. Your vote matters and could be the reason the person you want in the executive is elected.

Do you have a good story about how your club has promoted the hobby? I am looking to find a few of them and to share them. It may be possible for other clubs to use your good information and help stir up some members.

Until next month
Be Good and Play Safe

Tony

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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

March 16th 2008

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Called to order at 1130 hours following the awards meeting by Tony Bernard (President/FRP) on March 16th 2008 in Waterdown, ON.

Executive present: Tony Bernard (President/FRP), Terry Little (2nd Vice President/Open Show), Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways&Means), Dave Boehm (Treasurer/AHDir/Webmaster), Paul McIntosh (Past President/Archivist) and Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary/Membership/Binder/NL).

Executive absent: Randy Seufert (1st Vice President/CAOAC-FAAS/Futures).

Also present: Ken and Lisa Boorman (Sarnia) and Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges).

REPORTS

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: read and discussed by Dave. See general minutes for detailed report. Discussion about the amount owed to Brant Aquarium Society as their cut of the joint CAOAC/BAS auction held last spring 2007. Because there is no paper trail and we are unable to contact the previous treasurer and after discussion with a representative of the BAS a motion was made by Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary/Membership/Binder/Newsletter), seconded by Sarah Langthorne (Corresponding Secretary/Ways & Means) that we send a cheque for \$500.00 to the BAS as their portion of the proceeds realized from this auction. Voted on – 4 in favour with 1 abstainer. Carried.

Awards: Certificates from last year were signed and sent to the ASW by express/registered mail. Tony mentioned that although he has tried there has been no further contact from the ASW re sanctioning of their March show or CAOAC sponsorship of trophies for that show.

Convention 2008: Terry has notified Edmonton re CAOAC sponsorship of two trophies for the Convention show. Sarah will send the cheques and sponsorship requests when she contacts them regarding her convention ticket. Several of the executive have indicated their intention of attending the Convention.

Elections: a steering chair is needed today as the deadline for nominations is the April meeting.

Annual Reports: Miecia is willing to do the annual reports this year but since she is away from May 1st to May 16th the deadline will be the end of March (with the exception of the treasurer's report – that deadline is April 30th 2008.) Twenty copies will be available at the April general meeting for the executive to take to the convention. The report can also be posted on the CAOAC website for downloading or emailed to club contacts.

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
H&DAS
for

Rhabdalestes septentrionalis

*He is the first in CAOAC member clubs
to breed and submit this 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).

Executive present: same as executive meeting.

Executive absent: same as executive meeting.

Roll Call:

Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges)
 Barry McKee (Durham Region Aquarium Society)
 Tom Mason (Ottawa Amphibian & Reptile Association)
 Tom Bridges (St Catharines & Area Aquarium Society/Breeders Directory)
 Ken Boorman (Sarnia Aquarium Society)

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

5 clubs and 12 votes.

Others present: Lisa Boorman from Sarnia and Carl McCleary.

Membership:

Miecica Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we accept a private membership for Dave Donofrio (Rochester), seconded by Ken Boorman (Sarnia). Voted on and carried.

Miecica Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we accept a renewal of membership for Tropical Fish Club of Erie County, seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried. TFCEC has one vote and the liability insurance is not available to them.

Miecica Burden (Membership/Binder/Newsletter) motioned that we accept a renewal of membership for the Aquarium Club of Thunder Bay, seconded by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show). Voted on and carried. ACTB has one vote and no insurance.

Treasurer's report: as of March 16th 2008

Dave Boehm (Treasurer) read a treasurer's report and it was accepted on a motion by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges), seconded by Ken Boorman (Sarnia). Voted on and carried.

Cash on hand	\$76.95
TD Bank	5,593.86
Outstanding cheques	-196.80
Sub-total	5,475.01
Committed funds	621.28
Working Balance	4,853.73
Committed Funds	
Programs	\$441.28
Apprentice binders	\$60.00
Unknown deposit	100.00
Total committed funds	621.28
Uncashed cheques	
Insurance	\$145.80
Calgary (Overpayment)	\$50.00
Total	\$195.80

The Federal government letter received at the last meeting was looked into by Dave. It seems to have something to do with our income tax status. He checked the web site and still is puzzled by what they are requesting. He will phone for clarification. Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show) will also check the web site.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the executive meeting in February: accepted as printed on a motion by Terry Little (2nd Vice/Open Show), seconded by Ken Boorman (Sarnia). Voted on and carried.

Minutes from the general meeting in February: two amendments – motion 0802-01 should have read *that CAOAC sponsor both the Brackish Class # 23 and Best Junior Entry in the Convention Show and the CAOAC Policy Regarding Support for Speakers was submitted by Bob Wright & Brad Smith.*

Minutes accepted with the amendments on a motion by Ken Boorman (Sarnia), seconded by Bill Irwin (Brant/Judges). Voted on and carried.

Correspondence: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist: Open. Discussion about storage of archives. Carl McCleary volunteered to store whatever

boxes that Paul McIntosh (Past President/Awards) would like to move out of his abode.

AH Directory: Nothing to report. The Aquatic Horticulturist Directory will be updated this year and distributed along with the Annual Report.

Awards: There was an awards meeting this morning prior to the executive meeting. Paul thanked the executive, Bill Gibbons and Tom and Pat Bridges for their participation at that meeting. The following decisions were made at this meeting:

1. Achievement Award

Previous discussion from the 2007 awards meeting - Criteria/Rules/Regulations: To be given to an individual or group for an instance of extraordinary service to CAOAC at any time. (Examples – Someone gives a large donation or gift to CAOAC or a person or group takes on a large project for CAOAC and completes it in an exemplary fashion.) Administered by the Awards committee. Anyone can submit a name to the committee for consideration of this award at any time. To be awarded at any time during the year.

Further discussion on this award at this meeting – some felt that it is redundant since we already give an award for special projects i.e., Convention chairing etc. These special awards are awarded at the discretion of the currently sitting executive. This award was first discussed as a solution of how to recognize line breeding in the BAP but that could be covered by the scientist award. No further action will be taken at this point.

2. Awarding the Certificates at the 2008 Convention.

Any certificates/plaques that are owed to participants who are at the Convention will be taken out to Edmonton and awarded. All others will be given to the club representatives at the June CAOAC meeting and the club can award them to the recipients at their discretion.

3. Framing of BAP and AHAP Certificates.

After discussion all certificates that are awarded will be framed with the exception of the first levels in all categories and when there are multiple certificates being awarded to the same person. In that case only the highest level will be framed. Applicants are encouraged to apply for each level as they are obtained rather than several levels at one time.

Binder: Carl McCleary volunteered to deliver Binder #70 to the Mississauga Fish Club. Thanks Carl.

Breeders Directory: Updates received from HDAS. Also a First In award – see sidebar in this

newsletter. The Breeder's Directory will be updated this year and distributed along with the Annual Report.

CAOAC/FAAS: Chair absent. No report.

Convention 2008: See ad in this newsletter.

Convention 2009: Any club interested in bidding on this convention is urged to contact the executive prior to the April meeting as suggested in the Binder under Section 15.

Fish Rescue Program: No report.

Judges: No report.

Futures: Chair absent. No report.

Newsletter: Deadline for next issue is March 31st 2008. **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 **only show dates** are reserved for the following year NOT auction dates.

Open Show: Nothing to report.

Program: Chair absent. No report.

Steering: Open. See under New Business.

Ways & Means: Sarah mentioned that an increase in donations to the meeting coffee fund would not be out of order.

Webmaster: Several suggestions regarding updating were made and will be followed through with.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-laws Review: Nothing further at this time.

CAOAC Policy Regarding Support for Speakers: potential problems that could arise from this policy were discussed. The wording of the proposal was questioned and financing of the proposal was also questioned. More discussion at the April meeting. Hopefully either Bob or Brad will be present to answer questions. The proposal will be voted on at the AGM and proxy votes will be crucial. Miecia was asked to include the criteria for proxy voting in this newsletter.

Speaker Program: Nothing further at this time.

CAOAC hosting a one day seminar/workshop featuring hobbyist/speaker Heiko Bleher: Barry McKee will pursue this idea and report back with a proposal at the April meeting. Terry reported good feedback on this idea from the various club forums on the internet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Reports: Deadline is March 31st with the exception of treasurer's report. Miecia will email all committee heads with the deadline. Twenty will be printed and brought to the April meeting to be taken out to Edmonton for the AGM. Also needed at the April meeting are the Breeder's Directory and Aquatic Horticulturist Directory and copies of the 2007 AGM minutes to go out to Edmonton. The 2008

Annual Report and the minutes from the 2007 AGM can be emailed and/or posted on the CAOAC website. To be further discussed at the April meeting.

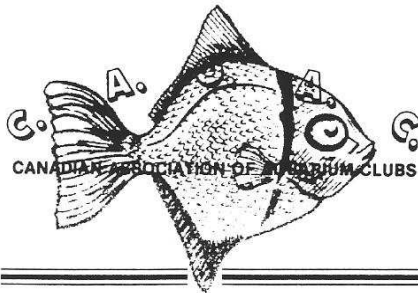
Steering Chair: Lisa Boorman was asked if she was interested in chairing this position. Accepted. Thanks Lisa. Deadline for nominations is the break at the April meeting. Since Lisa is not going to the convention someone else will have to run the elections at the AGM.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

April 20th 2008 - Executive meeting at 1030 hours, General meeting at 1200 noon in Waterdown ON

Respectfully submitted by
Miecia Burden (Recording Secretary)

PROXY VOTING BALLOT



PROXY VOTE

Motion number -

ClubName

On the motion noted above we wish to vote (select only one)

YES NO ABSTAIN

President's signature

Second signature

Date

Position

GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

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 Newsletter. 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.

PROXY VOTING RULES & REGULATIONS

There are two methods of PROXY VOTING that are recognized and accepted by CAOAC.

First is the written method.

There are two proxy votes found on page 1101 and 1102 in Section 11 of the Information Binder. These can also be found on the CAOAC website. I have also included one in this newsletter on the previous page.

The proxy vote ballot should be photocopied, filled out and mailed to the **President of CAOAC** or given to an executive member who will be attending the general meeting that the vote will take place at. (Please disregard any references to Club Liaison Officer on the Proxy Ballot).

The second is by email.

Another acceptable method is by email. An email to any executive member of CAOAC indicating clearly in the email how your club is voting and the email **must be sent by an executive of that club**.

Bylaws covering proxy votes – Article 12, Section H, Sub-section ii, Paragraphs 11 & 12

- 11) Proxy votes will be accepted on motions which have been tabled for that purpose provided those proxies are duly and properly filled out, authorized and submitted to any executive prior to the vote being held.
- 12) The proxy must be on the official CAOAC Proxy Ballot or a reasonable facsimile thereof. Proxy votes by email are acceptable

AQUARIUM CLUB OF EDMONTON

2008 CAOAC CONVENTION

Room rates at the Sands Hotel Edmonton:

\$79.00 plus 4% Tourism Levy and 5% GST per night.

There are rooms with two double beds and rooms with one double bed and they are all available for the same cost. There should be enough two double bed rooms available but to be sure it would be best to reserve early. 1-888-444-3402 www.sandshoteledm.com

Book flights early to get the best rate and let us know who will be traveling.

Also supply arrival times so that we can arrange pickups from the airport.

The main speakers have been confirmed.

You can read their bios on our web page.

Dr. Anton Lamboj (Austria)

Ingo Seidl (Germany)

Rusty Wessel (USA)

Rudy Kern (Canada)

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ACE/CAOAC SHOW 2008 Schedule

Friday May 16, 2008

Show set-up (entries will be received Friday night and Saturday morning).

Saturday May 17, 2008

Judging, speaker presentations, banquet and award presentations

Sunday May 18, 2008

CAOAC morning meeting, optional brunch, speaker presentations, show break down

Monday May 19, 2008

Giant Auction-fish, plants, and aquarium supplies

SHOW CLASSES

Class 1	Guppy, Male	Class 18	Killifish, New World
Class 2	Guppy, female	Class 19	Betta splendens
Class 3	Xiphophorus species, Sword-tails	Class 20	Anabantids, AOV
Class 4	Mollies, All Types and Species	Class 21	Rainbowfishes, All Species
Class 5	All other Variety (AOV) of Live-bearer	Class 22	Sharks, Loaches and Eels
Class 6	Cichlids, Lake Tanganyika	Class 23	Brackish
Class 7	Cichlids, Lake Malawi	Class 24	Marine, Fish species
Class 8	Old World Cichlids; AOV	Class 25	Marine, Invertebrate species
Class 9	New World; Dwarf	Class 26	Egglayers; AOV
Class 10	New World; AOV	Class 27	Aquatic Animals, Non-fish species
Class 11	Corydorus, Brochis and Apsidoras	Class 28	Pairs, Fish Species
Class 12	Catfish, Sucker mouth	Class 29	Species Group, Fish
Class 13	Catfish, AOV	Class 30	Aquatic Plants
Class 14	Characins and Characoids	Class 31	Aquarium Beautiful, 10 Gallon or smaller
Class 15	Cyprinids	Class 32	Photography
Class 16	Killifish, Old World; Nothobranchius	Class 33	Junior Livebearer
Class 17	Killifish, Old World; AOV	Class 34	Junior Egglayer
		Class 35	Junior Aquarium Beautiful

Best of Show Awards:

Best Entry in Show
 Best Cichlid in Show
 Best Catfish in Show
 Best Killifish in Show
 Best Livebearer in Show
 Best Egglayer in Show
 Best Junior Entry in Show
 Best Plant Award

The Aquarium Club of Edmonton have agreed to the following sponsorship for show classes.

\$50 per class,
 \$150 for the seven best of group,
 \$300 for best in show.

The charge for the CAOAC Convention weekend will be \$30 which includes a banquet ticket (cash bar) and entry to the speaker presentations. The Sunday brunch following the CAOAC meeting will be optional and at the delegates expense.

Members of a CAOAC club will be treated as an Aquarium Club of Edmonton member during the weekend. Income from the giant auction will be split 30% club/70% member.

An information flyer similar to your last year's convention flyer will be available shortly.

CAOAC EVENTS CALENDAR

2008

April 6 DURHAM REGION AQUARIUM SOCIETY Show & Auction (sanctioned)
19 SARNIA AQUARIUM SOCIETY Auction only
20 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

NOTE: Annual Reports due (Due Mar 31st for 2007 only)

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, 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 (sanctioned)

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 following Christmas Lunch)

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

2009

Jan 18 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

NOTE: Newsletter Award nominations are due & Memberships accepted

Feb 8 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 15 CAOAC Executive & General Meetings (exec at 1030 am, general at 12 noon)

NOTE: Awards meeting at 9:00 am

NOTE: Registration of club website for Web Award